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Bite-size news you can use

Students may have been joking about drowning in yesterday's downpour, but some creatures weren't so lucky. Students reported seeing a drowned squirrel on a staircase near Morton Hall.

Although it's all washed away now, the Office of Student Activities is concerned about sidewalk chalking. Assistant Director of Student Activities Trici Fredrick M.Ed. '05 included a reminder in yesterday's Student Happenings. "Please remember that using chalk on sidewalks, walkways or anywhere across campus to advertise is against College policy and not allowed in any form," she warned.

Students looking to wile away the rainy hours may have noticed the College featured in a new Sporcle quiz, "Name that Basketball Conference." Spoiler alert: the Tribe is in the Colonial Athletic Association.

Speaking of CAA basketball, the Tribe's season opens tonight at 7:30 with an away game against 12th-ranked UConn.

The Tribal Fever began selling student packages for Nov. 21's Richmond game Wednesday. You get a game ticket and a bus seat for \$10 — a steal, considering the tickets alone cost \$26. A few were still available as of yesterday.

Looking for something a little more free? The Tribal Fever is handing out 6,000 rally towels at tomorrow's New Hampshire game — the last home game of the season.

Robert Bauman, Busch Gardens' original burgermeister, has died at the age of 95. As burgermeister, he performed at the theme park's German restaurant from 1975 to 2002, singing and dancing while wearing traditional lederhosen.

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The Zerbo Zone

TWAMPtannica: now with more ineptitude!

I defy my readers to pick up a copy of the TWAMPtannica and not vomit at the thought that a dime of student money was spent in its creation.

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Tube Talk

Glee: Pop-loving paraplegic

Artie has not been getting enough attention and finally "Glee" gave us an episode dedicated to him.

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Veterans Day for the ROTC

Holiday focuses on cadets' future

By IAN BRICKEY

Flat Hat Assoc. News Editor

For many students at the College of William and Mary, Veterans Day is a time of reflection on service and sacrifice. For the members of the College's ROTC program, that service and sacrifice will soon be their own.

When they sign up, ROTC members pledge four years of active duty or six years of reserve duty in the U.S. Army, as well as dozens of hours each week preparing for that duty.

For many, that commitment shapes their time at the College.

"I really enjoy it because it's defined a lot of my experience at the College," Cadet Commander of the College's ROTC program Drew Leyes '10 said. "I've made a lot of my close friends through ROTC, and it's challenged me in so many ways."

Leyes said he joined ROTC at the College to prepare for a career in the military after the conclusion of his time at the College.

"I wanted to serve my country, and I'd love to be an officer," Leyes said.

Leyes became cadet commander through a series of academic, leadership and physical tests.

"All the tests put all [the candidates] in a rank, and I had the highest rank," Leyes said.

As the cadet commander at the College, Leyes monitors many aspects of ROTC life at the College and at Christopher Newport University.

"I oversee training with fellow cadets, manage staff and implement new policies when needed," Leyes said. "I try to run it and execute it as best as I can. I try to give guidance to the cadets."

Cadets prepare for military

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Weather causes early close, late start

Rain, strong winds bring leaks, power outages and flooding to campus

By ISSHIN TESHIMA
Flat Hat News Editor

Torrential rain and strong winds throughout the mid-Atlantic region this week left the College of William and Mary with 38 leaks and counting.

Associate Vice President for Facilities Management Dave Shepard said that as of yesterday afternoon, the rains caused numerous water leaks in buildings around campus.

"We don't have flooding," he said. "We have some leaks in places. From roofs, walls, windows. The only place we have truly had flooding is the basement of Themes [House], because of the saturation."

Shepard said flooding in the Themes House, which houses the College's human resources department, is due to the nature of the building's construction, which allowed for groundwater to seep in.

Other buildings affected by leaks on campus include the Sarah Ives Gore Child Care Center, the Sadler Center, Swem Library and Phi Beta Kappa Hall. Shepard said most residence buildings were unaffected as of Thursday afternoon. The units reported some flooding in the evening.

"[The Sadler Center] probably has more leaks than we've experience in the past caused by a combination of wind and the amount of rain," Shepard said.

Events in the Sadler Center's Lodge 1 were also cancelled Thursday evening due to flooding.

The College reported that as long as the rain and wind continue, nothing can be done to repair current damage.

"We are trying to deal with [leaks] right now as things come up," Shepard said. "We are inspecting issues, trying to



SUN PARK — THE FLAT HAT

The heavy rain and winds along with puddles made trekking across campus difficult for the past two days.

mitigate any damage that might be caused because we can't really repair anything while the wind and rain is still ongoing."

As of 2:00 p.m. Thursday, Shepard reported approximately 38 leaks. However, he expects that number to increase as the weather continues.

The College also experienced several power and internet outages last night due to

the weather.

College spokesperson Brian Whitson said the decision to stop university operations rests with College Provost Michael R. Halleran under the guidance of the College's Emergency Management Team and other senior administrators.

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Professor urges student involvement in city

By ANDREW LUBRANO
The Flat Hat

Government professor Ronald Rapoport saw what happened to Matt Beato '09, a College of William and Mary student who ran unsuccessfully for the Williamsburg City Council in 2008, and has a plan he believes will give future student candidates a better chance at winning in city elections.

Rapoport said that since every voter gets to cast two votes in the election, two students should run.

"William and Mary students are so dutiful that they will vote for two candidates," Rapoport said. "The ballots tell you to vote for two candidates. What

[students] don't realize is that when they vote for a second candidate in addition to the student, they are voting for someone who may beat the student because of their vote. Two students should run so that students don't vote against the student candidate."

When extrapolated for the entire election, half of all votes cast by College students at the College would be for rival candidates, assuming they use

their first vote for a student candidate. With two students in the race, this problem would be eliminated.

"In the town, [student candidates] can run as if they were running individually," Rapoport said. "On campus, you want to make sure the students vote a student ticket. If one person is putting more effort into it, that

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Students reflect on death penalty for sniper

Northern Virginians remember life off of Interstate 95 during shooting spree

By FELICIA TSUNG
Flat Hat Staff Writer

John Allen Muhammad, one of the D.C. snipers, was executed by lethal injection Tuesday evening. His execution sparked different emotional reactions among students across campus.

Rob Greene '12 was in seventh grade when the 2002 D.C. sniper attacks began. Like many students at the College of William and Mary, Greene hails from Northern Virginia and vividly remembers the three weeks when Muhammad

and his accomplice, Lee Boyd Malvo, killed 10 people and injured three others in the Washington D.C. metropolitan area and along Interstate-95.

According to Greene, most people thought it was another terrorist attack when the shooting started. Schools began taking precautions, and day-to-day activities changed.

"There wasn't outside recess," he said. "At my middle school, in order to go from indoor recess to the gym, there was this pathway. They had garbage bags hanging down so you

wouldn't see the kids in it. They had people at the gas stations, volunteers filling up gas for people, because people didn't want to get out of their cars. It was pretty crazy, looking back at it, especially when it happened."

Life for Justine di Giovanni '11, also from Northern Virginia, was affected by the shootings as well.

"Everyone saying, 'you know, he's driving around in a white van,'" she said. "And so every time you saw a white van you'd zigzag a little bit. I didn't think about it all the time, but it was definitely on my mind."

Around two weeks into the shootings, Greene and his family were shopping at a store when the two snipers shot and killed a woman in a Home Depot parking lot down the street. The woman was walking to her car with her husband.

"We get back home, turn on the TV, and the next thing we know, we see where we just were. That woman just got killed right there," Greene said. "I didn't see it actually happen, but [the

TERRORIZING THE BELTWAY

A timeline of events following the D.C. sniper attacks

- September 5, 2002: First sniper attack
- October 22, 2002: Last sniper attack
- October 24, 2002: Muhammad and Malvo found along Interstate 70
- October 2003: The D.C. Sniper trials begin in a courtroom in Virginia Beach, Va.
- April 22, 2005: Virginia Supreme Court approves the death penalty for Muhammad.
- November 9, 2009: US Supreme Court rejects Muhammad's death penalty appeal.
- November 10, 2009: Muhammad is executed by lethal injection in Jarratt, Va.

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H1N1 vaccine arrives for high risk students

By MAGGIE REEB
Flat Hat News Editor

The College of William and Mary has received its first round of H1N1, or swine flu, vaccines. The Student Health Center will be providing the vaccine to high-risk students beginning Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

According to an e-mail sent to the campus community, high-risk students include women who are pregnant, students who suffer from diabetes, students on immunosuppressive medications and students with asthma or other chronic pulmonary diseases. The College notified high-risk students of the chance to get vaccinated by telephone today.

The College will be receiving supplies of the vaccine weekly, and according to Vice President for Student Affairs Ginger Ambler '88, Ph.D. '06, all students will eventually be able to receive the vaccine free of cost.

"As we use up the vaccines, they'll send us more," said Ambler.

Ambler also believes H1N1 clinics will be held in other locations as the vaccine becomes more readily available.

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Weather

Friday



High 59°
Low 52°

Saturday



High 64°
Low 51°

Sunday



High 72°
Low 51°

Source: weather.com

A THOUSAND WORDS



DYLAN MURRAY — THE FLAT HAT

A bridge entering the wildflower refuge sits suspended on rising rainwater

News in Brief

Missing person's body found near College woods

The body of a man reported missing has been found in the wooded area on the College of William and Mary campus. The police have labeled the death a suicide.

According to the Daily Press, the Williamsburg police were notified Oct. 19 that Williamsburg native Michael Allen Grimes, 47, had gone missing near New Town in James City County.

The William and Mary Police and Fire Department responded by launching a search of the Matoaka woods portion of campus, where police were said to have received a signal from Grimes's mobile phone.

At approximately 10 p.m. Saturday, a body was discovered in the woods near the 1000 block of Jamestown Road. Further investigation and autopsy concluded that the body was Grimes's.

Yates organizes Thanksgiving food drive

The first annual "Tribe Tribute to Thanksgiving" canned food drive, organized by the Yates Hall Council, will be held tomorrow at the final home football game of the season. Organizers will collect non-perishable foods from two hours before kickoff to the end of the first quarter.

Yates Hall Council member Charles Blevins '13 and Yates Resident Assistant Courtney Sutton '11 originally proposed the drive.

"The idea behind this event is to have students and the greater Williamsburg community come together to help those in our area who could otherwise be without food over the Thanksgiving holiday," Blevins said.

The Nov. 14 collection will be held for the general public and off-campus students. A campus-wide competition between dormitories is being held through Nov. 24 to encourage students living on campus to donate. Collected food will be donated to FISH food banks.

— by Ameya Jammi and Elysia Alim

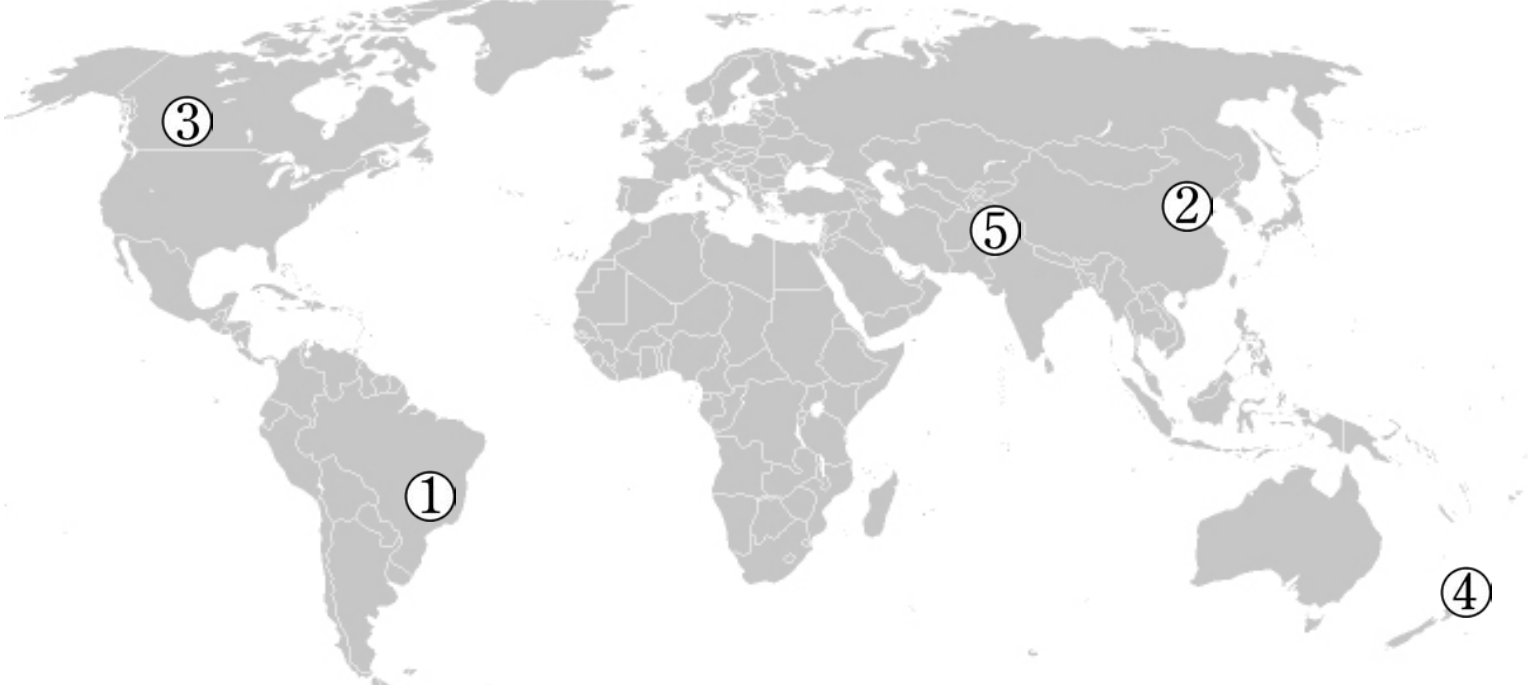
BEYOND THE 'BURG

1 Geisy Arruda, a student at Bandeirante University in Brazil, was expelled for wearing a short dress. Several videos posted online by her peers show her wearing a lab coat to cover her dress as she exits the building with police. The University claimed that it was Arruda's provocative behavior that stirred the frenzy, but the school decided to readmit Arruda this week as a result of public protesting.

2 President Barack Obama, who is scheduled to visit China, is admired by Chinese youth who see the leader as a symbol of the American dream. Universities in Beijing have fought over the honor of hosting the president during his visit. Obama will be greeted by images of "Obamao" and "Comrade Maobama" T-shirts, which depict him in an olive green Mao Zedong suit and a red-star cap.

3 Researchers at the University of Calgary have pioneered a new healing method for patients of open-heart surgery. The technique uses a biologically compatible adhesive called Kryptonite, which bonds rapidly to bones. This procedure allows patients to make a full recovery and to return to physical activity in days instead of months. The technique will also help cut costs and increase efficiency.

4 Harry Henriksen, a design student at the University in Auckland, earned a finalist spot in the 2010 Michelin Challenge to celebrate innovative vehicle design. Henriksen's "Switch" is an electric vehicle that morphs between a car and motorbike to weave through traffic. The vehicle is designed as a single-person transport and would have equipment that communicates with other vehicles to avoid collisions.



COURTESY PHOTO — WIKIPEDIA.ORG

— by Elysia Alim

5 Pakistani University bombing bridges divide

Unexpected Christian janitor emerges as a national hero

By ELYSIA ALIM
The Flat Hat

Campus activity is returning to normal on the women's campus of Islamabad's International Islamic University in Pakistan after two near-simultaneous suicide bomb attacks on both the men and women's sides of campus killed five people and wounded 22 three weeks ago.

After a wave of attacks on high-profile security buildings and crowded marketplaces in Pakistan this month, Taliban militants targeted the university. The carnage of the Oct. 22 attack could have been much

worse if it were not for the actions of a Christian janitor, Perwaiz Masih, who, in addition to three students and a security guard, was among the dead.

The attacker, disguised in women's clothing, shot the guard on duty and approached the cafeteria, which was occupied by 300 to 400 female students at the time. Masih intercepted the bomber in the doorway, forbidding him to enter. The bomber self-detonated outside the crowded hall, spraying the ball bearings packed into his explosive vest into the parking lot instead of into the cafeteria.

"[He] rose above the barriers of caste, creed and sectarian terrorism," professor Fateh Muhammad Malik, the rector of the university, said of Masih. "Despite being Christian, he sacrificed his life to save the Muslim girls."

A member of Pakistan's Christian minority, traditionally one of the poorest communities in the country, Masih had been on the job for less than a month. Earning only \$60 per month, he lived in a single room of a crowded apartment house with seven dependent family members.

In light of Masih's heroic efforts, the Islamic University has

offered to give Masih's daughter a free education and employ his widow. Meanwhile, the Pakistani government promised to award Masih's family approximately US \$12,000 for his bravery.

"He is a national hero because he saved the lives of many girls," Pakistan's minister of minorities Shahbaz Bhatti said. "As a Christian, a person of minority, he stood in front of the Taliban to protect the university."

The family had to borrow money to pay for Masih's funeral and is now behind on paying rent.

"My hero is dead now," Masih's mother said.

STREET BEAT

How did registration go for you?



"Registration went really well. It was better than my freshman year."

Meg Southern '12



"It went well for me because juniors helped me to hold courses."

Wren Satterley '12



"Not as good as usual, but okay."

Caitlin Finchum '11



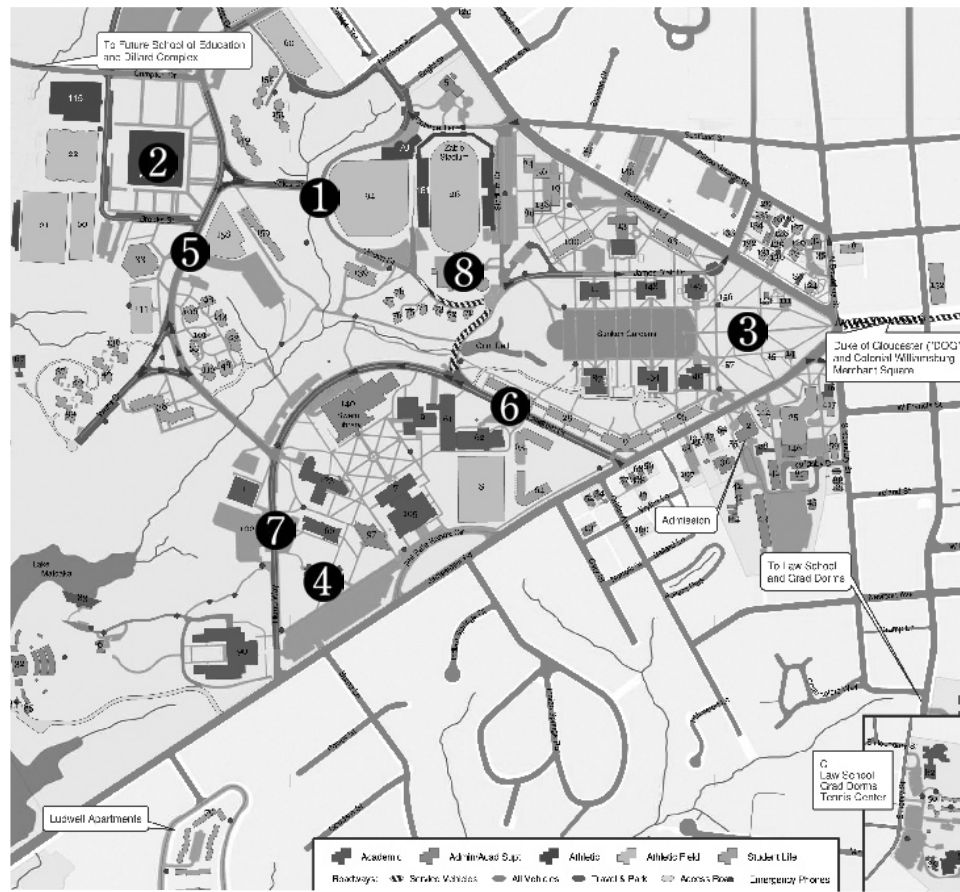
"It was pretty early but it was a smooth sail."

Erik Gelhausen '10

— photos and interviews by Sun Park

CAMPUS POLICE BEAT

November 3 to November 10



COURTESY GRAPHIC — WMLEU

- 1 **Wednesday, Nov. 4** — An individual reported stolen signs at the intersection of Gooch Drive and Yates Drive.
- 2 — An individual reported a stolen radio in William and Mary Hall. The estimated value was \$1,700.
- 3 **Friday, Nov. 6** — An individual reported graffiti on the Wren Building. The estimated cleanup cost is \$25.
- 4 **Saturday, Nov. 7** — An individual reported a stolen bike in Morton Lot. The estimated value was \$25.
- 5 **Sunday, Nov. 8** — An individual reported vandalism on 600 Ukrop Way. The estimated cost is \$25.
- 6 — An individual reported a stolen saxophone and audio equipment on Landrum Drive. The estimated value was \$5,055.
- 7 **Monday, Nov. 9** — An individual reported a stolen bike at 201 Ukrop Way. The estimated value is \$200.
- 8 — An individual reported a stolen purse in the Sadler Center. The estimated value is \$80.

— compiled by Elysia Alim

Zoning, noise ordinance tops city council's weekly agenda

By MEGHAN BOHN
Flat Hat Staff Writer

The Williamsburg City Council met Thursday to pass the proposed amendments to the zoning and noise control ordinances currently in place in the City of Williamsburg.

The amendment to the Zoning Ordinance altered the definition of a hotel or motel to allow rooms and suites to be occupied by full-time students at the College of William and Mary.

The revision is limited to hotels and motels in the MS Museum Support Zoning District.

This includes the Governor's Inn, the Williamsburg Inn, the Williamsburg Lodge and the Williamsburg Woodlands.

Previously, the ordinance established the maximum length of stay at 90 days for every person except hotel employees. In the revised statute, full-time students are exempt from the 90-day limit.

As a result of input from the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation, the revised ordinance includes a clause limiting the occupancy of a room to no more than two students.

The revision also includes a clause recommended by both the Williamsburg Planning Commission and the College that requires that rooms be leased to the College and not directly to the students.

"This provides a measure of control that is a lot different than a student going out on their own and renting a room for a year," Williamsburg Mayor Jeanne Zeidler M.A. '76 said.

In response to the high demand for housing close to campus, the College already has arrangements with local

hotels. Eight students are currently being housed at the Governor's Inn for the 2009-2010 academic year.

Many of the community members present spoke in favor of the changes, but many also pointed out the competitive advantage it provides to locations in the MS District.

A number of local hotel and motel owners and operators advocated for the extension of the ordinance to include additional zoning districts, citing the lack of opportunity for other hotels to compete for student business.

Others spoke in favor of expanding the ordinance to limit the growth of renters in local neighborhoods and increase revenue for the city.

Chief of Staff to the President of the College Michael J. Fox was in favor of the amendments, praising the Governor's Inn's proximity to campus, clean service, flexibility, furniture, affordable price and ability to accommodate the necessary amount of students.

Colonial Williamsburg security patrols also provide an element of safety not necessarily present at other locations.

"If any other hotels fit these needs, Residence Life would be pleased to receive their information," Fox said.

However, with the small number of students who utilize this type of housing, Fox stressed that only a limited amount of business expansion would produce.

The amendment was positively received by the council members, who expressed interest in

applying it to other ordinances in the city.

"This has the potential to be a win-win for the College, the community and the students," Williamsburg Vice Mayor and economics professor Clyde Haulman said.

After the council unanimously passing the amendment, a motion was made referring the Planning Commission to examine expanding the proposal to other zoning districts.

The amendments to the noise ordinance were proposed in order to correct the inconsistencies that existed in the hours of applicability stated in the ordinance.

The change removed the hours of applicability entirely, leaving the times to be defined by specific prohibitions. For a large party nuisance, plainly audible sound was limited to between 11 p.m. and 7 a.m.

Both Zeidler and Haulman voiced their support for the changes to the ordinance.

"It just didn't make sense; it needed to be corrected," Zeidler said.

Council member Paul Frieling '83 called upon Williamsburg Chief of Police James M. Yost to address the effectiveness of the noise ordinance so far.

"There haven't been any particular challenges in applying the ordinance," Yost said. "It is working absolutely no differently than the old one. We get a few more calls than we did before, but we haven't seen any real change."



Haulman



Zeidler M.A. '76

Cadet looks toward deployment

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service through routine physical fitness exercise, known as 'PT.'

A weekly routine involves long-distance runs up to 10 miles, upper body training and group runs that occur two to three times each week. Cadets also go to military science classes to further their training.

"The lab teaches cadets the basics," Leyes said. "But we also go to regular classes."

Leyes said that the many obligations faced by ROTC cadets might not appeal to many students at the College, although it is a rewarding experience for those to whom it does.

"It's a personal decision, and a lot of people do it for different reasons," Leyes said. "You sign up to do your duty and to serve the country, but there are also scholarships that help a lot of people pay for college."

According to Leyes, only students who accept scholarship money are required to serve in the military after graduating from the College.

That service begins when ROTC cadets graduate from the College and begin their four- to six-year term in the military. Leyes said the prospect of being deployed comes with joining the program.

"You sign up for that duty," Leyes said. "You sign up to serve your country. It's not a choice of whether you want to go. You have to serve the country."

After graduating from the College in May, Leyes will be commissioned as an armor officer in the Army. His time in the College's ROTC program will have prepared him for that service.

"I'm incredibly happy with my decision," Leyes said. "I don't know what I would have done without ROTC."

With the day of his own commission into the Army approaching, Leyes said that students at the College should spend Veterans Day paying respects to the country's servicemen and women.

"People should take the time and reflect on the meaning of the day," Leyes said. "Just think about the soldiers and their sacrifices, what they've paid and what they've given to the country."

Student groups protest execution

SNIPER from page 1

shooters] were definitely there at the same time I was. We were on the same side of the street. That's the creepy part. It was one of those 'holy crap, that was a bit too close,' type of things."

Even now, when he visits that Home Depot, Greene is reminded of the event.

"It's still weird when you walk by it," he said. "That's our local Home Depot. I go there all the time. It's just that I know exactly where that woman was shot."

After three weeks of searching, Muhammad and Malvo were caught while asleep in their car. Muhammad was sentenced to death in 2003.

Malvo, a minor at the time of the shootings, was sentenced to life in prison without parole.

Muhammad's execution brought mixed reactions around campus.

"Honestly, my heart really

goes out to everyone who was affected," Group Coordinator of Amnesty International Walter Hickey '12 said. "To all the victims and all the families, I absolutely feel terrible about all of it."

Standing out in the rain Tuesday night, Catholic Campus Ministries and Amnesty International held a candlelight vigil in protest of Muhammad's execution.

"We're not trying to mitigate what he did," Hickey said, "But we've got to stand against the death penalty. It's a violation of human rights, no matter how you look at it. We think that he should have been put away for life without parole."

Di Giovanni, who also opposes the death penalty, would have preferred that Muhammad receive help through therapy. She hopes that Malvo will be given counseling in order to understand

the severity of his actions.

"I understand the need that people have for retribution," she said. "But I think that the death penalty makes an assumption about human nature, that there's no way to make people better, to improve them. And I don't think that's true. I'm relatively optimistic about people and I'd rather see him trying to be helped in some way as a person, rather than just being snuffed out."

Others, like Greene, were glad to see Muhammad executed, describing him as a dangerous man. Greene wished Malvo had received the same sentence.

"I think that he definitely deserved to die," Greene said. "I think that if you have that little regard for human life and if you commit acts like that, then you're definitely a threat to the community. He's just someone who shouldn't be breathing the same air as everyone else."

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City mayor talks town and gown relations with students

College concerns top Zeidler's list of tasks

By NICHOLE LIDSTROM
The Flat Hat

Williamsburg Mayor Jeanne Zeidler M.A. '76 visited the College of William and Mary Wednesday evening to answer students' questions on town-gown relations. It was the fifth segment of the "Better Know Your City Council Member" program, sponsored by Students for a Better Williamsburg, a non-partisan political action committee. Zeidler spoke to approximately 35 students at the question-and-answer session.

Most of the questions concerned the city's enforcement of potential changes to the three-person rule, which was enacted by the city in 1991. While she was open to any future amendments proposed by the Williamsburg Planning Commission, Zeidler had firm views on the legality of the rule.

"We can't just ignore the law that we have," she said. "We can't do that, particularly when other citizens registered complaints and produced evidence."

Earlier this year, the city pressed charges against the student residents of 711 Richmond Rd. in response to evidence provided by neighbors indicating that the students were in violation of the three-person rule. The charges were eventually dropped. Members of the audience questioned the forcefulness of the charges, but Zeidler believes that the city has to consider all parties.

"There are people in the city who believe that the three-person rule is absolutely necessary to protect single-family neighborhoods," she said. "So it takes a lot of discussion and a lot of understanding to get to a place, hopefully, where we can find flexibility in this bill."

Zeidler also said the three-person rule is not unique to Williamsburg.

When allegations were brought forth by an audience member concerning the continued charges by the city against the owners of 711 Richmond Rd., Zeidler deferred to the discretion of the appropriate city administrator.

"I don't micromanage the city attorney or any other city employee," she said. "The city council sets policy."

While members of the city council have met with College administrators and student leaders to address the problem, discussion on the controversial rule has persisted for many years.

"It's an incremental process. It can't just go away. It can't just be changed overnight," she said. "You have to take everyone's points of view into consideration."

Zeidler became involved in local Williamsburg government after joining the Matthew Whaley Elementary School PTA. She then moved onto the Williamsburg County School Board and involved herself with local museum and cultural institutions. In 1998, she became the first female mayor of Williamsburg.

During her tenure, the city has expanded its bus system and the Williamsburg Farmers Market on Merchants Square. The city council has also introduced inspections of many dilapidated rental properties during Zeidler's career as mayor. While some students see this as a problematic ordinance, Zeidler says it was designed in the interest and safety of students. In her view, rental properties have now become the sticking point in town-gown relations.

"Williamsburg has always been a college town," she said. "I think what has elevated the situation were several neighborhoods becoming more than 50 percent rental, so people began to fear for the quality of life in their neighborhoods."

Zeidler also believes there are concerns that campus and city community members share. The High Street shopping center on Richmond Road, which could provide retail and entertainment venues for students, remains mostly vacant.

"We talk about quote 'student-oriented businesses.' I think they're community-oriented," she said. "Many people who live in the city want those very same kinds of businesses. They want more coffee shops and bookshops."

While the city council meets several times a year with Student Assembly leadership, Zeidler wants more student involvement in local government. She urges students to apply to be members on city and board commissions.

In addition to her long career in city government, Zeidler feels closely connected to the College's concerns.

Her husband, Edward P. Crapol, was a history professor at the College for 37 years, and several of her children and one grandchild have also attended the College.

"My husband said our family bleeds green and gold," she said.

Heavy rains put burden on students

Classes canceled due to unsafe conditions



SUN PARK — THE FLAT HAT
A student trekking through a drenched Old Campus. Rapidly moving water made traveling to class difficult.

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"Today's decision was largely based on concerns for members of the community who needed to travel to and from areas experiencing flooding or other issues," Whitson said. "We wanted those folks to have an opportunity to return home before it got dark."

Halleran released an e-mail to the College community yesterday, canceling all undergraduate classes yesterday after 4:00 p.m., and all classes at the Marshall-Wythe School of Law after 6:00 p.m.

"In making these decisions, we balance weather conditions, travel by staff, students and faculty, etc., and the impact of closing on our academic activities" Halleran said in an e-mail, "By mid-day, closing early seemed the most prudent course."

The storm system that is currently hitting the campus — labeled by The Weather Channel as the "Son of Ida" — is a storm of equal impact as the hurricane that preceded it. The Weather Channel said that high-pressure gradients between two pressure systems have created strong winds and flash flooding. The weather service also reported that the storm should be out of the area by Saturday.

Shepard said at the time that he believes that The College will operate tomorrow just like any other day.

"[Friday] is a normal working day," Shepard said. "I don't expect that to change looking at the weather."

Last evening, College officials delayed the opening of operations today by two hours to 10 a.m.

Rapoport proposes a new plan

Professor encourages student campaigning

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putting more effort into it, that person can put more effort into the city and town."

However, Beato, who was just under 200 votes shy of becoming a city councilman, urges caution.

"[Rapoport's idea] is a double-edged sword," he said.

While two candidates might reach out to more voters, there are potential implications that could arise if two students are on the ballot.

"[The citizens of Williamsburg] might fear a takeover," Beato said.

Rapoport disagrees. He

believes that students are being overly cautious.

"These candidates do not need to run a hostile campaign," he said. "It's not about dominance."

Beato's campaign in 2008 attracted the attention of both the campus and the City of Williamsburg, as he brought up issues that students and citizens such as affordable housing, the city's tourism-based economy, noise violations and the three-person rule.

Although he was widely supported by students during the race, Beato failed to win the seat due to lackluster student turnout on election day.

This low attendance was attributed to the election's mid-May date, when many students had already left the city for summer vacation.

This obstacle won't be a problem for a student candidate in the upcoming election, which is slated to take place early May.

Regardless of the feasibility of electing a student to city council, the question remains if a student is even worthy to hold such an office.

On paper, a candidate's eligibility rests on whether they are 18 years-old, a resident, registered voter, pay taxes and whether they have 50 signatures by Jan. 1.

Rapoport said that the intangibles, however, are more subjective. A college student is not only qualified for office, but also represents interests unheard by city council.

"A student is more aware of some problems than non-students," Rapoport said, dismayed by the lack of influence students hold in a city in which they make up half the population. "Students play a smaller role here than any other college town."

Student Assembly Undersecretary of Public Affairs to Williamsburg David Witkowsky '11 thinks that if a student should run, he or she should be ready for the extra responsibility.

"It wouldn't be worthwhile unless the student is particularly interested," he said.

While no students have decided to run yet, the Jan. 1 registration deadline is approaching. In the end, if Rapoport's idea works and a student wins a position on city council, Rapoport believes that the relationship between the city and the College will be much more open, ending what has been characterized as a tumultuous relationship between the two in the past.

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STAFF EDITORIAL

It takes two for council

Having a student presence on Williamsburg's City Council is an absolute essential prerequisite for this city to have a just and representative governing body. For too long, students have made up half of the city's residents of voting age; and yet, on critical issues their needs receive little to no recognition from those in the position to make things happen. This week, government professor Ronald Rapoport pitched to The Flat Hat a novel approach for realizing this goal, and his idea is one of which the student body should take notice.

In the recent past, two students have run for council seats, and twice they have failed by very slim margins — under 200 votes. Rapoport argues that if this time around two student candidates run for office, we will have a much better shot at electing a student into office. At the crux of the issue is a quirk of the Williamsburg voting system, which allows each person to vote for two candidates. With only one student running, student voters are basically forced to cast a vote for the opposition, but when two students run, this conflict is eliminated.

But wait: Is a vote for a non-student candidate necessarily a vote for the opposition? We are sorry to say that, in a vacuum, we believe it is. First of all, at this time no strong student advocates from outside the College of William and Mary have announced candidacy. Even if one had, time and time again city council members sweet talk the student body while on campus, only to vote against our interests when it actually matters. The way the city recently gave us the run around with respect to amending the three-person rule is a perfect example of how city politics will continue to resemble a game of cat and mouse until we have someone who will certainly vie for our interests.

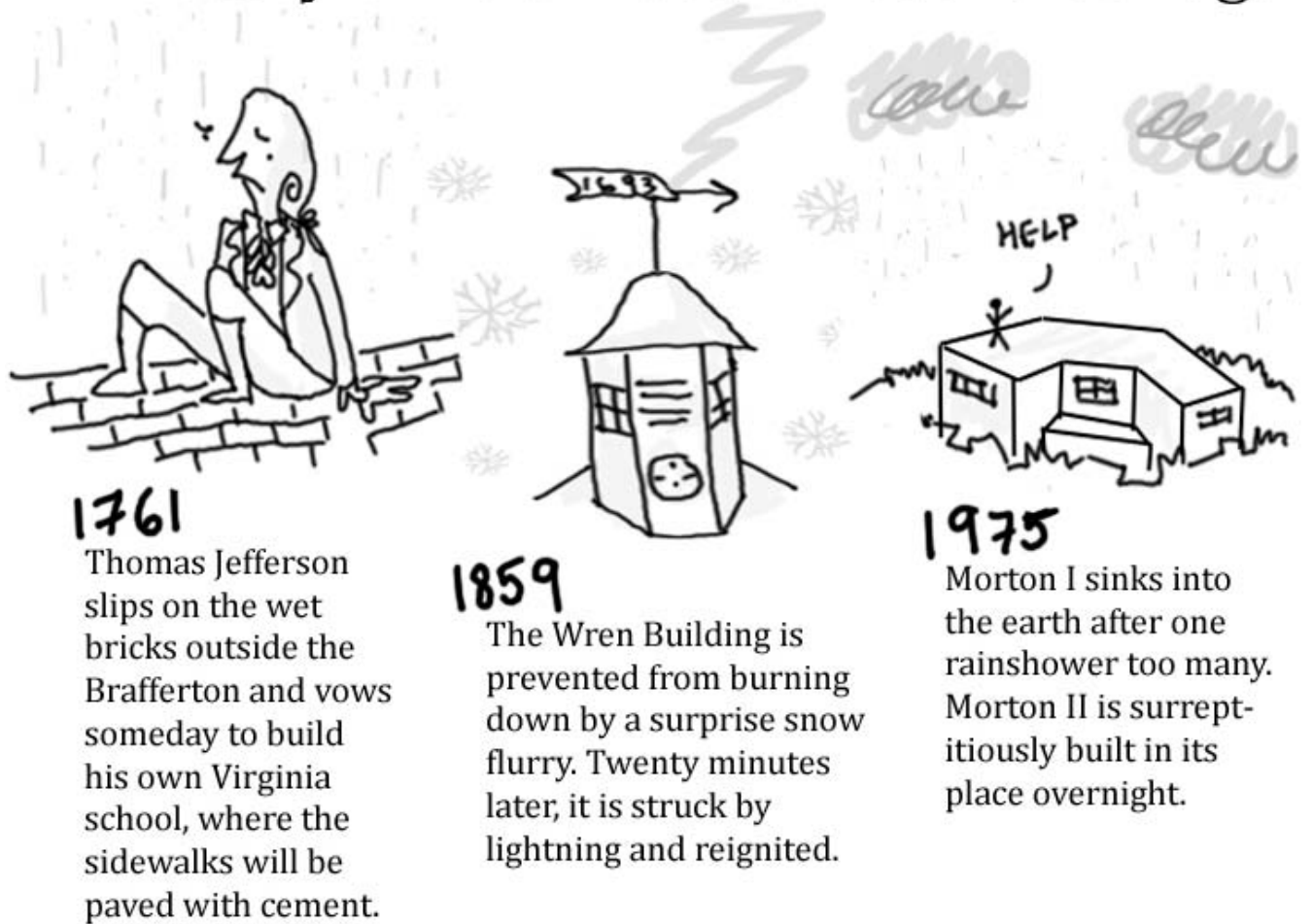
As beneficial as it may be, running two student candidates will be, as Matt Beato '09 puts it, a "double-edged sword." Seeing so many students on a ballot may galvanize Williamsburg's non-student population into turning out en masse, as they will fear a student take over. But this is simply how politics work, and the only appropriate response to such a situation is to encourage student turnout to the greatest extent possible and to ensure our representatives run friendly and positive campaigns befitting the caliber of students we would chose to represent us.

There are also risks involved with this strategy. If, for instance, a resident candidate curries favor with a segment of the campus population, then we will be confronted with the dolorous situation of having the student vote potentially split between the two student candidates. This could only spell defeat — for everyone. The student body must ensure that it goes forward united by the common goal of increasing our representation.

Being on City Council is a real responsibility that requires four years of real work. In order to truly have a lasting impact, we need to elect responsible students willing to put the time and energy into creating the change that Williamsburg needs now and for its future generations of students. And this time around, we can elect such students. The only question now is: Will we?

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A History of Bad Weather at the College



BY OLIVIA WALCH, FLAT HAT CARTOONIST

New buildings won't fix old dorms

Tim MacFarlan

FLAT HAT GUEST COLUMNIST



As the debate continues over the level of access non-business majors are allowed to Alan B. Miller Hall, it is worth scrutinizing the College of William and Mary's priorities in deciding to construct the \$75 million building in the first place. With plans afoot for a \$355 million performance and fine arts complex, and the ongoing construction of the Sherman and Gloria H. Cohen Career Center — a steal at \$7.8 million — the College's love for ambitious new infrastructure projects appears unrestrained. In the midst of a funding crisis, and considering the poor state of some existing buildings, students must question why the school is pursuing such schemes at the expense of the day-to-day comfort of its students and faculty.

Miller certainly offers a state-of-the-art learning environment to all students — at least before 10 p.m. — and the new career center should provide students with better preparation for life beyond campus than that which the college currently offers them. Indeed, during a time when funding from Richmond is drying up, the state remains more willing to help with new construction than it does in other areas — as College President Taylor Reveley has acknowledged — so why not milk the cow while it is still there to be milked?

Even where Virginia does provide money for the general upkeep of campus, the school gets its priorities wrong. The word from the College suggests that St. George Tucker Hall, William and Mary Hall and Small Hall will benefit most from any new renovations. While I submit that all three need a lick-of-paint, it is through the quality of student accommodation that the school is badly letting down its most important members.

Students must question why the school is pursuing construction at the expense of the day-to-day comfort of students and faculty.

Living in Chandler Hall I at least had expected a hot shower, reliable internet access and a basic level of cleanliness, none of which I found upon my arrival. I know it is far from the horrors of the Botetourt Complex or the Fraternity Complex, but for nearly \$2,500 a semester, I was hoping for better. Furthermore, far from it being a fundamental aspect of the college experience, room-sharing is largely just another way for schools across the country to save money. The College's failure to provide more single rooms condemns many students to a lack of privacy, lost sleep and nightmarish roommates.

I acknowledge that funding for big projects is complex and comes funded largely from private sources; that funding is not as simple as channeling money straight from private donors into campus maintenance, and that those alumni who give donations like to see the tangible results of their pledges in the form of shiny new buildings. I also acknowledge that the Jamestown dorms are a

serious recent investment in student accommodation on the part of the College, even if they are only available to a small proportion of us at greater expense than the older dorms.

I also submit that my selfish student perspective neglects other areas of required investment such as parking, staff pay and departmental budgets in general. However, I find it hard to see how the school can contemplate spending the gross national product of a small country on a vast new facility when the basic standard of accommodation for students is simply not up to snuff.

Ultimately, new facilities like Miller are a boon to any school, since they offer innovative new surroundings and a focus for school pride. However, as palatial as they may appear on the college website, it is the lived-in experience of the College that is paramount for the college community, and the school should be wary of letting its ambition get in the way of its humanity.

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The fight for Miller not first mediocre protest on college campus

Ed Innace

FLAT HAT STAFF COLUMNIST



The Facebook groups have been created, the editorials have been written, student leaders have spoken and, activism has returned to the College of William and Mary. The cause? Access to our new business school for late-night studying. What has activism come to? How did we become so petty and mundane?

Well, actually college students have always been this way. After the radicalism of the Vietnam War and the Civil Rights-era showed students the benefit of cutting classes to stand up for their beliefs, it wasn't long before we applied this principle to issues closer to home. In 1977, Harvard University Dean John B. Fox had the audacity to dictate that two dining halls would not serve hot breakfasts. Students quickly rallied behind a group ominously christened the Eggshell Alliance.

The Harvard Crimson reported: "On a warm morning in the spring of 1977, the Eggshell Alliance mustered just after 8 a.m. at the Mather and Dunster

House dining halls. Chanting, 'we want it hot,' about 50 demonstrators blew whistles and clashed cymbals as they marched toward University Hall and the old Union dining hall in protest of the decision."

Of course, Harvard students weren't so insular as to think that food was the only important issue of the day. They also protested rising tuition and the ringing of Memorial Church's morning bells, as they were apt to disturb students' much-needed sleep.

This isn't to say that concerns outside the walls of universities were not given their fair share of thought. The '80s saw an upsurge in activism directed at South African apartheid. Students held candlelight vigils and demanded their schools give up South African holdings and, as we all know, this soon terrified South Africa into compliance.

But this victory left students without any similarly high-profile cause. There were no overarching issues to unite students everywhere, so students of today are very different in their protesting tastes. Social and political issues still hold some allure. Pro-life, anti-war and gay rights demonstrations are not uncommon on campuses; however, they seem to lack the vigor

and novelty of years past. What really gets students riled up are the college-specific issues that affect students daily.

At Gallaudet University, a school for the deaf in Washington, D.C., anarchy broke out after a new school president was appointed. For issues I will not even pretend to understand, the new president was not well-received by the student body, which responded by shutting down the school.

The Washington Post vividly paints the scene: "As messages spread from pager to pager overnight, the crowd grew from dozens to hundreds of students early yesterday. Scores of burly football players stood in lines with their shoulders thrown back defiantly, glowering and blocking the main entrance. With a drum pounding in the background, students surged around the few cars that tried to get in to the campus, which includes elementary and secondary schools for deaf students, arguing in sign language with angry drivers."

Of course, this is the exception rather than the rule — most student activism is more low-key and about even less important issues. For example, 50 students attending University of Colorado at Colorado Springs protested the fact that

a college health fair did not tell students that marijuana was better for you than alcohol. Or, my personal favorite, students at many colleges across the county are now wearing empty gun-holsters to class to protest colleges restricting concealed weapons on campuses.

So don't worry College students, you are carrying on the proud

traditions of railing against issues that are of limited importance. At the end of the day maybe, it's not so pointless. After all, small changes can make college life more comfortable, and activism is a proven way to get things done. But don't get me wrong — concerning the Alan B. Miller Hall situation, I couldn't care less.

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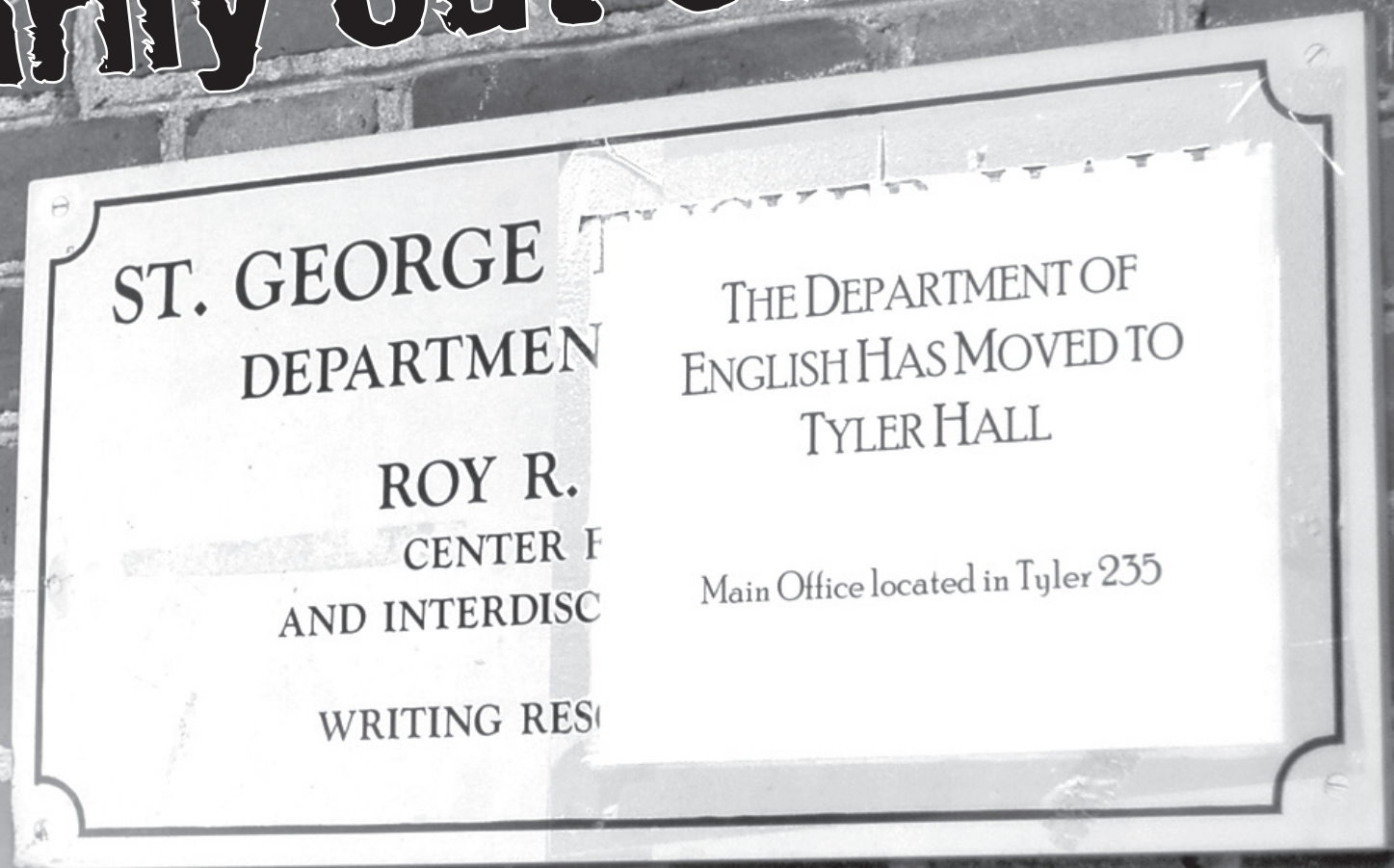
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Temporarily out of order

Many professors find Tyler an inadequate replacement for Tucker



SUN PARK—THE FLAT HAT

The sign outside of Tucker Hall tells visitors that the English department has moved to Tyler Hall next door. Linguistics classes and professors were also relocated to Tyler while Tucker undergoes construction. The duration of Tucker's renovations is yet to be announced, but when reopened it will have renovated classrooms and larger student lounges.

By EMILY MASON
Flat Hat Staff Writer

Walk into Tyler Hall on a typical afternoon, and it is virtually silent. This is one of the features of the building that some professors find most objectionable.

"The problem is there's not much social congregating here," English professor Adam Potkay said. "It used to be you would walk in [to St. George Tucker Hall] and there were people everywhere. Students would sit outside, hang out in the front hall, in the office. Now, it's always quiet. I think the secretary's lonely, because

most of us just go in to check our mailboxes and leave."

This semester, both the English and linguistics departments have moved into Tyler for unspecified durations while Tucker, historically used as the library and the law school, prepares for major renovations. While there is plenty to look forward to with Tucker's renovations — new classrooms, spacious student lounges and an all-around homey feel — the temporary location is not without problems.

"The environment here is difficult," professor Monica Potkay said. "Most English classes are discussion based, and the way the classrooms [in Tyler]

are set up, they're set up for lectures. It's hard to get things started."

It is not just the classrooms that have changed.

"My old office was just beautiful," Adam Potkay, said sitting in his desk chair in his new first-floor Tyler office. "I was up on the third floor, which was designed as offices for law professors, so they were really nice, and I had it painted red."

The walls in his new space are bright white. Even with the loss of his old office, Potkay says his new space has its benefits, such as the view.

"I have more shelf space here," Potkay said, gesturing at at his packed

shelves. "Almost all of us have these big windows ... I can look out here at the leaves falling and the Sunken Garden. It's very ... English."

While some enjoy the new view, not all the displaced professors find themselves completely satisfied.

"Although my office is pretty and sunny, it is usually very, very cold," professor Deborah Morse said. "I rarely work there because of this, which is a shame."

Monica Potkay said that Morse's complaint is not uncommon.

"I've heard a lot of complaints about the heating and air conditioning in the building," she said, "[But] there's no

sewer smell [in Tyler], and Tucker also had a lot of heating problems."

Logistics are another problem for many of the professors. True to stereotypes, many of the English and linguistics professors' offices in Tucker were filled with many years worth of books, manuscripts and stacks of papers, all of which had to be moved to their new locations.

"I have so very many books, and about half of them won't fit into my new, smaller office in Tyler," Monica Potkay said. "They are, therefore, stacked everywhere in my office."

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CONFUSION CORNER

Partying in the name of science

Kevin Mooney

CONFUSION CORNER COLUMNIST



College is a fairly great time — any environment that so readily provides you with soft-serve ice cream couldn't help but be. The only downside of the whole experience is that we do have to inevitably learn things. That fact seems obvious, but often college is an even more learning experience than one might imagine. There are several aspects of college life — integral to the thing as a whole — that we mistakenly don't approach as the learning experiences they are. Navigating the hassles of multiple-occupancy living, for example. Or discovering how to bargain hunt effectively at local grocery stores (hint: coupons). But the most neglected experience is the true art of throwing a successful party.

One might initially laugh off this sort of concern. "Studying my Orgo notes this weekend is obviously more important than hosting a party," you say. But is it really, in the long run? Sure, in your future career as an award-winning chemist, those notes you studied would be useful, but do scientists not also like to boogie? To shake that groove thang? Surely they must.

I'd even go so far as to say that the hosting of various social gatherings is perhaps the most immediately applicable part of our college experience — not that the ability to calculate long-term bond prices doesn't give it a run for its money. Whatever profession, career or life-path you might choose, you will at some point feel it necessary to throw a party. College is the time to learn to do it right.

To be fair, it's a question I never really considered for at least the first year of college. The restrictions on freshman dorms are so stringent that only the truly daring would try to test them — and believe me, I'm anything but daring. However, as soon as you turn 21, it becomes a sort of obligation. You have a debt to society at large, in the amount of several bumpin' parties a year.

It seems like a simple enough proposition until you remember all those horrible parties you've attended over the years. The kind where everyone from that one club you never really joined shows up and plays an awkwardly stunted (read: sober) game of kings, and your friend's iPod breaks, so someone plays "Freebird" on "Guitar Hero" over and over. The only way you could get out was

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Salvaging trash for the sake of style

The SEAC fashion show aims to cultivate creative methods of recycling

By MEGAN DOYLE
Flat Hat Staff Writer

Combining the allures of fashion, freebies and live music with the potential for a green, sustainable campus, the College of William and Mary Student Environmental Action Coalition celebrate America Recycles Day Sunday from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the Sunken Garden. The event will feature a recycled fashion show at 4 p.m., intended to encourage students to find creative ways to reuse old materials with the incentive of free food, entertainment and the chance to win free Wawa gift cards.

The fashion show will feature dresses and outfits made from old clothes as well as used recyclable materials such as cardboard, magazines, newspaper, plastic bags and cans, assembled with tape, string or wire. The reusable creations will be judged by College President Taylor Reveley as well as professor Regina Root, Katherine Downs '13 and Blaise Springfield '13.

Professor Root's freshman seminar "Ethical Fashion" examines sustainable design practices and the fashion industry's impact on human laborers as well as the environment. These two facets of fashion and environmentalism will combine in SEAC's fashion show, furthering the group's overall goal of increasing recycling awareness.

Currently, the College's recycling program is maintained by student volunteers from a variety of campus organizations, including SEAC, which manages the recycling at large events.

"We have a hard time at football games — we end up filling 10 to 12 trash cans with recycling, but people just don't do it — they don't have as much awareness [in outdoor venues]," SEAC member Stephanie Burton '10 said. "The College's recycling system is run by student volunteers, which is not



MEGAN DOYLE — THE FLAT HAT

Caroline Cress '10, Jon Tereska '12, and Laura Andrew '12 construct their outfits at a workshop on Wednesday. The clothes they designed will be on display at the fashion show on Sunday.

very sustainable. This is something the College should be addressing."

Many groups, off-campus organizations included, have contributed to SEAC's American Recycles Day event.

"So many people are really into the cause, so it has turned into an awesome collaborative effort between SEAC, the Student Assembly and [Alpha Phi Omega]," Burton said. "We all want to try and promote awareness and teach students about recycling."

Dining Services will donate sugar cookies and apple cider as free refreshments. Recycled notebooks have been provided by APO, free Harris Teeter reusable shopping bags will be given away and "Take Back the Tap" water bottles will be for sale. Other entertainment will include four bands as well as a 24-foot

parachute like the ones used in elementary gym classes for the audience to play with.

Recent research by the Committee on Sustainability has highlighted inefficiencies within the College's waste management system. In response, SEAC's projects have become more ambitious and policy driven, encouraging the College to enact more sustainable practices. While the group has campus wide goals, the America Recycles Day event will exemplify imaginative ways for individual students to reuse old materials.

"The environmental implications of resource use go beyond just waste versus recycling, and this event aims to highlight the value of reusing materials and reducing

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Man-eating plants take the main stage

Small cast brings laughs and chills in musical production 'Little Shop of Horrors'

By **MARY BONNEY**
Flat Hat Assoc. Variety Editor

A four-foot tall potted plant just devoured a human foot. This may sound disturbing, or disgusting, but the carnivorous fly trap hybrid's meal is only the beginning — after all, the topiary did just belt out a soulful song about its hunger for flesh.

The College of William and Mary's theater department opens "Little Shop of Horrors" this weekend, and the chaos begins when nerdy employee Seymour Krelborn, played by Connor Hogan '10, tries to increase business for the failing Mushnik's Florists on Skid Row. When his experimentation with cross-pollination creates a fascinating — and blood-thirsty — new specimen, the paying public can't get enough of the spectacle. "Little Shop of Horrors" centers around this plant, which takes on a life of its own, and the colorful cast of characters affected by the sudden fame.

The musical's director, professor Christopher Owens, explained that it was not completely his choice to put on this particular show. Last year, some of his students approached him with a list of musicals they wanted to see performed, and he said he jumped at the chance to do "Little Shop of Horrors" for several reasons.

"[The show has the ability to] either be really cartoonish and not creepy, or very creepy and no comedy at all," he said. "We're trying to find a midpoint."

Chelsea Reba '12, who plays Krelborn's love interest, Audrey, agrees that the musical balances comedy and creepiness well.

"It's so much fun," she said. "William and Mary puts on some educational shows that are worth seeing ... but this show is for everyone, even people who don't really like musicals. There's a lot of rockish music."

The upbeat music was styled after the doo-wop and rock and roll of the 1960s, but Chris Richardson '13, who voices the murderous plant, took advantage of the liberty allowed him by musical director Gary Green.

"After I learned the notes, Gary told me I can do whatever I want so I have a lot of artistic range," Richardson said. "I'm not chained down by notes."

Richardson sings his numbers off-stage as other actors maneuver the giant plant.

"I feel I'm still there [onstage]," he said. "I still get really into it — stomp my feet and snap my fingers."

All the lead actors have impressively strong voices, particularly Reba and Richardson, and are seriously committed to their characters. With a cast of only



CAPTILIN FAIRCHILD — THE FLAT HAT

Connor Hogan '10 rehearses with the flesh-eating plant that he stars opposite of in "Little Shop of Horrors." The show opens today and runs for the next two weekends. Student tickets are \$10 and adult tickets are \$15 at the door.

10 students, two of whom are inside the plant for the majority of the musical, it is refreshing to see that the theater department was able to choose students who really fit their roles.

"My parts allow me to be as ridiculous as possible," Sean Close '10 said. Close who plays five comedic characters, ranging from a psychotic, abusive dentist to a pot-smoking hippie. "It's all very dark, weird and comedic ... and our director really knows how to do musical theater."

Hogan agreed that working with

Owens was a great experience, especially since the musical is so entertaining in itself.

"What can go wrong when you have a giant man-eating plant and New Jersey urban accents?" Hogan said.

"And sadomasochism," Close said. Hogan also explained that another interesting aspect of the musical is its universality.

"This could happen anywhere," Hogan said. "To anyone, since no one is immune to greed."

The student designers created a

dilapidated urban set to communicate the hopeless lives of the residents of Skid Row. Audiences will be left to wonder how the prop designers so effectively morphed the tiny seedling into a sprawling monster. Overall, the cast and crew have worked incredibly hard, and the result is a very entertaining, although slightly disturbing, musical.

"['Little Shop of Horrors'] has a lot of catchy music, and audiences want to be humming while they walk out," Owens said. "They'll get a lot of that here."



MEGAN DOYLE — THE FLAT HAT

Monica LoBue '11 and Caroline Cress '10 work on their designs for Sunday's fashion show. The show is intended to promote alternative methods of recycling.

Supporting sustainable style

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consumption overall," said Caroline Cress '12. "The fashion show is all about promoting fun ways to get people thinking about how everyday materials can be reused in practical and innovative ways." Besides the official display of wearable fashions, the SEAC event will feature a craft table where students can learn how to make a wallet out of an orange juice carton, for example.

Jane Morris '13, whose wardrobe already features a salvaged item, is preparing a dress made from brown packaging, plastic bags, old beads and

bottle caps. Her pants are a hodge-podge of colorful fabrics that hung on the wall of the SEAC office for years.

"I thought, 'there is no point in them just hanging there,' so I took them down. I'm going to create a piece of art to go back up on the wall in its place," she said as she sat on the floor stringing beads and bottle caps together.

"After materials cross the line into the dump, whether they are haute couture, or old refrigerators, or what have you, once they cross that line, they are trash and it is illegal to take it out," Morris said. "We are ahead of the curve — we are finding beauty in people's trash."

Leave the books, throw a party

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to fake an ear infection. Of course, all at one party, but you're convinced they will at yours.

The problem is, despite being easy to pinpoint what makes a bad party, it seems more difficult to describe what elements form an obviously good party. I've been told by some that the essential element is a theme, which makes sense. The proposition, "Hey guys, I feel like drinking tonight. So c'mon, waddaya say?" isn't particularly convincing. Not to mention, the ability to create themed drinks and even sparsely decorate is always generally welcomed. But there's always the chance that the theme overwhelms the actual party. Take, for example, every Halloween party ever held. I don't care how good a pirate costume you found at the thrift store, you just end up looking creepy. The stuffed bird isn't helping.

Others say it's the mix of people that's important. You want enough unrelated people so that there's some mingling, but not so unrelated that they separate out like a poorly mixed drink. On that note, don't pre-mix drinks. No one in their right mind trusts them, and really the idea's a bit date-rapeish.

Those factors aside, there seems to be something more to the equation, some magical element that makes some parties more memorable than others. Of course, that key element might just be booze, but for argument's sake let's assume otherwise. I say we can find it. We can pioneer this new realm of study and perhaps, one day, find a cure for lame parties.

So everybody — science majors especially — put down the textbooks and start experimenting.

Kevin Mooney is the Flat Hat Confusion Corner columnist. He is a fan of scientific experiments himself.

Professors deal with new building

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While there are professors who are uncomfortable with the move, some view the change as positive.

"I love it," professor Nancy Schoenberger said. "I have a nicer office, nicer view. I will always have a sentimental fondness for Tucker, but I was way up on the third floor, and I felt very isolated from the rest of the department."

Schoenberger's new office is on the first floor, just around the corner from the main office. For most professors, the biggest challenge was the move itself.

"It's always hard moving," Schoenberger said. "It's hard to give away books. But there is something satisfying in getting rid of 20 year

old papers, a nice healthy domestic purge, if you will."

While the changes are frustrating, Monica Potkay emphasized that the move is only temporary and the professors will have to make do.

It is unknown how long professors will be dealing with the switch. With the plans and the budget for Tucker's renovations submitted to the state, all that is needed now are the funds.

Tyler is fine for now, but no matter how well they have adapted, many of the professors don't feel quite at home in the new building.

"The building doesn't have quite the same character," Adam Potkay said. "Things here are a little too ... white."



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Linguistics professor Anya Lunden works in her office in Tyler Hall. Many professors are looking forward to the move back to Tucker Hall.

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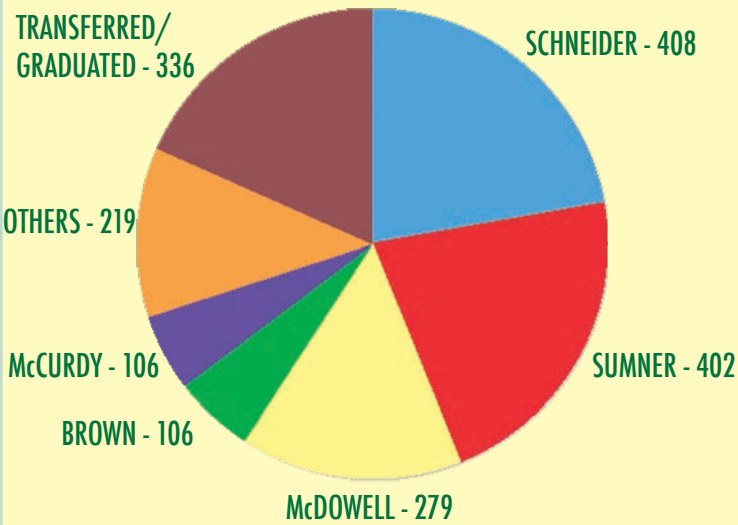
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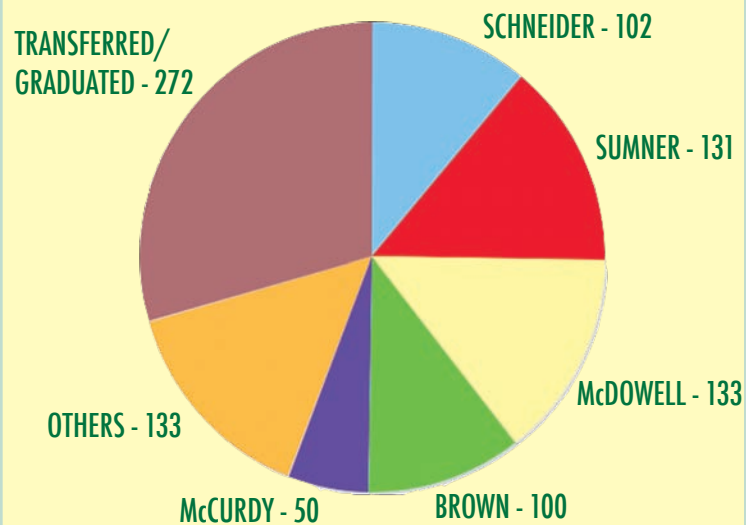
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A statistical look inside the Tribe from last season. Detailed are the various contributions from David Schneider, Danny Sumner, Quinn McDowell, Kendrix Brown, Sean McCurdy, other teammates and players no longer with the team.

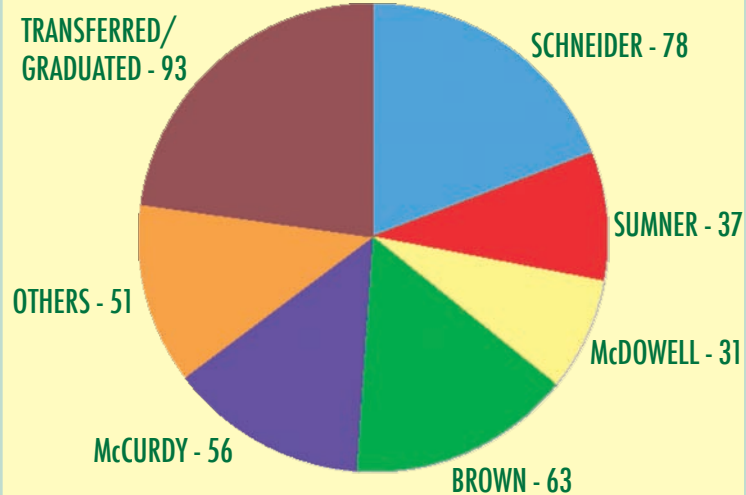
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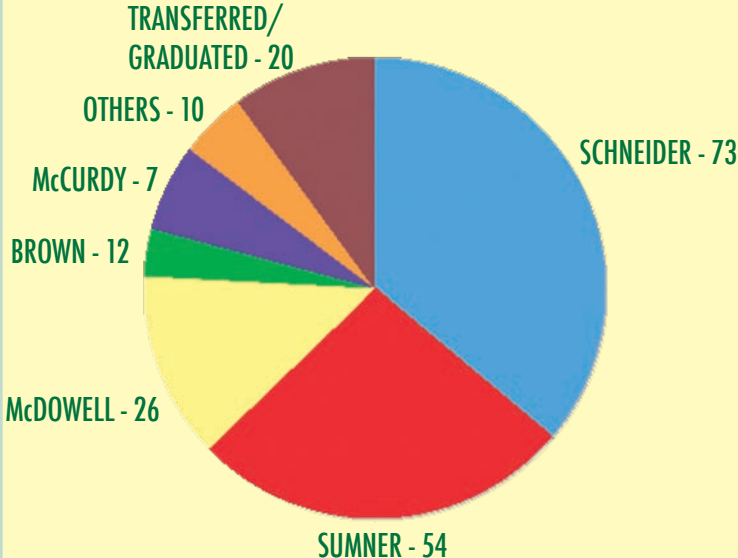
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BY THE NUMBERS

The Tribe's rank in comparison to its 11 CAA rivals in the 2008-2009 season.

- 11th — 61.5 points per game
- 6th — 63.4 points allowed per game
- 9th — 41.3 % field goal percentage
- 7th — 33.4% three point percentage
- 5th — +0.3 rebound margin
- 4th — 13.6 assists per game
- 11th — -1.27 turnover margin

MEN'S BASKETBALL 2009-2010 SEASON PREVIEW

Balancing act

chem-is-try

Pronunciation: kēm'ī-strē

Definition: 3b: interaction between people working together; specifically: such interaction when harmonious or effective

By CHRIS WEIDMAN
Flat Hat Sports Editor

It's all about chemistry — and not the kind you find in the classroom. For senior forward Danny Sumner, last year's men's basketball team lacked that ingredient and it showed as the squad limped to a 10-20 finish. This year, the program is rejuvenated and ready to focus on balanced scoring, intense defense and, most importantly, securing that ever-elusive team chemistry on and off the court.

"What we thought was a major problem last year was that we did not have as good chemistry as we wanted," Sumner said. "We have a good core of guys coming back and everybody is making the effort to be unselfish on the court and putting what is good for the team at the forefront."

The Tribe returns four starters from last year's team that finished with a 5-13 record in the CAA, placing second-to-last in the 12-team conference.

This year's group is targeted toward regaining its 2007-2008 form, when the College went 17-16 and finished the season one game away from an automatic NCAA Tournament berth.

For the College to make this turn-around, two familiar faces will have to lead the way: Sumner and senior guard David Schneider. Both have been influential players since their arrival on campus and have started a combined 131 games over the last three seasons.

"In many ways these two guys have been the heart and soul of our program for a while," Head Coach Tony Shaver said. "They have been through some highs and lows. They have taken us for the first time ever to the CAA championship game [in 2008], and there have been some disappointments as well."

Schneider enters the year as a preseason All-CAA selection after netting 14.1 points and 2.7 assists per game last season. Sumner, the flashier player of the two, finished 12th in the

CAA with 13.4 points per game, shooting just under 40 percent from the floor.

But this year's team, like many of Shaver's squads, starts with defense. The College allowed 63.4 points per game last year, ranking sixth in the CAA. Playing a disguised match-up zone, which often appears to the opposition to be a man-to-man defense, gave the College a competitive edge on its own end. The change to the match-up zone is nearly three years in the making and, according to Shaver, it is finally reaching its potential.

"Two-and-a-half years ago ... we decided as a staff that we wanted to be different," Shaver said. "We thought we needed to be hard to prepare for. I think defensively we do things that other people don't do right now, and we've done that successfully."

Alternately, last year's offense was abysmal. The College averaged 58.1 points per game in conference showings, dead last in the CAA. Even when open looks were available, the ball rarely dropped as the Tribe shot 41.3 percent from the floor, ninth out of 12 squads.

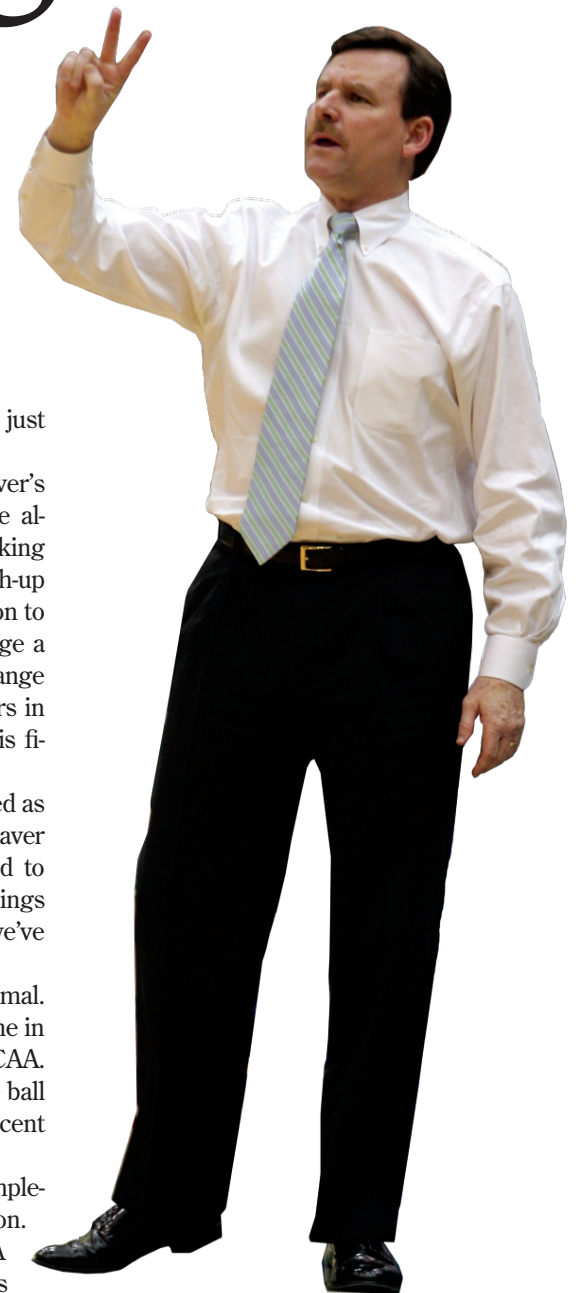
To combat these statistics, Shaver implemented a transition game in the offseason. While most of the College's top CAA competition loves to run, the Tribe has preferred to slow down the game and play a half-court offense — until this year. But with Schneider, and a second fast, healthy guard in senior Sean McCurdy, the College has the surplus of speed needed to make the switch.

"You'll see us run more fast break and secondary breaks [this year]," Shaver said. "And then we will still want to make people guard us. We are not going to shoot it in the first 10 seconds of every shot clock. But we do want to pressure the defense more and get some cheap easy baskets."

McCurdy was limited in mobility last year due to nagging injuries in both ankles, which required the senior to have corrective surgery during the offseason. With sophomore guard Kendrix Brown suffering a recent injury, the first few weeks of the season will be a good test to see where McCurdy's game speed is.

Sophomore Quinn McDowell is back at forward and looking to surpass last year's impressive All-CAA Rookie Team selection. Limited playing time early last year lowered some of McDowell's final statistics, yet as a freshman he still managed 9.3 points per game, placing him third on the team, while leading the squad with 4.4 boards a night. McDowell's most remarkable attribute may have been his 50 percent shooting, over eight percentage points higher than the Tribe's next returning starter.

In the low post, either senior Steven Hess or junior Marcus Kitts will complement the quadruplet of McDowell, Schneider, Sumner and McCurdy. The graduation of Peter



"This is a team that has to show mental toughness all year long. What we can't afford to do is get down if there is a rough stretch somewhere. We have to continue to get better, prepare for CAA play and in February be playing our best basketball."

— Head Coach Tony Shaver

Stein '09 leaves a void inside that one of these two big men will have to fill in if the Tribe is to succeed.

Whoever makes it into the starting lineup for the College has a daunting task ahead of them. The team will travel to Maryland and Wake Forest and will open the season on the road at no. 12 Connecticut. The Tribe's home opener is slated for Thursday against Richmond, who was picked to finish third in the Atlantic 10 conference.

"You will be opened up and laid out there for people to see," Shaver said of the big-name competition. "You do find out your weaknesses, but I think anyone who is a division-one basketball player wants to go up against the best and you want to see what you can do."

Regardless of the results against some of these marquee opponents, it will be the ability to gel as a team and to accelerate through a deeply talented CAA that will determine this squad's final destiny.



KEY GAMES

- Nov. 13 @ Connecticut
- Dec. 5 vs. VIRGINIA COMM.
- Jan. 23 vs. OLD DOMINION
- Nov. 19 vs. RICHMOND
- Dec. 30 @ Maryland
- Feb. 13 vs. NORTHEASTERN
- Nov. 28 @ Wake Forest
- Jan. 14 vs. JAMES MADISON
- Feb. 16 @ George Mason

FRESH FACES

Sophomore transfer forward JohnMark Ludwick and freshmen guards Kyle Gaillard and Matt Rum should all see important playing time for the Tribe this year. Ludwick has the 6'9" frame of a forward, with the shooting touch of a guard. According to Shaver, if he can adjust to the physical inside game of the CAA, Ludwick will be a major asset to this season's team. Both Gaillard and Rum possess speed and the ability to score. Sumner said Rum has "good grit" to his game and is not afraid to take a hit, while Gaillard gives the College a strong outside presence. All three will help the Tribe in the transition game.

CONFERENCE BREAKDOWN

Old Dominion was selected as the top team in the CAA preseason coaches poll, returning all five starters from last year's 25-10 squad. Northeastern was slotted to finish second in the conference, while VCU was slated third. Rams reigning CAA Defensive Player of the Year Larry Sanders was nominated to the Naismith Trophy watch list after averaging 11.6 points and 8.6 rebounds per game last year. George Mason and James Madison round out the preseason top five as the Tribe sits in 10th. Over the last three seasons, the College is 23-31 against CAA opponents.