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The College soon may not be the only Williamsburg institution to have broken a Guinness Book world record title. Last week, Great Wolf Lodge indoor water park and its 10 sister locations across the country attempted to break the world record for the longest distance traveled on water slides in a 24-hour period. The parks accumulated 3,651 miles traveled via water slide in 24 hours; the current record is 843 miles. The College's record for most people simultaneously performing Michael Jackson's "Thriller" dance was achieved last spring, and soon broken by a group in Mexico.

The College is paying the State of Virginia \$330,000 in lieu of a required unpaid furlough day for all state workers before June 30. Anticipating the College's compassion, Richmond passed a provision last month to allow public universities to shoulder the state's financial burden themselves.

Just in time for summer, the city of Virginia Beach has passed a resolution in support of oil drilling 50 miles off its coast. Mayor Will Sessoms claimed that drilling would make money for the city, but the Federal Government retains sole responsibility in deciding what sort of profit-sharing, if any, will occur if and when oil is discovered. "This is part of our plan to truly make Virginia the energy capital of the East Coast," Governor Bob McDonnell said.

Trying to hit the links? Better do it while you can — Ford's Colony Country Club has filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy with at least \$10 million worth of debt.

Swam has acquired access to a new research resource, American History in Video, for a trial period ending May 19. Students and faculty will have access to more than 4,000 video titles online, including commercial and governmental newsreels, archival footage, public affairs footage and documentaries.

Today at 10 a.m. in the Williamsburg Regional Library, there was an open debate between Old Dominion Electric Cooperative Representative David Hudgins and Williamsburg Climate Action Network director Christine Llewellyn regarding the proposed coal plant in Surry County. The debate is being sponsored by the League of Women Voters.

Regarding other events that lax delivery of this newspaper will prevent you from attending, the William and Mary Business Law Review celebrated the publication of its first issue at 12:50 p.m. today in the law school lobby. The inaugural issue featured essays ranging from "Re-Enchanting the Corporation" to "The Illegal Actions of the Federal Reserve."

Got a tip for The Pulse? wmpulse@gmail.com

Griffin selected as mascot

College announces new symbol after 16 months of deliberation, debate

By MIKE CRUMP
Flat Hat Editor-in-Chief

Prepare to cheer on the Griffin. The College of William and Mary Mascot Committee released its ultimate decision today in a public showcase in Kaplan Arena at William and Mary Hall that featured student and faculty speakers, a video on the selections process and the Griffin's first public appearance — costume included.

The Griffin is a mythical creature with a lion's body and an eagle's head.

"Generally when you think of a mascot, you want something that is somewhat representative of the school," Athletic Director Terry Driscoll said.

Driscoll added that he felt the Griffin represents qualities demonstrated by College athletes: strength, represented by the lion, and intelligence, represented by the eagle.

"[The mascot] says a lot about how we feel about our athletic teams," he said. "Our athletes go to school in a tough academic environment and still perform on the field."

Despite the new mascot, Driscoll said the College would retain use of the nickname Tribe to refer to its athletics.

"Our single biggest concern is there are still people who assume we will be changing the nickname to [the Griffins]," he said. "This is not the case."

To avoid confusion, Driscoll said all images of the Griffin would explicitly say Tribe for 12 to 14 months.

"After people understand [Tribe will remain the nickname] we can move on to other images," he said.

Student Assembly President and Mascot Committee member Sarah Rojas '10 said that the additional symbolism that tied the Griffin to the College's history made it a suitable choice.

The lion was traditionally used as a symbol of England, and was incorporated into King William and Queen Mary's royal coat of arms. The eagle, Rojas said, furthered these ties to the Colonial time period.

"William and Mary champions itself as the alma mater of a nation. Little things like [these historic ties] really connect the Griffin to the school," she said.

The Griffin was picked after a lengthy selection process that lasted 16 months, including a three-month submission period that resulted in 800 mascot submissions from students, alumni, faculty and other

community members.

A committee of students, faculty, administration, alumni and coaches was created to manage the selection, originally presumed to take 10 months. The College had hoped to unveil the new mascot for the 2009 Homecoming in October.

The process proved to be more time consuming than originally expected.

A list of five finalists, which also included a pug, a wren, a king and

queen and a phoenix, was released in December.

A public survey to gauge reaction to the five choices received approximately 11,000 responses, according to Driscoll. In total, however, the mascot committee received over 22,000 comments on the finalists.

"I think that one thing that was really great about this process was that it was so inclusive — every single comment was read through," Rojas said. "This was definitely a community decision that we hoped everyone would be happy with and one that our school would really be able to rally behind — especially after such successful football and basketball seasons."

Rojas said public response to the finalists was equally positive, with one exception.

"Generally what we heard back was 'no to the pug,'" she said. "There may have been five positive comments about the pug."

Driscoll said the comments showed important trends that helped the committee make its decision.

"What we saw from this is that comments people made [were] about what are important mascot attributes," he said. "We began to look at the attributes people want in their mascot and what [mascot choice] had best opportunities to show them."

According to Driscoll, the ideal mascot would be one that showed strength and power, but could be friendly.

"If this concept was going to be representing the team, it had to be something you'd want to see on the football field," he said.

In February, the committee released its decision to endorse the Griffin to Reveley, who would make the ultimate decision.

"I was predisposed to go along with the committee, as they spent such an enormous amount of time on [the decision]," Reveley said. "[But] I really wanted to understand it completely and be sure that the [mascot's] rationale made sense in the context of William and Mary."

While ultimately he said he grew to appreciate the rationale for the Griffin as the process continued, Reveley said he was originally unsatisfied with the implementation for future branding purposes.

"I didn't think it had enough zip to it from my perspective," he said. "I wanted more action in the design."

Reveley said he wanted to ensure that the Griffin's feathers were featured more prominently in the design that would be used on t-shirts, posters and in media. He further directed the committee to explore the potential for the mascot to display a "No. 1" finger.

Reveley sent the original sketch back to the committee, which then worked with Torch Creative to redesign it. The final result, he said, ultimately satisfied him.

"In a nutshell, I'm enthusiastic about the mascot choice," Reveley wrote in an e-mail. "I really believe the new mascot is going to grow on people quickly."

The video shown in today's presentation may be viewed at www.wm.edu/mascot.



Meeting discusses underage drinking

By IAN BRICKEY
Flat Hat News Editor

Students, staff and administrators gathered at the College of William and Mary's Sadler Center Friday to discuss a rise in underage drinking at colleges and universities nationwide.

The town hall-style meeting, funded through a grant from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, is part of a larger effort on behalf of the College to prevent and reduce high-risk drinking on campus. It also corresponds with the College's recognition of Alcohol Awareness Month.

College President Taylor Reveley began the meeting by discussing potential solutions to reducing underage and binge drinking.

"How do we make some progress in dealing with it?" he said. "Of course it helps out when institutions point out the dangers."

Reveley said his own experiences serving on advisory boards of private secondary schools and at Princeton University gave him a better insight to the causes and consequences of underage drinking. During Reveley's tenure at Princeton, the university began to dedicate

STUDENT ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS 2010



SUN PARK — THE FLAT HAT
Chrissy Scott '11, Kavah Sadeghian '12 and the other winners of the March 31 Student Assembly elections gathered at the Library Tavern for the annual victory party. This year's event had to be postponed due to the extension of the election from 10 p.m. to midnight March 31.

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CORRECTIONS

In the April 2 article "SA elections experience difficulties," a quote on the role of Information Technology was mistakenly attributed to Sen. Ross Gillingham '10. It should have been attributed to SA Elections Commission Chairman Andrew Gardner '12.

In the April 2 article "Swem reference institutes new texting service," it was stated that librarians recorded the names of participants. No personal information is collected through the service.

The Flat Hat wishes to correct any facts printed incorrectly. Corrections may be submitted by e-mail to the editor of the section in which the incorrect information was printed. Requests for corrections will be accepted at any time.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Native American reenact Williamsburg presence

Colonial Williamsburg will enact the American Revolution story, "So Far from Scioto," April 17 to May 8 in the Governor's Palace garden. The performance is a part of Colonial Williamsburg Foundation's American Indian Initiative, which aims to include Native American history in the re-creation of 18th-century Williamsburg. "So Far from Scioto" is the first American Revolution story to draw its performers from the Native American community. Shawnee roles will be portrayed by an all-Native American cast.

The story follows three young Shawnee emissaries who were brought to Williamsburg in 1774 to ensure the follow-through of the peace agreement that ended Lord Dunmore's War in the Ohio Country.

They see firsthand the seizure of the colony's gunpowder at the Powder Magazine by British marines and Lord Dunmore's departure from the Governor's Palace in light of growing conflict with Virginia patriots. After witnessing these events, the Shawnee people consider their course of action.

Volunteer Fire Department begins fundraiser

The Williamsburg Volunteer Fire Department will commence its annual fundraiser April 10.

Volunteers will dress in full uniform and canvass door-to-door, distributing pamphlets with the department's goals and projects planned for the upcoming fiscal year. Volunteer firefighters will also be going around neighborhoods Saturday afternoons and weekday evenings. The fundraiser will run through May 1.

The volunteer fire department is a nonprofit organization that works with career firefighters and rescue personnel.

— compiled by Gloria Oh

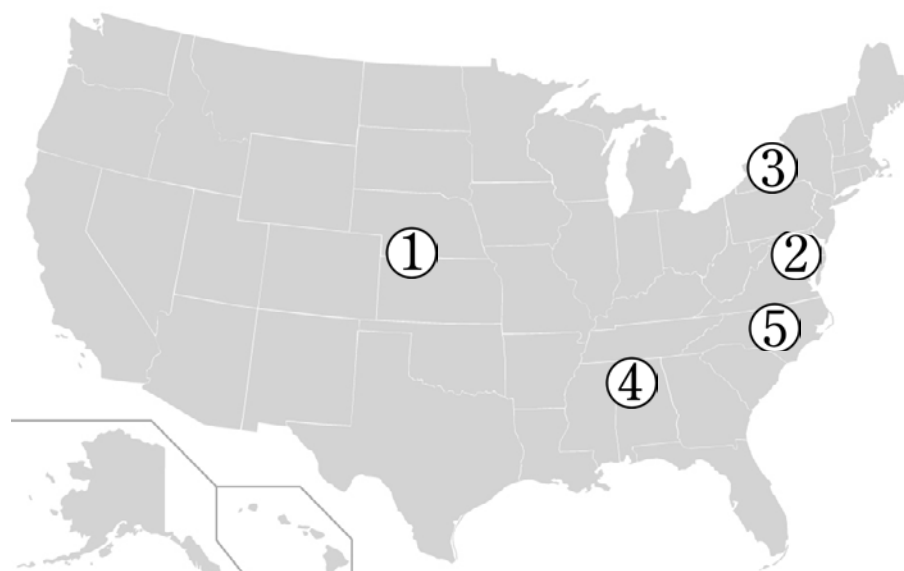
BEYOND THE 'BURG

1 The University of Kansas has commissioned an independent investigation of potential corruption within both the ticket office and the Williams Education Fund, which raised \$15 million to pay for the scholarships and expenses of 500 athletes. The university sent an e-mail to thousands of donors to reassure them that their contributions had not been misappropriated. The e-mail also stated that payment for the investigation would not come from the fund.

2 American University's student newspaper, The Eagle, issued an apology March 30 for a column that called date rape "an incoherent concept." In the column, sophomore Alex Knepper suggested that any woman who attends a fraternity party, drinks, and ends up in a man's room should not cry "date rape" the following morning. After the column was published online, students at AU organized a protest. The article has currently received more than 200 comments online.

3 Researchers at the University of Pennsylvania's Penn Working Dog Center are working toward discovering the best way to select successful working dogs and make them healthier and more work-efficient. The center is studying dogs that use their sense of smell to detect explosives and illegal drugs and reveal diseases such as cancer and diabetes. The Penn Working Dog Center is modeled after the U.S. Army's former Super Dog program.

4 After being closed for two years and undergoing a five million dollar renovation, the University of Alabama's Jones Archaeological Museum will reopen this spring. The museum, located in Moundville Archaeological Park, will display more than 200 artifacts of the Mississippian Native American cultures. While the university owns many of the artifacts, others, such as the Moundville Duck Bowl, are borrowed from the Smithsonian Institution.



COURTESY GRAPHIC — WIKIPEDIA.ORG

— by Becky Koenig and Gloria Oh

5 Haiti's independence declaration potentially recovered Duke grad student discovers founding document in archives

By GLORIA OH
Flat Hat Insight Editor

A graduate student studying history at Duke University may have found the only surviving copy of Haiti's declaration of independence in London, England.

Julia Gaffield came across the alleged founding document in February during her time at the British National Archives. She found the pamphlet while rifling through early 19th-century correspondences.

Haiti's government has been trying to recover the document since the country declared its independence from France in 1804. The declaration abolished slavery and, in doing so, created the world's first black-dominated republic. Leaders of the Haitian Revolution sent out copies of the declaration to other governments, but original copies have been missing since that time.

According to the Associated Press, Wilfrid Bertrand, Director General of Haiti's National Archives, said that he traveled abroad looking for surviving copies, but was not aware that any originals existed. Bertrand said the government in Port-au-Prince does not possess a copy.

Historians believe that the preservation of the island's declaration was not a high priority at the time of the country's violent beginning. The copy discovered in the British archives is allegedly the copy sent to Jamaica's colonial governor.

Bertrand said that if Gaffield's copy proves to be authentic, it should be returned to Haiti on account of its historical significance.

"It is a very important document for our country," Bertrand told the Associated Press. "It has every bit the same importance as the American Declaration of Independence."

Haiti's ambassador to the United States,

Raymond Joseph, said that the return of the declaration could help lift the country's morale. The country recently lost 230,000 citizens in January's massive earthquake.

Gaffield said that the document's current location made sense historically.

There have been questions as to whether or not the copy found in London is from the original print run.

"What appears to be unique is that it is a Haitian government-issued copy of the official document," Deborah Jenson, a Duke French studies professor and faculty advisor to Gaffield, said. "We know that they created this document, they printed it and they were distributing it."

Mel Hide, a spokeswoman at the National Archives, said that the museum houses many government correspondences and records. She said that future discoveries of documents of historical value are likely to occur.

STREET BEAT

K'naan and Wale are coming this weekend. Who else would you like to see?



"Jonny Corndawg."

B.M. Moeller '10



"Clean Girls."

Stephanie Monohan '12



"Assault on the 700 Club, Holy Molar."

John Klepadlo '13



"Rihanna, Beyoncé."

K.B. Brower '10

— photos and interviews by Michele Gabro

CITY POLICE BEAT

March 27 to April 4



COURTESY GRAPHIC — GOOGLE MAPS

1 Saturday, Mar. 27 — An individual was arrested and had his driver's license suspended on the 100 block of Bypass Rd.

2 Tuesday, Mar. 30 — There was a report of grand larceny on the 200 block of Patrick's Crossing.

3 Saturday, April 3 — An individual was arrested for allegedly being drunk in public on the 400 block of South Boundary St.

4 — An individual was arrested for allegedly being drunk in public on the 300 block of Richmond Rd.

5 Sunday, April 4 — Three individuals were arrested for alleged petit larceny and obstruction of justice on Prince George Street. Colonial Williamsburg property was damaged.

— compiled by Gloria Oh

Peace Corps seeks to expand

Director encourages College participation

BY BRITTANY HUGHES
Flat Hat Staff Writer

Peace Corps Director Aaron Williams spoke at Alan B. Miller Hall Monday to approximately 250 students about volunteer opportunities for college graduates.

When President Barack Obama chose Williams to be the 18th Director of the Peace Corps in 2009 he asked Williams to double the size of the program. Congress has since approved the largest budget allowance in the history of the Corps, and Williams said volunteer participation is at a record high.

The Corps received about 1,500 volunteer applications in 2009; this market an 18 percent increase from the previous year.

Williams opened by describing his own Corps experience. At age 20, he served as a volunteer in the Dominican Republic, where he helped teachers earn high school diplomas. He later transferred to a university, where he taught and designed seminars and internships for teachers.

Williams went on to work for several Fortune 500 companies, including General Mills, Inc. He also worked for the U.S. Agency for International Development and partnered with former South African President Nelson Mandela to aid developing countries in Africa.

"[The Peace Corps] represents the best that America has to offer — our commitment to service, generosity and openness to new ideas and exchange," Williams said. "Americans want to serve, and [the Peace Corps'] demand is up."

The program currently has about 7,700 volunteers serving in 76 countries with proficiencies in 250 languages. Recent college

graduates make up the majority of the volunteers, while about 14 percent are 30 and older. About 17 percent of all volunteers are of minority backgrounds.

The College was ranked fifth on the Corp's list of medium-sized supportive institutions in 2009. About 40 alumni are volunteering at present, while 540 have served since the Corps's establishment in 1961.

Despite continued expansion, Williams said the need for aid is still great.

"We still face many of the challenges and opportunities as [did] the founders of the Peace Corps," he said. "Poverty, disease, famine, food security and illiteracy are issues that continue to challenge developing countries, and in some cases these are exasperated by current problems like climate change, government instability and natural disasters. Not a week or a month goes by that I don't receive country ambassadors, or my ambassadors to their countries asking for the Peace Corps to expand or re-enter their countries."

In the next year, the Corps will expand to include programs in Sierra Leone and Indonesia, while also improving existing programs. The Corps will focus heavily on education programs, as well as food security in the areas of crop development, water systems, nutrition and small-scale road development.

This year, the Corps will also establish an Office of Innovation, a consulting branch charged with developing new ideas for growth.

Williams said that recent college graduates are the Corps's ideal recruits due to their energy and technological skill. He said he believes that the Corps can offer an opportunity for personal growth, leadership experience, cross-cultural learning and language proficiency.

"The personal investment rewards of Peace Corps service last a lifetime," he said. "When we work together toward a common goal, we can achieve magnificent things."

Miller classroom to reopen soon

BY CHRIS MCKENNA
Flat Hat Staff Writer

Alan B. Miller Hall is set to reopen at full capacity after a large water leak caused extensive damage to a state-of-the-art classroom March 30.

Administrators were forced to close the Financial Markets classroom last week when a valve failure caused the hot water heating system to burst.

"It is the most impressive room in all of Miller — a little ironic," Rebecca Miller '12, a

business student, said.

The leak damaged the ceilings of the classroom and the adjacent hallway. According to Miller Building Manager Josh Andelin, 13 computers were affected.

"[The leak] put the Financial Markets classroom out of commission for a week and a half," Andelin said.

Mason School of Business Information Technology was able to protect many of the computers.

"It was the biggest water leak we've had in the eight months that the building has been open,"

Andelin said.

The repairs involved replacing layers of drywall and a ceiling.

"They have been fixing it all week — drywall and dust everywhere," Miller said.

The classroom is almost ready to be reopened after renovation. "[The classroom] has been painted, and should be cleaned up by tomorrow," Andelin said.

There are no current estimates on the cost of the damage.

According to Andelin, the classroom should be operational by Wednesday.



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College addresses risky drinking

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\$100,000 annually to stage alcohol-free events on campus.

Reveley said that the way to deal with underage drinking is to make it unappealing for young people by attaching an amount of shame to it. Those negative associations have taken longer to take hold than expected, however.

"I think the solution is going to come when there is serious peer pressure from most of the undergraduates to their colleagues," he said. "When I was a student, there was no peer pressure not to smoke. There was no peer pressure not to drive after you've been drinking ... I think it can happen, but it's taking a lot longer than I expected it to take."

Dr. Sally Linowski, director of the Center for Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Prevention at the University of Massachusetts-Amherst, followed Reveley. She began by dispelling several myths about underage drinking.

"College-bound seniors drink less in high school than their non-college-bound peers," Linowski said. "It's a misconception that highly educated people are

too smart to drink in highly dangerous ways. In fact, the opposite is true."

Linowski said risky drinking behavior has become a significant problem on many college campuses across the country, as alcohol-related deaths at universities have increased by nearly 200 percent since 1998.

"It's important that we change the culture, and I'm here to tell you that we can," Linowski said.

According to Linowski, the environment surrounding colleges encourages risky and underage drinking through inconsistent messages about alcohol, ineffective or counterintuitive campus policies, widely available inexpensive alcohol and lack of negative consequences.

Additionally, many of the problems UMass experiences could easily transfer to the College. Fifty-two percent of Amherst, Mass. is aged 15 to 24. The school hosts several Division I athletic teams, has a large Greek presence, is located in a rural setting and is a public institution.

"You may recognize those as risk factors for high-risk drinking," Linowski said.

Linowski said the ultimate solution to decreasing instances of dangerous drinking will come from colleges and universities adopting their alcohol policies and responses to meet the changing needs of our students.

"If we spent all our time with the 2 percent of our students who are actively addicted to alcohol, we're missing the majority of our students," Linowski said.

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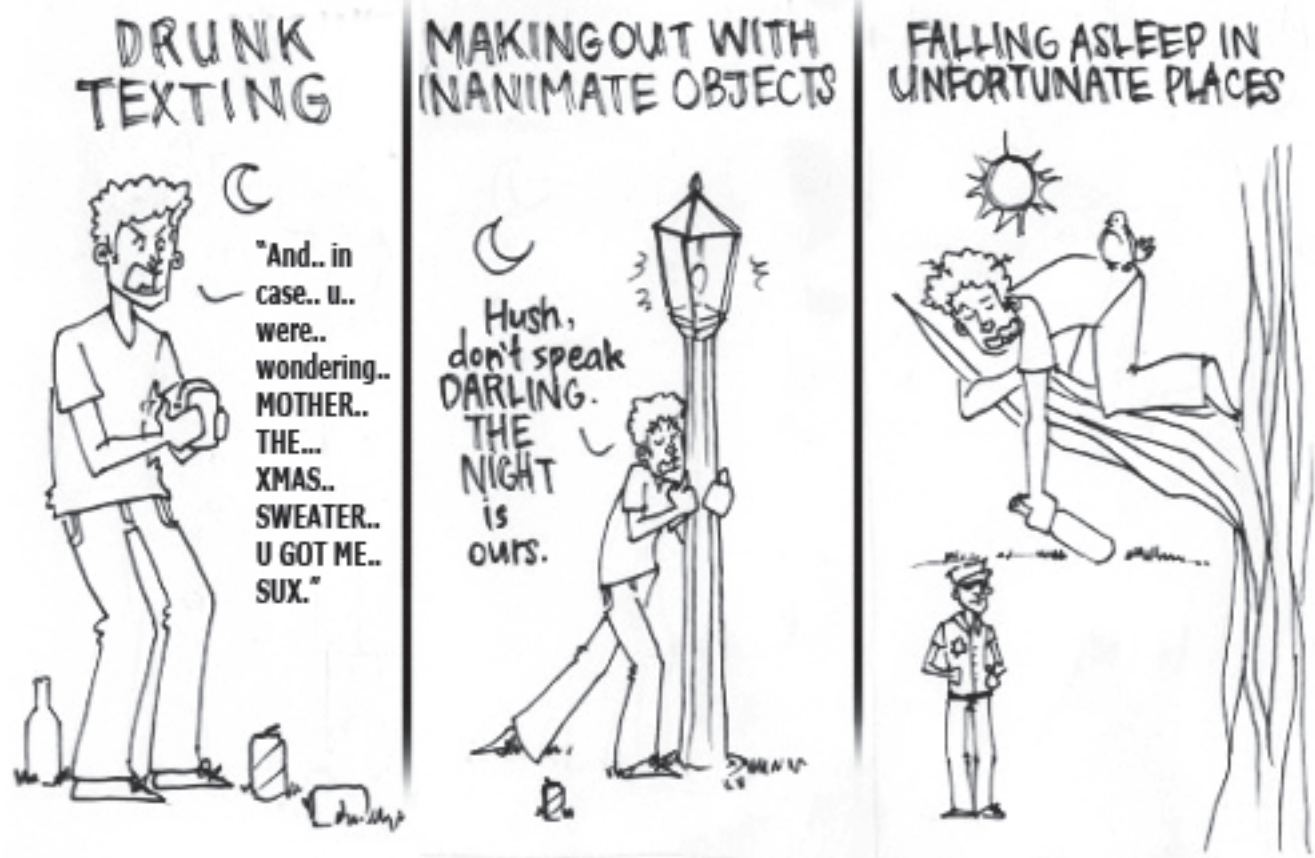
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Reveley's Reasons Not to Drink when Underage



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Va. Beach not solution to oil problem

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President Barack Obama recently reversed a ban on most offshore oil drilling on the U.S. coast, including areas right off our local, Virginia Beach. This move could potentially put Virginia at the forefront of the East Coast's oil and gas exploration. The idea is that this policy will help decrease U.S. dependency on foreign oil and create jobs for Americans. These are two important issues Obama needs to address, but reversing the ban on offshore drilling is not the right move. The job creation for these oil and gas platforms would only be temporary because as soon as the infrastructure is built, the number of people that these operations employ decreases significantly.

The Minerals Management Service, an agency of the U.S. Department of the Interior, estimates that the area to be drilled off the coast of Virginia could produce 130 million barrels of oil, enough to satisfy six and a half days of U.S. demand. This is not much and could not really help reduce U.S. dependency on foreign oil. The chances of oil spills in the Chesapeake Bay, which would make the water quality even worse, might not be worth the investment. The amount of oil will not provide the nation much of anything to reduce its dependency on foreign oil.

The creation of offshore drilling could actually interfere with naval and NASA Operations in the area. Joe Bouchard, commanding officer of Norfolk Naval Station from 2000 to 2003, wrote that the economic benefits are "exaggerated" and that the practice would have a "serious negative impact on U.S. national

security." Another problem with the offshore drilling is that the prime drilling area is within NASA's launch site on the eastern shore. NASA and other drilling firms need to sit down and negotiate the best options for each agency respectively.

Besides the problems this decision seems to pose to naval and NASA operations and the small amount of oil off the coast of Virginia, why was this option chosen? If President Obama truly wanted to create jobs in the long term and reduce the dependency on foreign oil, he would have looked at alternative energy options. The eastern coast is a great place to begin installing windmills to create wind energy to supply the United States.

If the United States continues to try to end its dependence on foreign oil by using its own oil reserves, the energy problem will never be solved. The oil reserves in the United States are not as large as those in the Middle East, and the United States would be forced to be dependent on foreign oil again. Investing in alternative energy sources can solve this problem.

Not only will this create long-term jobs, which would help more than temporary jobs proposed under the current plan, but it would also open a new sector of the economy. Obama's reversal of offshore drilling is not going to solve the current lack of jobs and the dependency on foreign oil. The Obama administration and other political leaders in our country need to realize this and begin to invest in alternative energy, a sustainable way to reinvent and revolutionize our economy and solve the current problems that face the United States.

Now that our nearby waters will be affected in this drilling, I urge all College of William and Mary students to get informed about this local issue.

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The U.S. will never solve its foreign oil problem with domestic drilling.

Vasold-Goldblatt campaign illustrated SA's true purpose

Nate Hendrick

FLAT HAT GUEST COLUMNIST



Some people say the Student Assembly doesn't do anything, and that may be true. Some people say the SA can't do anything — and, at first, that sounds pretty reasonable too. What does the SA really do? Spend money on pet projects and arbitrary resolutions, right? Act as a government while essentially doing the work of financial coordinators? No, the SA can't do anything, and if the response to last Tuesday's presidential election is any indication, everyone knows it, too.

The only real objections I heard to the campaign of Jesse Vasold '11 and Caitlin Goldblatt '11 was in regard to their ambition — they wanted to do important things, and we all know the SA doesn't do anything, so the story goes.

In hindsight, this objection seems a little misguided. Vasold and Goldblatt mentioned multiple times their intentions to turn the SA into an activist organization. Most of us shrugged "good luck" and promptly stopped caring, but that goal is actually a lot more viable than it seems. The SA may lack tangible

administrative agency, but its power isn't derived from tending to an arbitrary stash of ice-cream social funds — the real power of the SA lies in its ability to be heard. It provides a platform from which to voice student concerns and advocate beneficial policy, a way to make sure our issues and opinions are present in larger conversations with the College of William and Mary and the community.

When Vasold and Goldblatt said they wanted to affect real change in the social and political climate of our school and beyond, they had no naive illusions that they'd be able to snap their fingers and do so. Instead, they showed an understanding that the only way to make student demands heard in the wider public discourse is to voice them again and again. The SA is simply the highest soapbox from which to do so.

When we look past the spectacle of mock-government in which the SA to often engages, its actual purpose becomes clear — it's the lobbyist muscle of our very own interest group. And, as we all know, special interest lobbyists are the bedrock of American government. The SA has the invaluable position of being able to present our issues to the public eye, at the very least forcing administrative officials and others to consider them in their final deliberations.

When Vasold and Goldblatt proposed active promotion of student rights, mental health awareness and Honor Council oversight, they grasped that the very act of broaching these concerns persistently and vocally could bring student issues to the forefront of public dialogue, therefore exerting pressure on the administration to take these issues into account when making important decisions. The first step toward correcting a wrong is to alert the world of its existence.

Perhaps even more intriguing were Vasold and Goldblatt's intentions to wield SA influence to advocate for much-needed improvements in workers' rights at the College, and to foster a supportive environment for LGBT members of our community. With these aims, the candidates took the logical next step: They proposed lending the SA's prominence and potential swaying power to groups not normally afforded a voice of their own. While campus workers may not have a significant platform from which to express their concerns or protest mistreatment, the SA certainly does. By involving itself in ostensibly nonstudent-related issues, the SA has the ability not only to bring those issues to the attention of the public and the powers that be, but also to widen the

STAFF EDITORIAL

Turning a new feather

The mascot search is finally over, and we can probably all agree: thank god it's not the Pug. The College of William and Mary announced the result of its 16-month process to create a new mascot earlier today, and they've chosen the Griffin, the mythical creature that combines the head of an eagle with the body of a lion. We have to say: we like it — although we're mostly just happy that the long and arduous search is finally over.

Now, of course, there's going to be backlash against the College's physical representative. Few students will be bowled over by the Griffin, since the available choices were — rightly — made public months ago. But, frankly, none among the five finalists would have debuted to universal approval. Instead, we have reason to believe that, after the unavoidable knee-jerk reactionism has died down, the Griffin will prove a decent-enough choice for the College.

As opposed to a mascot based on a simple pun, or one that puts a glaring spotlight on the College's past misfortunes, the Griffin is an option that speaks to the identity of the College. It combines the symbol for America, the bald eagle, with that of Britain, the lion, thereby pointing to the dichotomous foundation of our institution. It also points to a host of other dualisms central to William and Mary's identity — the diverse interests of its students and the moniker of "Public Ivy" — among them.

Of course, the timing of this decision could definitely have been better. The mascot was originally scheduled to be announced this past fall at Homecoming, but as was typical of the generally non-transparent process — another issue for another day — was inexplicably postponed. The mascot now, unfortunately, arrives when many of the sporting events at which it could have appeared have concluded, leaving student opinion of the mascot to only fester over the summer.

We understand and commend the desire to incorporate as much input from the community as possible, but every month the process dragged on meant more money spent on the search in a financial climate that tolerated no room for wasted expenses. Surely, student input could have been integrated in such a way as to allow for a relatively swifter, not to mention less wasteful, decision.

But there is something about the Griffin that seems like a natural fit with the College, and on second glance we think it might be the feathers. Poking out behind the Griffin himself are two wings — one green, one gold — that harken to the logo we lost in 2006. It's probably the most clever aspect of the Griffin's design, allowing that, down the line, the feathers might again be incorporated into the symbolism of the College. This subtle allusion merely shows the degree to which the Griffin sums up the various parts of our College's identity, in a way that seems less piecemeal than part of a unique and distinctive whole.

Now it's up to the campus community to accept the Griffin, and we think it should. We're willing to admit it is difficult to accept something that was, in a way, arbitrarily imposed, and acknowledge that some may not even try. But, as new classes of students enter the College to see the Griffin excitedly exhort the Tribe — a nickname we are happy to see the College retain — we believe the Griffin will soon become a welcome and reputable symbol. Although it took a while to get here, we're on Team Griffin.

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group of people with a vested interest in its actions. As the SA's advocacy extends to more people, the number and diversity of its backers will increase, thus boosting the lobbying pressure implicit in that advocacy. Strength and mutual benefit through solidarity — this is the stuff of real social change.

When well-intentioned students effectively label SA activism a pipe dream, they are admitting defeat before the first battle has even begun. If the SA is to claim any kind of relevancy, it must move away from emphasizing its own machinations and simulations and realize its potential as voice of the voiceless, students and otherwise; or, as the Vasold-

Goldblatt platform put it, it must become "less SA-focused and more community-focused." While activism was less central to Chrissy Scott '11 and Kaveh Sadeghian '12's campaign, the newly elected president and vice president have acknowledged the importance of advocacy for student rights and better treatment of workers employed by the College. Hopefully, they will act strongly in expressing these concerns.

If the SA can achieve anything, it won't be as a governing body, but rather through the use of its most powerful asset — its voice.

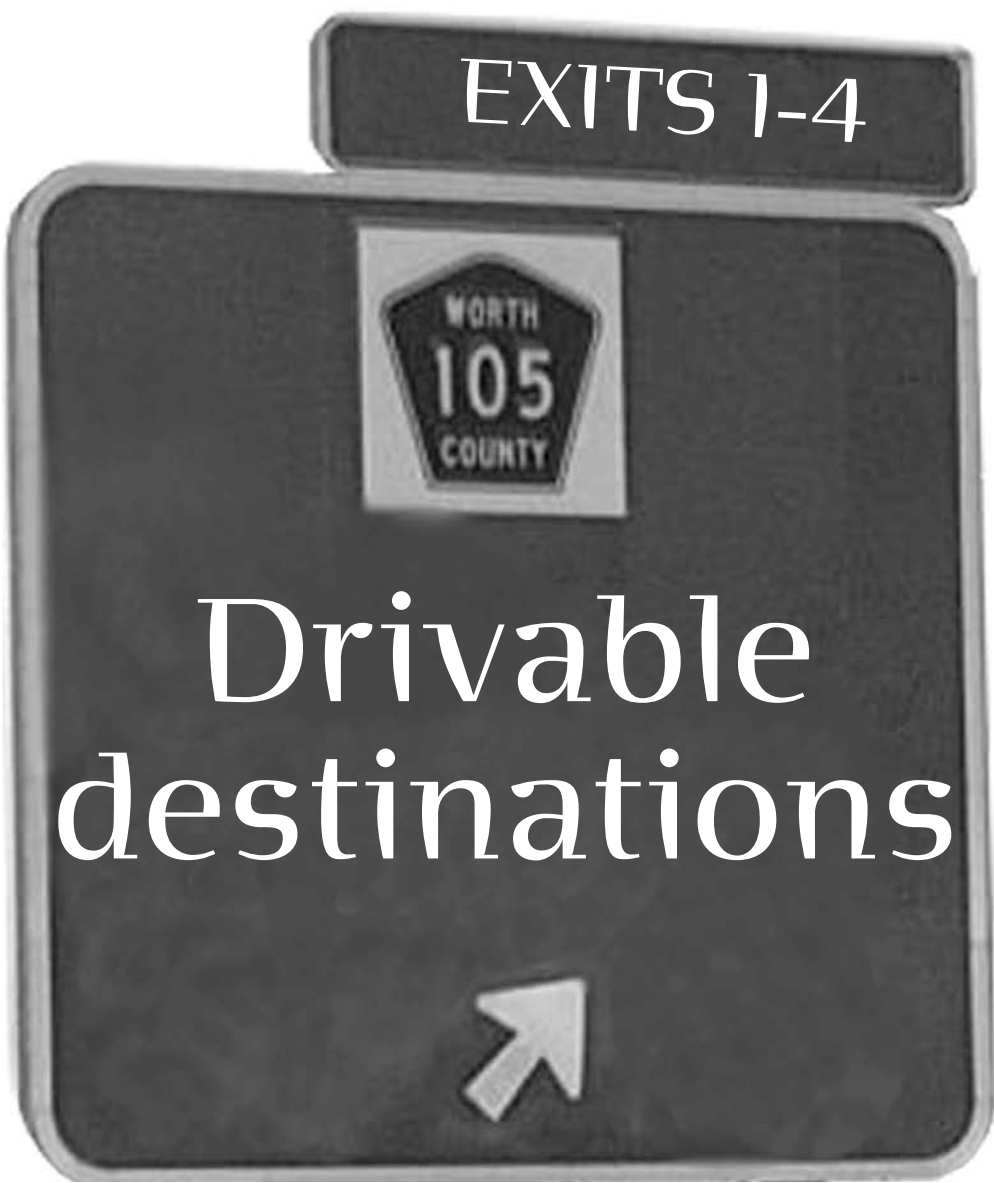
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1: Trade distance for atmosphere

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Located approximately 30 minutes from campus, Yorktown Beach is the perfect weekend getaway. While the drive is longer than that to most off-campus destinations, the scenery along the way makes it bearable. Driving with the windows down, the wind blowing in your hair and music blaring, is almost as enjoyable as being at the beach itself. Colonial Parkway South will lead you straight to the beach, where you can choose to pull over anywhere you can find a parking space.

Look for the first pull-off; add another 10 minutes to your travel time by going to the next. It's the portion of the beach where you'll probably see the most people, and it shouldn't be more than a four or five minute drive from the pull-off. Yorktown Beach is truly a local's spot. People entertain themselves by fishing, sprawling out on blankets, and searching through the millions of shells that line the beach.

No matter where you lay your towel, the water is only a few feet away. After long hours at Earl Gregg Swem Library, the warm sun feels amazing. Despite the warmer weather, the water is frigid cold. If you are brave enough to go in, wear flip-flops or beach shoes for protection; the ground is all shells for the first six feet. When summer finally rolls around, it will be perfect for swimming.

Chances are you will not do your readings for class even if you bring your books. Instead of studying, I recommend laying around, soaking up the sun, dipping your feet into the water, and writing immature obscenities in the sand with a stick. All of these activities require no thinking at all, which is the perfect way to enjoy a lazy afternoon at the beach.

A few miles down the Colonial Parkway, Riverwalk Landing in Historic Yorktown is a great place to end



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Although Yorktown Beach is a little farther away than Jamestown, it is a calm and relaxing secluded location complete with a quaint local town atmosphere.

the day. Most of the shops close at 6 p.m., but many of them have later summer hours. The street is lined with tiny shops and restaurants that are unique to the Riverwalk. While most of the restaurants seem too nice to cater to sandy beach bums, the Ben and Jerry's is more than accommodating. A waffle cone of Cherry Garcia is the perfect nightcap and an excellent way to enjoy a walk down by the river.

Now that the weather has warmed up and Williamsburg is once again overrun with prospective students and tourists, a day trip to these four local getaways is the ideal way to spend the weekend.

2: Local beach, local company

By LAUREN BAYSE
The Flat Hat

Jamestown Beach is a 10 to 15-minute drive from campus and offers a satisfying change of scenery for students seeking to enjoy the warmer weather. Its proximity to campus makes it a good destination for spontaneous trips, yet allows you to return with enough time to make your meetings, or finish that essay you've been consistently procrastinating on. However, pre-planning is wise, since parking — while free — is nearly as miserable and strict as the parking on campus, and fills up just as quickly. The beach, while nothing extravagant, is scenic. There are boats sailing the waters, beach games played by clusters of people and plenty of dogs.

On hot days, it seems like every college student in the area has the same destination, so the beach may be crowded. With the college students come the Frisbee and volleyball games which create a collegiate environment that makes the last three weeks since spring break feel like they never happened. Of course, plenty of people lounge around and attempt to work on a tan after months of sunless cold. Not many are brave enough to go swimming yet, and the only people in the chilly water are the ones involuntarily thrown in.

Jamestown Beach is definitely not the place to go if you need a break from people on campus; on a hot day, chances

are you will run into someone you know. It's not quiet, so it's a good place to go if you're seeking a lively environment. It's also not the best destination if you want a day-long escape — while you can entertain yourself with beach sports and napping, the lack of bathrooms and places to eat become problem after a few hours. If you go, pack snacks or plan to eat later, and definitely don't drink too much water.

However, it is a great place to visit if you want to get the beach experience without a long and expensive road trip. You can entertain yourself with whatever it is that you love about the beach: lounging, reading in the sand, playing Frisbee, or if you're really academically dedicated, you might be able to get some homework done. Even if it isn't a booming area with a boardwalk, millions of restaurants and centers of entertainment, it's still a beach, and that in itself can provide hours of enjoyment.

After a few blissful hours at Jamestown Beach it's easy to come back sporting a lovely red burn on your body that makes it impossible to walk or move. That aside, Jamestown Beach is an easy escape if you want to have a fun afternoon with friends. Go early, and make sure to bring some snacks, a Frisbee and something to entertain you while lounging. Oh, and most importantly, I recommend some SPF 30.

3: Park offers natural fun, serenity

By LINDSAY HUNDLEY
Flat Hat Staff Writer

Save Waller Mill Park as a getaway option for those weekends when you know you don't actually have time to get away from campus. Located on Airport Road no more than 15 minutes from the College of William and Mary, the park's free admission could not be better for college students on a limited budget. Whether you are looking for a peaceful spot to de-stress after midterms or a fun spot for your club or organization to enjoy an end-of-the-year picnic, this park is the place for you.

For all you tree-huggers or naturally outdoors-y types, tons of enjoyable trails meander through the park. Not only are there hiking trails, but you can cruise along the bike trail as well. If you are looking for something a little less active, you can spend your day fishing at the pier. The Waller Mill Park also offers a variety of boat rentals, including row boats, kayaks and the ever-so-popular paddle boats, for a reasonable fee. If you split the price of a boat between two or more people, it will probably cost less than what the average college student spends on coffee in one day.

Other attractions include a miniature dog park, a number of spots available for picnics of all sizes and even a playground for those interested in indulging their inner child. Let's not forget the ice cream shops, which provide the universal



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Waller Mill Park provides wholesome outdoors entertainment, from renting paddle boats to just laying out and having a picnic with friends. The park includes bike trails, boating rentals and a playground, along with plenty of green open space.

treat for a nice day, right at the park. With all that it has to offer, Waller Mill Park is a great place to take your parents on a weekend visit, have a romantic date for two, or just goof off with your friends.

Remember to bring the essentials for any outside trip along with you, though. Any time you're near the water, bugs will be sure to follow you, so you'll definitely want to take some bug spray. Carrying a couple of extra dryer sheets in your pockets will also keep those annoying pests away. You'll want to bring sun screen as well; the trails may be covered with

trees, but don't let that deceive you — getting a sunburn is still a very real possibility.

If none of these activities catch your interest, you can always use this park as an excuse to get away from campus. Pack up a blanket, some snack food, and even bring readings for class. Listen to the relaxing sounds of the paddle boats, and appreciate the sunlight glistening on the water — it's the perfect way to spend any sunny afternoon. If you don't believe me, check it out for yourself. You won't regret it.

4: Historic landmark enthralls onlookers

By EMILY MASON
Flat Hat Staff Writer

When looking for a good day trip complete with entertainment and a scenic view, consider heading out to the historic Jamestown. Perhaps it seems a little obvious, or even a little bit lame to some, but there is a reason the settlers picked the spot. On a sunny day, there's no better place to be, and, best of all, there's no shortage of entertainment to be found.

Due to the ready availability of historical sites across from campus, it is not a huge surprise that Jamestown often gets overlooked. There is a lot more to this tourist destination than people in costumes and a big statue of Pocahontas. Recently, historic Jamestown has been revamped with new exhibits and attractions. A brand new visitor center has exhibits exploring Jamestown's

chaotic past, including the most recent discoveries, like the drought that ravaged the area when the settlers first arrived. There are even artifacts from the past century: everything from buttons celebrating the 350th anniversary of the site in 1957 to the Virginia state quarter issued in 2000.

Another recent development is the Archaearium. Built above ground so it won't disturb any archaeological deposits, it is an exhibition of artifacts recovered at the James Fort site, including the skeleton of J.R., a settler killed by a musket wound in his knee. Since Jamestown is a working archaeological site, actual archaeologists talk with visitors about the ongoing excavations, ranging from covered wells to grave sites.

A replica of the original Jamestown fort with outlines of the buildings is another historical site worth visiting. For those interested in the more recent past,

there is the Jamestown memorial church, the main body of which was built in 1906 to commemorate the original structure.

Don't get me wrong, the history itself is interesting, but the best part by far is the scenery. The boardwalk that connects the visitor center to the Jamestown island is like a completely different time and place. For those who love wildflowers, trees and marshlands look no further. If that doesn't suit you, the view of the James river from the shoreline is particularly amazing. So, grab a drink at the Dale House Cafe — or sneak a few beverages in yourself to avoid the overpriced merchandise that often accompanies historical sites in Virginia — sit back and admire.

While a visit to the historic section costs \$10, it is entirely worth it in my opinion. It is easy to spend a day there, and it is even easier to get back to campus when you're done.



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While most students think of Jamestown as a tourist location, it can be an entertaining day trip for many. New exhibits and sites offer something different from Colonial Williamsburg.

BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

A few final sex lessons for the road

Maya Horowitz

FLAT HAT SEX COLUMNIST



Dearest readers, it has been my pleasure to serve you for the past two and a half years. This being my last column, it really has me reflecting on what I've learned during my time here at the College of William and Mary.

When I showed up in the 'Burg, doe-eyed and horny, I had expectations of a sexual utopia. I knew the College wasn't exactly the sexiest place in the world, but I was expecting to get laid. A lot. What I found was that doing the dirty takes a lot of work. And the transition from high school hallways and childhood bedrooms to frat parties and dormcest isn't always an easy one.

Thus, my first lesson: Put the work in. Toss out a bunch of seeds, and see what grows. By this I mean, when you see someone you might be interested in, make sure you leave a possibility there. Who knows? That hot girl in your Intro to Japan class isn't available now, but next fall you might run into her at a party, and she might be single. Then you can reap the benefits of putting the effort in early.

On the flip side of putting the work in, appreciate when someone else is exerting effort. If you notice that she's trying to be flirty but kind of failing, help her out. I personally have the policy, "never say no to a date." If there is no pressing reason not to go out with someone, why not give them a chance? Also, saying "yes" is positive reinforcement, and building someone's confidence is a worthy cause.

Given my initial naivete and insatiable libido, I was bound to make a few mistakes, which brings me to my next lesson: Look before you screw. The College has a small campus. Gossip spreads quickly, and sometimes it feels like everyone knows everyone. We're all free to make mistakes — and we all inevitably do — but it is especially important not to embarrass yourself when people are probably going to remember your hookups until you graduate.

My next step was getting into a long-term,



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serious relationship. Although some people don't, many find meaningful relationships on campus. This path perhaps isn't as sexy as being a swinging bachelor/ette, but it can provide interesting and alternative lessons in sexuality. So lesson three is: commit. You may lose time being single, but it's generally worth it. I spent three years in a relationship — that's three years I couldn't have been getting my freak on with random dudes — and it was worth every second. I learned more about myself — and my happy parts — in those three years than I had ever before. Of course, relationships aren't for everyone. But, what's the harm in trying?

Next lesson: Dream big; fantasize about whomever you want. Why not crush on a professor? Maturity and accomplishment are often turn-ons. Plus, I promise thinking sexy thoughts about a professor will help you get through class.

Perhaps the most important thing I've learned is number six: Take care of yourself. This means articulating how you are feeling about a sexual encounter. Sexual openness often leads to getting what you want. It also means that you have to learn to assess risks. There are dangers in the sexual world, from rape to STIs, and wishing them away just won't cut it. Everyone must learn to fend for themselves — whether that means avoiding drinking, going out in big groups, or just popping on a condom.

It took me a long time to learn number seven: You don't have to hook up to have fun. Life is not all about sex all the time. Give yourself a break occasionally, and take the pressure off. There are tons of things to do on and off campus that don't involve insertion.

If there was one piece of advice I could give the entire campus it would be this: Sex is not a competition, and there should never be a battle of the sexes. We are all working together to get our rocks off. Partners don't have to be squared off against each other or divided into planets. We're all working toward the same goal.

Lastly, be a dear and pass on the knowledge. If you know how to give women orgasms that make their eyes roll back into their heads, teach your friends. We must all do our part to make sure that sexual information is disseminated. You'd want an older, wiser woman to teach you the ways of the world, wouldn't you? Why not be that mentor figure to a freshman next year?

All that said, you'll be fine. William and Mary kids are a whole lot less awkward than they think they are. For me, it's on to better and bigger things. Thanks for the laughs, the love, and of course, the doggie style.

Maya Horowitz is the Flat Hat sex columnist. Her inspiring sex columns will continue to appear on adult websites and haunt her professional career for years to come. The complete article is available online at flatthatnews.com.

THAT GUY

Senior goes with the flow

By WALTER HICKEY
Flat Hat That Guy Columnist

Many of us don't know him by name, but most of us recognize his booming voice from across the Sunken Garden, his distinctive beard, hat and coat, and his mentions of involvement in Skiffy. Mark Hrishro, eager to chat, discussed what he's gotten out of the College of William and Mary, where he hopes to go with what he's learned, and a large number of tangents, many of which — for sake of space — couldn't be included in this abridged interview. A great conversationalist and the object of what he described as a vague campus cult of personality, Mark has quite a bit to say about a campus he knows well.

Are there any relatively unknown things you've found on campus you want to share?

There's a ton of stuff on this campus that no one even realizes is there. Lodge 1 is a great example — no one realizes that there's a ton of food and beer that you can buy, [like] Starhill. Starhill is a local brewery in Charlottesville that's actually good. They produce several beers like The Gift. Their Ambrielle is really good. They had this one for Valentine's day called The Love, and it was this great, sweet beer. You can get that, right here, \$4. I'm looking at these premium beers; there's Kona Longboard. Do you know how hard it is to find Kona anywhere that's not [on] the West Coast? This is just an example of crazy stuff that no one knows about.

Anything other little-known facts students can take advantage of?

You can always get funds for anything. Let's say you're in a club and you want funding, you can petition the [Student Assembly] for anything. You can say, "I want to hold an event," and just tell someone, someone in AMP, someone in the Student Activities office.

What do you do in Skiffy, the College's science fiction and fantasy club?

I'm the president of Skiffy. I can tell you as much as you want about Skiffy, but Joe Kessler already did most of it. We watch science fiction movies. The key to Skiffy was really bad movies. Like recently we're finally returning to good science fiction, and I don't know if you'd classify this as good science fiction, but we just watched "TRON." We're a fun group of folks; we do the dart gun fights every Saturday. If you walk into McGlothlin [Street] or Jones [Hall] on a Saturday night and find a lot of folks pointing Nerf guns at you, that's us.

What are you majoring in?

I'm a major in anthropology. It's taken me as far as the Brazilian Amazon, but as far as job opportunities, it's taken me nowhere. Being a liberal arts major you get a lot of skills that no one really cares about. I think that most liberal arts majors are



MICHELLE GABRO — THE FLAT HAT

Mark Hrishro '10 calls the Matoka dock, which he has frequented since freshman year, his favorite spot on campus.

more educated than the business majors are, but clearly the ones getting the jobs. If you are a liberal arts major, and you're considering another liberal arts major, don't. As someone who is only a liberal arts major, I have jack in job opportunities. There are some jobs with the National Council of the American Indian that I'm hoping to get that would actually be rewarding and use my liberal arts skills in a way that isn't soul-crushing.

Any tips for underclassmen?

A great life lesson: "Don't worry about it." If there's one thing I learned from going to college, especially William and Mary, it's "don't ask questions." You might see stuff and go, "I should do something about that." But in reality? I once heard like these really loud explosions on campus, and I was trying to figure out what it was, but I [figured] it's probably just some machine going on and off. So just don't ask questions. You get a nice, slow, warm feeling. Like dying of frostbite.

What is your favorite on-campus location?

[Lake] Matoaka pier, actually. When I was a freshman, I was hanging out with these seniors, and one of them went, "It's a shame Mataoka isn't as creepy as it used to be." When I told him I had never been there he was just like, "We're going, now," and we just talked on the pier for a while.

Do you have any classes that you would recommend for the general student body?

First of all, I think [Professor] Martin Gullivan in the anthropology department is one of the best on this campus. He's not afraid of actual open discussion in his classes, by which I mean it gets real. He's actually really exciting and will make boring

material interesting. Also in the anthropology department, I'd say [Danielle] Moretti-Langholtz is a great lecturer — she's a lot of fun — and then finally Barbara King. I've taken one class with her, but I would say if you ever want to learn about primates, I won't say apes, but if you ever want to learn about monkeys, take King. It's pretty tough, and not for the faint of heart, even if you never do the reading, you will learn things in that class that will affect you for the rest of your life.

Can you give us a final story to part with?

This is actually a really appropriate story for this article. So, I'm walking home one night past the units and I see these guys. And I sort of nod to them and tip my hat, and all of a sudden this guy goes, "You're that guy!" He just goes to his buddy like, "Bro, bro, if you're ever walking around late at night and you hear somebody yelling what you're thinking, this is the guy!" As I'm walking away, one of the guys yells out, "Hey bro, do you wear a watch?" And I go, "Why would I need a watch? I have a cell phone." They just start shouting and yelling at their friend, "I told you so! at the one guy who has a watch. It's things like that that I love about William and Mary — you just run into people. When I was a freshman out on a nice day like this, I walked past this chick sunbathing, and I looked again and just said, "You're naked." And she just went, "Yeah." And I just walked off. Why? Because you don't ask questions.

Mark is undecided with regard to where he's going with his anthropology major, but has quite a bit of good advice for the people who run Lodge 1 if they're interested in hearing from him. For the unabridged interview, check flatthatnews.com.

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SPORTS IN BRIEF

LACROSSE

Golden, College withstand late Richmond run for win

The No. 20 Tribe (6-4) outlasted Richmond Sunday with a hard-fought 11-10 victory. Junior Grace Golden and senior Katie Delaney led the way, as each contributed four goals. In addition to the Tribe's offensive performance, junior goalkeeper Emily Geary contributed 10 saves, six of which came during a pivotal stretch in the final 10 minutes. With its win against Richmond, the College concluded its slate of non-conference games, and will begin CAA play Friday against Hofstra.

MEN'S TENNIS

Whiteford leads Tribe past Delaware, Norfolk State

In one of its few double-header matches this season, the College defeated both Delaware and Norfolk State Saturday at the Busch Courts. The College (16-9) concluded its perfect 4-0 CAA schedule with a 5-2 victory over the Blue Hens. The Tribe swept all three doubles matches, and steady performances by junior Keziel Juneau and freshman Jamie Whiteford in singles play allowed the squad to clinch the victory. The Tribe will resume play next weekend with another doubleheader, as DePaul and Liberty will both visit Williamsburg Sunday.

MEN'S SOCCER

Hoxie signs contract with USSF's Rochester Rhinos

Andrew Hoxie '10 signed with the Rochester Rhinos of the USSF Division II Pro League the League announced Monday. The former College forward was selected in the Major League Soccer Draft this January by the San Jose Earthquakes, making him the 19th former Tribe player to be drafted by a professional soccer team. Hoxie led the CAA in goals (10), assists (12) and points (32) last season. He did not make the Earthquakes' opening-day roster.

ONLINE

Sophomore reliever Matt Davenport leads the CAA in innings pitched this season. To get his take on the Tribe's first conference defeat this weekend against Virginia Commonwealth, visit his blog at flathatnews.com.

ATHLETE FOCUS

MATT DAVENPORT
SOPHOMORE, PITCHER



The Flat Hat caught up with sophomore Matt Davenport to discuss being thin and other topics.

Who was your favorite athlete growing up? Greg Maddux. I always enjoyed the way he pitched, because he was the master of command.

What's the best heckle you've heard about being thin? The best was at UNC-W when a guy yelled out "I'll buy you a cheeseburger if you walk this guy."

Who's the funniest person on the team? John Farrell. It took him a while to come out of his shell, but when you just listen to some of the things he says, he's crazy, but in a good way.

WOMEN'S TENNIS

College takes down Marshall 6-1 at home

Pop recovers from injury, teams with Cepeda to help Tribe trample Thundering Herd

By TRAVIS TRIGGS
Flat Hat Staff Writer

Playing its final match of a late-season, six-match home stand, No. 59 William and Mary (10-9, 2-0 CAA) defeated No. 58 Marshall (14-6) in a high-energy 6-1 win Sunday in Williamsburg.

"In the end, what came out was just a will to win," Head Coach Meredith Geiger-Walton said. "They did a great job of having their mental and emotional parts of their game really back up their physical game."

The College started the match strong by securing the doubles point with a pair of comeback victories. The No. two pair of freshman Anik Cepeda and senior Carmen Pop struck first, storming to take three straight games to win 9-7.

Pop secured the first Tribe doubles win by dropping a return in between Marshall's Michaela Kissel and Kara Kucin, forcing an errant backhand into the net.

"You never doubt [Pop] because she always believes that she can win, no matter what," Geiger-Walton said. "Her will is so strong that even if she's not 100 percent, she can win it mentally."

Freshman Marlen Mesgarzadeh and junior Lauren Sabacinski clinched the doubles point with a 9-8 (3) come-from-behind victory in the No. 3 doubles slot. After trailing 7-6 late in the match, Mesgarzadeh and Sabacinski forced their Thundering Herd counterparts into two straight errors, giving the point to the College and tying the match at seven apiece.

The Tribe snagged one of the next two games, forcing a tiebreaker while climbing out to an early 5-3 lead. On

the next point, Sabacinski broke the Marshall serve by smashing a lob attempt into Marshall's Thaddea Lock, who was unable to return, giving the Tribe duo match point. Mesgarzadeh made quick work of the Thundering Herd, when — on her first serve — she whacked a return down the sideline, taking the match and clinching the doubles point for the Tribe.

The Tribe found early success in the singles portion of the match, taking the first set in five of six matches. Leading the Tribe were Mesgarzadeh and Pop, who recorded straight-set victories in the No. 2 and No. 3 slots, respectively.

For Mesgarzadeh, who crafted an efficient 6-3, 6-0 victory, the victory marked her third consecutive straight-set win from the No. 2 position. Pop came back from a hamstring injury to record a solid 6-4, 6-3 win over Dominika Zaprazna for her team-leading 20th singles win this year.

After the Tribe collected two singles victories to go along with the doubles point, it only needed one of three remaining singles matches to sway the score in its favor.

Freshman Nina Vulovich, who cruised to a 6-0 first-set win behind solid serving and strong forehand winners, experienced an error-ridden second set, which she lost 6-1. Needing to reverse her fortune in the third and decisive set, the freshman fell behind early 2-1. But she battled back to a 6-4 victory, clinching the match victory for the Tribe.

"[Vulovich] clinching the match was really a confidence boost for her," Geiger-Walton said.



MELISSA MCCUE — THE FLAT HAT

Freshman Anik Cepeda defeated Marshall's Kristina Kopicina 6-3, 2-6 and 6-4 Sunday.

The College's top seed, Acharya, faced little resistance in her first set against the Thundering Herd's Kissell, winning 6-1. The second set went into a tiebreaker, in which Acharya found match point. After a rally, a strong shot by Acharya forced Kissell into a weak return, which flailed out of bounds and gave the match to Acharya in straight sets, 6-1, 7-6 (4). She flung her racket in celebration and proceeded to shake hands with the Thundering Herd's top player at the net.

With the victory, which was only the third singles loss of the year for the ranked Kissell, Acharya has now

recorded 15 singles victories this year and 15 singles victories against ranked opponents in her career.

In the No. 6 position, Cepeda kept to the trend, recording a 6-3, 2-6, 6-4 victory over Marshall's Kristina Kopicina.

After winning its last five of six matches, the Tribe will try to stay hot when it takes on CAA foes Old Dominion and VCU next week, before finishing the season against Richmond on Saturday.

"This stretch of four matches in six days is going to be very demanding, physically," Geiger-Walton said. "But I expect [the team] to be fired up for [Virginia Commonwealth]."

MEN'S GYMNASTICS

Tribe concludes year with third-place finish at ECACs

Gygax ends College career with two All East honors and silver medal performance in all around

By MIKE BARNES
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Following a second-place finish in last week's USA Gymnastics Competition, William and Mary aimed to wrap up an automatic berth in the NCAA Championship by holding strong at home.

Despite posting one of its most impressive performances of the season at the ECAC Championship this past weekend at Kaplan Arena, the Tribe's team score of 339.35 was only good enough for third place. Chicago-Illinois won the event with a team score of 343.45, while Temple finished second.

"In terms of the overall meet, I was really pleased with it, because we hit around 80 percent of our routines, both in the team finals and in the individual finals," Head Coach Cliff Gauthier said. "That's good for us this season, that's about as well as we have done all season, so I was pretty psyched about that ... The two teams that beat us out looked like they both qualified for the NCAA Championship, and we are now either the first or second alternate, depending on where we finish in relation to Air Force."

Once again, senior Derek Gygax led the way for the Tribe in Friday's team competition, garnering All-East

honors with a second-place finish in the all-around with a score of 85.2. His strong Friday scores qualified him for several events in Saturday's individual finals, where he earned a silver medal on the pommel horse with a score of 14.35.

Junior Andy Hunter also earned two All-East designations Saturday. His score of 13.95 captured a third-place finish on the pommel horse.

Hunter also finished with a silver medal on the rings and freshman Vince Smurro won All-East honors with a third-place finish on the parallel bars.

Although the College did not secure a berth in next month's NCAA Championship, several Tribe athletes may have locked down individual qualifications thanks to their performances in Saturday's individual finals. The NCAA will announce the additional individual qualifiers Tuesday.

As for the team as a whole, the Tribe believes the team's finish was a positive outing that allowed the squad to showcase its resilience.

"We were ranked third going into the ECACs, and we started the year off kind of slow," Hunter said. "We had a few guys banged up coming off of injuries. If you look at how we did at the beginning of the year to how we did in these last few meets, we have come a long

Off the mat

Senior Derek Gygax will likely conclude his collegiate career later this month at the NCAA Championship. Over the course of his tenure in Williamsburg, Gygax has become one of the most decorated athletes in team history. This season alone, he has won All-American honors and is a finalist for the Nissen-Emery Award.

way, and that's always exciting to see."

With the ECACs marking the end of the College's team season, Gauthier has already started looking towards next year, when he will be without his senior standout Gygax.

"I'm always optimistic," Gauthier said. "We rarely take any steps back in the program, and we always keep just getting better and a little bit better; and that's what I am hoping will happen next year. We have to have some freshmen that can come in and do well for us, and hopefully that rising senior class will be stepping up and getting healthier and get to work out a whole year, instead of being rushed into competing."

BASEBALL

College drops series against Rams as bats go silent

Tribe loses two of three as Billbrough gives strong outing in Friday start

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William and Mary Head Coach Frank Leoni knew scoring runs might be an issue for his team this season. But he probably never figured the Tribe would lose a series where it hit so well.

Despite out-scoring Virginia Commonwealth (15-13, 5-1) 20-7 in a three-game series this weekend, the Tribe (17-10, 3-3) dropped two of three to the Rams in Richmond.

The College got off to a good start Friday, lambasting the Rams 15-2 thanks, in part, to sophomore outfielder Stephen Arcure, who recorded two hits and a season-high four RBIs. Freshman third baseman Ryan Williams knocked in a pair of runs as well, while freshman outfielder Ryan Brown added a pair of RBIs and made an outstanding diving catch, before doubling a runner off second base to halt a third-inning Rams rally.

"We hit well on Friday," Leoni said. "Balls found a way to places where people weren't standing."

Perhaps the most impressive performance of the day came from junior starter Logan Billbrough, who gave up two runs in a career-high eight innings. Coming off an outing where he gave up seven runs through four-and-a-third innings in his last start against Delaware, he did not allow a single hit until the sixth inning.



MICHELLE GABRO — THE FLAT HAT

Freshman pitcher Brett Goodloe winds up.

"Logan did a great job. He looked more like the Logan we are used to seeing," Leoni said. "He mixed his pitches well, threw downhill and attacked the strike zone. [VCU's field] is definitely a pitcher's ballpark."

But, the Tribe was unable to maintain that momentum for the remainder of the weekend, dropping a heartbreaker 6-5 in 10 innings in a back-and-forth contest Saturday. After losing an early lead, the Tribe came back in the top of the eighth, only to give up the tying run in the ninth and the winning run in the tenth.

Freshman starter Brett Koehler made a solid effort, allowing three runs over five innings, while reliable sophomore reliever Matt Davenport threw two scoreless innings, allowing one hit and striking out three.

It was the offense that fell short, as it would again in Sunday's series finale. Despite an outstanding five-inning effort from freshman pitcher Brett Goodloe, the Tribe lost 1-0 in a game where they could not come up with the timely hit.

"[Saturday and Sunday] we hit the ball well, but didn't find gaps. [VCU] did a good job of adjusting their players," Leoni said. "We had our chances we just didn't execute as well as we did on Friday."

Despite the loss, junior second baseman Jonathan Slattery hit a second-inning double to right-centerfield to extend his hitting streak to 14 games.

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TO THE SWIFT

College's distance teams help return Colonial Relays to prominence

By JACK LAMBERT
Flat Hat Sports Editor

The William and Mary men's and women's track and field teams each finished second at the Colonial Relays held this weekend in Williamsburg.

The men's team was driven by the successes of its distance runners, picking up wins in the 5,000- and 10,000-meter races. Senior Colin Leak won the 5,000, and sophomore John Pence won the 10,000, with times of 13 minutes, 53.09 seconds and 30:08.64, respectively.

"In the 10,000, John Pence did a real good job," men's Head Coach Alex Gibby said. "He redshirted for us last spring, so this is his first real spring season for us."

The meet marked the returned prominence of the Colonial Relays after

the event struggled to attract top teams last season after its three-year hiatus, during which the College refinished its track surface.

"We brought in some of the best distance programs on the East Coast," Gibby said. "Iona, Georgetown, Virginia, the Virginia Tech middle-distance team — those are four of the top 15 distance programs in the country."

For the women, the field events — which combined with the success of the distance medley relay team — helped set the tone.

Senior Ashley Williams finished second in the hammer throw with a distance of 174 feet, 10 inches. Fellow senior Nicole Kazuba finished second in the pole vault with an ECAC qualifying height of 12'1.5".

The distance medley relay team of sophomore Heather Beichner and seniors Dana Harvey, Kelly McElroy and Meghan

Burns, finished first in the event with a time of 11:28.45. The mark set a meet record just shy of the school record.

"The [distance medley relay] was a great race for us," women's Head Coach Kathy Newberry said. "They were four seconds away from the school record. That's a team of four seniors right now, and they had set the school record in indoor, so with only two outdoor meets to run them in this season, we wanted to see what they could do."

The meet was also defined by break-out performances from a trio of Tribe runners. Junior Robert Sagar helped the men's team to a first-place finish in the 4x1500 relay while finishing ninth in the steeplechase.

For the women, it was a pair of freshman runners that impressed Newberry.

"Two of our freshmen, Liz Barclay and Katie Buenaga, really stood out," Newberry

said. "They have had their struggles transitioning to college-level training and racing, but they made huge steps forward, recording [personal records] which were close to their high school PRs. It was nice to see things click for them."

Barclay finished with a time of 4:41.47 in the 1500, just ahead of her classmate Buenaga, who finished in 4:41.96.

Both teams now look to gear their training toward the upcoming Penn Relays, the last major non-conference team meet of the season. They will later head to their respective conference and regional meets.

"We don't get judged on our win and loss record, so it comes down to how we compete at the end of the year," Gibby said. "We measure ourselves on how we compete in regionals and at the NCAAs in late May, early June."

Upperclassmen run for respect, nationals

Miller, Leak, Wilhelm and Grey help set the pace for Tribe's distance team this season

By JACK LAMBERT
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Most sports measure themselves by wins and losses. In track, where one hundredth of a second separates first from fifth, it's personal times — not wins and losses — that keep runners up at night.

When the sun set on the Colonial Relays Saturday afternoon, and the performances of seniors Harry Miller, Colin Leak, Jon Grey and junior Patterson Wilhelm were weighed and measured, no one said, look how good these seniors are.

Instead it was, look how fast they are already.

"I thought we looked pretty good, especially since we still have two months left in the season," Leak said. "[Head Coach Alex] Gibby has just been hammering us with workouts and keeping our mileage high, so we just have to pick our heads up and keep going."

Even so, early-season fatigue didn't have much of an effect on Leak. He took first in the 5,000-meter run Saturday. Leak was one of three Tribe runners to finish in the top five of the event, joined by his teammates Grey, Wilhelm and junior Luis Woodard.

"I'm pretty pleased with the race, it felt easy," Leak said. "It was great not having to travel out west to places like Stanford or Mount Sac to run fast times. It was a great pace, real smooth. It was one of the easiest 5k's I've ever run."

Leak and Wilhelm also helped the College to a first-place finish in the 4x1500 relay Sunday. Wilhelm — an All-American in cross country in the fall — anchored the Tribe in that race, coming from behind during the last lap to lead the squad to victory.

"When you're racing you don't know about the other team, but I could tell when I was behind him that he was struggling a little bit," Wilhelm said. "I just waited to make my move at the end."

Wilhelm's final kick delighted his teammates, who were calling for him to strike a pose with the baton as he reached the finish line. The senior had other ideas.

"I heard three or four guys talking to me as I came around, telling me I've got the guy beat," Wilhelm said with a smile. "There was a lot of showboating over the weekend by other teams, but we didn't want to do that. You know, keep it classy."

And fast. Classy and fast, like how Miller finished the steeplechase. The senior finished the race in 8 minutes, 53.54 seconds, the fastest time in the east this season.

The time also qualified Miller for the IC4A Championships, which is just one of the goals for this year's seniors.

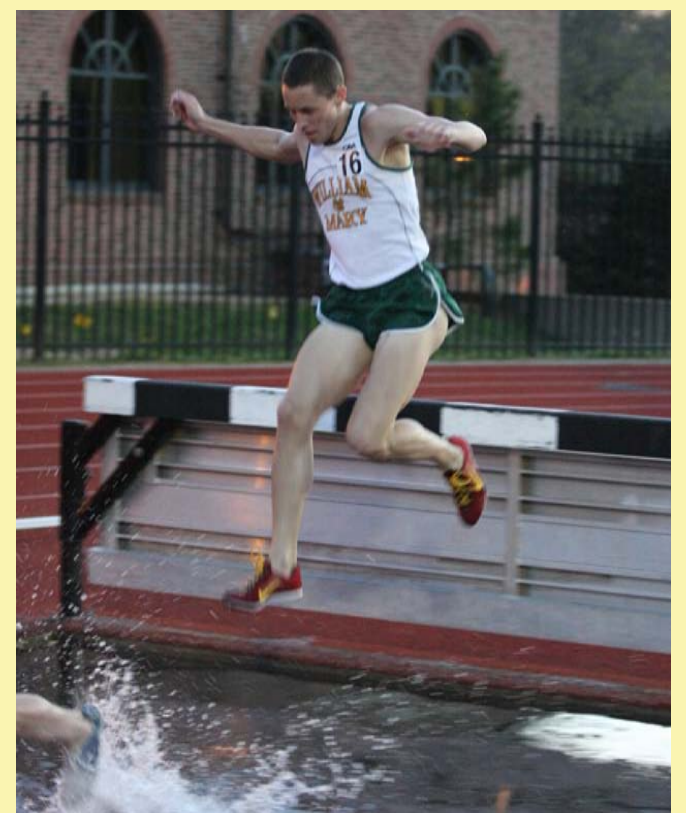
"We definitely would like to send four or five guys to nationals, definitely a lot to regionals," Miller said. "Given how hard we're working [and] how things are going in practice, things feel completely different this season."

What once was exemplary has become the norm for the Tribe's distance runners — what was once unimaginable now feels within reach.

"Guys are running times in workouts that five years ago would have been top times," Miller said. "Some of these young guys are running stuff that would have been at the top five years ago, and now they are only solid, good times."

That's the goal for these upperclassmen: not to run solid times for one regional meet, but to run times that qualify them on a national level. One of the goals heading into the outdoor track season was to improve the Tribe's showing at nationals, where Grey was the only Tribe runner to compete during the indoor track season this winter.

"We want to send as many guys to regionals and nationals as possible," Wilhelm said. "Jon will tell you — he went to nationals — and it sucks to go by yourself and only Gibby. Spending seven hours by yourself in a hotel room can get a little lonely."



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Senior Harry Miller competes in the steeplechase Saturday.

Grey, who finished second in both the 5,000 and 10,000-meter run, agrees. The goal is not how the Tribe does at the Colonial Invitational. For this year's upperclassmen, this season, the goal is where they finish overall.

"We want to keep having success," Grey said. "We don't just want to be a one-and-done team. We want to show people, we've been here for a while and we are here to stay."