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The Flat Hat will not publish a Friday issue this week because some staffers will attend the Associated Collegiate Press National College Media Convention in Austin, Tex. Check the staff blog, From the Newsroom, at flathatnews.com/fromthe-newsroom, for dispatches from the Lone Star State.

Fox News personality Bill O'Reilly used the College's old feather logo on last night's "O'Reilly Factor" while discussing junior Homecoming Queen Jesse Vasold '11. The College lost the feathers in 2006 after a NCAA ruling against them. Maybe he should have done it live.

Did you get free wings? A new Buffalo Wild Wings opened in New Town yesterday morning and the first hundred customers won free wings for a year. The line outside the new BW3 reportedly began forming 1 p.m. Sunday.

Fun fact: Buffalo Wild Wings is nicknamed BW3 because the restaurant was originally called Buffalo Wild Wings and Weck — weck being roast beef on a kaiser roll, popular in western New York and Pennsylvania.

Putting his FCC experience to good use, former BOV Rector Michael Powell '85 has been named to AOL's board of directors.

68-year-old Aurise Eaton M.Ed. '81 has reenrolled in the Peace Corps, more than 30 years after serving in Yemen. This time Eaton is shipping off to Jordan.

The Williamsburg Trolley has extended its Saturday hours, beginning its route at 11 a.m. instead of 3 p.m.

James City County may not fund the search for a new airport, according to a staff memo released Friday. The county opted in the spring not to purchase the JCC-Williamsburg Airport and instead find a site for a new hub. The site search, however, would cost more than \$400,000, prompting county staff to recommend against it.

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A "pretty normal" homecoming

Spotlight on Vasold as homecoming court is crowned

By FELICIA TSUNG
Flat Hat Staff Writer

For Jesse Vasold '11, the first transgender person elected as a class homecoming queen at the College of William and Mary, the day's events were not anything too out of the ordinary.

As a member of the court, Vasold attended the pep rally and parade. Vasold was presented at the football game during halftime.

"It was pretty normal," Vasold said. "The only difference I feel like from anyone else was that after halftime, a reporter wanted to talk to me."

Vasold's selection was only the third time that a transgender person has won the title of homecoming king or queen at an institute of higher education in the United States.

"It's still a new thing and I think that it might surprise people coming from William and Mary," Vasold said. "I kind of expected that it would be this big ... at least on the [Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Questioning] news websites and locally."

Vasold identifies as gender-queer. According to Vasold, gender-queer is a concept that can be adopted by anyone who feels that they do not fit into traditional gender classification, or anyone who sees the gender binary as an oppressive social institution and wishes to protest against it.

"It's kind of a political identity, while simultaneously being a gender identity," Vasold said. "And a lot of times you might see the people ... just changing from day-to-day. Some people identify as gender-fluid, so what their gender is may depend on how they dress."

According to Vasold, personal reactions to Vasold's crown have only been positive. Vasold has received e-mails and Facebook messages from well-wishers all over the country.

Vasold's selection as junior class homecoming queen has led many at the College to question what the nature of the position should be.



COURTESY PHOTO— THE DAILY PRESS
Junior class Homecoming Queen Jesse Vasold and King Benton Harvey were introduced at Zable Stadium during the halftime of the football game Saturday.

"That just puts into question what a homecoming queen really is," Emily Matson '12 said. "Does a homecoming queen really have to be a girl through and through? Or is it more about having the physical appearance of a girl? ... I think it puts a lot of definitions that we've traditionally assumed into question."

The Office of Student Affairs has not heard any positive or negative reactions from alumni or students.

"I have not personally had any reactions at all. Nobody has called our office or anything like that," Assistant Vice President of Student Affairs Mark Constantine said.

Many students are unconcerned with Vasold's selection as junior class

homecoming queen. "I don't even think it's a big deal at all," Adriana Green '12 said. "If he was voted, he was elected, so obviously a lot of people know him and like him. I think it should be more about personality anyway."

Online message boards, however, have become a forum for those both in support of and against Vasold.

"I know that this is probably something new to them, but I think that they maybe need to just stop for a second and think about that they're talking about a person," Vasold said.

The election of Vasold as junior

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Referendum shot down by council

Honor Council votes against changes 18-3

By MAGGIE REEB
Flat Hat News Editor

The College of William and Mary's Honor Council voted to reject the Student Assembly's Honor Council Referendum 18-3 with three abstentions Sunday. Andrew Rudd '11, John Pothen '11 and Michael Vereb '12 voted in favor of the referendum, while Bailey Thompson '10, Chase Hathaway '10 and Will Perkins '11 abstained.

The referendum was voted on in the Oct. 1 campus-wide SA elections and read, "The Honor Council's Nominating Committee decides each year if a student should be barred from running for the Council. Should the Nominating Committee need to reach a unanimous decision before rejecting a student from running for election?" 69.14 percent of voters believed the Honor Council should reach a unanimous decision. 1,254 students voted.

Currently, candidates may be kept from the Honor Council ballot if four of five nominating committee members vote against them. The council's nominating committee must approve candidates by a 4 to 5 vote. The nominating committee consists of one administrator, one faculty member, two members of the Honor Council and one student unaffiliated with the council.

Since the Honor Council decided against adopting the referendum, a compromise has been discussed among members of the Honor Council and the SA. Rather than changing the Nominating Committee's voting policy, the compromise would add an additional student unaffiliated with the council to the committee, bringing its total members up to six. A member of the SA is expected to present the compromise to the Rules Committee of the Honor Council sometime this week.

"I think the compromise better serves the at-large student body," Thompson said.

Some members of the Honor Council took issue with the manner in which certain

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ROTC cadet wins top award

Bertsch cited for military, scholastic, civic excellence

By CAITLIN ROBERTS
The Flat Hat

Kirsten Bertsch '10 was awarded the Legion of Valor Bronze Cross for Achievement at Fort Eustis Aug. 29. Bertsch was one of eight ROTC cadets selected from a national pool of 4,700 rising college seniors to receive the award.

The Bronze Cross is awarded to ROTC cadets who embody the values of military, scholastic and civic excellence.

Bertsch joined ROTC as a freshman at the College of William and Mary to help offset the cost of tuition.

"What really drew me to the program, though, was just the Army lifestyle," Bertsch said. "I [have] lived on and around Army installations my whole life and, as cliché as it sounds, I wanted to give back to my country because it's already given me so much."

Army ROTC cadets participate in a leadership

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Bertsch '10

CAP explores College's Greek community

Housing, alcohol policies discussed in Coalition Assessment Project

By AMEYA JAMMI
Flat Hat Assoc. News Editor

The College of William and Mary's Greek community is under review.

A three-member team from the Coalition Assessment Project arrived at the College Oct. 14 for a two-day visit for the third phase of an assessment of the state of the Greek community. The assessment is a part of the larger movement to evaluate the health of fraternities and sororities nationwide.

"While [the CAP team members] were here, they met with a myriad of campus resource officers and offices, ranging from the Office of the President to Campus Police to Residence Life," Inter-Sorority Council President Tildi Sharp '10 said in an e-mail to The Flat Hat.

The team also toured housing facilities and met with representatives from Facilities Management, the Campus Health Center and the Office Student Diversity, in addition to holding forums with Greek and non-Greek students.

Sharp said some of the key issues discussed in the forums were Greek special interest housing, risk management and how the rest of the campus

views the Greek community.

"The housing issue is one place where the sorority and fraternity communities have different priorities; generally, the sororities are satisfied with their housing while it is well known that the fraternities are, generally, unsatisfied," Sharp said in an e-mail. "Students and the administration discussed potential solutions with the CAP team. As far as alcohol policies are concerned, many individuals have issues

with the existing policies."

The CAP team closed with an exit interview with the Blue Ribbon Committee, which is composed of members of the College community. The BRC essentially functions as a liaison between the Coalition Assessment Project and the campus Greek community.

"Some of the wrap-up questions made me feel very aware that they

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COALITION ASSESSMENT PROJECT

The assessment project focuses mainly upon five target areas within a fraternity and sorority community.

- Developing Positive Interpersonal Relationships
- Advancing Current Leadership Development
- Strengthening Social IQ, Citizenship and Service Learning
- Advancing Academic Interests/Assessing Graduation Rates of Members
- Determining Effectiveness of Campus Interface with and Support of the Fraternity and Sorority Community

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Weather

Tuesday



High 65°
Low 58°

Wednesday



High 67°
Low 56°

Thursday



High 66°
Low 54°

Source: weather.com

A THOUSAND WORDS



SUN PARK — THE FLAT HAT

News in Brief

Alum's sustainability project to save College money

A new recycling program designed by Tyler Koontz '09 could save the College of William and Mary up to \$40,000 a year.

Koontz was one of 40 students who submitted sustainability project proposals to the College, and was one of four selected. Koontz's plan was combined with that of Judi Sclafani '11, which called for an increased recycling capacity on campus.

Their plans advocate eight cubic-yard dumpsters to be placed outside dormitories in order to allow for an increased capacity to collect recycling.

The College will keep monitoring the amount of recycling collected in order to track the effectiveness of the program.

According to a Frederick News-Post article, Koontz said since recycling is less expensive than trash pick-up, the College will save money.

Class of '10 Dintersmith Fellows announced

Six students have been named Dintersmith Fellows.

Lingusites major Dan Villareal '10, history major Jen Garrott '10, classical studies major Megan Shuler '10, chemistry major Tyler Stukenbroeker '10, international relations major Dina Abdel-Fattah '10 and philosophy major John Gay '10 were selected from a pool of 40 applicants to take part in the program, which is geared towards increasing undergraduate honors research.

"The Dintersmith Fellowship captures the elements we value most here," Roy R. Charles Center Director Joel Schwartz said. "It combines the teaching and research missions of the College — they're brought together as one ... The idea behind the Dintersmith is to allow them to hit the ground running on their projects by allowing them to begin them the summer before senior year."

Former BOV Rector named to Board of Directors

Former College Rector Michael K. Powell '85 has been named to America Online's Board of Directors.

Powell, who served as rector from 2006 until last year, will be part of a nine-member board along with the chairman and CEO of AOL, although AOL has said that there is a possibility that more may be named to the board.

Powell brings along experience in the fields of media, technology and communications.

The board will be formed once AOL's split with Time Warner is approved.

— compiled by Nicholas Ducharme-Barth

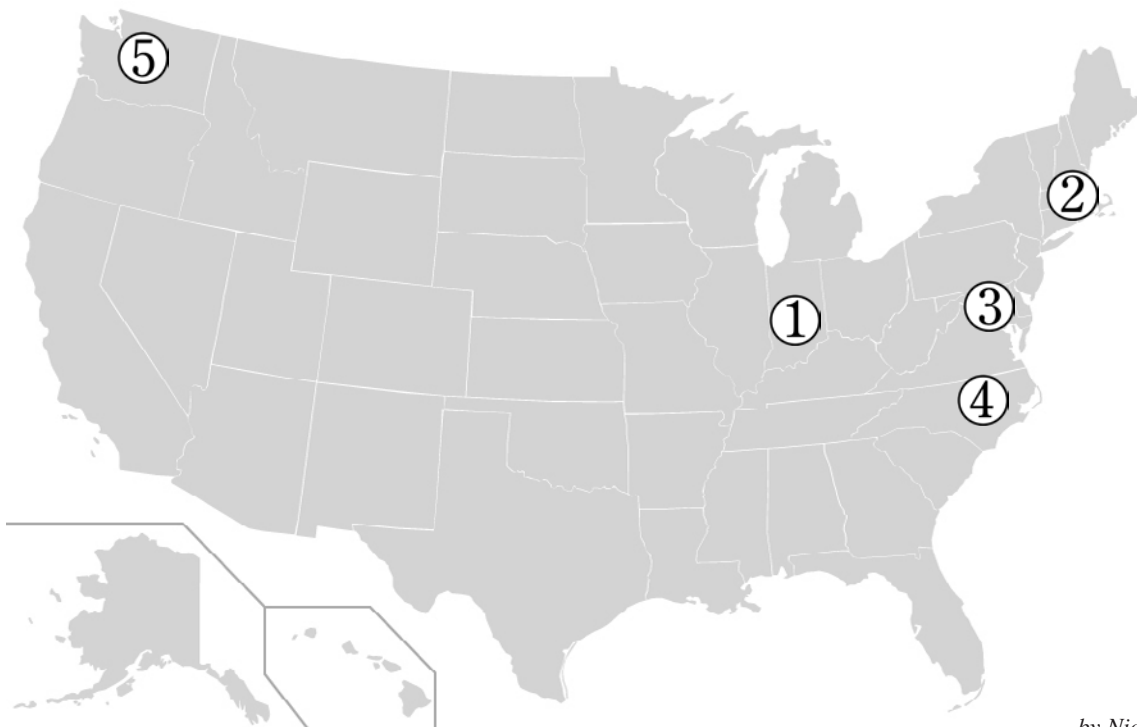
BEYOND THE 'BURG

1 To raise money for its computer graphics department, Purdue University invited donors to smash antiquated computer technology. For one dollar, students, faculty and staff got 30 seconds to destroy computers, scanners and monitors with sledge hammers last Friday on Purdue's Engineering Mall.

2 Six researchers from Harvard Medical School's New Research Building became ill after drinking coffee tainted with sodium azide. The researchers experienced dizziness soon after drinking the coffee after Aug. 26. When ingested sodium azide causes respiratory failure and can be fatal in high doses.

3 A Georgetown University student struggling to juggle schoolwork and a part time job has attempted to free up time in his busy day by placing an advertisement for a personal assistant. His aide would make \$10 to \$12 an hour completing mundane tasks such as doing the laundry and scheduling haircuts.

4 Researchers at Wake Forest University have shown that gender differences play a role in cocaine's effects on fetuses. In monkeys exposed to cocaine before birth, males exhibited "poor impulse control" up to 15 years after birth, while females exhibited no such negative effects.



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— by Nicholas Ducharme-Barth

5 Unicycling clown goes unnoticed to those on cell phones

Researchers believe cell phones cause "inattentive blindness"

By NICHOLAS
DUCHARME-BARTH
Flat Hat Insight Editor

According to a recent study at Western Washington University, talking on a cell phone can make something as ridiculous as a clown riding a unicycle go unnoticed.

Professors in WVU department of psychology recently studied whether or not talking on cell phones causes "inattentive blindness." The term is used to describe when a person fails to record images they see in their memory. To test their theory, the researchers designed an experiment in which a student dressed in a polka-dotted clown suit rode around a highly trafficked campus square. The researchers would then poll students on what they noticed upon exiting the square.

"I was trying to think about what kind

of distraction we could put out there, and I talked to this student who had a unicycle," psychology professor Ira E. Hyman Jr. said in an interview with the New York Times. "He said, 'What's more, I own a clown suit.' You don't have a student who unicycles in a clown suit every day, so you have to take advantage of these things."

The 347 students randomly polled in the first study were split up into three different categories depending on what they were doing while crossing the square: walking alone or listening to music, talking to a friend, or talking on a cell phone.

Students engaged in a cell phone conversation were more prone to both walking erratically and not acknowledging fellow students.

"It's a huge drop-off of awareness of the environment around them," Hyman said. "It shows that even during as simple a task as

walking, performance drops off when talking on the cellphone [sic]. They're slower, less aware of their surroundings, and weaving around more. It shows how much worse it would be if they were driving a car, which is a more complex task to manage."

When asked if they remembered what they saw, about 30 percent of those walking by themselves said they saw a clown, as opposed to close to 60 percent of those who were talking to a friend. Only 8 percent of the cell phone users remembered seeing a clown while crossing the square.

When prompted with a question specifically about the clown the percentages of those that remembered increased to close to 70 percent for those walking with a friend but only 25 percent for those on a cell phone.

"They were utterly surprised they missed it," Hyman said. "You can think you're doing fine and be missing all sorts of things."

STREET BEAT

How do you feel about Jesse Vassold being elected to the homecoming court?



"I honestly didn't know anything about it."

Allison Callery '11



"I think its pretty cool, my mom even called to ask about it."

Kate Maccagnan '12



"I'm proud to be in the junior class that voted for him."

Macs Smith '11



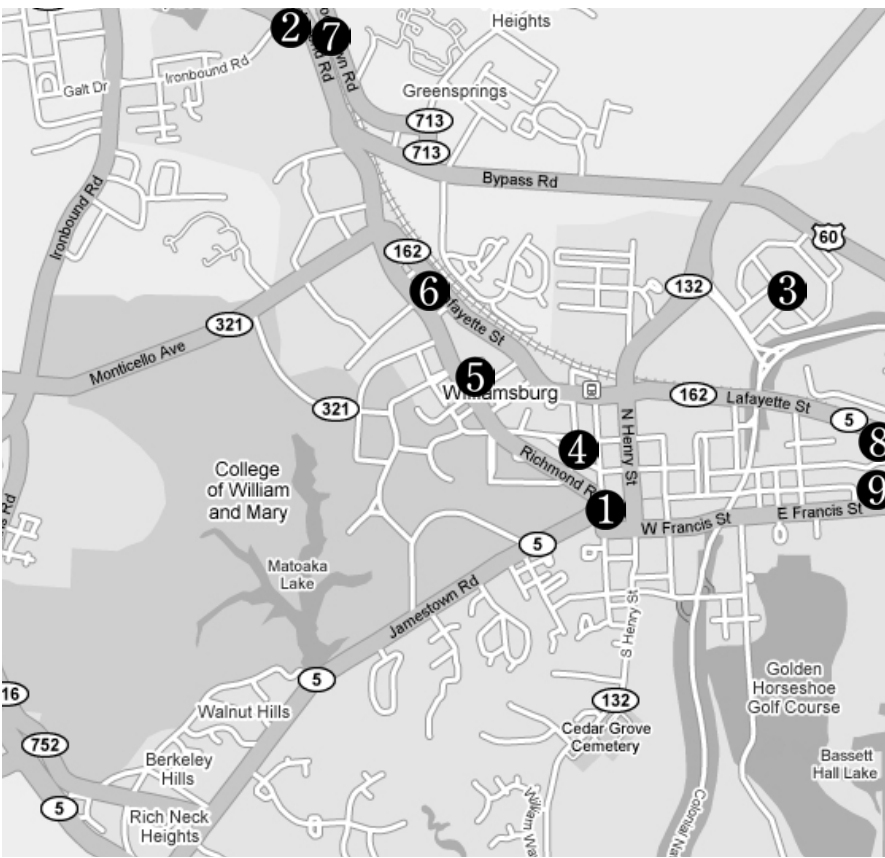
"I don't really have a problem with it."

Christine Kennedy '12

— photos and interviews by Caitlin Fairchild

CITY POLICE BEAT

October 18 to October 25



COURTESY GRAPHIC — GOOGLE MAPS

- 1 **Sunday, Oct. 18** — An individual was arrested for alleged public drunkenness at the 100 block of South Boundary Street.
- 2 **Monday, Oct. 19** — An individual was arrested for alleged possession of marijuana at the 1600 block of Richmond Road.
- 3 **Tuesday, Oct. 20** — An individual reported a stolen GPS unit from a vehicle at Visitor Center Drive.
- 4 **Friday, Oct. 23** — An individual was arrested for alleged public drunkenness at the intersection of Armistead Avenue and Prince George Street.
- 5 **Friday, Oct. 23** — An individual was arrested for allegedly driving under the influence at the 700 block of Richmond Road.
- 6 **Saturday, Oct. 24** — An individual was arrested for an alleged disturbance at the 100 block of Westover Avenue.
- 7 **Saturday, Oct. 24** — An individual was arrested for alleged assault at the 3000 block of Richmond Road.
- 8 **Sunday, Oct. 25** — An individual was arrested for alleged domestic assault and battery at the 400 block of Merrimack Trail.
- 9 **Sunday, Oct. 25** — An individual was arrested for allegedly carrying a concealed weapon at the 300 block of Second Street.

— compiled by Nicholas Ducharme-Barth

Bertsch seeks army intelligence post

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curriculum that includes field training exercises and physical training. Additionally, the College also requires cadets to enroll in military science courses.

"It's made me push myself more than any sport or activity I've ever done, so that I've grown to be a much stronger person — physically, mentally, emotionally," she said. "And I really like the camaraderie — I know that if I'm in a bind, any of ... my fellow cadets will help me out."

Depending on the scholarship

award amount, ROTC cadets are obligated to serve in the military for six to eight years. They have the option of serving on active or reserve duty.

"It can be a large time commitment, but as with any other activity, you get out what you put in," she said.

Bertsch, an English major, is also a member of the Delta Delta Delta sorority.

Not only do cadets receive scholarship money, they are also guaranteed a job immediately after graduation. Graduates of Army ROTC enter the active

Army, Army Reserve or Army National Guard as second lieutenants. They have a choice of 16 military branches, such as field artillery, armor and the Medical Service Corps, from which to choose a career.

After graduation, Bertsch will be commissioned into the U.S. Army to pursue a career in military intelligence.

"I think I want to stay in for at least 20 years, until I've put in enough time to retire," Bertsch said. "At that point I'll decide whether I want to take my pension and relax, or stay in."

Honor Council members say vote was rushed

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members of the SA approached the referendum.

"There was a lot of frustration," Thompson said. "The referendum was approved the day before the vote, and there was inadequate time for the student community to be informed about the referendum ... We value the opinion of the student body, but we felt that there had been a skewed representation of the referendum to the student body."

At Thursday's SA Policy Committee meeting, Sens. Steven Nelson '10, Erik Houser '10, Curt Mills '13 and Justin Duke '13 sponsored a bill entitled 'The Cooperative Honor Council Reform Act,' which encouraged the Honor Council to adopt the referendum. Although the measure was proposed, it was not voted on by the entire senate.

Prior to the vote, the council expressed concern that adopting the referendum would place too much power into the hands of one person. SA Vice President Ryan Ruzic J.D. '11 disagreed.

"Is that a realistic concern?" Ruzic said.

"Probably not. Most people should be able to run for the Honor Council."

Some SA members expressed frustration that the council did not adopt the referendum.

"It's pretty clear that 70 percent voting for the referendum is a mandate to adopt [it]," Nelson said. "I find it bewildering and poor decision-making that they didn't make the change."

Houser echoed a similar sentiment. "I was discouraged by an irresponsible disregard to an overwhelming student opinion," Houser said. "[The Honor Council] looked at that and said they didn't care."

Some parties in both the SA and the Honor Council have said they believe the current debate over the referendum has turned into a battle of a more personal nature.

"When a student goes before the Honor Council, their whole life is in their hands," Ruzic said. "The disruptive part of this whole process is that some people are taking some very common sense changes and [requests for changes to] the system as a personal attack."

Family and students show support for Vasold

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class homecoming queen has also gained the attention of national media outlets.

The Huffington Post cited the College's homecoming election Monday, and Bill O'Reilly of Fox News brought up Vasold in the

"Reality Check" segment of "The O'Reilly Factor" Monday night.

While Vasold's family did not initially agree with Vasold's acceptance of the junior class homecoming queen crown, Vasold said they have shown love and support.

The family has also been concerned for Vasold's safety, given

the media coverage of the election and angry reactions online.

"My sister has been really upset about the comments, not only on The Flat Hat website, but on other websites," Vasold said. "She said, 'They're really hurtful, because you're not an it. You're my brother. You're not an it.'"

CAP findings expected by December

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honed in ... [such as] 'What makes [the Greek life experience] relevant for a William and Mary student?' Associate Director of Student Activities Anne Arseneau '89 said. "I think what we will learn from this is, here are some things we will do very well, and here are some challenges ahead of us, and here are some things we need to start thinking about."

Arseneau is one of the members of the BRC. Others include Vice President for Student Affairs Ginger Ambler '88 Ph.D. '06 and faculty representatives.

"We wanted two chapter advisers, one from a fraternity and one from a sorority [in the BRC]. We had younger members we perceived to be emerging leaders. We wanted student representation," Arseneau said. "We wanted a representative from ResLife. We identified the places where we needed representatives present, and we identified people we thought would be a good fit."

According to Sharp, CAP is a cohesive effort by the Association of Fraternity Advisors, the National Association of Latino Fraternal Organizations, the National Panhellenic Conference, the National Pan-Hellenic Council and the North-American Interfraternity Conference to evaluate the status of every Greek community in the country within 10 years. The College is participating within the first three years of CAP.

"Our decision to host it was based on the national initiative," Arseneau said. "The expectation is that we will participate in this at some point. It seemed like the right time. It is an internal opportunity for fraternities and sororities to look at themselves. Overall the health of the national fraternity and sorority experience is [such] that, if we don't take care of the health of our fraternities and sororities, we are not going to last very long."

The assessment project is a four-phase process. A university campus first signs a letter of agreement and appoints a BRC. The second phase involves the compilation of information and data about the five focuses of the program: the development of positive interpersonal relationships, the advancement of leadership development, the strengthening of social IQ, the advancement of academic interest and the effective campus interface with and support of the Greek community.

The data needs to be received by CAP before its campus visit, which is the third phase. The fourth phase is to follow up on the final report from CAP. Arseneau expects the College to receive the final report by December, approximately six weeks after the visit.

"The Blue Ribbon Committee is the group that will definitely convene to review the recommendations," Arseneau said. "I think the ISC and the [Council for Fraternity Affairs] will also have huge responsibilities for review-

ing the report and implementing the report. That is all sort of hypothetical until we have the recommendations. We can see what resonates for us and what is important for us to look at."

CFA President David Cooper '10 could not be reached for comment.

According to Arseneau, CAP evolved from a meeting five or six years ago from the group Franklin Square.

"It was the original conversation between university presidents worried about the health of the fraternity and sororities residents, which evolved into the Coalition Assessment Program," Arseneau said.

Arseneau stressed that the College was not involved in the original group.

"Hopefully, the CAP team can provide insight as to how policies might be modified so that students feel they are less oppressive yet the policies still adhere to the law and to national organizations' policies," Sharp said in an e-mail. "The Greek community is constantly striving to put forth an inclusive, productive, and positive image, but it is clear that that is not always the perception of the Greek community."

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OPINIONS

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BY VICKY CHAO, FLAT HAT CARTOONIST

Queering the way for future queens

Andie Schwanz and Ginny Hutcheson
FLAT HAT GUEST COLUMNISTS



As officers of the Lambda Alliance — the College of William and Mary's organization for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer and allied individuals — we are proud of our fellow students for electing Jesse Vasold '11 as the Class of 2011 Homecoming queen. This election demonstrates our student body's dedication to diversity.

Since zir election, many have wondered why Vasold ran for Homecoming queen. Vasold identifies as gender-queer, an identity that is outside the traditional man-woman gender binary. If ze is not a woman, why would someone nominate zir for a position traditionally designated for women? Vasold frequently presents zir gender as feminine; for those who feel uncomfortable using gender-neutral pronouns (ze and zir), ze prefers the feminine pronouns (she and her).

Friends and classmates of Vasold wanted to celebrate zir commitment to our school without relegating zir to a traditionally masculine category, which ze has repeatedly rejected. The president of the Class of 2011 asked students to nominate someone who embodies the most Tribe Pride. Vasold certainly fits that category.

Vasold was nominated because of zir involvement and leadership within many campus organizations. Ze is especially dedicated to making our community safe for all students, especially those of sexual and gender minorities. Ze is the coordinator for the Safe Zone project, the Student Assembly undersecretary for LGBT affairs, a former co-president and active member of the Lambda Alliance, a representative to Interfaith Council and a founding member of Feminists Unite.

There are those who have expressed their concern that the result of this election reflects poorly on the College. Some have wondered what the alumni will think. While, of course, alumni and donors are important, we believe that the current and future students of the College should be our primary concern. Furthermore, this may shock those concerned, but many alumni have expressed great pride at Vasold's election.

We consider this event a positive reflection of the College. By electing a transgender student as a Homecoming queen, we show that the College is a truly welcoming and affirming place for all people. This makes the College more appealing to prospective students and more competitive as a liberal arts university. Particularly for some LGBTQ students, the college selection process can be very heavily influenced by perceptions of the atmosphere at each school.

Vasold's visibility and advocacy on campus provide tangible evidence for such students that the College can be a safe place for them. Moreover, diversity is a primary goal of our university according to our Strategic Plan. The election of a gender-queer student to a traditionally gendered role truly supports this commitment. Further steps are still needed to ensure that the College provides equal opportunities to all.

Vasold's election has prompted numerous valuable conversations about gender, especially transgender identities. Contrary to what some have indicated in discussions about the topic, Vasold is in no way the only person who identifies as gender-queer or uses gender-neutral pronouns. Zir gender identity, which challenges the notion that there are only two acceptable genders, is rare yet increasingly common within

transgender and queer communities.

Additionally, despite what some media outlets have indicated, Vasold is not a transexual woman, nor is ze a gay man. Ze is also not an it, a term which denies zir personhood. For many, the idea of non-binary genders and the use of gender-

neutral pronouns can be daunting, but the most important thing is to respect the self-identification of all individuals. When in doubt, it is usually more polite to ask than to make assumptions about a person's identity.

We hope Vasold's election opens doors for further discourse regarding all types of gender identities and expressions. If we approach this issue respectfully and with open minds, we can encourage the College community to become a more affirming place for all students. Congratulations to Vasold, Benton Harvey (Class of 2011 Homecoming king), and the rest of the Homecoming Court.

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As tourism tanks, Williamsburg can't afford to ignore students

Ben Arancibia
FLAT HAT GUEST COLUMNIST



As a student here at the College of William and Mary, sometimes I forget that we are actually located next to a tourist attraction, Colonial Williamsburg. It's hard to believe that people come to Williamsburg to relax when every week you, or someone you know, pulls an all-nighter to prepare for a test.

However, tourism here in Williamsburg is falling faster than anyone ever thought was possible. This could be because of the current recession, or people possibly just realized that Williamsburg is actually pretty boring and that they would like to visit more exciting places around the country.

Nearby Yorktown has recently experienced a boom in tourism by focusing on locals and day-trippers instead of overnight visitors. This

is a great tactic that CW could use in order to increase its declining tourism rate — it's not like a school with 5,500 students is right next to it or anything. If CW began to offer more attractions to younger generations it could increase its revenue dramatically.

This could be done rather easily and effectively, beginning with music. On Friday nights different bands play in Colonial Williamsburg. Most of the time these bands are geared toward the older people that live in the area. It is great that the older generation is entertained by the brass quartet whose members' average age is 65, but younger people want music that appeals to them. I'm not suggesting that Williamsburg should start booking Top 40 bands, but it would not hurt to at least have a few groups with a couple of people under 35.

The other thing that Yorktown has done differently from Williamsburg is spend money. The saying goes: you have to spend money to make money. And Williamsburg is just not doing

this. Williamsburg should update itself by cleaning up things — I really don't think leaving out horse poop is convincing anyone they've gone back in time — or by hiring more actors to greet and interact with tourists.

Williamsburg could also improve its hiking around the area. There are phenomenal views all around CW, but trails can be difficult to access and there seems to be a lack of publicity. The city needs to do a better job advertising itself and showing people why they would have a great time visiting such a historic site.

Let's be honest, Williamsburg needs to stop catering toward the older generation and realize that there is a gold mine waiting to be tapped — the students of the College. Maybe if the city stopped considering itself a giant retirement home, it would realize that the area could appeal to everyone who lives in Williamsburg, not just older residents.

Though it is true that Williamsburg will never become young and hip, it would not hurt to try to spice things

STAFF EDITORIAL

Council referendum

Whenever bylaws come up we can expect to be in for a real yawner. The recent hullabaloo between the Student Assembly and the Honor Council is no exception, despite the amplitude of the sound and fury in question. Even so, your indefatigable Flat Hat endeavors to take on this mountainous molehill of an issue: We believe that despite the possible appearance of misbehavior, in this instance disregarding a student referendum is no miscarriage of democracy. The Honor Council may do so, but it should still implement a compromise solution to the problem in its bylaws raised by this referendum.

The SA submitted to the student body a referendum concerning the percentage of the five-person Honor Council nominating committee required to disqualify a Honor Council candidate. Currently, four votes against a nomination means a candidate is barred, and the referendum called to increase the requirement to unanimity. This committee has one student member who is not affiliated with the Honor Council, and two representatives from both the Honor Council and the administration.

The senators's concern was that the non-affiliated member's ability to stand up for the student interest was compromised by the four-fifths requirement. Since the other four status-quo representatives could form a voting bloc to reject any candidate, in our current system it is conceivable that a reformer who is unpopular with those in power could have a difficult time getting elected.

Has this happened? Is this a major issue to be concerned about? Who knows. This referendum was passed by the SA two days before it was put to students, so there was no time to create a campus dialogue prior to the referendum. Students voted in a vacuum, without context, and those who wrote the question got the answer they hoped for. The slapdash way this was put together suggests to us that, as many have been saying, ego rather than genuine will for reform is at the heart of this conflict.

Going forward, the better solution has become clear to reasonable minds on both sides of the aisle. The Honor Council should add to its nomination committee another student at large, and the requirement for disqualification should change to five-sixths of the committee. If this change is made, there will be equal representation from the student body, the Honor Council and the administration, and no person will have the ability to block the rest of the committee's will.

We agree with the sentiment of Bailey Thompson '10: Our student leaders have "bigger fish to fry." Perhaps it's time they attend to them.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Beer garden fails to bloom

To the Editor:

After reading "Trading Tailgates for Beer Gardens" in the Oct. 23 issue of The Flat Hat, it appears that everyone involved had their hands tied on the matter, and the Greek Leafe was "really the best option." This characterization is only partly true.

A superficially similar and concurrent tailgate to the Greek Leafe was the Young Guard Association tailgate, which was held in the Crim Dell meadow for recent alumni. I found myself meandering through said tailgate surrounded by relaxed, socializing, bottled Yuengling-wielding 20-somethings, many with children. There was no apparent beer garden and no police presence. The Office of Student Activities was nowhere to be found either.

This was a far cry from the vision for the Greek Leafe, which was discussed ad nauseam in the Council for Fraternity Affairs. Even the most successful Greek Leafe-style event fundamentally encourages an illogical and dangerous abuse of alcohol. So why can't the evidently successful Young Guard tailgate be a model for all tailgating events at the College of William and Mary?

The answer lies in the inconsistently enforced, unreasonable and unsafe campus alcohol policy. Sooner or later, this policy will change, and when it does, the Young Guard tailgate should be the model of a successful event with alcohol. I can only hope that the incentive to update the current alcohol policy lies in the wallets of future alumni and not on the gravestone of an undergraduate.

— Eric Newman '10



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Green: it goes with more than Gold

Eco-house residents take simple steps towards sustainability

By KYRA ZEMANICK
Flat Hat Staff Writer

Sustainability is certainly the new catchword on campus. With initiatives taken both by Dining Services for future composting and by professors who have students submit work via e-mail or Blackboard, the College of William and Mary is becoming fluent in modern, environmentally friendly lingo. The Office of Residence Life has also followed suit with a new special interest housing option — the Eco-House.

"We're trying to find ways to make dorm living more sustainable and to share what we learn with the rest of campus," Lauren Edmonds '11, the founder of the Eco-House, said.

Located in the basement of Landrum Hall, the Eco-House is home to 20 females and eight males. Students who live in the Eco-House abide by a mission statement, which says that they aim "to practice environmentally sustainable living while serving as a model for the campus and the wider community, and also to serve as

a testing ground for sustainability proposals directed at residential life on campus."

Before succeeding last year, Edmonds and other students had tried to get approval from Res Life several times.

"Another student suggested [the idea of an Eco-House] two years ago, and it sounded like a really good idea," Edmonds said. "Not only was the idea of an environmentally dedicated dorm appealing, I really liked the idea of a community of students working on sustainability together. I started working on the proposal with a group of other students, and after we were turned down the first time, some other students and I kept working on it."

Since their success, the residents of the Eco-House have been working hard to make their presence known at the College. According to Edmonds, the residents have hosted a movie screening of "Who Killed the Electric Car," hosted a public open house on Family Weekend, and took students on a camping trip to Chippokes State Park in Surry.

This Thursday, in collaboration with the Student Environmental Action Coalition, Eco-House residents will be hosting a panel of professors to discuss climate change legislation in the U.S. Congress.

"Right now we're working on putting together a Sustainable Thanksgiving Dinner event to take place the week before we leave for break," Sarah Sanford '12, a resident in the Eco-House, said.

These 28 students were chosen from an

application process last spring.

"The process is really not that difficult," Luke Pickett '11, a resident in the Eco-House, said. "I just had to sign my name to the form, pay the deposit for living in the house, and promise to take an environmental course each semester that I live here. As an environmental policy major, that's not hard to do."

Students accepted to live in the Eco-House are able to enjoy a wide range of activities and sustainable living patterns. Recently, the residents hosted their own hall potluck dinner and a canoe trip to Lake Matoaka. They plan to soon install an energy meter on the floor and hope to initiate a composting program. Residents are also encouraged to work toward a sustainable lifestyle on their own.

"[For Fall Fest during Homecoming] I cooked a special desert known as Sa Num Ma Kim — it's Burmese — for the bake sale, which is to benefit SEAC, and worked with a group of committed individuals to clean all salvageable recyclable bottles and paper from Zable Stadium after Saturday's game," Pickett said. "It's an epic job, I tell ya, but I'm grateful that the Tribe side of the bleachers left a fraction of the recyclables strewn about as they did last year."

For John Kirn '12, life as the resident assistant of the Eco-House has been a memorable experience.

"As the RA, I see it as my job to help and create a community environment that supports

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THAT GIRL



SUN PARK — THE FLAT HAT

Dana Taylor '10 shows off one of her dance moves. She loves any kind of dancing, and teaches a Zumba class at the Rec Center.

Taylor flaunts personal flair

By LAUREN BILLINGSLEY
Flat Hat That Girl Columnist

Dana Taylor, a vibrant and colorful girl with an extremely loud laugh wears at least six earrings at one time — none of which match — and an array of unique necklaces. Her eclectic and carefree style jive with her love of life and diverse interests which range from sustainability and food issues to Usher's new song, "This Ain't Sex." Here on campus, Dana is working toward sustainability as a vital member of the Student Environmental Action Coalition and Real Food Williamsburg. This campus group works to bring sustainable food culture to Williamsburg. As we sit under the big tree in front of Jefferson Hall, Dana fills me in on her no-retail vow and why students at the College of William and Mary need to step up the volume, and the joys of dreaded hair.

First, can you tell me a little bit about your background and what you're studying here?

My background: born and raised in good old Manassas, Virginny. Lived in the same house with my same family for 18 years, and then I came here. I have an older brother who just got married in January. He and I are close, but he's up in Maryland doing the whole job thing. And I am an anthropology major and an environmental science and policy minor.

Why'd you choose to come to the College?

Well, because of the trees. Really, I toured other campuses, not many, but this one just spoke to me. I'm glad we got a spot under this big tree.

Do you have a dream job?

Dream job? Yeah. The World Food Program the United Nations does. Not only do they do disaster relief in the food area, but they also do long-term sustainable food engineering and logistics and implementation of their plan. And that's worldwide obviously; somewhere I'd really like to get involved because I think I'd be an asset on the groundwork for implementation.

What's an attitude shift you think students at the College would benefit from?

Well, I've been trying to change my attitude, and I'm doing a pretty good job right now; just like being direct. "Be direct," I find myself telling people that a lot, if they're debating about whether or not to tell people something or not, like "How should

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CAITLIN FAIRCHILD — THE FLAT HAT

During the SEAC fall fest held last Saturday during homecoming weekend, alumni stop to look at the student displays on the Sunken Garden. The event was held to raise awareness about environmental sustainability. The Eco-House ran a booth with information about their environmental initiatives.

Language tutors share culture, knowledge

By ELLIE KAUFMAN
Flat Hat Staff Writer

Studying a language can be a difficult task when the only place to practice is inside the classroom. While the College of William and Mary does offer many study abroad programs that focus on language, it also offers an alternative much closer to home. Instead of going abroad, students can practice their language skills with native speakers who act as language house tutors.

Each of the eight specialized language houses occupies an individual floor in Giles Pleasants or Preston Halls in the Randolph Complex.

The tutors, one for each language, provide a valuable resource for students living in the house and for students studying the language by planning activities and providing educational individual tutoring.

"I have conversation hours, movie nights, tutoring hours and dance classes," Spanish House tutor Alicia Fernandez said.

The tutors provide students with many opportunities to practice their language first hand while interacting with other students. Additionally, the tutors also educate students on the culture of their language.

"They are a valuable resource," Jasmin Harper '13 said. "They are native speakers so they are useful for questions about the language and also about getting insight into their culture."

Language House tutors are chosen through a variety of programs. Arabic House tutor Randa Tawfiq was invited to the College through the Fulbright Scholar Program.

"My professor was a Fulbright scholar, too," Tawfiq said. "He showed me the ad in the newspaper. I had the things they required. They interviewed

me and gave me the grant."

Once Tawfiq was selected, her application was sent to universities in the United States. Tawfiq and other students accepted to the Fulbright Scholar Program do not apply to specific universities. Instead, they are chosen by a university.

"They ask you in your application where you prefer to live, but I didn't write down anything," Tawfiq said. "I hadn't heard of William and Mary before, but I looked it up on the internet, and everyone told me that I was lucky to go there."

Fernandez was selected to be a language tutor through an offer from her summer job where she taught English to Spanish speakers.

"I found out about the job through the company I worked for, MundoLengua," Fernandez said. "A lot of foreign students go to learn Spanish through this program in Spain for



COURTESY PHOTO — RANDA TAWFIQ

Randa Tawfiq, the Arabic House language tutor [RIGHT] hosts a dinner for residents of the language house. Tutors work with students on language skills and host cultural events.

about five weeks during the summer, or for a semester during the year."

Through MundoLengua, students from the College study abroad in Seville for a semester or in Cadiz for a summer. As an aspiring teacher,

coming to the United States to teach students Spanish is a step in the right direction for Fernandez.

"My goal is to be either a Spanish

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BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

Open mind, open legs

Maya Horowitz

FLAT HAT SEX COLUMNIST



When it comes to sex, having an open mind is just as important as having open legs. This not only applies to how you do the tango under the sheets but also with whom. Everyone who breathes longs to moan, and everyone who thinks has dirty fantasies. This means that the world is your sexual oyster — slippery, slimy and so deliciously good.

The only factor limiting with whom you exchange bodily fluids is you. Just because I am a straight, 21-year-old white female doesn't mean my undercover lover has to be a straight, white male within a year of my age.

Social convention and habit close our eyes to the possibilities around us. The horizontal mambo can be done in a near infinite number of ways. None of them require heterogeneity of the partners, yet many of us feel restricted. Therefore, I thought we could go through a number of lusty situations and dispel the myths associated with them.

First, and most obviously, it must be noted that none of this applies to relatives, people under 18 years of age and non-consensual partners.

Age gaps are a good place to start, especially in college. This match-up tends to be rare because people generally hang out with others their own age. However, there is no good reason why people over 18 shouldn't be together. With the rise of cougars and the iconic status of men like Hugh Hefner, sex with much older, or younger, individuals is on the rise. As far as I'm concerned it is a win-win: An older person teaches the younger person the tricks of the trade, and in return gets to hook up with someone with a firmer body and youthful zeal.

Engaging in the lust and thrust with someone of a different race or ethnicity can also be very rewarding. The mingling of different skin colors and body features is sexy as hell. This pairing is often discouraged by cultural pressure, but there is no reason that black women have to be only with black men. No group has a claim over their members' members.

People tend to shy away from hookups with others of different sexual orientations

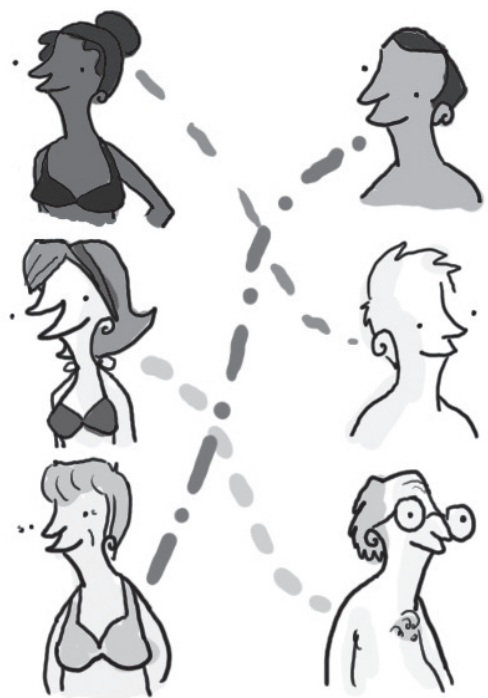
or fetishes. An easy way to overcome this aversion is to pursue anyone who may be interested. Remember that regardless of your race or who you've hooked up with before, they can be into you.

Ironically the most common grouping is the one that presents the most difficulties: dissimilar body types. When you're playing doctor with someone considerably taller or shorter, larger or smaller, problems often arise. Getting down can take some effort, and some positions may not work. As with all of the differences in this column, these can be overcome. My best tip: Search the internet. When it comes to sex advice, there is no better source.

As a linguistics major, my favorite incongruity is the language gap. Luring a mate who doesn't speak English well — or at all — can be a bit of an obstacle. But I assure you, foreign tongues can be incredibly sensual. Hips don't lie in any language — pelvic yearnings are universal.

There are many other differences that may arise when picking a mate: political ideologies, intelligence, religion, etc. But when it comes down to it, we're all the same. We all just want some good, good loving. So stop setting up roadblocks and embrace free love. You will be happier for it.

Maya Horowitz is the Flat Hat sex columnist. She would love to study abroad someday.



OLIVIA WALCH — THE FLAT HAT

STOMP FEST



MARAL NOORI-MOGHADDAM — THE FLAT HAT

During the annual Stompfest competition Saturday night, participants from different Virginia schools competed for a \$1,000 prize. Along with members of the College's greek community, teams from Virginia Tech and Virginia Commonwealth University also competed. The event was sponsored by the William and Mary Black Student Organization.

Native speakers work as tutors

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teacher or an English teacher," Fernandez said. "This is a stress-free job. I like teaching, so I like helping people with languages."

In the Spanish House, the language tutors alternate between dialects from Mexico, Argentina and Spain, since the College offers study abroad programs in each country.

Tristan Sardelis '10, a resident of the Spanish House, applied last spring to live in the house.

"I am a Hispanic studies major, and I just came back from studying abroad in Seville," Tristan Sardelis '10 said. "I wanted a way to keep up with the language."

As a prospective French major, Harper agrees that living in the

language house and having more frequent access to the language tutor can benefit learning and language fluency.

"I am considering living in the language house sophomore or junior year because I want to major in French," Harper said. "I would be surrounded by people that have a similar interest, and I would have the opportunity to speak French to people in my hall whenever I felt like it."

In order to inform students who do not live in the language houses about activities, tutors post on the bulletin boards in Washington Hall and tell language professors about their activities.

"I created a Facebook group," Tawfiq said. "I send schedules

each month to all of the Arabic professors if I have an activity."

On top of their responsibilities as language house tutors, they are also enrolled in one or two classes each semester.

"We are not students or faculty, we are in between," Tawfiq said. "My favorite part of the job is interacting with students and learning about their culture."

Fernandez agrees that working as a language tutor at the College has allowed her to meet many new people from a wide variety of backgrounds and cultures.

"It is a great experience," Fernandez said. "I think everyone should do this once in their life. I am trying to get everything I can out of this experience while I am here."



CAITLIN FAIRCHILD — THE FLAT HAT

Michelle McKenzie '10, an Eco-House resident, picks out a pumpkin at the SEAC Fall Fest last Saturday afternoon.

Eco-House community supports sustainability

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residents in their personal sustainability practices and allows them to share creative ideas that can help everyone be more green," Kirn said. "The Eco-House is in its first year, so everything we do is a new and novel action. We have little recorded precedent to build off of, but that makes it all the more interesting, as we can forge our own path to a sustainable William and Mary."

But despite the admirable practices that the residents have adapted to their lifestyles, the Eco-House has not been forgotten in other students' jokes. To Kirn, these jokes are offensive.

"On numerous occasions I have heard people walk by and say [laughing], 'Yeah, they don't take showers,' which is totally incorrect and stereotypical," Kirn said. "Eco-House residents don't abstain from showering, many of us simply take more efficient showers. We can't see in the dark either, we simply turn the lights out when we are not present or are asleep. What easier way is there to help the College save money in these hard economic times?"

No matter the jokes, the Eco-House and its residents have become a noteworthy part of the College's community. To them, however, living in sustainable housing has the perks of any other dormitory.

"It's been awesome not just to work on projects with these people, but to just hang out," Sanford said. "It's like a freshman hall."

Senior aspires to solve world hunger

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I say this?" I'm like "Dude, be direct." And it's been working out well for me.

What are you busy with this semester?

Real Food, [I] teach class at the Rec, live in a house — it's work, that's why they have people who take care of dorms. I have schoolwork, too; I'm doing an environmental study on policies regarding least turn populations in the bay area. I did fieldwork over the summer for it.

What got you interested in the issue of food and sustainability?

Well, the people that I have been hanging out with and the fact it emerged as an issue in SEAC. I started learning about it through peers, then I started taking classes, and I was like, "Man, this is my jam." So I started doing Real Food.

What do you think people should start being aware of in terms of food consumption and sustainability?

We're fine right now, we're not suffering noticeably, but we're in a bubble, a safety net here; the people here and the socioeconomic class, because most of us have money, and it's a privilege to be here. You can't blame people for it, but it's hard to raise awareness about that, and it's hard to put yourself outside of what you know.

What is your favorite weekend activity?

My best weekends always involve dancing, and there really hasn't been enough of that lately. That's why I'm really excited this weekend for the dance event and the step show; and there are a lot of parties to start dance parties at.

What kinds of dancing are you into?

I'm open to all dances. I mean, whatever. Whatever dance the most people are willing to do; whenever there's music that makes people move, it's the best when everyone's doing it.

What kinds of tunes are best to dance to at the moment?

We just started Syndicate routines, so right now my repeat song is "This Ain't Sex" by Usher [Laughs].

You also teach classes at the Rec?

True life. I teach Zumba right now. I mean I started out going to the Rec, I always went to the hip-hop class, and it was always really fun. Hip-hop with Crystal was my solid once-a-week-class. I came every time, and she told me I should try out to be an instructor, so I was like, "Hey. Good idea." So I did, and I got it and taught hip-hop, branched out

and taught cardio-dance, and then branched out some more and got Zumba-certified. I've learned some sweet salsa moves and reggaeton and merengue.

You have a colorful and eclectic bunch of jewelry on. Tell me about your style.

I made a vow last November to not purchase retail. I declared that I would not buy retail anymore unless it's something I really need or is worn out. I'll check the thrift store first, and if they don't have it and I still need it, I'll buy it somewhere else. A) It saves money; B) I got sick of shopping; and C) I didn't want to participate in the consumerist mass herding of going to the shopping mall as a pastime. It's just a challenge, and trading clothes with your friends is great.

What's your favorite article of clothing?

It's a skirt; 100 percent cotton, but it's got a couple layers. It's black and dark blue, and my mom passed it off to me. The best part about it is that it's really twirly.

You had dreads for a while. What was that like?

It was really fun. My roommate from last year had them freshman year, and she wanted them back; so I just kind of felt like doing something crazy, and she encouraged me. So I encouraged her, and we did dreads. It was a great bonding time, and it was definitely fun and got us through the semester.

What word do you think best captures your essence?

First one that came to mind was loud [Laughs]. I just feel loud. I walk around



SUN PARK — THE FLAT HAT

One of Taylor's favorite things about living off campus is being able to cook all her own food.

and say hey to people and realize that I'm louder than I should be given the situation. Like there might be a meeting here, and I'll be like, "Hey." I laugh really loud, I just feel really loud.

Nearing the end of the interview, I spot Dana's patterned, vintage sunglasses among her books on the table. When I tell her how cool I think they are, she tells me she found them in a box belonging to a great aunt. Upon her encouragement I try them on, and Dana loudly yells, "Case in point, girl, get it. Those look so good." Dana Taylor just wants you to keep it spicy, and keep it loud.



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Outside of Jefferson Hall Taylor sits in a tree, which is what attracted her to the College's campus.

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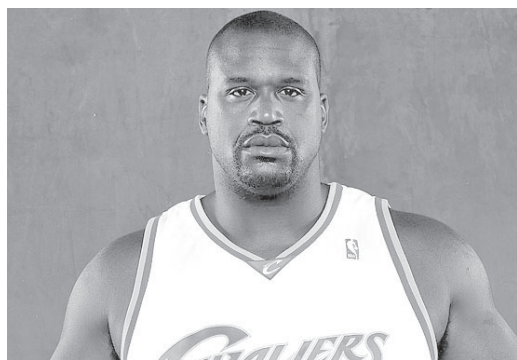
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Sound bytes

"It is vital that I start to memorize the plays."

— Shaquille O'Neal, one week before the start of the season after eight preseason games.



By the numbers

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Number of pennants won by the New York Yankees, the most in league history. The Los Angeles Dodgers are second with 21 pennants.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

VOLLEYBALL

Tribe loses 3-2 to Hofstra, moves into tie for second

The College took Hofstra to five sets Saturday before losing to the Pride 3-2. With its record now 6-2, the Tribe moves into a tie for second place in the CAA with VCU, behind Delaware. Senior hitter Lauren Powell recorded her team-leading ninth double-double of the season, tallying 12 kills and 19 blocks. Junior setter Cassie Crumal also had a double-double for the match, as she had 16 digs to go along with her 25 assists. Check out FlatHatsports.com/sports for a full recap.

FIELD HOCKEY

Zamesnik scores two in weekend win over VCU

Sophomore midfielder Leah Zamesnik netted two goals for the Tribe Sunday in a 3-2 victory over VCU. Zamesnik's second goal came in the 59th minute, breaking a 2-2 tie and helping seal away the victory. Sophomore Mikala Savaides also had a goal for the Tribe, placing a feed from sophomore midfielder Kelsey Nawalinski into the back of the cage. Junior Carrie Thompson had four saves for the Tribe, who improved to 6-11 on the year, 2-5 in conference.

TENNIS

Men reach semis, women quarters, at ITAs

Senior Keziel Juneau and junior Sebastien Vidal reached the semifinals of the ITA Atlantic Regionals Sunday before falling to the doubles team from U.Va. 8-4. A pair of women's doubles teams advanced to the quarterfinals of the ITAs, as senior Carmen Pop and freshman Anik Cepeda lost 8-3 to the top-seeded Virginia squad, while senior Ragini Acharya and junior Lauren Sabacinski were defeated 8-5 by the third-seeded pair from Charlottesville.

ATHLETE FOCUS

JAKE MARCEY,
JUNIOR, FOOTBALL



The Flat Hat caught up with junior offensive lineman Jake Marcey and talked about how he manages his weight in season.

How do you keep weight on during football season?

I always eat before I work out no matter what time of the day now. Because if not, I just can't finish the workout.

What did you weigh in high school? I was like 280-290. I'm like 300 now, but I lose a fair amount of weight during the year, because you get worn out. I was down to like 275 in the spring.

What would your ideal weight be without football? If I were just chilling I'd probably be like 230-240. At least that is what I would like to be.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Tribe downs Tigers, keeps playoff hopes alive

Bristol's 49th minute goal leads College to 2-0 win

By JACK LAMBERT
Flat Hat Assoc. Sports Editor

With 10 minutes remaining in William and Mary's Sunday contest against Towson, the Tribe was nursing a 1-0 lead and searching for a goal to ice the game. The search ended when junior midfielder Brittany Lane, who buried an 81st minute ball into the back of the net off a cross from freshman midfielder Cortlyn Bristol. The goal doubled the Tribe's (11-7, 5-5) advantage and clinched a key late-season victory for the squad.

"It was our senior night and we'd been losing and I just wanted to get it done," Bristol said. "I was aiming for [junior midfielder Danielle Axenfeld]. Unfortunately she got pushed to the ground, but at least someone got it."

With the victory over the Tigers, the Tribe rises to fifth place in the CAA with 15 total points. To make the conference tournament, the Tribe will need to beat Old Dominion Saturday and hope for losses from both George Mason and James Madison.

"We'll just go out and play the best we can, try to win it, and let the chips fall where they may," Head Coach John Daly said.

Bristol also scored the Tribe's first goal

of the match in the 49th minute, beating two Towson defenders with a spin move to the left of the box before ripping a shot off just inside the right post. The College will need more performances like Bristol's to make the tournament.

"All I could think about was 'Get one in, at least one, just to calm it down,'" Bristol said. "It's really good because we've had some rough games, but we still have a chance."

Bristol entered the match after an injury to freshman midfielder Katrina Smedley in the 35th minute. Smedley, who is tied for second on the team in assists (4) this season, landed awkwardly on her left leg while attempting a tackle and fell to the pitch clutching her left knee.

Smedley, who had suffered a left knee injury prior to attending the College, is doubtful that she will play Saturday.

The Tribe held a 1-0 lead into the 81st minute, despite allowing Towson a couple of dangerous attacks in the second half. A mix-up on the back line left Towson forward Cheyenne Skidmore one-on-one with junior keeper Grace Barnard. Barnard had to make a sprawling save to maintain the clean sheet.

The Tigers also got off a shot in the 61st minute, which banged off the left post and rolled in front of the goalmouth.



PHILIP DELANO — THE FLAT HAT

Freshman forward Cortlyn Bristol recorded her third goal of the season against Towson.

Barnard was there once again to maintain the shutout.

"It was kind of the same-old, same-old in the sense that we out-played

George Mason [Friday night] and gave up silly goals," Daly said. "We gave up some chances today, but Grace made a great save."

Strong defense leads Tribe while offense recovers late



PHILIP DELANO — THE FLAT HAT

The Tribe defense held James Madison quarterback Justin Thorpe to 66 yards passing Saturday.

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since I've been in the league," Matthews said. "This is the best quarterback he's had. He's the best quarterback we've played this year."

While the veracity of that second statement is questionable — senior R.J. Archer has been excellent this season, but several of his predecessors were quite distinguished as well — the former might very well be true.

Laycock downplayed the comments in his typical form.

"I don't know; [Matthews] is much smarter than I am," he deadpanned.

But a close look at the Tribe, just past the midway point of its season, reveals a formidable team — one that is built for the postseason.

After seven games, the College is ranked first in the CAA in both total offense and total defense. They have the conference's top rusher, sophomore Jonathan Grimes, who also leads the league in total yardage. Senior defensive end Adrian Tracy leads the conference in sacks, while junior David Miller is its top punter.

A strong rushing attack, a ferocious defense and the ability to pin opponents deep when your offense fails sounds just like the formula Richmond used last year on its way to a national championship.

The College is a long, long way away from thinking about the title game in Chattanooga, Tenn., but the Tribe has proven over its last several games that it is as good as anyone else in the nation.

Just as importantly, the squad improved significantly this week in several of the areas in which it has struggled this season.

Through six games, the College had committed 40 penalties for 368 yards, one of the worst marks in the conference. Against the Dukes, they had only two for 20 yards.

Similarly, they had struggled in the red zone, managing points on 81 percent of their opportunities, but only scoring touchdowns on 48 percent of those chances. On Saturday, they wasted little, notching three touchdowns on four red-zone trips, with Laycock inserting some excellent play calls to great effect.

If the Tribe can match those efforts in the weeks to come, there is no better team in the FCS.

The schedule now turns easy for the next couple of weeks. The College travels to New England to face 1-6 Rhode Island this Saturday, followed by a visit from the 2-5 Towson Tigers.

Take care of business in those two games, and the Tribe will be 8-1 entering its final stretch against no. 8 New Hampshire and no. 1 Richmond.

Eight wins should be enough to clinch a post-season bid coming out of the CAA South, and that would allow the Tribe to play those last contests for postseason seeding and a potential home playoff advantage.

But after a heartbreaking loss to Richmond last year that kept the Tribe out of the postseason, don't expect the College to let up for even a second.

Like this week, the Tribe will have unfinished business to attend to.

Archer shakes off rust to push College to 6-1

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would provide James Madison with its only points of the game.

Throughout the remainder of the first half, the two teams struggled to produce any meaningful offensive plays until senior kicker Brian Pate drilled a 34-yard field goal as time expired to give the College a 10-3 advantage going into the half.

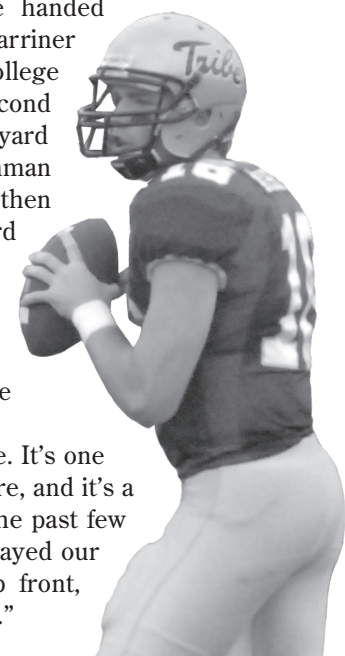
The field goal drive was made possible by two timely runs by Archer. After surveying the defense and the lack of open receivers, the quarterback used his legs to create some much needed offensive momentum.

"The scrambles that [Archer] made at the end of the first half that got us in field goal position were big-time plays," Laycock said. "He can move around and do a lot of things. He's a very gifted quarterback."

After the break, the Tribe handed the ball over to Grimes and Marriner and began to pull away. The College scored two touchdowns in the second half, the first coming on an 18 yard completion from Archer to freshman tight end Alex Gottlieb. Grimes then sealed the win with a nine-yard scamper with 5:45 remaining in the game.

The win proved particularly meaningful for the Tribe seniors, who had never before beaten JMU.

"It was definitely a sweet one. It's one of the best rivalries we have here, and it's a team we have struggled with the past few years," Archer said. "We just played our game, controlled the game up front, and that's what it came down to."



Late win keeps College in thick of CAA playoff hunt

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the difference," senior left back Roger Bothe said. "Lately we have been struggling a bit, but it was nice to see our effort make the difference. We are a team that does like to play pretty, but sometimes you have to get those ugly wins, and tonight was one of them."

Ugly or not, the win moves the Tribe into third place in the CAA with three games remaining in the regular season.

"As far as playing how we are supposed to, I don't think it was our best game of the season," Baako said. "I think we still have a lot of work to do. We needed to win this game no matter what. So in the end, we did what we had to do."

The Tribe travels to Atlanta, Ga. Wednesday to take on Georgia State.

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FOOTBALL



PHILIP DELANO — THE FLAT HAT

Senior defensive end Adrian Tracy takes down James Madison running back Griff Yancey during the College's 24-3 victory over the Dukes. Tracy finished with 1.5 sacks and 2.5 tackles for loss and is now the CAA leader in sacks.

College dominates James Madison 24-3, improves to 6-1

By **MIKE BARNES**
Flat Hat Staff Writer

With a no. 5 national ranking and a top-rated defense, William and Mary was determined to end its five-game losing streak to James Madison.

A sellout crowd on Homecoming at Zable Stadium was ready as well.

After a quiet first half, the Tribe quickly raced to a commanding three-possession lead, defeating JMU 24-3 to move its record to 6-1 and 3-1 in the CAA.

It was the College's first win over the Dukes (2-5, 0-4 CAA) since a 2004 victory in Harrisonburg.

"I thought we played very hard today," Head Coach Jimmie Laycock said. "I think we were a little rusty coming out of the [bye week] offensively, but defensively we were right on all day."

Traditionally, the Dukes have beaten the College with their ground game, but the College defense held the Dukes to just 150 rushing yards Saturday. The Tribe also held an anemic JMU passing game to only 66 yards through the air.

"One of the keys going into this game was to not just stop, but eliminate the running game and make them one-dimensional," senior defensive end Adrian Tracy said. "We thought we would have a pretty good chance to win if we could stop the run, and we did."

Tracy wreaked havoc all day, supplying 1.5 sacks and 2.5 tackles for a loss. Tracy has been spectacular in the last four games, and he now leads the CAA with seven sacks and 11 tackles for loss.

While the defense came out firing on all cylinders, the Tribe offense needed a few quarters to shake off the bye-week hangover. However, thanks to impressive performances from senior quarterback R.J. Archer and sophomore tailback Jonathan Grimes, it didn't matter in the end.

While Archer looked out of sync at the beginning of the game due to several mental errors and an early interception, the quarterback regained his composure in the latter stages of the first half. Archer finished with 127 yards, two touchdowns and an interception.

Meanwhile, Grimes had an excellent day on the ground, rushing for a career high 158 yards, while junior Courtland Marriner pitched in with another 62.

With 4:41 remaining in the opening quarter, the Tribe offense showed its first signs of life. After receiving the handoff at the Tribe 31-yard line, Grimes blew through the JMU defense for a crucial 61-yard gain. The rush play was the longest allowed by the JMU defense this season, and Grimes' longest run of the year.

After an incomplete pass, Archer rolled to the right and completed a beautiful play action pass to senior tight end Rob Varno to give the Tribe a 7-0 lead.

Six minutes later, JMU capped a methodical drive of its own with field goal by Dixon Wright. But the score

BY THE NUMBERS

GAME STATS

RUSHING YARDS

Tribe — 258

JMU — 150

PASSING YARDS

Tribe — 127

JMU — 66

TIME OF POSSESSION

Tribe — 29:53

JMU — 30:07

INDIVIDUAL STATS

PASSING

R.J. Archer — 15 of 22, 127 yards, 2 touchdowns

RUSHING

Jonathan Grimes — 158 yards

Courtland Marriner — 69 yards

RECEIVING

Rob Varno — 5 catches for 46 yards, 1 touchdown

Alex Gottlieb — 2 catches for 41 yards, 1 touchdown

CAA STANDINGS

South Division

1. Richmond — 5-0, 7-0
2. Villanova — 4-1, 7-1
3. William & Mary — 3-1, 6-1
4. Delaware — 3-2, 5-2
5. Towson — 1-3, 2-5
6. James Madison — 0-4, 2-5

North Division

1. New Hampshire — 3-1, 6-1
2. Massachusetts — 2-2, 4-3
3. Maine — 2-2, 3-4
4. Hofstra — 2-3, 4-4
5. Northeastern — 1-3, 1-6
6. Rhode Island — 0-4, 1-6

COMMENTARY

Tribe legitimized with win over James Madison

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FLAT HAT SPORTS EDITOR



How quickly things change in the CAA.

For the past four years, the James Madison Dukes have dominated William and Mary, winning five-straight games against their chief rivals while remaining a perennial force atop the FCS rankings.

No more. The College's dominating 24-3 win Saturday proved that, for this season at least, the Tribe is unquestionably the team to beat in this bitter rivalry.

The victory improved the College to 6-1 overall and 3-1 in conference, good for third place in the cutthroat CAA South. The Dukes dropped to a dismal 2-5, 0-4 — that's dead last.

Scenes from the game were as striking as the two program's disparate records.

There was sophomore tailback Jonathan Grimes running wild through the Dukes' vaunted defensive line, notching 158 yards on just 20 carries. There was junior punter David Miller bombing punts well over JMU's all-world return man, Scotty McGee.

There was senior defensive end Adrian Tracy harassing JMU quarterback Justin Thorpe all afternoon, collecting 1.5 sacks and eight tackles.

And then there was Mickey Matthews, the normally caustic JMU coach, heaping praise on his counterpart Jimmie Laycock's squad.

"This is, by far, the best team he's ever had



PHILIP DELANO — THE FLAT HAT

Soph. tailback Courtland Marriner had 69 yards Saturday.

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MEN'S SOCCER

Baako goal topples Pride

Tribe improves to 5-2-1 in CAA with 1-0 win over Hofstra

By **CHRIS WEIDMAN**
Flat Hat Sports Editor

After 81 minutes of scoreless soccer, Nat Baako did the improbable. Three years after stepping on campus, the star junior center midfielder scored his first goal at Albert-Daly Field, a feat he had yet to accomplish. Baako's first collegiate goal at home handed William and Mary (10-4-1, CAA 5-2-1) a 1-0 victory over Hofstra (7-6-1, CAA 5-2-1) Saturday night.

"I have been waiting for that for three years," Baako said. "It felt great, especially in a game that we needed to win to make sure our season stayed on track. The ball went out to Price [Thomas], and I actually yelled at him to play it low. So when I saw him loop it over to [Hofstra's goalkeeper], I was hoping he would drop it. Which he did, and I was like, 'Alright, thank you!'"

Baako blasted the loose ball into the empty net for his first goal of the year in a game the College

out-shot, out-possessed and out-chanced the then CAA-leading Pride. Thomas' cross came from the end line and should have been easily secured by Pride keeper Greg Cumpstone.

For most of the match, the College was able to penetrate into the attacking third, but had not been able to capitalize on opportunities.

"I felt like if we were patient and we could break their pressure, that we would get some chances," Head Coach Chris Norris said. "But I always worried about them. They are a very good counter-attacking team, and they had some individuals that could make some plays; and if we didn't get the first goal, it would be a struggle."

An early goal nearly came in the 36th minute when junior forward Ryan Snyder had a golden opportunity to put the College ahead. Snyder headed a cross on goal that Cumpstone swatted right back to a waiting Snyder. He then directed a low ball toward the corner of the net, which appeared to cross the line before being cleared by



DYLAN MURRAY — THE FLAT HAT

Junior midfielder Nat Baako registered his first goal of the season Saturday night after recovering a loose ball late.

a Hofstra defender. No goal was signaled in spite of momentary celebration by Tribe players surrounding the goal.

The College remained undaunted and continued to outwork the Pride, with 12 first half shots

and relentless pressure throughout the night.

"We really picked it up and did the small things right tonight, and I think sometimes that has to be

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