



### CAMPUS WILDLIFE

**Bobcat found in Sadler Center**  
HOLY SHIT! IT'S A MOTHERFUCKING BOBCAT!  
RUN THE FUCK AWAY!

RUUUUUUUN!

### OPINIONS

**Another dry, boring column**  
Some random staff columnist writes about  
climate change or budget cuts or something.



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### EXERCISE

**TrimSpa, baby!**  
Anna Nicole Smith is back with a new intensive  
strip tease class at the Rec.

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# The Fat Head

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## Palpitations

News hiccups you can pick up

**Truly succulent?** College President Taylor Reveley was caught on ChatRoulette yesterday by a Fat Head reporter cruising for boobs. Reveley allegedly obliged.

**Here's the obligatory alumni** item. Maybe Jon Stewart '84 said something funny? Or Glenn Close '74 or Patton Oswalt '91 star in a new movie? Perhaps Secretary of Defense Robert Gates '65 has made an announcement about Don't Ask Don't Tell, or Representative Michelle Bachmann LL.M. '88 (R-Minn.) has become the focus of some new controversy? Whatever the case, it proves our alumni are famous — or at least, five or six of them are.

**Oopsie! Apparently the** College Dolly burned down like two weeks ago. Sorry we didn't report on it — we at The Fat Head are Leafe people, and frankly we just never noticed the charred remains across the street.

**Speaking of fires, English** majors appear to have given up on waiting for the Tucker renovation to be completed in 2011 and have resumed chain smoking on the front steps between classes. "Tyler Hall just doesn't have a good place for us to congregate," one future Starbucks employee told The Fat Head. "But out here, everyone on Old Campus can see how sophisticated and erudite we are."

**This paragraph is just filler.** I mean, this stuff has to go to the bottom of the page every single issue, and frankly that much just doesn't happen here in Nowheresville. In any event, I've got to keep writing for at least another few lines before stopping. I am the very model of a modern major-general. Unique New York. Unique New York.

**Hello, ladies. Look at your** man. Now back to me. Now back at your man. Now back to me. Sadly, he isn't me. But if he stopped using ladies' scented body wash and switched to Old Spice he could smell like he's me. Look down. Back up. Where are you? You're on a boat, with the man your man could smell like. What's in your hand? Back at me. I have it. It's an oyster with two tickets to that thing you love. Look again. The tickets are now diamonds! Anything is possible when your man smells like Old Spice and not a lady. I'm on a horse.

**Colonial Williamsburg has** a message for afternoon joggers: "Piss off." The historic area is being disturbed by sweaty students running to "Eye of the Tiger" and tourists are starting to notice the 21st century exercise. "It's fucking ruining the colonial decor, so take a fucking side street," CW spokesman Dick Sickle said. "Or, better yet, use a treadmill."

Got a tip for Palpitations? See your cardiologist ASAP!

### BREAKING NEWS

## Scott Foster has an idea

*City Council candidate will not elaborate plan*

By BUNK MORELAND  
Fat Head BPD

City of Williamsburg City Council candidate Scott Foster '10 has an idea.

"Obviously this is a really exciting development," campaign manager Erik Houser '10 said. "Scott's been running for some time now. But so far, a campaign platform has been difficult to discern behind the vague soundbites about 'cooperation' and 'synergy.'"

Student Assembly sources from within the Foster campaign who wished to remain anonymous refused to disclose the nature of Foster's idea.

"As the Student Assembly President, I obviously cannot take a position on the campaign," Foster campaign advisor Sarah Rojas '10 said. "But as a person, this idea has me really excited for the future of Williamsburg — a city I plan on remaining in for the rest of my days."

Ideas have not been a strong suit of the Foster campaign, but for what they've lacked in creativity, they've made up for in enthusiasm.

"I love this! This is so awesome!" Foster advisor Josh Karp '11 said. "It's like 'The West Wing' except in a small town in Virginia where archaic zoning policies are disputed by college kids between shirtless Frisbee games!"

Karp did not elaborate on the nature of the idea, saying instead only that it was "a game changer."

Foster declined to comment.



COURTESY PHOTO — L. RON HUBBARD

Foster attempts to curry favor with swing voter L. Ron Hubbard by scratching his ears.

### Foster takes two-thirds of Clemens family vote

Williamsburg City Council candidate Scott Foster '10 has secured two-thirds of the highly coveted Clemens family vote. The top Clemens family member, government professor Clay Clemens, announced yesterday he and Xenon plan on vot-

ing for the College of William and Mary senior in the May 4 elections. The remaining canine, L. Ron Hubbard, said he plans to vote for Planning Commission chairman Douglas Pons, whose economic and tourism platform he supports.



SUN PORK — THE FAT HEAD

Reveley announces his layoff due to drastic budget cuts.

## Reveley laid off

*Vacancy to go unfilled*

By EDWARD R. BROKAW-AMANPOUR  
Fat Head Superjournalist

College President Taylor Reveley — along with most of the College administration — has been laid off due to extreme budget cuts, the Board of Visitors announced yesterday.

"Unfortunately, now that the state is providing only \$8.91 of our operating budget, we can no longer afford to pay President Reveley or most of the administration," BOV Rector Henry Wolf said.

After yesterday's round of layoffs, the highest ranking official remaining is Vice President for Student Affairs Ginger Ambler '88 Ph.D. '06, who was willing to work for free as long as she had unlimited e-mailing powers.

Reveley, who holds degrees from Princeton and the University of Virginia and clerked for Supreme Court Justice William Brennan in 1969, has submitted applications to the Yale School of Law, Busch Gardens and Wawa. He has not yet heard back from any employers.

### FINALLY, A FRIGGIN' MASCOT



SHADOW PERSON — THE FAT HEAD

The Tribe Apathy attempts to rally a few fans during a sports event of some kind recently.

## The Tribe Apathies

*Portrays general sense of uncaring among students at William and Mary*

By LAURENCE TANQUERAY  
Fat Head Cheese Shop Alcohol Critic

After decades of discussions and millions of suggestions, the Mascot Search Committee has announced the new face of Tribe sports: the College of William and Mary Apathy.

"We feel it perfectly captures the strong lack of empathy or interest among William and Mary students," committee member Bubbly McPip-

squeak '11 said. "From city politics to state budget cuts, TWAMPs just don't give a shit unless it affects their GPA or looks good on a resume."

The Tribe Apathy will finally allow the eight undergraduates and 23 alumni present at sports events to know when a pause in the athletics is occurring.

"Tribe fans will know it's halftime or quartertime or whatever when they see the beloved Apathy saunter out onto the field and shrug," McPipsqueak said.

"And," she continued, "at least it's not the fucking pug. I mean, come on; it's got asthma for fuck's sake!"

A spokesman for Colonel Ebird said the disgraced former mascot congratulated his replacement and would be drinking heavily, as usual.

## Cuccinelli caught in Campus Center restroom 'wide stance'

By OLYMPIA DUKAKIS  
Fat Head Fashion Advisor

Virginia Attorney General Ken Cuccinelli was caught Thursday in a Campus Center restroom sting operation and has been charged with lewd conduct in public and solicitation.

The Campus Center restroom, located in the basement near The Flat Hat office, is notorious as a gay cruising spot. Sources told The Fat Head that particular restroom is advantageous for anonymous liaisons due

to its relative seclusion and excellent acoustics.

On campus, many students seemed unsurprised by the news.

"I knew I recognized him from somewhere when I saw him on TV," Arsenio von Snugglesworth '12 said. "And then, once I heard this, it was like: Oh hey! Campus Center basement! That guy! Man, he really made it awkward to pee in there."



Cuccinelli

## Weezer tickets!?!?!?



RIVERS CUOMO — THE FAT HEAD

The William and Mary basketball team reacts to finding out they are fourth in line for tickets to the upcoming Weezer/Vampire Weekend/30 Seconds to Mars tour. After the announcement, sophomore forward JohnMark Ludwick couldn't stop smiling. "Weezer is literally my favorite band, except for maybe Hoobastank," Ludwick said. The groups will visit Williamsburg February 30.

# OPINIONS

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## STAFF EDITORIAL

### We must return to our white, straight, male landowner roots

In 1918, the College of William and Mary boldly set the standard for all schools in Virginia by being the one of the first in the state to admit women. Soon after, diversity ensued. Oops. It's time to sort this nonsense out by readjusting admissions of women and minorities back to pre-1918 levels.

Diversity has had a good run (aground), but let's face it: Things have gotten a bit topsy-turvy of late.

Consider the score: When white men handed over their centuries-long hold on the Academy reins, they did so after creating and nurturing such timeless pursuits as philosophy, science and hazing. Since then, we've gotten gender and ethnic studies, the sex workers's "art" show and a penis-having homecoming queen. We are also basically insolvent.

Can we agree that studying one's own gender or ethnicity is excessively circular, even for a godless postmodern? Or that a stripper has one purpose, and it certainly is not art?

This school is broken, and it's only getting brokener, leading us to a simple conclusion: The grand experiment has failed. It is time to get back to the tried-and-true formula. Fortunately, our mold-breaking basketball team will remain mostly untouched in the process.

The numbers work. Even after nearly a century on a level playing field, white men still make 25 to 30 percent more than women and minority group members. With budgets tightening, we need as large a pool as possible to draw alumni dollars from, and frankly women and minorities have not cut it.

It will be a tremendous asset to have a makeup that approximates that of the General Assembly, which boasts a ten-to-one white man-to-other ratio. The College will be a more attractive institution to fund if Virginia's leaders can confidently wax nostalgic thinking about their sons strolling unchallenged through the unchanged Sunken Garden or possibly meeting their sweethearts at a mixer with a local finishing school or typist academy. Maybe retiring back to the Pa's old chapter house to tell the ribald tale. Those were the days — and with this readjustment, we can be sure to have them again.

"Do you want to know who you are? Don't ask. Act! Action will delineate and define you," wrote Thomas Jefferson, a Great White Man. Frankly, we question the relevance of his words. But we do not question their importance, because this is a time for action. Don't ask. Act! Bring back the College's country club feel.



By Ol' Blue, Fat Head Pet

## Pick up your shit

### Your Roommate

FAT HEAD GUEST COLUMNIST



Dude, pick up your shit. I left this apartment like, 10 hours ago, and I asked you when I left to put some of this shit away. Seriously, the living room looks like a fucking flea market. I'm going to start collecting rent from the ants if you don't throw that pizza box away.

When did you order that pizza? Wasn't it, like, 10 days ago? Jesus, Mary and Joseph — I'm not even mad. I'm amazed. Fucking amazed.

This place smells like a rat that's been dipped in shit, then dipped in Papa John's garlic dipping sauce, then dipped in shit again. I swear to Christ, if you haven't cleaned your crap out of this apartment by tonight, I will shove that overused copy of "Assassin's Creed" so far up your ass, you'll be sticking out your tongue to put it into the Xbox

loading tray.

Oh, it's "God of War III?" I couldn't give a flying fuck. What's the fucking difference? I couldn't tell with the silhouette of your matted, unwashed scalp constantly pressed up against the flatscreen your parents bought you.

Seriously dude, I don't think you've fucking moved from that couch since I went to bed last night. I fell asleep to the sounds of mythical creatures being slain over surround sound.

You waste of fucking space. You never move. You never go to class. You never go out. If it weren't for the hour-long shits that you take when I'm trying to get ready in the morning, I'd say you never move.

If scientists showed the level of concentration you've shown at being a disgusting pig of a human being — a walking, talking, shitting Jabba The Hutt — we would have a cure for cancer. And that's what you are, a cancerous tumor on this apartment. You smell, you never pick your shit up and you're an embarrassment when I have people over.

Also, it's your turn to pick up the groceries. E-mail your roommate at mehild@wm.edu.

# The Fat Head

'Sit vis nobiscum'

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## WEATHER

Friday



High 69°  
Low 69°

Saturday



High 69°  
Low 69°

Sunday



High 69°  
Low 69°

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Philosophy prof gets huge grant for 'research'

Philosophy professor Chaz Spoolman has received an enormous grant from the National Science Foundation to help further his "research" into psychedelic epistemology.

The grant, which totals almost \$125,000, will allow Spoolman to conduct state-of-the-art "research" in his field. "No longer will I have to settle for weak, um, product," Spoolman said, giggling uncontrollably. "Now I can study the effects of the Wowie on Maui."

Spoolman also plans to hire a "research" assistant with whom he has been wanting to collaborate. "I'm looking forward to working closely with Mary Jane," Spoolman said. "Hey, you got any barbeque potato chips?"

### Speaker discusses topic

A speaker spoke on campus recently about a topic with which he or she is extensively familiar or has some personal connection to. He or she came to campus at the invitation of a student group or an academic department.

"My experience with this topic is practically unparalleled," the speaker said. "And although I've shared a number of facts regarding said topic, I'll tell you my personal opinion, which is lent credence by my expertise. Something has got to change, and soon. The status quo is no longer acceptable."

A small number of students attended the talk.

### Film studies major 'might as well be gay'

Film studies major Mark Franconia '10 admitted Wednesday he "might as well be gay" after a friend informed him the entire department trades in rumors he is a homosexual.

A source told The Fat Head that the rumors regarding Franconia's sexual orientation were based on his foppish appearance, a preference for wine over beer and a strange obsession with "Twilight."

"I'm straight," Franconia said. "But I have the feeling that if I were gay, I'd be really good at it."

— by Token Freshman

## STREET BEATING

### How do you like it when we beat you with this jelly bean dispenser?



"Rah ah ah ah! Roma roma ma! Ga ga ooh la la!"

Tiny Dancer '11



"Om nom nom!"

Bambi McBimbo '10



"Ow my balls!"

Terence Sackman '11



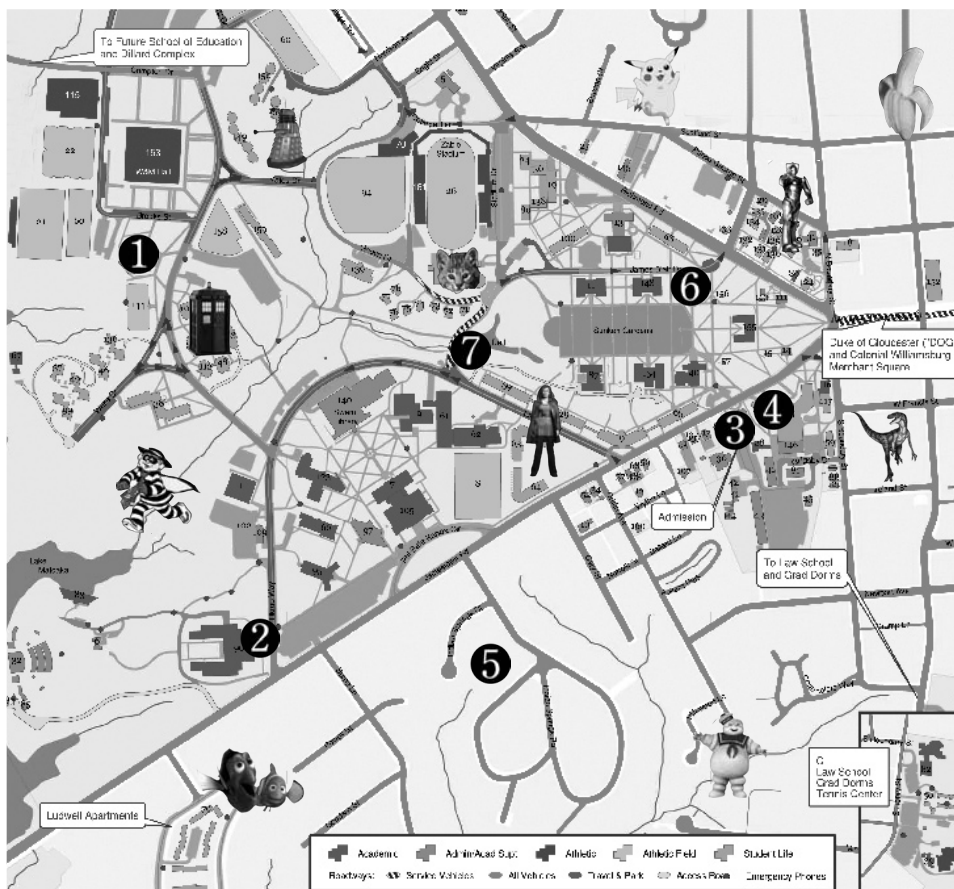
"I got Speedpass, son!"

Jillary Swank '13

— photos and interviews by Bea O'Problem

## CAMPUS POLICE BEAT

### March Something to Yesterday-ish



- Saturday, March 27** — A business major was stabbed with a fork after loudly announcing he couldn't choose between various job offers. The prime suspect is an English and theater double major.
- Sunday, March 28** — A student reported a stolen bike. The estimated value is \$5,000.
- Monday, March 29** — Upon returning to the College from a weekend at home, a freshman noticed that Taliaferro Hall was missing. Police say they have no leads.
- Tuesday, March 30** — CopyBot was reported stolen from The Flat Hat office. A ransom note, written with perfect grammar, said CopyBot would be returned unharmed when the newspaper begins running "Under the Microscope" science columns again.
- Tuesday, March 30** — Several area residents commented on the penis-like qualities of their neighborhood when viewed on Google Maps.
- Wednesday, March 31** — A student reported a stolen bike. The estimated value is \$0.06.
- Thursday, April 1** — Campus police pulled McDonald's mascot Grimace from the Crim Dell after a student reported a purple blob floating under the muck. The cause of death appeared to be forcibly choking on fast food hamburgers.

— compiled by King Jammin'

# VARIETY

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## Lil' Stevie Nel-Nel: The warrior within

*Student freestyles in iambic pentameters*



NIGHTHAWK — CAMPUS SUPERHERO

Lil' Stevie Nel-Nel, a student at the College who does not want to reveal his real name, battle raps on a regular basis. His raps have garnered attention around Williamsburg.

By **SMYTHWICK TANTLITZ**  
*Flat Head Partier*

What does it take to make a champion? Many have spent their lives and careers trying unsuccessfully to answer this question, but one undergraduate at the College of William and Mary — a battle rapper who goes by the underground moniker Lil' Stevie Nel-Nel — believes he has the solution.

"We in here talkin' about practice," he tells me, as we chat over scones

at the Grind. "And determination. Doggedness. Maybe even dedication."

He turns his head to the side and stares at a space over my shoulder, deep in thought.

"Also, I drink two classes of Tang every morning, and I think that helps," he added. "Persistence and talent also help a lot."

Despite having existed for many years outside Williamsburg, the competitive improvisation of (often belligerent) rhymes — known to

participants as "rap battle" — has only recently come to the College.

"Yeah, but it's really catching on," Nel-Nel says. "You should see; a couple thing's I've started here have turned into regular gigs. Like Tuesdays, 6 p.m., Monroe Hall first floor lounge. That shit gets crazy."

The rapper — who refuses to reveal his real name, only referring to himself as a known campus personality — has already attracted attention for having won the 2009 Williamsburg Challenge,

the Freestyle Championship, and last week's College Delly Invitational. His accomplishments have been mentioned in The Virginia Informer 612 times.

"Sure, there are haters," says the champion, shrugging. "People criticize my rhymes sometimes, or give me crap for only ever rapping in iambic pentameter. But I try not to let them get me down." He leans back in his chair: confident, at-ease. "But, I'm not only all about the music; I try to stay up on news around the College."

### BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

## The secret is out: sex not all it's cracked up to be

**Anya Cox**

THE LADY IN BED



I have to be honest with all of you. Writing this column weekly has been a burden on my conscience and I really need to get something off my chest. Okay, so here goes: I hate sex. I think it's a terrible, terrible idea and you should probably never do it.

For one thing, it doesn't even feel good. I would describe the sensation as sort of a stabbing pain in the lower regions. Sometimes it's more of an acute pinching feeling accompanied by diarrhea and hemorrhaging. Missionary position is optimal. I have found that it's bearable if you keep your eyes closed and your shirt on, I guess.

Also, you'll probably get chlamydia of the brain. If you have sex, chances are you'll catch a number of unspeakable diseases that will kill you. And there's no cure, for any of them. And no way to even get tested so you would know if you have it. You just have sex, get gonorrhea and BOOM you're dead as a doorknob and it's all your fault.

Sex always ruins relationships. It makes everything all messy and complicated. The first time I sleep with all of my boyfriends I warn them of the horrific consequences our actions will unleash. After sex, I feel so distant from whomever I'm with. I want them to get out of my snatch and out of my life! There's no such thing as oxytocin-induced bonding after orgasm — myth and a half.

Sex is an inadequate form of exercise and a useless waste of time. I don't get what the big deal is about it. What are we, animals? Genital contact is so base ... and icky to boot. Every time I have sex, I throw up a little in my mouth. Not a lot, but a little. Just a small puke taste and sometimes a chunk or two.

I'm not even convinced we need sex. Asexual reproduction is where it's at. Why continue this silly trend when we have test tubes? Sex is just outdated. Penis-in-vagina action is for those old men who want children.

And everyone's always talking about sex sex sex sex sex sex sex. It's all over the media and it disgusts me. Seriously, get a life guys. Think about something else. Oh, your brain is designed to make you drool every time you see tig old bitties? You're fooling yourself. You didn't evolve this body just to pass on your genes through

sexual reproduction like every human in history.

What could be fun about playing with someone else's body? How could it possibly be enjoyable to intertwine your flesh with another being so you are almost as one? Why would you thrust your hips into my pelvis? I hate the feeling of hot breath and the sound of panting. The idea of a sweat drop gliding effortlessly down a perfect male body — past the pecs and on down toward the happy trail — is almost too disgusting to handle.

Luckily readers, there is hope. In my random survey of freshman boys with less than three chest hairs and more than four pimples, I found that sex isn't even an issue on our campus. Most people are trying for it but they keep failing.

Thank the Lord that you have no game! You're saving yourself a whole lot of hassle. Just give up.

Stop trying. No one is ever going to love you. Sex is gross anyways.

Your spring cleaning assignment? Clean out those dirty thoughts. It's not enough to be celibate — your thoughts must be pure. Evolve yourself into a spiritual being who doesn't need the pleasures of the flesh. I have reached that higher plain of existence, and let me tell you ...

I am incredibly sexually frustrated. Maybe there's a hole in my logic that you want to fill? Wink, wink.

*Anya Cox is the official Lady in Bed for The Fat Head. She really wants you to know that sex is not fun and never enjoyable; it is all a lie started years ago. Remember: Don't have sex, because you will get pregnant and die! Don't have sex in the missionary position, don't have sex standing up, just don't do it, OK, promise?*



GRAPHIC BY TIGER WOODS — FAT HEAD ADULTERER

### ASK THE GING

## Advice from our one and only Ginger

**Ginger Ambler**

FAT HEAD ADVICE COLUMNIST



Dear Ginger,

I met this girl during my study abroad trip to South Africa last semester. We both go to William and Mary, but she's doing a full year abroad. We've been talking to each other on Skype a lot, and I still have feelings for her. What should I do if she doesn't return those feelings when she gets back in the fall?

**Pining in Pleasants**

Dear Pining,

The College's Student Health Center was notified Tuesday night by the health department that a W&M graduate student is in the hospital with bacterial meningitis. The student lives off-campus and health department officials have already been in touch with those who live closely with him. We're very thankful our student went to the hospital when he developed symptoms (severe headache and fever). He is doing much better, expected to make a full recovery, and will be discharged in the coming day or two.

Dear Ginger,

**I'm having a lot of trouble with my course load this semester. Between calculus classes and biology labs and practice with the choir, I spend every waking moment (and some sleeping ones) working and I'm getting 'B's and 'C's. My parents think I need to drop something, but I don't want a "withdrawal" on my transcript. What should I do?**

**Overwhelmed in Old Dominion**

Dear Overwhelmed,

I am delighted to announce a new online resource that is free for all W&M students, staff and faculty. The Praestare Project, developed by our own Dr. Kelly Crace, Director of the Counseling Center, is an online mini-course for values clarification and personal development. It is composed of six lessons, each lesson taking approximately 10 minutes, that guides you through a process of values clarification and strategies that foster productivity, fulfillment and resilience.

Dear Ginger,

**Everyone on campus seems so happy right now, but inside I feel depressed and withdrawn. Each day it becomes more and more difficult to drag myself out of bed and to class. I didn't even go to class Monday or Tuesday — at all. My girlfriend is threatening to dump me if I don't perk up. How can I be happier?**

**Morose in Monroe**

Dear Morose,

This is another reminder that the 2010 Room Selection deposit deadline is fast approaching! If you are interested in living in any on-campus housing (including fraternity, sorority, living learning communities, and RA roommates) for the 2010-2011 academic year and would like to participate in the room selection process, you must pay a \$200 Room Reservation Deposit by this Friday, February 19. You may pay in the Bursar's Office until 5 p.m. and online until 11:59 p.m.

Dear Ginger,

**My roommate and I have had a more intimate relationship than most; we're involved sexually. Unfortunately, he now refuses to get busy and claims he's straight. Is there anyway I can turn him on and get him back into bed with me?**

**Closeted in Camm**

Dear Closeted,

Well, you could read him a passage from 'Cosmo.' He unhooked her bra, and her breasts fell into his hands. When he dipped his head and took her nipples into his mouth, she held onto the wall. The pull of his lips, his teeth, the heat of his tongue, the late-afternoon breeze, the stinging spray of water...it was all so much, she found herself breathless. Her fingers slid from his biceps to his elbows. She shivered and moaned, closing her eyes and letting the water trickle down her chest. Simon dropped to his knees, slipping his fingers beneath her thong and pulling it to the ground.

*Ginger Ambler '88 Ph.D. '06 is the Vice President for Student Affairs. She loves sending out e-mails and answering all of your questions.*

## SPORTZ

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## SPORTZ BRIEFS

## LAYCOCK LAYCOCK

## Laycock tries 'Laycock special,' pronounces it "mreh."

Football Coach Jimmie Laycock tried the Caf's 'Laycock Special' today. The wrap contains peanut butter, jelly and Rice Krispies. He didn't like it. No one else does.

## MEN'S GYMNASTICS

## Facebook message urges people to watch gymnasts

"Hey everybody, just wanted to make sure you all remember to come out and support our Men's Gymnastics team on Friday at 6 PM in Kaplan Arena. Gymnastics is a highly subjective sports, and a large crowd fan base may help spur on the team and sway the judges, so WE NEED YOU THERE! On top of that, the Athletic Department is giving out free coupons, just for attending. Everyone should see at least one gymnastics meet before they graduate, and this is your BEST chance to see 6 teams at the top of their game competing for the ultimate prize, a NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP bid! Come out to Kaplan Arena at 6 PM Friday and show your Tribe Pride!

One Team, One Tribe!"

## MEN'S BASKETBALL

## McDowell: "We talkin' 'bout practice man."

During a press conference Saturday, Quinn McDowell expressed disbelief that we talkin bout practice. "It ain't bout dat," McDowell said. "We sittin here, I'm supposed to be franchise player, and we in here talkin bout practice." McDowell added that he couldn't believe the conversation was not about a game, not a game, but about practice. When asked about the Tribe's NCAA hopes, Coach Tony Shaver responded only with "PLAYOFFS?"

## ATHLETE FOCUZ

GILBERT ARENAS  
GUARD, WASHINGTON BULLETS

The Fat Head dodged a few bullets to catch up with Washington Wizards guard and convicted felon Gilbert Arenas in his Washington halfway home.

**Favorite professional athlete?** Ray Lewis. The man got away with murder yo, and I got nabbed for bringing a gun into the city. Racism. That's all I'm saying.

**Favorite song?**

'Boom Boom Pow' by the Black Eyed Peas ... or M.I.A.'s 'Paper Planes.' Those my jams.

**If you could play any other sport, what would it be?** Squash. Or the Nordic Biathlon. That's my shit.

**Favorite place to travel?**

100 yards from my halfway house. That's as far as I can go without triggering my ankle bracelet. But there's a McDonald's 80 yards away, so I'm good.

Hibachi, bitches.

— Matt Barnes

## Schneider sinks 'mad' cups

By WILLIAM CARLOS WILLIAMS  
Fat Head Beer Pong CHAMPION

Despite a career 33.9 percent shooting percentage and one of the ugliest shots in recent William and Mary history, sources say that senior guard David Schneider is a surprisingly good beer pong player.

"If there's one man I would want to go to beer pong battle with, it's David," junior forward Marcus Kitts said. "He's always hustling, diving across the cups to swat away rebounds, and when you need a big cup hit, he's your guy."

Schneider's skills were on display Friday night in the basement of Unit J. Arriving early to ensure his spot at the table, Schneider walked through the door and immediately shouted, "I got next." When his turn came, the guard removed his warm-ups to reveal he was wearing his basketball uniform.

"At first we thought this guy would be a chump," a fraternity brother who was skunked by the team of Schneider and sophomore guard Kendrick Brown said. "We'd seen him shoot. But I learned something that day. You never judge a book by its cover. That cat can ball man."

Schneider and Brown rattled off 15 straight wins before a final rebuttal shot hit the front lip of the cup and came up short.

"The biggest thing for me is not necessarily that we did that, but that we did that as a team," a visibly emotional, exhausted and wasted Schneider said. "I really could not picture, as a senior, a better way to go. But the fact that we did that as a team is something I'll always remember."

Some have questioned the number of shots Schneider takes, but none have questioned his heart.

"He starts off slow, but you've got to love the way he keeps shooting, keeps ballin'," freshman guard Doug Howard said from the corner of a recent party. "He can go 17 shots without even hitting the table, but just when the game seems out of reach he'll drain five in a row to make it respectable. I want to be just like him."



JOSEPH SMITH — THE FAT HEAD

David Schneider attempts a shot during a Tribe basketball trip to Brigham Young University this year. Notice his intensity.

## By the numbers

224 Danny Sumner celeb shots 5'3" Height of Doug Howard

20 Danny Sumner celeb shots dunked 0 Bounce shots made. Something about the similarity to passing...

## R.J. Archer announces plans to walk on to local croquet team

By JOHN SWITZER  
Resident Archer Expert

Senior R.J. Archer, a former Tribe quarterback and current relief pitcher announced plans to walk on to the Sunrise Assisted Living Center croquet team at a tearful news conference Thursday. Joined by his former Head Coach Jimmie Laycock and teammates from both his football and baseball careers, the 6'4" athlete solemnly declared himself, "not quite ready for the dream to die."

"Croquet was always my top sport in middle school," Archer said. "I gave it up for a shot at baseball and football, but I always knew I would come back to it someday."

Reginald Higgins, head croquet coach at Sunrise, told assembled media he was ecstatic when Archer approached him with a desire to play.

"I nearly fell out of my wheelchair," Higgins said. "Who can ever forget R.J.'s dramatic four-wicket split shot to win the Charlottesville U-12 championship in 2001? To have that artistry, that natural talent playing for you, it's something you can



JOSEPH SMITH — THE FAT HEAD

Kaplan Arena, where Archer soon hopes to feature for the Tribe on the basketball, volleyball and gymnastics courts.

only dream about."

Archer said that he will join the Sunrise squad as soon as his current baseball season ends, and be eligible to play immediately.

"I'm getting such a nostalgic feeling, this being my final baseball season," he said. "I got the same feeling just a few months ago when football season ended. I'm so glad I'm able to continue my amateur ca-

reer in an area I've long been passionate about."

When asked about his plans for the NFL, the former gunslinger said that was on hold.

"This is a once in a lifetime opportunity," Archer said. "It's not every day you get to lace up those white tennis shoes, knock back a few mint juleps and go at it. The NFL will have to wait."

## Freshman witnesses volleyball game, impressed by team's effort

By RICHARD PETTY  
Fat Head Designated Drunk Driver

On the way to the William and Mary Rec Center for her daily workout, Emma Baum '13 noticed two students walking into Kaplan Arena and decided to follow them.

What she encountered was a volleyball game between William and Mary and Delaware, and she liked what she saw.

"I didn't know they played this sport inside," an amazed Baum said. "I've seen kids playing volleyball in the sand, but on a hard court, indoors? I was definitely intrigued."

Her initial shock lasted through

the first set, but she found herself enthralled with the action.

"There's a lot of passion, the girls really yelled at each other. It looked like they were getting into the game," Baum added.

Baum struck up a conversation with a fellow fan who was seated three sections over.

"It was great, we talked to each other and didn't even have to leave our seats," she said. "Why wasn't I made aware of this sport earlier?"

When asked about scarce attendance at volleyball games, Associate Athletics Director for Development Bobby Dwyer admitted that the athletics department has failed in making many students aware of the vol-

leyball program's existence.

"It's hard to justify spending money on teams that draw under 100 fans a game, so we kind of sweep the volleyball, gymnastics, golf and field hockey teams under the rug," a noticeably agitated Dwyer said. "Did you know the men's basketball team made the National Invitational Tournament this year? Did ya?"

When assured that he did know the basketball team made the NIT, Dwyer called in basketball coach Tony Shaver to answer questions.

"We have a volleyball team? That's news to me," Shaver responded when asked his thoughts on the volleyball program.

## TRIBAL FEVER KILLS 5

By T. BOONE PICKENS  
Fat Head Wind Power Expert

At least five students are dead and a further 48 injured after a particularly virulent strain of Tribal Fever hit the College of William and Mary this week.

"I caught the fever," said Horacio Carreño-García '10, the College's sole male cheerleader, as he was loaded into an ambulance among the chaos.

Symptoms of Tribal Fever include jumping at ESPN mentions of the Tribe, unmet expectations, lonely nights and crying into your Green Leaf mug.

"Guess what?" Brittany Fallon '11 exclaimed. "I got Tribal Fever, and the only prescription... is Joe Nicholas!"

Fallon then collapsed to the ground, spent Nicholas, upon hearing his name mentioned in Williamsburg for the first time in two years, showed up an hour later noticeably having just shaved and tucking in a growing beer belly.

In critical condition is Kristen Pantazes '10, known as "Pants" to her friends. According to officials, Pantazes injected colored dyes into her carotid artery in an attempt to literally bleed green and gold.

"Listen, people," Athletics Director Terry Driscoll pleaded with the crowd through a bullhorn. "Just because your blood is red does not mean you support Northeastern."

Among the dead is Towel Man, who epidemiologists say appears to be the original carrier of Tribal Fever.

Towel Man was a frequent attendee of Tribe sports events, going so far as to travel for tournament matches and even golf outings.

"He died doing what he loved — screaming his head off as his beloved sports teams started off strong but, in the end, failed to pull out a win," friend Tyler Vuxta '13 said. "Now, he has the best seat in the house."

Both the baseball and women's lacrosse teams have been placed in medical quarantine so as not to catch Tribal Fever.

Those students on the outskirts of campus have been advised to avoid William and Mary Hall at all costs to avoid contamination. Furthermore, in an ironic twist of fate, doctors now believe that Tribal Fever may have spread rapidly through rally towels handed out en masse at basketball and football games throughout the year.



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Lecture and campus wide events include a dance showcase, movie and free food.

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Record-setting swimmer Katie Radloff prepares to leave the pool for the final time.



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## ThePulse

Bite-size news you can use

**Does the College's Dell D630 just not do it for you?** You may want to look at Seton Hall University in Pennsylvania, where all students enrolling in fall 2010 will receive iPads and MacBook laptops. According to media website Mashable, the initiative is intended to increase students' digital literacy.

**The Geological Society of America** just presented Dr. Michael Gibson '79 with its new Distinguished Service Award. Gibson, a professor of geology at the University of Tennessee at Martin, was recognized for his 25 years of service to the national, regional and state Paleontological Society.

**Want to see the 2010 World cup,** but can't afford that plane ticket to Johannesburg? Then come out to the AMP Late Nite soccer tournament in the Sunken Garden on April 10 at 9 p.m. Dress up as your favorite national futbol team and bend it like Beckham.

**Be on the lookout for a** nearly familiar face on Duke of Gloucester Street. The Colonial Williamsburg Foundation just announced that Meryl Streep's daughter, actress Mamie Gummer, will serve as its first artist-in-residence. Starting in May, she will portray Lady Dunmore, wife of Virginia's last royal governor, in the new program "Lady Dunmore Prepares For the Ball."

**The next generation of the** Tribe is mobilizing already. Admissions decisions were received yesterday, and so far The Official William and Mary Class of 2014 Facebook page has more than 500 fans. Congratulations, potential students!

**Think you made it through** April Fool's Day without getting tricked? Not if you visited www.wm.edu yesterday. Those crafty webadmins transformed Earl Gregg Swem Library into a spaceship by replacing trees with outer space. Don't get your hopes up for intergalactic travel, though. The website reverted at midnight.

**Ukrop's may be closing its** doors, but Busch Gardens is opening theirs today under its new management. The Highland Stables, which features the amusement park's team of Clydesdale horses, has been remodeled to look more like a Scottish barn. Busch Gardens is retaining its 2009 admissions prices.

**April on campus kicks off** with several musical performances. Tonight at 7:00 pm, hear sitarist Max Katz, the W&M Gamelan ensemble, and the W&M Middle Eastern Music Ensemble premier a new composition by faculty member Greg Bowers in the Sadler Center Chesapeake Rooms.

Got a tip for The Pulse? [wmpulse@gmail.com](mailto:wmpulse@gmail.com)

## Scott '11 wins Student Assembly presidency

*Ticket defeats Brown, Vasold in close election*

By IAN BRICKEY  
Flat Hat News Editor

After glitches and delays caused a two-hour extension of the College of William and Mary's Student Assembly elections, Chrissy Scott '11 defeated Ben Brown '11 and Jessee Vasold '11 to become the next SA president.

By the time the polls closed at midnight, Scott and Kaveh Sadeghian '12 had garnered 40.84 percent of the vote with 1,324 ballots cast — defeating second place finisher Brown by nearly four percent.

Scott said that she appreciated the hard work of her entire campaign staff and supporters.

"Our supporters really came out strong today," she said. "I couldn't be more thankful for everyone who supported us throughout this whole thing."

The results came after a two-hour delay initiated by the SA elections commission in response

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### 2010 SA ELECTIONS

For more on the results and technical issues of Wednesday's election see page 4.



ANDY HENDERSON — THE FLAT HAT

Chrissy Scott '11 and Kaveh Sadeghian '12 celebrate after being notified of their victory in Wednesday's Student Assembly elections.

## College grad returns home to run

*Jake Bombard '09 running for Massachusetts state representative*

By SARAH OWERMOHLE  
Flat Hat Staff Writer

It was during the winter of his senior year at the College of William and Mary that Jake Bombard '09 decided he would run for state representative from his home district of Boston, Mass.

"I spent my winter break hanging out in the D Street Projects, where I grew up in South Boston," he said.

But the events of that winter changed the tone of Bombard's developing campaign.

"When I came back [to Boston], three more people I grew up with had died from drug overdoses."

This didn't surprise him.

"I've seen that kind of thing my whole life," Bombard said. "But for the very first time in my life, I felt like I could really do something about it."

Bombard entered the race in February, making him one of five Democratic candidates running in a six-person race.

One year ago, Bombard was a senior at the College, working as a bouncer at the Green Leaf Cafe and devoting his extra time to charitable organizations such as UNICEF and AIDS Tanzania.

He spent the summer before his junior year studying art history and Italian in Florence, Italy, and spent time in Africa working with the group AIDS Tanzania.

But one thing in particular stands out about Bombard's time at the College — a dinner conversation between a friend and a professor.

"Professor [Paula] Blank said she was worried about me," Bombard said. "She told my friends she was worried that I would skate through life relying just on charm instead of hard work."

Bombard said her comments had a major impact on him.

"No one has ever pinned me to the cork as accurately as she did," he said. "When I heard that, it was such a wakeup call for me. I'm so grateful for what she said, and I'm going to

spend the rest of my life trying to prove her wrong."

Bombard said his platform rests on anything but charm.

"I'm the only candidate with a platform that includes specific goals and issues I want to fight for," he said.

Regressive taxation, library closures and corruption in the Massachusetts state government are just a few of the issues he said he hopes to tackle in his campaign.

"If I'm elected state representative, my greatest aspiration is to help restore people's trust in our state government," Bombard said.

Bombard is also campaigning to expand LGBT rights and build programs for pregnant woman with alcohol and drug addictions, two controversial topics in the district.

"I'm trying to run a campaign that is clean and focused on issues that affect people's lives," he said. "I'm not afraid to give my opinion, even if it's an unpopular one. I feel that by

See **BOMBARD** page 4

## College's search for new mascot near resolution

*Athletic director says project nearly complete*

By BEN HUBER  
The Flat Hat

The search for the College of William and Mary's new mascot may soon come to an end, after 16 months.

According to Torch Creative LLC, the design firm hired by the College to create the mascot.

"The project is completed [and] the rest is in the school's hands," a Torch Creative representative said.

College athletic director Terry Driscoll confirmed that the project was nearly complete. However, the College might face trademarking issues with the new moniker.

"[There have been] issues with trademarking the potential concept," Driscoll said.

The U.S. Patent and Trade Office does not currently show any approved or pending trademarks associated with the College, or any of the five potential mascots.

According to the patent office, the process for approval of a trademark can take anywhere from one to several years. This waiting period could mean that the College will not have sole intellectual property rights on any of the Torch-created designs.

However, that does not mean that the College would not be able to sell apparel featuring the new mascot. The College's Mascot Committee held tryouts for the mascot position March 29 and 30. According to Driscoll, turnout for the auditions was better than expected.

"[The committee was] happy with the amount of interest, happy with the response, and happy with the way the auditions went," he said.

The student selected as the new mascot will work with the College and the Raymond Entertainment Group, which specializes in creating mascot costumes and working with athletic teams to make their mascots successful. They have previously worked with the Cincinnati Reds's mascot, Gapper.

When the athletic department commissioned the search for a mascot in January 2009, the search process, including the creation, design and ultimate decision on a new mascot, was scheduled to take 10 months. The mascot was originally scheduled to arrive in time for Homecoming 2009.



COURTESY PHOTO — JAKE BOMBARD

Returning to his home town of Boston, Mass. after his graduation from the College of William and Mary, Jake Bombard began a campaign to represent the Suffolk 4th district of Boston in the Massachusetts House of Representatives. He is running against five other Democrats.

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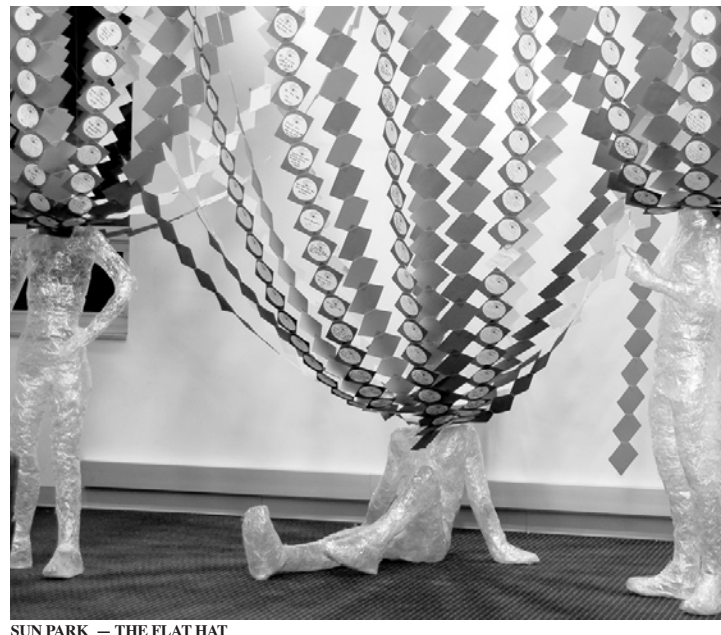
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### WEATHER

<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>	<i>Sunday</i>
		
High 83° Low 52°	High 80° Low 59°	High 86° Low 59°

Source: weather.com

### A THOUSAND WORDS



SUN PARK — THE FLAT HAT

### NEWS IN BRIEF

#### Ukrop's changes to Martin's April 3

The Ukrop's chain of grocery stores will make its switch to Martin's Food Markets April 3.

The Ukrop's store in Williamsburg will close to undergo capital upgrades April 3 at 6 p.m. and reopen 8 a.m. April 12. The store's pharmacy and bank will remain open.

The Ukrop's chain, including 25 stores in the greater Richmond and Williamsburg areas, were purchased by Martin's in February. The new owners of the supermarkets said they plan on improving the stores through a multi-million dollar renovation.

When the stores reopen as Martin's, some previous store policies will change. The new grocery stores will sell alcohol and remain open on Sundays.

The new owners have not yet decided whether or not they will remain open 24 hours, like their other existing Virginia stores.

All food items that are branded Ukrop's will be donated to the Central Virginia Foodbank.

#### Williamsburg residents face charges for robbery

Three Williamsburg men were convicted March 29 for their involvement in a robbery Nov. 16, 2009 at Quarterpath Park in which two 17-year-old boys were robbed by five men.

The men were tried by the Williamsburg-James City County Circuit Court, where Judge Samuel Powell III presided over the robbery case.

A testimony at the Monday trial revealed that the teens were planning on stealing marijuana from Lejohn Brown, 27, but the plan was reversed when Kareem Major leaked the teenagers' robbery plans to Brown.

The license plate and cell phone of one of the juveniles was taken during the robbery. The two teens reported the crime to the police, and all suspects were arrested the next day.

Brown was convicted on charges of attempted robbery, the use of a firearm and two counts of malicious wounding. Dekoven Cotton, 21, was convicted on charges of attempted robbery. Rashad Green, 23, had three misdemeanor charges of petit larceny as well as two counts of accessory after the fact. The other co-defendants will face trial next month.

— by Gloria Oh

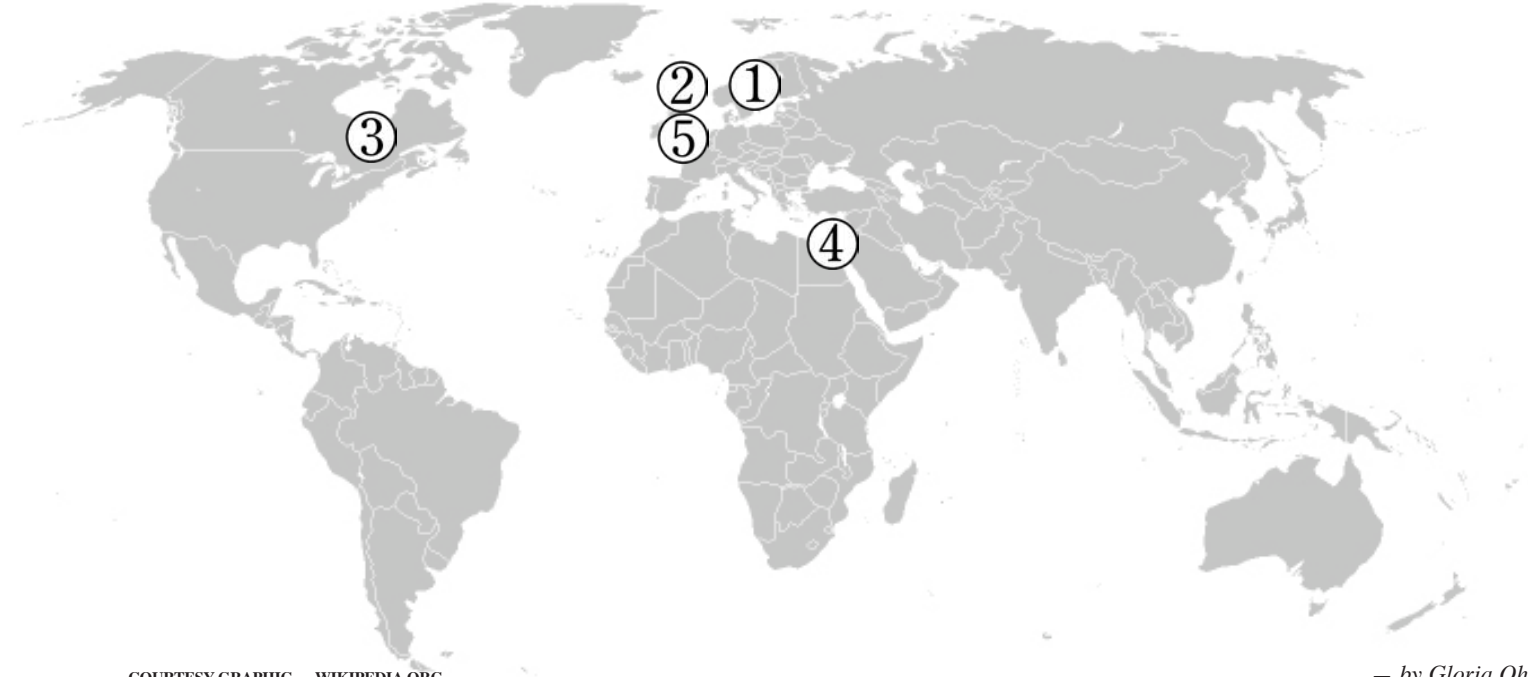
### BEYOND THE 'BURG

1 Sweden's Uppsala University and Stockholm University recently published a joint study in the scientific journal *Biomedical Central Evolutionary Biology* suggesting that Stone Age Scandinavians were lactose-intolerant. Research shows that the group of hunter-gatherers had a DNA sequence that differed significantly from that of modern Swedes in terms of the capacity to digest lactose into adulthood. Currently, the findings show the significance of "gene flow," which focuses on those with genetic similarities.

2 The University of Edinburgh has denied accusations concerning discrimination in its application process after receiving criticism from other British universities for allegedly favoring students from Scotland over the rest of the British Isles. The accusations maintain that Edinburgh gives priority to local students in choosing their preferred subject of interest. According to the BBC, faculty members of English higher education institutions have responded by discouraging their students from applying to Edinburgh.

3 A recent paper by McGill University economist Jennifer Hunt analyzed why so many women leave careers in science and engineering. Hunt cites salary and promotion opportunities as the key factors for women in leaving their jobs. When looking at data from the National Science Foundation, she found that women do not leave science-related careers at a higher rate than men, but that there are lower margins of retention in male-dominated sectors such as engineering, financial management and economics.

4 Tel Aviv University participated in an international campaign aimed at reducing meat consumption by hosting "Meatfree Monday," during which hundreds of free vegetarian meals were handed out to students. Lectures were also held to discuss the link between the beef industry and rainforest destruction. Celebrities such as singer Paul McCartney, fashion designer Stella McCartney and wife of John Lennon Yoko Ono backed the campaign. Other universities have also hosted meat free days in their cafeterias.



COURTESY GRAPHIC — WIKIPEDIA.ORG

— by Gloria Oh

## 5 Muslim students in London seek own prayer room

*Students say praying in a multi-faith room is problematic*

By CHRIS MCKENNA  
Flat Hat Assoc. News Editor

A group of Muslim students at City University in London are refusing to use a university-provided multi-faith room for religious services.

Upset by a lack of space in the existing prayer room, students began gathering in the street for prayer services.

The public prayers have been continuing since Feb. 15, with over 200 male students reportedly gathering for Friday prayers each week.

The university closed the original Muslim prayer room after an attack on Muslim students resulted in two stabbings and the fracturing of one student's skull.

Police described the incident as racially aggravated. The multi-faith prayer room was added one month later.

Now, some Muslim students say they will not pray in a multi-faith room and want the old facilities back.

"Our prayer room has been taken away," Saleh Patel, president of the Islamic Society at the

university, said to the BBC. "We've been forced to pray outside."

However, university officials say that it is against school policy to create a space only for Muslim students.

"We felt that the provision of a dedicated prayer facility to a sub-section of our Islamic students did not fit with our university's values," professor Julius Weinberg, City University's acting vice-chancellor, said to the BBC. "We're a secular organization. Our university values statement says that we will not discriminate, and hav-

ing a dedicated prayer room actually went fundamentally against the core values of the organization."

According to school officials, not all Muslim students have problems with the new facilities that were provided, and some of them make use of the prayer room.

"Practice in other universities shows that many Muslims pray where others have been," a university spokeswoman said. "City University has already seen its new space used by some of its Muslim students."

### STREET BEAT

## How did registration go for you?



"Awesome!"

Matt Kang '12



"I didn't register. I'm graduating. Yay!"

Tala Karadshah '10



"Horrible. I got locked out of banner."

Nansis Diaz '13



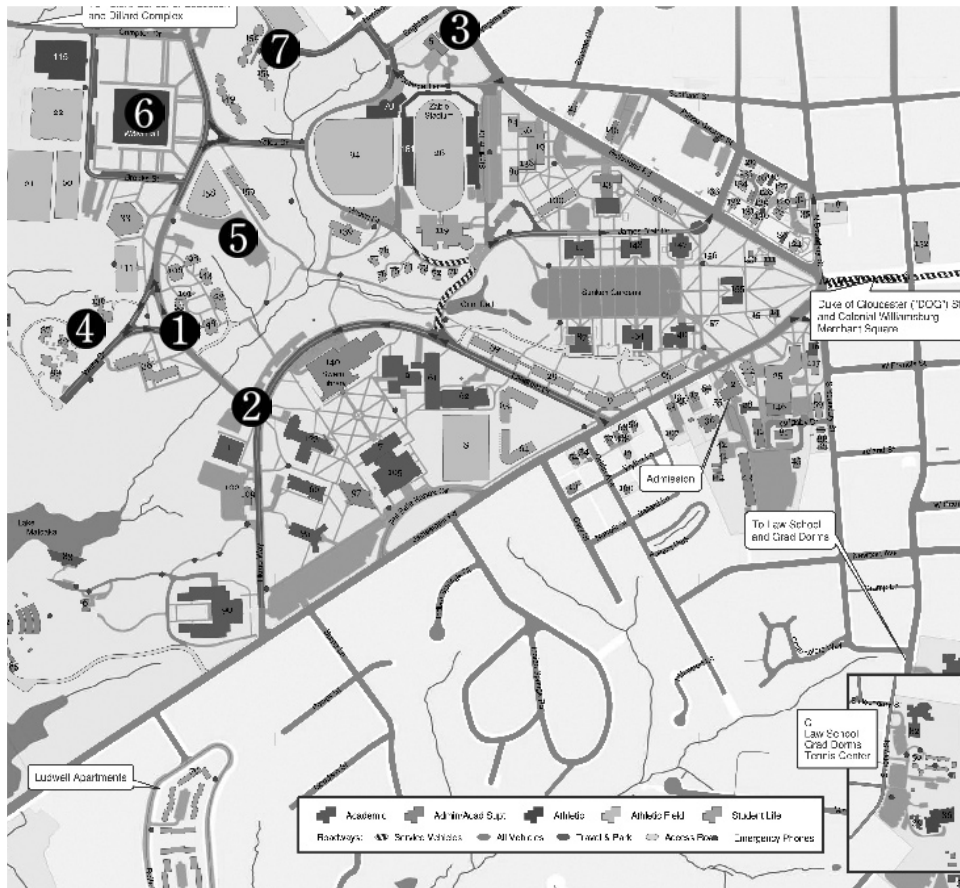
"Pretty well, a lot better than past years. I still hate banner though."

Nathan Jamerson '11

— photos and interviews by Sun Park

### CAMPUS POLICE BEAT

## March 23 to March 30



COURTESY GRAPHIC — WM.EDU

1 **Tuesday, March 23** — There was a report of a stolen property offense at 201 Ukrop Way. A student bought the stolen parking decal from another student.

2 **Wednesday, March 24** — An individual reported larceny of a digital camera at 400 Landrum Drive. The estimated value was \$150.

3 — A student was arrested and charged for allegedly being drunk in public at Harrison Ave.

4 **Saturday, March 27** — A student was arrested for allegedly being drunk in public and charged for tampering with fire alarm equipment at Gooch Hall.

5 — An individual reported vandalism at Yates Hall. A student reported that persons entered his room and damaged property.

6 **Monday, March 29** — An individual reported larceny of a parking decal at William and Mary Hall. The estimated value was \$305.

7 — An individual reported larceny of a wallet at the Fraternal Complex. The estimated value of loss was \$45.

— compiled by Gloria Oh

# Pell changes affect student loans

## Grants form 10 percent of student aid at the College

BY SAM SUTTON  
Flat Hat Chief Staff Writer

When President Barack Obama signed healthcare reform into law last week, the legislation included significant changes to the way student financial aid is delivered nationwide.

Lumped into the healthcare legislation during the reconciliation process, the new financial aid process eliminates subsidies to banks for providing low-interest student loans, like the Stafford Loan Program, instead offering students loans directly from the federal government.

"My understanding of the legislation is, the old Stafford Program ... [has] been dismantled," economics professor Robert Archibald said. "It's been determined that direct loans from the government would be a cheaper way to do loans."

According to Inside Higher Education, the switch is expected to save the federal government

approximately \$43 billion over 10 years, \$36 billion of which will go toward an expansion of the Pell Grant program, which provides students need-based aid. Aid is determined through Free Application for Federal Student Aid applications, which quantify how much money students or their families should be able to contribute to tuition.

The legislation increases the individual cap by \$200, to \$5,550 and will continue to rise at the rate of inflation for five years to \$5,975 by 2017.

The College of William and Mary's Office of Financial Aid Director Ed Irish said that while increasing the Pell Grant cap is notable, it does reflect rising costs of tuition at the College.

"If the cost of going to school is going to go up 6 percent, and Pell only goes up 2 percent, then it's going to lose ground," he said.

According to Irish, the use of Pell Grants increased during the Bush Administration. However,

Pell Grants only comprise approximately 10 to 15 percent of the grant money distributed by the College. Most grants are provided by the College itself or by the commonwealth of Virginia.

According to Archibald, the expansion of the Pell Grant system is part of an effort to make the grants available to more students.

"They're trying to make Pell Grants more attractive, and increase the maximum [cap]," Archibald said. "It's amazing how many students leave free money on the table."

Currently, the College's Financial Aid Office is in the process of adjusting for the new loan system, specifically for the elimination of Stafford Loans.

"It's not going to make much difference to students, but it is a big administrative change," Irish said. "It's a hectic time, getting things into place."

The new loan system should be in place in time for the fall 2010 semester. According to Irish, student access to low-interest loans will not be affected by the change, although the elimination of the Stafford Program may make choosing between loans easier.

# Swem starts texting info service

BY GLORIA OH  
Flat Hat Insight Editor

A new service offered by Earl Gregg Swem Library allows students to receive reference help from the comfort of a third-floor study room, or anywhere else on campus.

Swem's reference desk launched a texting service in March, shortly after the end of spring break. The application allows students to solicit the reference desk with a text message through the reference desk's Google Voice account.

Swem Reference Librarian and Library Instruction Coordinator Paul Showalter introduced the idea to Swem's reference services after using Google Voice.

"I've been using Google Voice for several months and really like its functionality and ease of use," Showalter said. "Plus, it's free. So, I figured it would be worth trying at the reference desk, where we're always looking for ways to make ourselves more accessible to our users."

Currently, the texting services are carried out through the reference desk's computer.

"We have a [Google Voice] extension integrated into Chrome, the browser that we use at the reference desk," Showalter said. "When someone sends a text message to our GV number, a little icon animates in our browser toolbar and chimes. Whoever is staffing the reference desk at that time can just click on the icon and compose a response message right inside the browser. We also have the option to receive and respond to texts by opening up GV in a browser tab. Either way, it's all done from the computer. We don't need to use a cell phone."

Showalter said that due to the recent release, the reference desks currently receive only a few texts a week. But he expects student use to increase as time passes.

"The service just rolled out after spring break, so it's still catching on," he said. "We only get a few texts

a week now, but we expect that number to grow. When we started our instant messaging service at the reference desk a few years ago, it too was slow to take hold. Now we get a bunch of IMs every day. I suspect the texting service will follow a similar curve. The main thing is that it's an option that's there if people need it."

Swem Science Librarian Karen Berquist said that the reference desk logs all reference questions asked each day on a Microsoft Excel spreadsheet, which allows the reference department to look at trends regarding questions. Berquist said approximately 25 text messages had been sent since the service was launched.

Head of Reference Services Don Welsh said that staff members are always working on basic statistics for the reference questions spreadsheet, part of an ongoing project titled "Laying the Foundation: Benchmarking Reference Data for Current and Future Assessment." The spreadsheet records the date, the question, the person who asked the question and the type of question asked.

According to Welsh, in 2009, 2,395 directional and technology questions were asked as well as around 7,000 specifically reference-based questions.

Of these questions, Welsh said that Swem's reference desk received 2,301 questions via instant messaging, which amounted to approximately 33 percent of the questions asked through this communication application.

"We think that the number of [instant message] questions will go down as texts go up," Welsh said.

Megan Elmore '13 said she used the texting service to ask for a reference regarding a database collection for biology. Elmore said that it took the reference desk four minutes to respond to her text message.

"I was pleasantly surprised because the reply was prompt, and they also gave me a more detailed response than I was expecting," Elmore said. "I would definitely text again in the future."

# STI testing referendum passed

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to difficulty voting among some students.

"I, throughout the day, was frequently getting texts from people being like, 'I haven't gotten my ballot yet,' but I think that shows the dedication of our supporters," she said. "They waited throughout the day."

Brown and Betty Jeanne Manning '12 placed second with 36.49 percent of the vote, or 1,183 ballots cast, while Jessee Vasold '11 and Caitlin Goldblatt '11 finished in third place with 20.39 percent of the vote, or 661 ballots cast. Write-in candidates received 2.28 percent of the vote, or 74 ballots.

According to Sadeghian, the direction of the campaign mirrored its visions for the College.

"We didn't direct the campaign necessarily, we just motivated people," Sadeghian said. "That is the whole purpose of our campaign — delegating and empowering people."

Sadeghian said that the main goal of the new administration would be to connect student organizations across the College.

"The Student Assembly is meant to look over every other organization at William and Mary," he said. "I don't know what other organization is available to connect a group that's doing 'A' and a group that's doing 'B'. They've never met each other, but they essentially have the same goals."

For Sadeghian, connection and communication are just two areas of many possible changes in SA culture.

"The potential of Student Assembly is huge," he said. "How do we make this grow? What's the next step?"

The SA elections commission also released the results of the other elections shortly after the voting deadline passed.

The referendum to subsidize Sexually Transmitted Infection testing through the Student Health Center passed with 77.51 percent, or 2,513 votes.

The referendum to provide subsidized flu shots free of charge passed with 81.59 percent of the vote, or 2,645 ballots.

The program to provide free copies of the New York Times to student at the College failed to pass with 64.19 percent of votes against.

A similar program to provide free copies of the Virginia Gazette to students also failed to pass with 75.29 percent of votes against.

A non-binding referendum supporting the abolition of the College's Honor Council failed with 75.32 percent of the vote against.

A non-binding referendum expressing no confidence in the SA also failed with 58.20 percent

of the vote against.

In class elections for the Class of 2013, Noah Kim with 18.83 percent of the vote or 546 votes, Grace Colby with 18.97 percent of the vote or 550 votes, Curt Mills with 17.07 percent of the vote or 495 votes, and Jake Lewitz with 15.66 percent of the vote or 454 votes won the four available senator positions.

For vice president for social affairs, Lemondre Watson won with 66.62 percent of the vote or 483 votes.

Morgan Dyson won the position of vice president for advocacy with 88.97 percent of the vote or 645 votes, while Tess Deatley won for secretary with 90.62 percent of the vote or 657 votes. Both ran unopposed.

Ryan McManus won the position of treasurer 50.34 percent of the vote or 365 votes.

David Alpert won re-election as president with 57.10 percent of the vote or 414 votes.

For the Class of 2012, Carlos Quintella, Zach Marcus, Stef Felitto and Adam Stokes ran unopposed for the four available senator positions.

Matt Schofield won the position of president with 88.50 percent of the vote or 454 votes. He ran unopposed.

For vice president for social affairs, Stephanie McGuire won with 76.8 percent of the vote or 394 votes.

Vice president for advocacy was won by John Pence with 93.18 percent of the vote or 478 votes. Pence ran unopposed.

Uriah Kim won the position of secretary with 92.98 percent of the vote or 477 votes, and Matthew Nathan was elected to serve as class treasurer with 92.59 percent of the vote, or 475 votes. Both also ran unopposed.

For the Class of 2011, Michael Douglass with 19.45 percent of the vote or 375 votes, Michael Young with 17.63 percent of the vote or 340 votes, Joshua Karp with 16.44 percent of the vote or 317 votes and Erin Mee with 15.77 percent of the vote or 304 votes won the four available senator positions.

Vice president for social affairs was won by Wayne Pearson with 88.38 percent or 426 votes.

Kate Ainsworth won the position of vice president for advocacy with 85.68 percent of the vote or 413 votes.

For secretary, Sahra Roble won with 89.83 percent of the vote or 433 votes.

Corey Flatt won the position of treasurer with 48.55 percent of the vote or 234 votes.

Michael Tsidulko won re-election as president with 69.50 percent of the vote or 335 votes.

Pearson, Ainsworth and Roble each ran their races unopposed.

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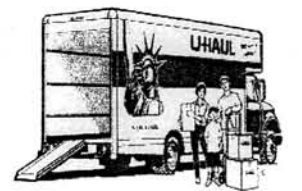
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# Student Assembly election faces technical difficulties

## Large number of e-mails slows servers, delivery time

By IAN BRICKEY  
Flat Hat News Editor

Technical difficulties forced a two-hour extension of the voting period in the College of William and Mary's Student Assembly elections Wednesday.

Problems ranged from the late reception of voting invitation e-mails to the non-reception of the unique voting passwords required to cast ballots. "I was hoping to vote earlier today, but I haven't gotten a password yet," Lenna Walker '11 said Wednesday. "If I don't get it within the next couple of hours, I'm going to e-mail them. But they don't have a number, so I don't know how fast it's going to be."

Walker received a voting password later that evening. However, she was only able to vote on the executive ballot.

"I finally checked my e-mail around 8 p.m. and got a password, but only for the exec[utive]," she said. "I checked my e-mail later, and I think I got a password for the other one in the voting period, but didn't get it in time, so I didn't vote for senate."

While e-mail voting invitations were sent out in the morning, many students did not receive the necessary passwords until several hours later, spanning through the afternoon and evening.

"I didn't ever get the e-mail with the password," Kara Starr '10 said Wednesday. "I e-mailed [SA election commission chairman Andrew Gardner '12]. I know a couple of people who didn't get e-mails until later in the day."

Starr did not receive an e-mail with a password, but she was given a password directly by the Elections Commission after asking for one, allowing her to vote in the SA presidential election.

According to Gardner, e-mails were sent to members of all social classes beginning at 7:00 a.m., but due to the high volume of e-mails being sent to students, arrived much later than expected.

"All I do know is that the e-mails are sent through eBallot," Gardner said in an e-mail. "I have no control over how quickly the emails are sent out, and the system does send them all out at the same time. I can say I sent them out the absolute earliest time I could, but that still has not yielded the results we need."

Gardner said he was unsure of how many students actually received e-mail voting invitations.

"There's no way to check," Gardner said.

Gardner said that the SA worked throughout the day Wednesday to fix all reported difficulties with the eBallot system.

"The Elections Commission will be trying to work on this problem throughout the day," Gardner said Wednesday. "I don't know if we'll have to redo [the invitations] or what. It's kind of up in the air for where we go from here."

The Elections Commission ultimately resent the e-mail invitation for the SA presidential ballot to all students.

"I sent one for the SA presidential election twice, per request of Sarah Rojas '10," Gardner said.

Gardner also said that future elections could be conducted through a different electronic system.

"I think the use of the eBallot system should be heavily questioned for future elections," he said.

Sen. Ross Gillingham '10 said that future glitches should be handled by the College's Information Technology department.

"We have an IT department here and should use them to sort out any problems," Gillingham said.

Gillingham said that the eBallot system used Wednesday had significant drawbacks.

"It's a third-party e-mail provider, and it takes them a while to be sent out," Gillingham said. "I feel like they should have been sent earlier."

According to Gillingham, future SA elections could use a different electronic voting system than the eBallot system employed Wednesday, such as Opinio.

Others have suggested a return to the Student Information Network that was used previously to conduct elections.

"Other people used Opinio," Gillingham said. "For whatever reason, that hasn't been kept up. I've heard that Opinio may be easier, but it's not as secure. The main thing is getting e-mails out in a timely fashion."

While voting problems and glitches persisted throughout the day, Gardner said that student turnout to the elections did not seem to suffer from them.

When all ballots were counted, more students voted in Wednesday's election than in any previous SA election.

"3,200 people voted, and the most people who'd voted [before] is 2,500," Gillingham said. "As is, it was a pretty tremendous turnout."

# SA funds bus maps, seeks to end cover page printing

## Senate added four referenda to ballot

By REBECCA PHILLIPS  
Flat Hat Staff Writer

Preparation for the College of William and Mary's Student Assembly general election was the primary focus of Tuesday's SA meeting.

The SA passed the 2010 General Election Referenda Act, which placed four referenda on the election ballot by unanimous consent.

The bill allowed students to vote on several issues, including whether or not they supported SA funding of free testing for Sexually Transmitted Infections and annual flu shots, both of which passed.

Meanwhile, the votes on whether to continue distribution of The New York Times and the Virginia Gazette on campus failed.

The Honor Council Referendum Act also passed, adding two additional initiatives to the ballot.

The bill allowed students to voice their opinion on the efficacy and value of the undergraduate Honor Council. The bill originally provided that students could vote in Wednesday's election on whether or not they supported the abolition of the Honor Council.

"The referendum is an opportunity for students to register their displeasure with how the council conducts itself, and will hopefully prompt comprehensive reform," Sen. Steven Nelson '10 said.

The bill led to a lengthy debate. Senators discussed the importance of the students' right to determine if an honor council is necessary to uphold the College's Honor Code, and whether the SA is entitled to ask this of students.

It was ultimately decided that the General Election ballot should also include a question on the level of confidence students have in the performance and value of both the SA and

the Honor Council.

"Both the Honor Council and the Student Assembly are elected by the student body," Sen. Jill Olszewski '12 said. "While their duties may differ, students have no less of a right to voice their opinion on one than they do the other."

The SA also passed the Bus Shelter Improvement Act by unanimous consent.

The bill allocates \$2,954 to purchase permanent fixtures for seven bus shelters around campus, including the installation of maps and bus timetable information.

Sen. Erik Houser '10 said that there is currently no such information available to students at bus stops, which could be inconvenient and confusing.

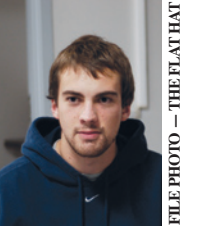
The fixtures were recommended by the Student Environmental Action Coalition as sustainable and weatherproof, and are expected to last for approximately 25 years, although the information contained within will be updated periodically.

The Statement of Support for Ending the Cover Sheet Act was also passed by unanimous consent.

Currently, each time a student uses a College computer to print a document, he or she receives an additional printed page with his or her student ID number on it. This bill, sponsored by SEAC, expresses the SA's disapproval of this cover sheet with the expectation that the administration will remove it.

The SA plans to discuss the Medical Amnesty Info Cards Bill in the coming weeks.

The bill is designed to ensure students know their rights by providing them with information cards about safe drinking practices and medical amnesty policies.



Houser '10



Nelson '10

# Candidate works as local organizer

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being open with people, I will set myself apart."

Although the Democratic Party suffered a recent setback in the election for former senator Ted Kennedy's seat, Bombard says he is not intimidated by partisan politics.

"I think that people of this state elected [Republican Senator] Scott Brown because they're frustrated with the way things are in this state," he said. "People didn't vote for party lines — they voted for a change from the status quo, and even though I'm a Democrat, I think I reflect that change that people are looking for."

Bombard currently works for the South Boston Neighborhood House, a community center in his area, and spearheads a community service organization named Project ROC.

Although he advertises Project ROC on his campaign website, he insists that it is not linked to his elections efforts, and instead generally promotes activism in local causes and organizations.

"Whether I win or lose, I will be satisfied as long as I get to keep fighting for my causes and talking about the serious problems we have here," he said.

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STAFF EDITORIAL

## SA election reform first

We'd like to congratulate all the Student Assembly candidates elected to office in last Wednesday's election, especially Chrissy Scott '11 and Kaveh Sadeghian '12 for their wins as student body president and vice-president, respectively. The student body clearly spoke, and we look forward to the start of your term next fall. But there are a few things we'd like to see happen once you get there.

You ran a campaign based on "The Student Voice." Well, here's ours.

Now that campaigning is over, we'd like to see your executive set specific goals for the upcoming year, especially in areas not addressed by your platform. Holding a student body-wide forum in order to hear from as wide a range of students as possible would be a great way to pursue such goals. Furthermore, we hope that your executive positions are filled promptly and advertised in a manner as to attract the most knowledgeable and dedicated students in their respective issue areas. We'd also hope that essential time over summer break is well spent — talking with your executive staff and the appropriate administrators as well as preparing drafts of potential legislation — in order to ensure the SA can get down to business as soon as students return. Lastly, let's find a way to end SA election errors once and for all (for some ideas on that problem, see below).

Again this year, the presence of glitches with the SA election website mars what is an otherwise admirable electoral cycle. It would be bad enough if this were a first occurrence, but these "technical difficulties" are ones that have, in one form or another, recurred for every SA election in recent memory.

E-mails with students' randomly generated personal logins were sent to every student at 7 a.m. Wednesday morning. The last of these e-mails didn't arrive until 11 p.m. Wednesday night, an hour before polls closed and an hour after they were supposed to close — before having thankfully been extended. Allowing some students only an hour at the very end of the day to vote is irresponsible, to say the least. Sending an e-mail to almost 7,000 students seems like a large undertaking, until you realize that surveys, such as the Housing Selection Survey, that require logins are regularly sent out by e-mail to the entire student body.

In remedying this problem, the SA should go beyond merely seeking yet another online voting service. Instead, be proactive. Ask student governments from other universities what systems they use and what problems they've had. Then, sometime before the big day, try testing the system on a vote where the stakes are slightly lower. A simple poll (what should your student government members wear for Halloween?) could easily do the trick.

Now of course we like our SA elections exciting and unpredictable, but that's best left to the candidates themselves. It's high time we removed the added volatility of voting quirks from the mix.

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## WHY HAS MASCOT SELECTION TAKEN SO LONG?

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BY OLIVIA WALCH, FLAT HAT CARTOONIST

## SA misses mark with referendum

Ed Innace

FLAT HAT STAFF COLUMNIST



Congratulations to the new members of the Student Assembly; you have earned the privilege of your classmates' derision for the next year, pretty much regardless of your actions. But at least you can take solace in the fact that there seems to be one organization even more hated. The College of William and Mary Undergraduate Honor Council is so unpopular that a non-binding referendum calling for its abolition garnered support from 25 percent of voters. This might seem paltry compared to the 42 percent of students who expressed no confidence in the SA, but as far as I know there are no serious calls for its destruction.

How is it that an organization as ostensibly involved in students' interests as the Honor Council could engender such animosity? The council's purpose is sound. It provides a forum for charges against students to be investigated and judged by their peers. This method is clearly superior to such actions being undertaken by the College administration, since students have a greater understanding of the behaviors and intentions of other students. In addition, students are probably more able to get to the truth of the matter, as they are less intimidating than College officials when interacting with the parties involved. Even if you don't respect your peers enough to submit to their judgment, the administration reviews every case and has the right to overturn or mitigate a sentence. If you choose to appeal, half of the jury will be faculty and staff. Overall, this seems to be a good process.

Of course — like any other organization — the Honor Council has some procedural issues, and these are the root of most criticisms. These problems, however, are small, and the council is already working to address them. Take, for example, the election process. Candidates for the Honor Council submit their applications to a nominating committee, which vets them. If they are found to have violated the Honor

or Student Code, or if their recommendations from faculty are negative, they are not allowed to run. Otherwise they are put on the ballot, for which no campaigning is allowed; voting is based solely on a short essay.

Two criticisms are leveled at this process. First, some take issue with the fact that the nominating committee can remove a candidate from the ballot without a unanimous vote. Previously, the committee was composed of two non-returning members of the Honor Council, the dean of students, a faculty member and one student representative. A candidate could be removed by a four-fifths vote. Recently one more student representative was added to the committee, and currently removal is only accomplished by five votes. It seems to me that if only one in five people believe you should be even considered for a position on the Honor Council, you probably shouldn't be.

The second problem with the election process is the stipulation that candidates may not campaign. This is a legitimate concern. If we are supposed to select candidates based on our understanding of their characters, we need to know them first to make an informed choice. We probably will not know all — or even most — of the candidates, and this poses a problem. An equally serious issue, however, is that campaigning will lead to

the election of the best campaigners, not the best students. These two concerns must be balanced somehow, which is no easy task. Perhaps more information on the students could be provided to us before the election, or students, faculty and staff could write public recommendations giving us examples of how candidates exemplify the tenets of the Honor Code. In any case, the Honor Council is not blind to these concerns and has recently formed a committee to reevaluate the elections process, emphasizing exactly this issue.

It is amazing to me how procedural questions like the ones above can translate into calls for the abolition of the Honor Council, especially when, in addition to providing an important service to students, the council seems to be seriously looking for solutions and dedicated to finding compromises.

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## Students debate utility, sincerity and ethics of health reform

Beau Wright and Thomas Chappell

FLAT HAT GUEST COLUMNISTS



*The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010 have stirred up considerable drama and debate among the public, including members of the College of William and Mary community. Presented here are perspectives from two politically active students, Thomas Chappell '11 and Beau Wright '11. Chappell serves as the President of the College Republicans, and Wright has worked with the Young Democrats and several political organizations in his hometown of Lynchburg, Va.*

**What's the most important thing about the health care package that students may not know about?**

Chappell: I think many students do not realize how much power that the federal government is taking away from private citizens through the insurance mandate provision in the bill, or what some have called "a tax on living." If this bill withstands legal challenges from at least a dozen attorneys general on this issue, the federal government would, for the first time in history, have the power to force every American citizen to purchase a private good — health insurance — whether they want to or not, under penalty of law. A similar provision has been used on the state level regarding auto insurance, but the differences are that driving is a privilege that you can choose not to take advantage of, and that

these policies are created and enforced by state governments, which have more leeway to create such mandates. The new power, hypothetically, can be used to do such things as force Americans to subscribe to a newspaper to revive the struggling newspaper industry or to force all Americans to buy a firearm if Congress believes that we do not have enough guns in our society. This is a dangerous precedent.

Wright: What college students may not know about health care reform is that they can now receive coverage under family plans until the age of 26. Additionally, the new law does away with insurance denial on the basis of pre-existing conditions like asthma or a previous heart attack, which have applied to millions of Americans.

Tom, I think you're carrying the individual mandate to an illogical conclusion. An individual mandate is necessary if health reform is to be in any way cost effective. Consider the health care system pre-health reform. Americans are already paying for the uninsured of America, who tragically can't afford most emergency services, while simultaneously getting fleeced by the health insurance industry. Meanwhile, tax credits and other subsidies would be available for those who can't afford to pay for health insurance. As a side note, an

individual mandate was endorsed by many prominent Republicans only last year when it was proposed as the Wyden-Bennett alternative, named for a Democratic and a Republican senator. Many economists recognize the need for a mandate if health reform is to work properly. The idea that the government will require you to buy a gun or to buy a newspaper is nonsense.

Chappell: If a policy requires the breach of individual liberty in order for it to work, as in this case, then we should simply create an alternative policy. I guarantee you that, if this stands, health insurance will not be the last private good that government tries to make all Americans buy under threat of prosecution.

**Does the health bill's legislative process offer hopes for bipartisanship?**

Wright: The process was bipartisan, as the final legislation contained several hundred Republican amendments. Nevertheless, Republicans, bowing to the pressure of Glenn Beck, Rush Limbaugh and the Tea Party movement, refused to even work with Democrats, railing about how the bill was being crammed down the throats of Americans. Is a year of debate really cramming? Are decades of debate on health care cramming?

Chappell: Yes, President Barack Obama appeared to pay lip service to Republicans at the health care summit, but the attempts at bipartisanship in support of the bill ended there. In fact, the only bipartisanship in Congress was against the bill, as 34 Democrats joined all of the Republicans in opposing it in

the House of Representatives.

Wright: As polls show, the overwhelming majority of the American people wanted health care reform. By the way, President Richard Nixon, the conservative Heritage Foundation, and notable other conservatives endorsed just such a plan as was passed last week. The American people have waited long enough for health care reform. I remind the Republicans that they did nothing during their six years in the majority to tackle rising health care costs.

Chappell: According to Rasmussen Report, 55 percent of voters and 59 percent of independents polled after the bill was passed responded that they want the bill repealed. Yes, Americans want their health care reformed, but they do not approve of a bill that increases government power, raises the amount paid out-of-pocket in taxes and costs by the average citizen and, when questionable accounting practices are removed, raises the federal deficit.

**What will be the political ramifications of this bill?**

Chappell: Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi may believe that this bill is her "Gift for the American people," but Americans know that this is a gift that has to be paid for with many strings attached. I think we will see that Americans will look to return this gift and all that comes with it in November. Look for big Republican gains.

Wright: Democrats may very possibly lose seats, especially those from swing districts. But now the Democrats have seven months to explain to their constituents why passing health care reform was the right thing to do. Republicans, on the other hand, have the unenviable task of arguing for taking away people's newly-granted benefits. They are, and will continue to be, the party of no.

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## CARES presents: *Love your body*



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Tribal Dancers expressed their Tribe pride Wednesday during "Love Your Body Week 2010." Several other student groups performed at the event. The Tribal Dancers normally perform during football and basketball games.

As warm weather arrives, it's time to embrace sandals, summer dresses and your body. Collegiate Awareness Regarding Eating Smart sponsored "Love Your Body Week 2010" over the past seven days, which included a wide range of events. CARES sponsored discussions about eating disorders, offered free breakfast and held art exhibits to raise awareness about body issues at the Colleges.



As a part of "Love Your Body week" CARES sponsored a fair on the Terrace on Tuesday. The fair featured booths offering free massages and food. [TOP RIGHT] A viewing and discussion of the documentary "Do I Look Fat?" was held in the Sadler Center yesterday. The movie covers body image issues and eating disorders within the gay community. Counselors were available at many events.



Dancers from the Ballroom Dance Club strut their stuff in the Sadler Center's Commonwealth Auditorium. Many organizations jumped at the chance to perform and support the week-long event.



Belly dancers from the William and Mary Beledi club celebrated their bodies in the dance showcase on March 31. The Beledi club performs at the end of each semester. In addition, they arrange for an instructor to come to the College to provide lessons open to all students on campus. The club performed as a part of the dance showcase for "Love Your Body week."

### CONFUSION CORNER

## Embracing your inner nerdiness

Emily Walker

CONFUSION CORNER COLUMNIST



The College of William and Mary has quite a reputation. As an athletic powerhouse? Hardly, although the football team did have a stellar season this past year, and the men's basketball team surpassed all expectations. As a party school? Again, not quite. Students at the College are more addicted to studying than clubbing. William and Mary students have learned to mix work with play, academics with debauchery — a feat not easily accomplished at most universities. Here at the College, the line between work and play is blurred, which leads me to wonder: Is there a need for a line at all?

This past weekend, the College hosted its first-ever discotheque in the Earl Gregg Swem Library. Although most students already

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## Love/Hate prompts religious talk

By ALTHEA LYNESS  
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Hundreds of posters around campus, a Facebook page, an anonymous blog and giant easels in the Sunken Garden suddenly appeared last week. Within a week, the phrase "Love/Hate" was all over the College of William and Mary. The culmination of the student-run project, a concert in the Crim Dell meadow, took place Tuesday. While many students recognize the name and flood of posters, not all students understand exactly what the Love/Hate organization does.

"[The organization is] about trying to provide a forum for open conversations and honest conversations about Christianity and some of the faults that people see with it," co-founder Austin Cole '10 said. "It's also about some of the ways that Christians haven't lived up to their own call."

Love/Hate was started by students from the College's Baptist Collegiate

Ministries. Inspired by discussions on other campuses, the group wanted not only to unite Christians on campus, but also to invite people of all faiths to come out to discuss religion.

"We didn't want it to be about any one ministry on campus, so we enlisted the help of Baptist [Collegiate] Ministries, Interservice [Christian Fellowship] and Chi Alpha," co-founder of Love/Hate Seth Drewry '12 said. "Those are just a few, definitely not all. We went to every ministry hoping to get everyone involved."

The project was separated into two parts. The first was a community-wide discussion using various media. The Facebook page, blog and large easels all had sections devoted to different subjects, and students were invited to respond to each subject with what they loved or hated about them. Topics included the College, God, government, religion, friends, family, dating, Jesus and church.

"I loved seeing everyone that was able

to take part," Cole said. "Even if there were hurtful things, I knew it's what we needed to hear — the truth."

The second part of the project took place during the concert, as campaign organizers responded to the comments that most affected them. While the earlier part of the project was aimed toward unbiased discussion a variety of topics, members of Love/Hate focused on their ideas of Christianity in this part. Members stressed that open discussion was the main goal of Love/Hate.

"A lot of times when you see stuff like this, Christians want to convert people," Drewry said. "And while we do feel it's important to share our faith, this is just to get discussion started and meet people."

The concert featured local bands N3 and Lucky Robot, as well as Christian a cappella group One Accord. Love/Hate members said they were pleased with the success of the concert.

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## MOVIE REVIEW

# 'Hot Tub' soaks up humor with outrageous plot

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"Hot Tub Time Machine" is the latest in a string of self-aware comedies, which takes advantage of a ludicrous concept, a supremely talented cast and thorough execution — the perfect recipe for a box office hit. It's important to acknowledge that this film is successful only as pure comedy. Despite how accomplished it is at making the audience laugh, "Hot Tub Time Machine" is not a film that you'll show your kids and say, "This was one of the greatest films of my generation." And yet, it's important to recognize "Hot Tub Time Machine" as a comedy film that succeeds.

The film follows from — but is not derivative of — films like "The Hangover." It has an outrageous concept, all-star comedy cast and great writing, like other recent comedies such as "Anchorman," "The 40-Year-Old Virgin" and "Dodgeball." They are hardly great films, but are still entertaining time after time, and given such precedence, I would say that "Hot Tub Time Machine" is a great movie.

The beginning is brief enough to make way for the time-traveling comedy, but long enough to get through the relatively two-dimensional pictures of the characters. Adam (John Cusack, 2012) is emerging from a long string of earnest but awful relationships and is ready for a much deserved break. The opportunity comes when Lou (Rob Corddry, "The Daily Show with Jon Stewart"), who is Adam's former best friend, a raging alcoholic and general animal, poisons himself with carbon monoxide while on a bender. Interpreting this as a suicide attempt, Adam and Nick (Craig Robinson, "The

Office"), a devotedly married man and unsatisfied worker, decide to take Lou to a ski resort they visited in the '80s so they can keep an eye on him as he recovers from the incident. They bring along Adam's nerdy nephew, Jacob (Clark Duke, "Greek").

Although the setup of the comedy is quick, the characterization was surprisingly deep for a film entitled "Hot Tube Time Machine." Naturally, once the hot tub switch is hit, the Russian Energy drink containing the magical ingredient is spilled, the movie gets moving. The boys are back in the '80s, at a critical weekend in their lives, and, of course, everyone's inexplicably back in their 1980 bodies.

They time travel to the weekend that Adam broke up with the "Great White Buffalo" of his life, the girl he convinced himself two decades later was the one. Nick is about to perform in the biggest concert of his life, a make it or break it chance for the future of his music career. Lou supposedly gets into a fight with several ski patrol guys, which leads him to discover who his real friends are. Over the course of the weekend the first time around, Adam got stabbed with a fork, Nick bombed miserably and gave up on his music, and Lou was abandoned by his friends. Now that they have a second chance, they are determined to change the course of these unfortunate events. While the boys are trying to fix old mistakes, Jacob is desperately trying to get back to the future because he was conceived on that same weekend at the resort.

I've heard much debate over who held the movie together. While Cusack's initial role as the straight man in a relatively crazy set of brothers was magnificently played, Corddry certainly cranked up the



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Following in the footsteps of "The Hangover," four friends desire a break from their routine lives and find themselves in hilarious and unbelievable situations. The comedy doesn't take itself too seriously and neither should audiences.

crazy, but to ignore Robinson's sanguine performance as a conflicted man who's caught up in something he just doesn't want to deal with would be a mistake. Robinson's performance was certainly the most entertaining. After all, any film climax that involves Rick Springfield's "Jesse's Girl" is a definite selling point.

"Hot Tub Time Machine" also has scenes that really make the price of the ticket worthwhile. Cusack's acting really stands out, especially after his second attempt at the breakup goes awry. Equally funny is a scene in which Corddry and Robinson, recognizing that the NFL playoff game being played is the legendary game which included "The Drive," begin taking the bar for what they've got with some pretty un-

characteristically lucky predictions. I would also say that whenever Duke's character shares the screen with his mother is extremely entertaining, given the portrayal of Lizzy Duke's proud promiscuity in the film.

The reason that this movie succeeds is largely that it is completely aware of the fact that the title and critical MacGuffin are a hot tub which is also a time machine. The writers understand that. The audience understands that. The film doesn't pretend to be the "Terminator" series with its convoluted timelines; it avoids even the attempt in "Back to the Future" at flux capacitors, and unlike "Lost," there is nothing to be seen of attempts to explain divergent timelines. There is just a hot tub, and when a Russian energy drink gets

spilled onto the electric components, people return to 1980 in their old bodies. If somebody decides to see the movie and cannot get past that point, they will not enjoy the movie.

If you're looking for a film that entertains in the same vein as "The Hangover" or "Anchorman," check out "Hot Tub Time Machine." Talented writers and great comedians advertise this movie as one of the diamonds in the rough. It rises above the mediocre screwball bro-bonding comedies (I'm looking at you, "Year One") to be a really good film, but don't go into the theater expecting to see our generation's "The Godfather" or "Star Wars." If you go in expecting a hot tub time machine, this film will absolutely exceed your expectations, and certainly surprise you as well.

## Love/Hate focuses on religion

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"We didn't have a huge crowd, but people would stop by, read their responses, listen to the bands or talk to someone," Drewry said. "We had a lot of people do that and that was a success — just getting the attention and being able to talk."

Beyond the concert, members of Love/Hate were happy to see that their goal of fostering community discussion on campus with other students was a success overall for the club and the community.

"We had so many people writing responses and discussions. I think that's one of the great things about William and Mary: People actually care," Amanda Lewis '12 said.

For the most part, the feedback was positive from fellow students. Although some members said they are unsure about the future of the Love/Hate organization as a club at the college, many are pleased with what the club has been able to achieve so far in the college community. on campus.

"I think we have been successful in being able to talk to people about how we are not perfect and we recognize and apologize for that," Drewry said. "[We] are willing to be real about our faith and talk to others about it and their problems or impressions about it."



MICHELLE GABRO — THE FLAT HAT

The Love/Hate concluded with a concert featuring N3 and Lucky Robot in the Crim Dell Meadow on Tues. The concert drew many students and onlookers to the meadow to watch the performance.

## Combining work and play

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spend substantial portions of their weekends in the library, they experienced quite a different scene on Friday. Gone were the days of forbidden flip-flops and shushed sneezers. Forget about silencing cell phones or filling up on coffee and Red Bull. This was Earl Gregg Swem Library like you have never seen it before. I think it is safe to say that AMP's Club Swem was one of the most popular events the organization has ever hosted. A recent check on Facebook confirms that a whopping 896 students planned on attending the event, and rumor has it that over 1,100 eager students tried to get into the party, many of whom were turned away due to the crowds. I can vouch for the fact that there was a substantial line of excited students dressed in club attire at Swem's doors, the "club" having reached its maximum capacity when I arrived. Lines at the Green Leaf Cafe are rarely as long as the one at Swem last Friday. Shockingly, I waited for a full 20 minutes in the drizzling rain, in order to get inside my school's library at midnight on a Friday. I believe that there are very few students at other universities who would do the same.

The scene inside Swem was memorable. One might say that students at the College had gone wild. Club Swimmers danced amongst bookshelves and frolicked between desks and computers, looking much more cheerful than your average library-goers. I think it may now be difficult to consider Swem the embodiment of hard work and scholarship that I used to — how can I study at a desk on Sunday when I saw several couples dance on it a mere two nights earlier?

The epitome of mixing work and play at the

College, however, falls on the last day of classes every semester, formally known as Blowout.

Blowout is the one day of the year that the College is considered a party school. The fact that the craziest day of the year on campus is one that combines attending classes with drinking is one more thing that makes the College unique. I can name more than a handful of students who actually attend more classes on Blowout than required just to experience the insanity that ensues. Something is amiss when college students willingly choose to spend extra time in a classroom on the last day of classes — what exactly is it about the College that leaves us unable to cast aside our need to be nerds?

Despite the fact that students at the College tend to spend substantial time complaining about school work, it seems we actually have a love for learning. I know this sounds ridiculous, but hear me out. On the first warm and sunny day on campus, students flocked to the Sunken Garden to take advantage of the weather. While there were a few scattered groups of people passing a football or tossing a Frisbee, the vast majority of students were doing homework. I repeatedly heard echoes of "I'm going to the Sunken Garden to catch up on reading," ringing down the halls of my dorm. When I got outside, I saw students flipping through flashcards in the grass.

These events have become institutions at the College and can by no means be discarded. What I suggest is that students embrace the College's love of all things academic, and start making preparations for Blowout 2010. It will be epic.

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## SWIMMING



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# Last Lap?

*Katie Radloff has every record in the book, but now looks forward to a life outside the pool*

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Katie Radloff has more awards and honors than most swimmers dream about.

The senior has 93 career wins, more than any other swimmer in William and Mary history. She won the 50, 100 and 200-meter freestyle events at this year's CAA championships for the third year in a row. Radloff is the only swimmer in the College's history to go to the NCAA championships four years in a row and swim at the Olympic trials.

This season alone, Radloff was named CAA Swimmer of the Week three times and made the CAA Silver Anniversary team, an honor awarded to the 25 best female swimmers in the conference's history.

You'd think that with graduation around the corner and her collegiate career now over, Radloff would feel a little bit nostalgic for her years in the pool.

You'd be wrong.

"I'm not really that sad," Radloff said. "My coach was a little concerned at my last race at the NCAA. He was like, 'You don't seem too upset about this.' Actually, I am pretty relieved."

For Radloff, swimming has often been a full-time job which, combined with her kinesiology and health sciences major and psychology minor, leaves her little time for other activities.

"I just swim, and it definitely takes up pretty much all my time," Radloff said. "It's pretty much all I do. I have definitely wanted to try to join certain things. I did the beginning stages of the [Health Outreach Peer Educators] program we have here, but I realized I wouldn't have time so I had to drop out."

Such is the life of an accidental superstar. Radloff never set out to be a record-breaking swimmer for the College — or even a swimmer at all.

More interested in ballet than swimming as a kid, Radloff only gave the sport a try when a friend convinced her to join a local swim club at age nine. She hated the experience; she was terrified of putting her head under the water and only continued to go to practice because her friends were there.

"When I look back at all of my swimming from the beginning through high school, I pretty much only did it because my big group of friends were all swimmers," Radloff said. "I didn't put too much emphasis into trying to perform really well, and I just tried to have fun with it."

Although Radloff eventually quit ballet and started swimming year-round at age 12, her relationship with the water remained casual. Her laid-back attitude caused a dilemma when college recruiters came calling during her junior year of high school.

"I wasn't really sure if I wanted to swim in college, and the summer before my senior year my parents were really pushing me to look at schools. I was really reluctant," Radloff said. "They actually made me come [to the College] to talk to the coach here. I wasn't fast enough at the time, so I was kind of embarrassed ... I specifically remember telling my parents I didn't want to come here."

But during her senior season, Radloff began to make a name for herself with a number of awards and accolades.

She was a high school All-American in both the 50 and 100-meter freestyle as well as the 200-free and 200-medley relays. She still holds the Virginia state record in the 200-meter freestyle and, as a senior, Radloff captained her team to the Virginia State AAA championship.

Despite her casual attitude, her times just kept improving. "I think I just put a lot more focus on training than before because, like I said, I really only swam just to be with the people I was with," Radloff said. "I never really swam, training

### Extra Points

For more coverage of Tribe athletics, and an in-depth look at our production process for this week's issue, check out the Flat Hat Sports podcast with co-editors Mike Barnes, Jack Lambert and associate Wesley Stukenbroeker at [Flathatnews.com](http://Flathatnews.com).

really hard in practice. I think I was more of a nuisance to my coach."

Once forced to pursue a spot on the College's team as a junior, Radloff now found herself being pursued by the Tribe. And after a storied four-year career, Radloff leaves the College as the most decorated female swimmer in school history.

"I think [swimming in college] was a good decision," Radloff said. "I would regret way more not having swam than having swam."

Now, Radloff will get to experience life out of the water. After graduation, she wants to take a year off to work in the health services market before pursuing a master's degree in public health.

Inspired by her art history classes, she also hopes to study abroad in Italy, an opportunity she never found time for during her four years of intense training.

"I took one art history class that focuses mostly on the architecture of Rome, so I have always wanted to go there and study," Radloff said.

As for swimming, that's a little less clear.

"I am taking a big break," Radloff said. "I am not going to say completely 'no' to more swimming. I might go back and join a club team maybe if I feel like trying out again for the Olympic Trials next time around. Just for fun. We'll see, but for now, no swimming."

## MEN'S TENNIS

# Tribe gears up for CAA tourney

By **JACK LAMBERT**  
Flat Hat Sports Editor

William and Mary Tennis Head Coach Peter Daub is fired up.

His Tribe (14-9) team heads into the last four matches of the season with a chance to capture the No. 1 seed in the CAA tournament for the first time in his tenure. His number one player, senior Keziel Juneau (right), is ranked and has a chance to compete nationally in singles and doubles. The rest of his team is stepping up at the right time.

But Daub doesn't want to talk about the Tribe's accomplishments — he wants to talk about his team's plan heading into its last four matches.

"Well, clearly we want to get wins," Daub said. "We want to play at the very best level we can play at heading into the conference [tournament]. The second thing we want to do is play in the outdoor matches so we're used to the elements outside."

The College has four home matches before the start of the CAA tournament, with Delaware and Norfolk State this Saturday and DePaul and Liberty next Sunday.



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