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Flashing lights and techno music took over the Swem library stacks for AMP's "Club Swem" event Friday. Students dressed up and got down on the specially installed dance floor, with obligatory glow sticks.

The powers that be have acknowledged that you are more than your application. College Dean of Admissions Henry Broadbuss was a guest columnist yesterday for The Answer Sheet, a Washington Post education column, where he discussed how admissions officers recognize that college applications are just proxies for students.

Casey Allen Sears '11 got a shout out from USA Today when the newspaper mentioned a Facebook maintained by the College junior. The group promoted a protest against Virginia Attorney General Ken Cuccinelli's letter about sexual orientation discrimination policies at public universities.

Spending time online may get you mentioned in a national publication, but it won't help your reading comprehension. A recent study at Arizona State University concluded that students retain information better when reading in print.

Printing out those class readings will be better for the environment at the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay, which recently switched its default e-mailing font to ink-saving Century Gothic. According to the university, Century Gothic uses roughly 30 percent less ink than Arial, the school's former font.

What do Williamsburg and New York City have in common? In both cities it is illegal for more than three unrelated people to live in an apartment or house. A recent New York Times article described the little known law, which is infrequently enforced, though three citations have been issued since July.

There was an unprecedented bench-napping at the College this past weekend. The bench outside of Tucker Hall was mysteriously ripped up and deposited in the Sunken Garden, where it still resides.

Relive the chaos of the 2000 presidential election at the William and Mary Election Law Society's showing of the documentary "Recount." Ben Ginsberg, an attorney for President George W. Bush during the recount, will be present to provide commentary.

Learn about the unseen side of the Virginia state capital in a reading of "Richmond Noir" on campus this Thursday. Five of the work's fifteen authors will read from the text at 7 p.m. in Tyler Hall 201.

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DRUGS AT THE COLLEGE: PART 2

When an aid becomes addiction

Former addict says students turn to drugs to cope with College stresses

By **KIERAN CLEARY**
Flat Hat Staff Writer

A freshman club athlete, George sighs when he thinks about his three-year experience with prescription stimulants. While many healthy students actively seek prescription stimulants to get an edge or experience a high, George, who has ADD, sees Adderall as a necessary evil and a means to a successful academic career.

"Generally, people I know with a prescription don't like it," he said.

And yet, Adderall and other related stimulants are shared illegally on campus, providing students with medications an opportunity to make profit. George recalls during his senior year in high school, when the market for focus aids was particularly active. Although he never sold a pill, George admits to sharing with a friend who sold to a group of students taking the exam.

Perhaps the attractiveness of prescription stimulants is rooted in actual success stories like George's, who began taking Adderall right around the SATs and claims that his scores improved in comparison to his practice results.

Standardized testing provides academic pressure that pushes some of the most motivated students to prescription drug abuse. Another student, Vinny, admits to becoming illegally involved with prescription stimulants, specifically Ritalin, Adderall and Vivance, during AP testing in his junior year.

"Any standardized test I took to get into this school," Vinny begins. His brows furrow for a moment as he appreciates the implications of his drug abuse.

"I was fucked up," he said.

George admits to abusing Adderall on occasion, in order to stay up all night for papers or late-night games, although he expresses frustration

with students like Vinny, who abuse in order to get "fucked up." He believes it has the opposite effect, and accuses students who claim otherwise to be trying to look cool.

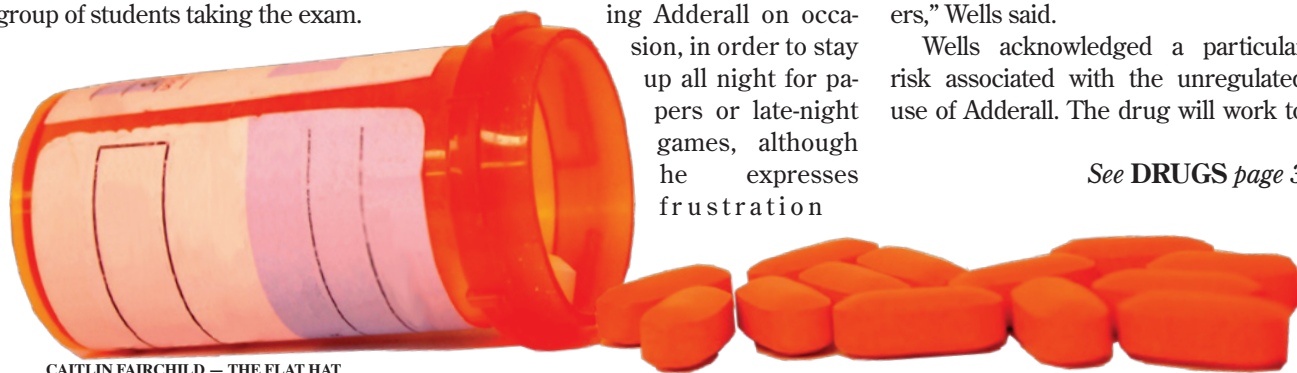
"I've never been high from it. I hate it. I enjoy not taking it. I take it only when I have to. I don't like the way it makes me feel, like a zombie," George said.

After five years at the College of William and Mary, Dr. Virginia D. Wells, director of the Student Health Center, refrains from commenting on the severity of a stimulant abuse problem on campus, which she reserves as a matter of opinion. However, she acknowledges that the policy in place at the College of referring ADD and ADHD patients elsewhere is due to a commonly perceived potential for abuse of stimulant drugs at universities.

"At many colleges, there are policies in place that students come armed with their information and be prescribed medication by either their psychiatrist or practicing physician, and that that relationship continues, so that we don't get into the position of being drug dealers," Wells said.

Wells acknowledged a particular risk associated with the unregulated use of Adderall. The drug will work to

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CATLIN FAIRCHILD — THE FLAT HAT

Wittman holds town hall forum

Congressman addresses healthcare, environment

By **ALEX GUILLÉN**
Flat Hat Senior Staff Writer

Healthcare reform and environmental issues dominated a forum with U.S. Representative Rob Wittman (R-Va.) held in Washington Hall last night.

The forum was sponsored by the College Republicans, Students for a Better Williamsburg and the Student Environmental Action Coalition. Approximately 50 students attended.

Wittman said that although he voted against a healthcare reform bill that recently passed in the House of Representatives — both parties recognize that the issue requires change.

"I don't think there's any disagreement that we absolutely have to fix our healthcare system," Wittman said. "Right now, we spend 17 percent of our gross domestic product on healthcare. That's increasing at a 1 percent rate per year — absolutely unsustainable. The question boils down to how do we do it? How do we do it in the most efficient way? How do we make sure these dollars are getting to the patients for care and not elsewhere in the system?"

Wittman cited concerns with the passed legislation's financial foundations in light of the funding problems with Medicare, Medicaid and Social Security. He did agree, however, that all Americans should be able to purchase health insurance regardless of pre-existing conditions.

"I think that's a good thing," he said. "I think we ought to, in this country, make sure that people have access to the health insurance system regardless of pre-existing condition. That's not a bad thing."

According to Wittman, the nation's money would be better spent funding aggressive research for the most prominent diseases in the United States, including heart disease, cancer, diabetes and neurological diseases like Parkinson's and Alzheimer's.

Such research would prevent greater healthcare costs down the road, Wittman argued.

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Honor Council forms task force

Students and staff will review election process

By **BERTEL KING, Jr.**
Flat Hat Staff Writer

The College of William and Mary Undergraduate Honor Council announced the creation of a task force March 28 aimed at reevaluating the election of Honor Council members.

"At this point, the entire process is going to be reevaluated," Undergraduate Honor Council Chair John Pothen '11 said. "Questions are going to be asked about every step of the process."

The Honor Council Election Reform Task Force is made up of eight members — Skyler Halbritter '11, Andy Rudd '11, Stefanie Felitto '12, Asha Williams '12, economics professor Jennifer Mellor, English professor Brett Wilson, Dean Dave Gilbert and Internal Audit Director Michael Stump.

The committee contains two members each from the Honor Council, the general student body, faculty and campus administration.

Honor Council members are currently elected in the spring through an online student ballot. Each student is able to vote for up to eight members of the rising sophomore, junior and senior classes. Students are prohibited from campaigning for the Honor Council. The task force will consider alternatives to the ban.

"I think it is fair to say that no one believes the process works exactly the way we might want it to," Pothen said. "We hope to elect individuals based on their character and whether they are suitable to do the job. While the people I've

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Candidates face off in SA debate

Presidential hopefuls discuss senate finance reform, sustainability

By **IAN BRICKEY**
Flat Hat News Editor

The three candidates for president of the College of William and Mary's Student Assembly debated topics ranging from sustainability to sexuality in the Sadler Center's Commonwealth Auditorium Sunday.

The debate, moderated by government professor Clay Clemens, consisted of prepared questions submitted by each campaign, followed by questions taken from audience members.

Presidential candidate Sen. Ben Brown '11 and vice presidential candidate Sen. Betty Jeanne Manning '12 began the debate by highlighting their sustainability efforts, including a campus-wide recycling program and the possibility of a communal

bicycle program.

"Our ticket is the only ticket that has been able to work with other organizations for sustainability," Brown said.

In response, presidential candidate Jesse Vasold '11 and vice presidential candidate Caitlin Goldblatt '11 said their sustainability platform had been crafted with the input of members of the Student Environmental Action Coalition. Vasold said the campaign's goals included phasing out blue books for exams and ending the daily purchase of copies of the New York Times and Virginia Gazette.

Presidential candidate Chrissy Scott '11 and vice presidential candidate Kaveh Sadeghian '12 said they would continue the College's current sustainability efforts.

"When it comes down to sustainability, I think we're seeing a lot of initiatives already taking place on campus," Scott said. "I think [the Committee on Sustainability] has been very successful in its funding of initiatives on campus."

The candidates then discussed the ideal role of the SA.

Vasold said the SA should take an active role in College issues.

"We think that the [SA] is, by definition, an activist organization," Vasold said. "Not a left-wing organization, but one that takes student input into consideration."

Scott said that to be truly effective, the SA must increase transparency.

"We want students to be aware of

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MICHELLE GABRO — THE FLAT HAT

SA presidential candidates Ben Brown '11, Jesse Vasold '11 and Chrissy Scott '11 squared off in the annual SA candidates' debate in the Sadler Center's Commonwealth Auditorium. The candidates answered prepared questions, followed by questions from the audience.

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Low 43°

Wednesday



High 75°
Low 49°

Thursday



High 81°
Low 53°

Source: weather.com

A THOUSAND WORDS



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NEWS IN BRIEF

Botetourt Gallery to feature alumnus' photos

The photos of Chiles Larson '53 will be displayed in an exhibition titled "Wisdom, Wonderment and Humor: a Retrospective of the Work of Chiles Larson" in Swem Library April 5 to May 28.

Larson also worked as a photographer during the Korean War after enlisting in the Air Force in 1951.

Larson wrote and photographed the book "Virginia's Past Today," which was used by the Virginia Historical Society in a state-wide exhibition. In 2008, he also published "Barboursville Vineyards: Crafting Great Wines Inspired by Spirits of the Past."

Eastern trailhead of Capital Trail opens

Virginia First Lady Maureen McDonnell opened the eastern trailhead of the Virginia Capital Nature Trail in a dedication ceremony March 26.

The Virginia Capital Trail is expected to be completed in 2014 and will connect Virginia's past and present capitals, Williamsburg and Richmond, along Route 5.

The trailhead includes an electronic, interactive kiosk that provides information on public accommodations, historical sites and wildlife along the trail.

Miller Hall experiences leak

Alan B. Miller Hall experienced serious leakage problems when a pipe fitting on the hot water heating system failed and sprayed water on the ceiling of one of the classrooms.

According to College spokesperson Brian Whitson, the room suffered damage to a portion of the ceiling, minor damage to a hallway ceiling and potential damage to a number of the computers.

— by Gloria Oh

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College graduate appointed to Virginia Supreme Court
Williamsburg mayor meets with students

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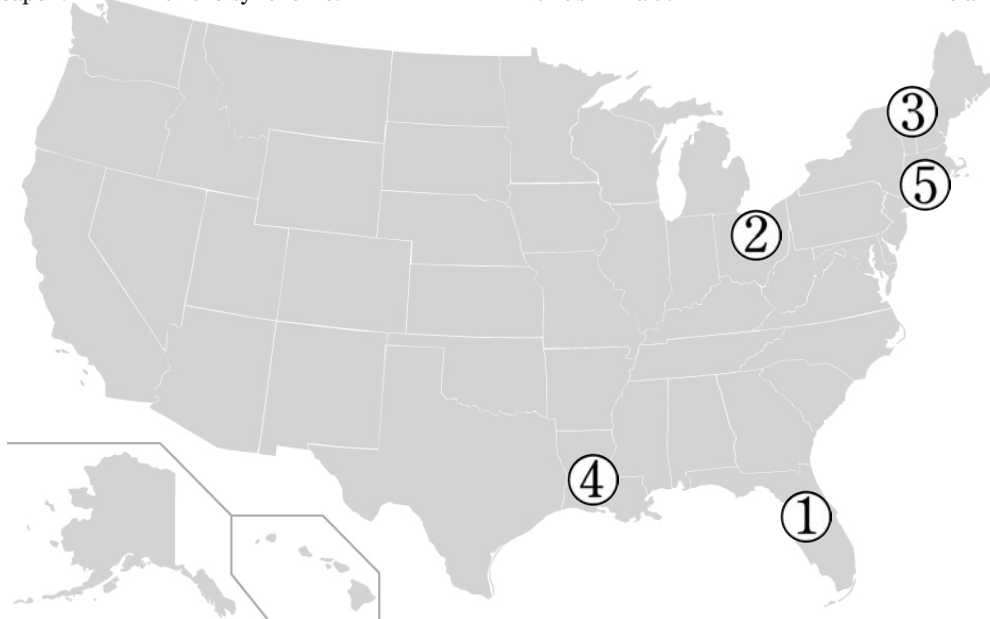
BEYOND THE 'BURG

1 Florida International University running back Kendall Berry was stabbed to death on the school's campus in Miami-Dade County March 25. Nearly 1,400 people gathered at a memorial service March 29 to mourn his death. Police say that Berry was stabbed outside the university's recreation center by another student, Quentin Rashad Wyche. The two were engaged in a fight over an insult to the victim's girlfriend. Wyche has been charged with second-degree murder with a deadly weapon.

2 A recent study at Ohio State University revealed that the deficiency of a protein in the brain of Down's Syndrome patients might be the cause for the syndrome's cognitive impairment and congenital heart defects. Scientists are manually manipulating pieces of RNA, which regulates protein synthesis, to increase levels in human cell lines and mouse brains. Currently, experimental drugs have shown a return in protein levels to that of normal levels in mice with the syndrome.

3 Dartmouth College is hosting two displaced Haitian students for the spring semester while Université Quisqueya in Haiti is repaired. Ronel Lefranc and Daphnee Charles are studying at Dartmouth through a scholarship organization called the Haitian Education and Leadership Program. Both students experienced the 7.0-magnitude earthquake. During their time in the U.S., the students will pursue studies in water supplies and the protection of birds in Haiti.

4 Tulane University's School of Medicine has been accused of violating federal law for its treatment of pigs in a trauma training course. Dr. Leslie Brown filed a complaint March 24 with the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Western Animal Care Office, claiming that the school is violating the Animal Welfare Act. Participants work on anesthetized pigs. The pigs are killed after the procedures are completed. Tulane's medical school is one of nine that still uses live animals for medical training.



COURTESY GRAPHIC — WIKIPEDIA.ORG

— by Gloria Oh

5 13-year-old college sophomore barred from class UConn prodigy files lawsuit claiming age discrimination

By GLORIA OH
Flat Hat Insight Editor

Colin Offir, a 13-year-old student attending the University of Connecticut as an academic sophomore, is seeking legal action against his school and the U.S. Department of Education citing age discrimination.

UConn has rejected Offir's request to enroll in a class on conservation work, which includes fieldwork in South Africa. Offir and his mother said that university officials denied him on the basis that he was too young to take an overseas course. According to Offir, the course is vital for his major.

Colin is pursuing degrees in ecology and evolutionary biology, as well as a major in environmental studies. He is an honors student, maintaining a 3.9 GPA.

Jessica Offir, Colin's mother, attempted to negotiate with UConn by offering to release

the university from liability concerns. She also proposed to accompany her son as a chaperone, but the university prevented Colin from taking the course.

Michael Kirk, a spokesman for UConn, did not offer any comments on Colin's case. He said that safety is the university's first priority when travel is concerned.

The decision for Colin to gain approval from the university lies with the study abroad office and the faculty member leading the trip.

"I'm losing time in my four-year plan for college," Offir told The Associated Press. "They're upsetting the framework of one of my majors."

Colin's rejection from coursework in South Africa has forced him to change his thesis plans. After his undergraduate studies, he planned to pursue a Ph.D in ecology and evolutionary biology and a degree in environmental law. He said he wants to attain both degrees

by age 22. Despite being barred from UConn's field study, he will be going to South Africa through a National Science Foundation-funded research group to study plant ecology.

Colin and his mother are in the process of talking with their lawyer, Michael Agranoff, to ensure that UConn allows the NSF-funded research trip and seminar to fulfill the original course Colin wanted to take. The mother and son have also asked for \$5,000 reimbursement in stipend and expenses.

According to The Associated Press, Colin began reading on his own at the age of two and read 'Harry Potter' at four. He eventually skipped two grades in public schools and took courses in psychology and history at UConn when he was nine. Colin proceeded to graduate from Stanford University Online High School at 11 and then enrolled as a full-time student at UConn.

STREET BEAT

Chipotle is now open. What other restaurants would you like to see open?



"I want to see more family owned restaurants."

Lorelei Thomson '10



"McDonald's. I never see those around anymore."

Samson Coe '11



"Silver City Diner. I need some late night milkshakes to bring my boys to the yard."

Samantha Bos '12



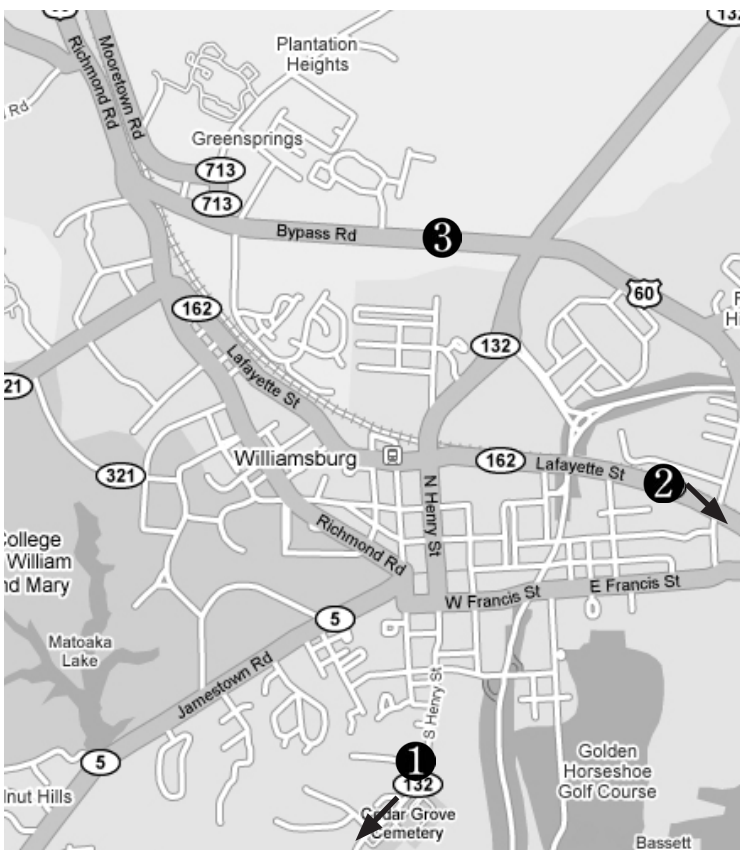
"I want Pinkberry! For real."

Chelsea Reba '12

— photos and interviews by Danielle Kervahn and Sun Park

CITY POLICE BEAT

March 23 to March 27



COURTESY GRAPHIC — GOOGLE MAPS

1 Tuesday, Mar. 23 — An individual was extradited to New Mexico for alleged possession of marijuana at College Landing Park.

2 Wednesday, Mar. 24 — An individual reported burglary at the 600 Block of York Street. Damages included broken glass.

3 Saturday, Mar. 27 — A driver was arrested and faced suspension of their driver's license at the 100 Block of Bypass Road.

— compiled by Gloria Oh

Misuse can hide serious issues

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treat other underlying disorders such as depression, and without a complete evaluation, a student may be inappropriately treating more serious problems while masking their symptoms.

Unfortunately for Vinny, his abuse of prescription drugs led to a far more serious problem with stimulants that drastically affected his life. He succumbed to a classic behavior pattern associated with addiction: seeking a more extreme high.

"I trace the huge drug problems I had later in life — my coke addiction — back to those days," Vinny said.

Cocaine, like Adderall, causes increased energy, decreased appetite and an increased heart rate. The difference is that cocaine is highly illegal, and Adderall is becoming increasingly available.

"It was really cheap. I'd get five pills for five dollars," Vinny said. George, who has some

experience sniffing lines, describes fellow students who snort Adderall in order to create an experience similar to the cocaine rush.

"It kicks in right away," he said. "It doesn't curb your appetite, although you don't get the same concentration, and it doesn't last as long."

For George, dependency has never been a personal concern, but his outright distaste for the medication led him to question the necessity of the drug. He said he didn't understand why students with ADD and ADHD get not only medical help, but also extra time on tests, teacher's notes and other accommodations. The answer lies in the chemistry of his brain.

"Picture my sensory input as a hose with a kink in it," George said. "I process things slower, and in that lapse it becomes easier for my mind to become focused on something else."

Vinny came away from his

experience with stimulants claiming to be a different, less positive while George, who has been exposed to a spectrum of stimulants such as Ritalin, Concerta, Welbutrin, Provigil and Dexedrine, insists that the drugs make him less goofy and more argumentative and uptight. Despite the negative side effects, George said he does not plan on getting off drugs any time soon.

"I'll have a prescription as long as I need it to work," he said.

While misuse of the prescriptions can lead to dependency, Wells said that the medication has benefits.

"When used appropriately, these drugs can be life saving, and they should be available to young people; but they need to be prescribed judiciously. I have had maybe one student come in and seek help for drug dependency and have referred that student to the appropriate place," Wells said.

Candidates seek student input

Experience, sexuality and finance reform addressed

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what the SA is doing," she said. "We want to be as accessible as possible."

While the candidates agreed students at the College should have more input in SA decisions, they disagreed on the value of prior SA experience.

Brown and Manning said their time in the senate has given them the chance to affect student health and safety issues, including "know your rights" cards and potential alterations to the College's medical amnesty policy. Collectively, the two have five years of experience in the SA.

Vasold also touted previous SA experience.

"As the only presidential candidate with extensive experience with the executive branch of the SA, I've worked with two SA presidents as undersecretary of LGBT affairs," Vasold said.

Scott and Sadeghian said activity within the College also provides insight. Their SA experience is Scott's tenure as treasurer for the Class of 2011.

"My involvement with the SA has been minimal, but my involvement on campus has been strong," Sadeghian said.

Addressing criticisms about the distribution of SA funds, the candidates also described plans for financial reform within the senate.

"What the SA really needs is an attitude shift," Vasold said. "I know what it's like to be denied funding. We need to get past the petty nit-picking of funding events that we like."

Scott said the SA should be more active in the promotion of new events and groups.

"New events just get zero [funding] right away," Scott



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SA presidential candidates debated issues ranging from sexuality to sustainability at Sunday's debate.

said. "If a group wants to hold a new event, we want to know the details and what they want to do, so they don't automatically get zero."

The candidates also addressed how their own sexuality would affect their campaigns.

"Sexuality is something that I think affects all of us at a personal level," Brown said. "As far as my sexuality affecting my candidacy, I would never let my personal sexual preferences affect a policy decision."

Vasold said that involvement in the LGBT community has influenced the campaign.

"As a queer [identified] student, my sexuality has allowed me to work with different groups and organizations on campus," Vasold said.

Scott said she did not have the same insights into sexuality as other candidates, but that she believes the SA has made efforts to improve connections to diversity at the College.

"As a straight woman, I understand that I'm in a privileged position and that I don't under-

stand all the issues," she said. "But that's what great about exec — that we have an undersecretary of LGBT affairs."

The debate ended with closing statements from each of the campaigns.

Vasold encouraged students to vote, regardless of who they ultimately choose.

"Your voice is echoed through these decisions and elections," Vasold said. "Caitlin and I have experience in the SA. We can get the job done."

Scott reiterated her conviction to make the SA a more inclusive organization.

"We want the SA to be representative of the school," Scott said. "I want the SA to embody the students at William and Mary."

Brown and Manning said their history in the SA made them the better choice for president and vice president.

"Experience and hard work are two different things," Manning said. "Ben and I are the only ticket to have worked on all the issues that were brought up."

SA elections are scheduled

Congressman: Bay needs help

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"If we just put money there, we could actually reduce the cost associated with that because we could make sure we found either more effective ways to treat those diseases or the cures for those diseases," he said. "If we're not looking at how we can really prevent disease down the road, we're going to be adding to the costs in this particular system."

Citing his 27-year career in the state health and environmental departments, the congressman also discussed the Chesapeake Bay, which borders the eastern edge of his district.

"In my years in public health, many of those were spent in seafood safety, so I got to see what was happening with water quality day in and day out," he said. "The Bay, at best, at the very best, is just marking time. That is, it's not getting any worse, but it's not getting any better."

Compared to statistics from the 1950s, Wittman said, the Bay today has much lower diversity and productivity. According to him, the Bay has seen a serious drop in oxygen levels and a precipitous rise in dangerous chemicals and other byproducts, with many areas unable to sustain life in any form.

"In order to have a healthy bay, we have to do more in a couple of areas," he said.

Two key steps to improving the Bay's environmental quality are increasing the amount of chlorophyll-a, a nutritious source of food for fish, and working harder to prevent nitrogen and phosphorous from entering the ecosystem, thereby increasing oxygen levels.

"If we leave any one part of the puzzle out, we will not be successful," he said.

Wittman also touched on funding for higher education.

"One of the big issues going forward is to make sure we have



MICHELLE GABRO - THE FLAT HAT
Virginia Congressman Rob Wittman visited the College Monday and discussed the preservation of the Chesapeake and education funding with students.

sustainability going forward with institutions of higher learning," he said. "They have to be given flexibility, too, in how they are able to run their university."

Wittman said the state and federal government can do more to allow universities to seek private sources of funding — something he said College of William and Mary President Taylor Reveley has been working on.

"What we want to make sure is our institutions here in Virginia have the flexibility to think outside the box, not necessarily be limited as far as what they can do within the state structure of purchasing, the state structure of operations," he said. "President Reveley's been pretty good about saying, 'Look, let's look outside of them. Let's look at ways that allow us to leverage other private dollars to bring those in, to keep tuition rates down. Also, how can we operate outside of this box that the state places these institutions to operate in?' So he's been very good about that."

Voting reform possible

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worked with on council during my terms have been excellent, I think there are serious, legitimate doubts about whether the current process is the best way to do that."

The task force will also evaluate changing the ballot. Currently, students base their vote on each candidate's 200-word response to a question.

Rudd said that the task force would discuss issues concerning the possibility for campaign and ballot changes, though that is not its sole responsibility.

"Those ideas have been mentioned, but certainly are not the explicit purpose of the task force," Rudd said. "We hope to analyze things that have worked in the council's elections process, and more importantly, identify

areas for improvement."

While this year's voter turnout decreased from last year, Rudd said the issue is not a cause for concern.

"The task force was not formed in response to low voter turnout," Rudd said. "Last year's turnout was abnormally high, which is largely attributed to the referendum that ran concurrent to our election last year. When looking at last year as an outlier, turnout has actually continued on an upward trend."

The Honor Council hope to receive input from the student body on the comments section of its website, and will also distribute a limited, random survey to the student body. The task force will provide a final report of recommendations to the Honor Council at an undecleared date.

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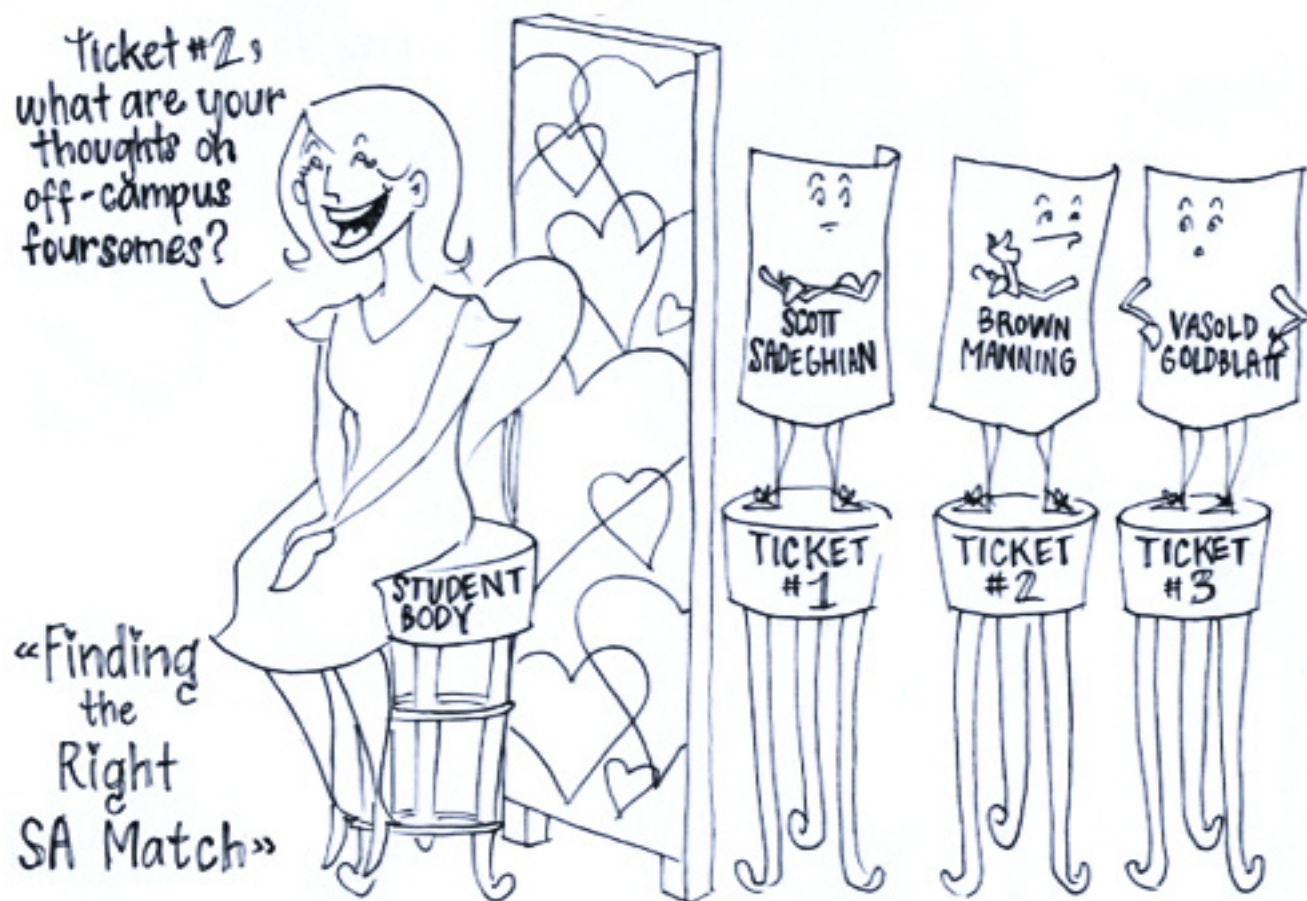
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BY VICKY CHAO, FLAT HAT CARTOONIST

STAFF EDITORIAL

Brown-Manning: the safest choice

This Wednesday, following delays and some particularly heated campaigning, students at the College of William and Mary are again tasked with electing the new leaders of their student government. The choice is hardly an easy one. Each ticket provides a unique perspective, but none is without quite sizable flaws. While we find it difficult to support any of the tickets currently running without any reservation, we believe that Ben Brown '11 and Betty-Jeanne Manning '12 are the candidates best suited to provide effective and reliable leadership to the Student Assembly.

The dedication both Brown and Manning have to the SA is immediately apparent. Both have generated some of the most meaningful initiatives proposed this year — Brown, as the SA chairman, and Manning as a student senator. Brown has helped extend STI testing, as well as the second round of flu shots, at the Student Health Center. He also, along with current SA President Sarah Rojas, began efforts to reform the College Alcohol and Drug Policy. Manning has been essential in adding campus safety telephone numbers to student ID cards. Clearly, each has the experience needed for the positions of president and vice president.

Their familiarity with policy clearly shows through in the objectives they've chosen to pursue. While these objectives may not be flashy, they are still significant and, most importantly, realistically implementable. Brown and Manning's plan to reach out to the graduate community, especially in restructuring graduate student fees to allow graduates to see more of a return on their money, is incredibly sensible. Furthermore, their sustainability ideas, as simple as providing partial reimbursements to students who purchase energy-efficient appliances for their dorms, are simple ideas that promise concrete results.

Their experience, however, is the source of both their greatest asset, but also a significant weakness; it stresses their abilities to act within the SA, but also stresses their lack of any perspective from outside that admittedly restricted sphere.

The other pairs of candidates are better in integrating areas of the campus community, although often at the expense of others. Chrissy Scott '11 and Kaveh Sadeghian '12 have a strong service aspect to their candidacy, an area not greatly emphasized by

the other candidates. Sadly, this enthusiasm does not extend to their other issues. For a campaign based around "the student voice," Scott and Sadeghian often seem to distinctly lack their own leadership voice.

As far as pure passion is concerned, Jesse Vassold '11 and Caitlin Goldblatt '11 are easily ahead of the other candidates. However, while this advocacy applies strongly to some issues, such as sustainability and student rights, it's entirely missing from others. A concrete proposal to improve the budget application process — a major campaign issue for all three tickets — is entirely missing, which points to only one of several areas in which Vassold and Caitlin's knowledge of policy and views beyond their own seem insufficient, despite their activism and zeal.

Brown and Manning represent the opposite pole in this regard. Their ticket is the only one for which the phrase "hit the ground running" actually applies. Their ideas are clearly based on a working knowledge of what is possible, given the system they will be, and have been, working within. True, their knowledge comes at the expense of the passion shown by other candidates. But what they lack in enthusiasm they easily make up for in pure gumption. Brown has been one of the most active members of the SA in the past year, even helping to revise the SA code last summer, and shows no sign of stopping. The ticket's promise to staff most, if not all, executive undersecretary positions before the end of school — and to spend the summer months initiating policy work — speaks to that dedication. Yet, despite vowing to fill these positions quickly, they've yet to establish a method for finding the most involved students in each issue area, instead of just the normal SA in-crowd.

We temper our support of Brown and Manning, then, with one qualification. We would hope that, should they be elected, they take effort to seek out those students already passionate in their respective areas of campus life. We would even hope that other candidates be considered in their respective areas of expertise.

If such a partnership could be created between passionate issue advocacy and effective leadership, both the SA and the student body would stand to gain a great deal. We sincerely believe that Brown and Manning are the candidates most prepared and willing to try.

Chipotle opening spiceless

Tim MacFarlan

FLAT HAT STAFF COLUMNIST



The queue was enormous, snaking around the side of the restaurant and into the packed parking lot, with those at its end as close to being squashed on Richmond Road as they were to actually getting in the door.

No, this was not the scene at the first nightclub to open in Williamsburg — although a couple of bouncers wouldn't have looked out of place — but a new Chipotle franchise peddling free burritos to what seemed like half the College of William and Mary population, many of whom had been watching the building's progress with a growing frenzy ever since the big red sign was first bluntly displayed.

While this shows the popularity of production-line, Tex-Mex food, it's also testament to the enduring power of gimmicks and college students' craving for novelty.

Not that Chipotle is that much of a novelty. It now has over 900 locations in 35 states, with a net income of \$78 million — or one Alan B. Miller Hall — per year. Founded in Denver, Colo. in 1993, Chipotle's largesse extends well beyond Williamsburg, as the young chain allegedly gave out free burritos to reporters during the 1997 trial of Oklahoma City bomber Timothy McVeigh.

Students at the College aren't exactly lacking for places to eat, and — provided you have a car — there aren't many chains you can't get to within half an hour. Chipotle is just one in a sea of franchises on Richmond Road, but, like a drug dealer slipping a customer something on the stronger side in the hope of getting them hooked, it dangled its sweet queso to deadly effect, successfully wooing a clientele all

Wawa'ed out and suffering from Five Guys fatigue.

All of this can't dispel the feeling that this is consumerism gone a bit mad, but then the fact that a fast food chain can draw so many onto the streets by word-of-mouth alone is only surprising to someone who's never heard of Black Friday. Ultimately, however, this is all that Chipotle is offering: fast food and everything that goes with it, including easily over 1,000 calories per burrito, some worryingly high sodium levels and, if you watch "South Park" as religiously as I do, an unfortunate effect on the patron's underwear the day after.

Then again, why doesn't the College make an effort to kick-start a student body clearly limping along

The Chipotle opening demonstrates the enduring power of gimmicks.

as the semester nears its end? Is anyone up for free food at the Sadler Center? I can't imagine there

being such a stampede. How about a one-point jump in GPA for the first 100 students to complete the triathlon? What about a free disco in Earl Gregg Swem Library? (Scratch that last one; it'd never work.)

I didn't get my burrito Thursday because I wasn't prepared to wait two hours for it. I ended up going again on Saturday — prepared to shell out \$7 this time — only to find that there were still people spilling out of the door.

Thus, my quest for Chipotle goes on, and I hope that giving burritos away wasn't just another means of dressing up essentially mundane products to look irresistibly seductive, only for them to prove maddeningly disappointing at the end of the day.

I hope that the queso is as sweet as they say it is. Then again, I'll probably be in need of some "Chipotle-Away," as "South Park" would say, after all.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Orchesis Review Uninformed To the Editor:

The members of Orchesis Dance Company are writing to express our concern about Ian Goodrum's "Twirling into Grace," published in The Flat Hat March 26 — not for his negative opinions, but for the assignment of an unqualified person to the article. Goodrum did not critique Orchesis's presentation of "An Evening of Dance," but rather criticized modern dance as an art form. If The Flat Hat desires to be recognized as legitimate, its editors must first understand the capacities of its writers.

The assignment of a reporter so obviously ignorant about the finer points of modern dance was unfair to your readers, who depend on you for

informed advice, our company — whose reputation may be marred without basis — and Goodrum himself, who was unable to demonstrate his otherwise accomplished skills as a writer.

The major flaw Goodrum found in our performance indicates his fundamental ignorance of modern dance. He bewails the lack of "a clear narrative structure" and a "jarring lack of focus." The problem, however, is that modern dance is abstract expression — interpretive and subjective, it is "being" communicated through the beauty of the body. Unfortunately for people like Goodrum, the human body is not a page of written words, but instead a medium capable of presenting ideas and concepts with just the right tilt of the neck.

Goodrum should take what he did like about the performance — the technical skill and its moving execution — and learn that in modern dance, "narrative structure be damned" is the real "popular artistic concept these days." We look forward to reading more of Goodrum's work when his talents are applied to their appropriate sphere.

— Sarah Underwood '11

More Positive SA Election Coverage Needed To the Editor:

I find it appalling that it is primarily the campus news organizations that introduce negative aspects into the Student Assembly elections. All of the students running for SA president and vice president are

respectable individuals who have carried themselves in an upstanding manner throughout the election process. However, the campus press does benefit those trying to decide how to vote by providing facts and context. Students can examine where the interests of the candidates really lie beyond what their rose-colored websites say. As a consistent follower of The Flat Hat would know, each ticket brings different intensity and focus to each issue area.

For example, I am supporting Ben Brown and Betty Jeanne Manning, in part because they have shown a history of assisting the environment, as reported in many Flat Hat articles over the years. Not only do Brown and Manning have a precedent of

supporting environmental causes on campus, but they also appear to know how to accomplish their goals efficiently and effectively, using sound reasoning instead of the over-emotional outbursts exhibited by too many in today's world. The right mindset is meaningless if the system — we kid ourselves if we believe the SA can be much else — cannot be harnessed to provide for the public good. Brown and Manning have the dedication, knowledge and openness I believe will assist in the continued improvement of campus sustainability. Furthermore, I hope that everyone takes the time to keep abreast of the issues beyond election week and that The Flat Hat continues to prioritize informative news articles over slanderous opinion pieces.

— John F. Kirm III '12

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Photos raise awareness, funding for IR Club international charity

By KYRA ZEMANICK
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Cameras follow people everywhere, chronicling both daily occurrences as well as exotic adventures abroad. Not only do pictures ensure that the beautiful, interesting or embarrassing moments of a person's life are not forgotten, but they also create a way for people to express to others what makes these moments memorable. Recognizing this, the International Relations Club Cares is sponsoring the Developing World Gallery as an outlet for students to share the photographs they've taken while traveling in developing countries. Starting Thursday, the Sadler Center will display about 60 student photos that will be auctioned off a month later and donated to a charity of IRC's choice.

"Through Facebook, we created an outlet for students to submit their pictures, and then we choose the best pictures from hundreds," IRC Cares director of campus outreach Shannon Beydler '12 said. "[Then] the Muscarelle Museum [of Art] professionally developed and mounted our selections."

Johanna Christensen '10 is one of the photographers selected to have her work displayed in the IR Club gallery. Her photograph, taken during her study abroad trip to Kenya, was part of a series depicting life in East Africa.

"The picture that I find most fascinating is one of roadside fruit stands in southern Uganda," Christensen said. "The concept of just how much food is depicted in the picture is astounding — especially fragile and nutritionally valuable food. The idea of boom-and-bust agricultural cycles, and actually being dependent on weather and agricultural output, is an idea that is so foreign to us here in the United States. I may not have gotten the point of the picture across — it's a kind of crazy juxtaposition in my head — but each of my pictures that I submitted actually has a

story or lesson that I associate with it."

Beyond giving students a chance to share their travels with the College of William and Mary community, part of the club's mission involves raising money for a nongovernmental organization that is chosen by IRC members from year to year. Past beneficiaries include CARE and Doctors Without Borders. The Developing World Gallery came as an extension of this goal.

"All photos are auctioned off. After about a month-long display in the SC. The winners get their photos, mounted and everything," Chair of IRC Cares Kelly Danner '10 said.

Although IRC Cares does a few more fundraisers throughout the year, its main focus is on exposing rich cultures beyond the United States, as well as some of the problems that they face.

"IRC Cares should really be more focused on raising awareness of issues beyond Williamsburg and beyond Congress, and that's what the gallery is supposed to do," Danner said. "It's a good way to show students how the other half lives, so to speak."

This year, proceeds from the gallery auction will benefit Practical Small Projects, a small nonprofit organization based in New Town. According to the PSP website, the organization works with Malian communities to ensure sustainable growth by using locally made solar panels.

"It's a really fantastic organization. I love supporting it," Danner said. "A lot of organizations have great intentions but are largely misguided about how to make a sustainable difference in developing countries. PSP has this fantastic framework where it teaches community members about solar energy, uses a Malian company to supply solar panels and sets them up in hospitals, schools, maternity wards, even homes."

The organization has already begun to see

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Getting global exposure



COURTESY PHOTO — KAVEH SADEGHIAN

THAT GIRL

Motivated senior receives Fulbright scholarship

By ALLIE JONES
Flat Hat That Girl Columnist

I met Katy Andell on the back porch of the Grind so she could get her quick fix of caffeine and sunshine. Self-assured and down to earth, she told me about her love of the Sharpe Community Scholars Program and of tutoring English as a second language. Before our interview, Katy had just recently discovered that she's been awarded a Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship in Germany for next year. If her continued dedication to her own studies is any indication — she brought homework for before and after the interview — she will certainly do well teaching abroad and researching education and immigration policy.

What are you looking forward to this week?

I really take it day by day. Since I'm a senior, I really try to find as much time to spend with my

friends as possible. There's a new movie coming out at the Kimball [Theatre], so we'll probably go see that sometime soon. I'm finishing my thesis this week, and that's something I've been working on most of the year. I will also probably go to the Scott Foster night at the [Greene] Leafé [Café].

Tell me about your thesis.

I'm a government and European studies double major, so I'm writing a thesis on the integration of immigrants through the German education system. And that's really interesting. I focus on language, structure, why immigrants don't get integrated into German society, and why the education system is partially to blame for that. I actually went to Germany two years ago — visited schools and talked to students, teachers and administrators. This was part of a Monroe [Scholars] project I conducted after my sophomore

year. I just backpacked around. It was a big turning point in my life because I did it completely on my own. It helped me realize how self-sufficient I am — or can be.

Can you tell me about your involvement on campus?

I'm a head resident in the Randolph [Complex], and that's probably my biggest time commitment. I was [a Resident Assistant] for two years in Yates [Hall], and then I became a head resident. Basically, I work with the RAs as a kind of mentor, and I also do hall council, which is probably one of my biggest time commitments right now because we're planning an Iron Chef competition. We're really excited because we're getting dining services involved. They are actually going to loan us part of the [Commons Dining Hall] and provide us with food and everything. I really look forward to planning that with my hall council.

What will you do during your Fulbright Assistantship abroad next year?

I'll be teaching English somewhere in Germany as well as American cultural studies. We'll kind of be acting as ambassadors to reach out to the communities and tell them about the United States, who we are, and our values. The goal is to facilitate intercultural dialogue. The scholarship is something I've been thinking about for awhile with my research in education, and I never studied abroad because I just assumed I didn't have enough money to do it. I know that's not the case now, and I feel like it's something I missed out on. The application process was very stressful, and it started all the way back in late August. I just now found out that I got the scholarship.

What do you hope to do after your Fulbright scholarship?

I'd really like to go to grad school for education or immigration policy. I used to want to work for the State Department, but I've decided not to do that because I want to be able to do something where I actually interact with people all the time. I worked for the State Department last summer, and, even though I was in public affairs, it was just too much in the office. I'd like to be a professor or teacher, someone who can affect policy.

Do you imagine you'll stay in Germany after the completion of your scholarship?

I don't know. There's actually an option to take university courses while completing the Fulbright, but that will depend on where I'm ultimately placed. Going to grad school in Germany, or anywhere in continental Europe, would be much cheaper than doing it in the [United] States, so that's an option. But I really love the United States, and I'm not as familiar with the programs in Europe.

What campus events are you

BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

Conserve water, shower together

Maya Horowitz

FLAT HAT SEX COLUMNIST



It's not even April yet, and I'm already sick of the rain. It's kind of depressing and generally not very sexy. It makes you want to stay in bed, but not in the lusty, ravenous sense. I try to keep telling myself, "April showers bring May flowers." So while we're stuck in this downpour, I say we live it up. April showers, baby.

Shower sex is one of my favorite pastimes. A steamy, torrid scene played out in the bathroom is always welcome in my book. And cleaning up while getting dirty has a lot of advantages.

Genitals are lovely things, but they live between our legs — a place that is often both sweaty and stinky. Many people cite this fact as a reason not to give oral sex. And that's understandable. Who wants to put their mouth on a smelly sex organ? Showering during sex, then, solves this problem. Make those goodies fresh and clean.

This reasoning also follows for period sex. Period blood can be particularly messy and odiferous. Luckily, we invented a wonderful thing called soap. Soap it up, rinse it off, stick it in.

Perhaps the most obvious positive is you get to hit two birds with one stone. Don't have enough time for a romp and a shower? Combine them for double the pleasure and double the fun in half the time.

If you have more time, but still want to get wet while getting wet, try a bath if you have access to one. Baths can be very romantic, especially when candles, soft lighting and lovin' music are involved. They are also a relaxing way to spend time bonding with your partner.

However, shower sex isn't a perfect option. One of the major complications that can arise is size difference between partners. In a bed, generally, the playing field is leveled. There are a lot of different position options for any combination of body sizes. In the shower, however, both of you must be standing. This lends itself particularly to sex from behind. But if your fun parts don't line up, it's difficult to achieve insertion. If you're lucky, your partner is



MICHELLE GABRO — THE FLAT HAT

Katy Andell '10 cites her experience as a Sharpe Community scholar as one of her most defining experiences at the College. Not only has she received unique educational opportunities, but she has also found irreplaceable friendships through the program.

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Professor finishes tenure, not career

By MATT SCHOFIELD
The Flat Hat

In this stressful week that is registration, many students will log into Banner only to find one familiar name absent — Professor David Holmes.

After spending hours trying to work their schedules around that one Holmes's class, many students will be disappointed; David Holmes is retiring after his 45 years at the College.

Holmes started teaching at the College in the English department in the fall of 1965. However, his stay in that department was short-lived; in 1968, he became one of the founding members of the department of religion, now called the department of religious studies.

"In college, I took a vocations test, and according to this test I was supposed to become a minister or a pastor," Holmes said. "I guess a religious studies professor is just the combination of that."

After teaching at the College for 45 years, Holmes witnessed some of the College's greatest controversies. For example, during the Wren Cross controversy and former President Gene Nichol's resignation, Holmes was the faculty member who participated in the debate about Nichol. He said he believes Nichol could have avoided controversy.

"If only he had appointed a committee of students, faculty and alumni to study the question," he said. "They would surely have reached a decision to make the cross optional for use, because a committee appointed

during the controversy reached that conclusion—and quickly."

Even without the committee, Holmes defended Nichol's choice.

"Crosses weren't used by Protestant churches until the late 19th century, as they were seen as a form of idolatry," he said. "Anglican and Episcopal churches in Virginia churches had no crosses until the 20th century. And the Wren Chapel is intended to replicate an Anglican collegiate chapel. It didn't have even a part-time cross until 1940."

Nevertheless, Holmes believes that the Board of Visitors acted fairly and normally in its treatment of Nichol.

"I did not know if they were correct or not in their concerns about the president; I trusted that them to make the best decision they could based on the information they possessed," Holmes said. "I tended to have confidence in both Nichol and the Board."

Throughout his time at the College, Holmes's classes have always been viewed as some of the most important, fundamental classes at the College. They combine his passionate, humorous lectures with interesting reading assignments such as fictional or autobiographical works.

"[The books that I assign] usually deal with religious history and also with life," Holmes said. "whereas some textbooks don't. Every book I assign should relate to the life we have lived or could live. The class lectures focus on church history, but the assigned reading is broader."

Beyond assigning relevant class



MELISSA MCCUE — THE FLAT HAT

After 45 years at the College, Holmes has been there for the creation of the religious studies department through the Wren Cross issue that ended in the resignation of former President Gene Nichol. While Holmes will no longer be teaching at the College, he will continue writing.

readings he goes out of his way to make sure the classroom experience is interesting and worthwhile for all of the students participating.

"He is one of the most engaging professors I have had at college," Liz Kelly '12, a current student in one of Holmes' classes, said. "His anecdotes are relevant to class material and [are] always engaging. He really makes an effort to get to know his students."

The effort Holmes puts into teaching is apparent, and because of this he is anxious about possible changes in the near future. One of his current concerns about classes is increasing class size to soften the budget cuts.

"I'm purposefully teaching an overload [schedule] because of cuts with classes — if I taught an extra class I could reduce the class size," Holmes

said. "Small classes always have the best discussions."

Now that he is retiring, Holmes will work on finishing his fifth book, which examines post-World War II presidents and their religious beliefs. He delivered his most recent lecture, "Behind the Altars of Camelot," March 25 and examined John and Jackie Kennedy's religious beliefs. He attributes his interest in Kennedy to the social scene during the time of Kennedy's election.

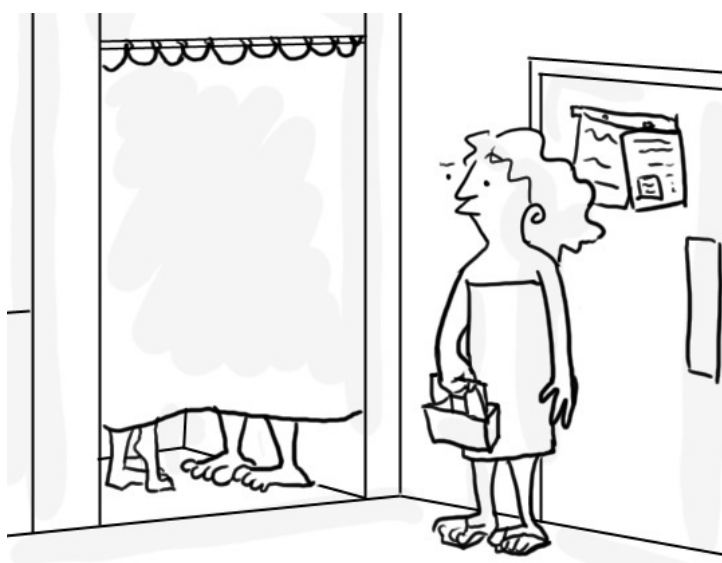
"I was a young man — his was the first election I participated in," he said. "Kennedy sparked something to encourage the Quiet Generation to get America moving again. And the religious faith was controversial."

Holmes also commented on how the United States has changed religiously since 1965.

"In the 1950s and early 60s the trend was towards greater church involvement," he said. "Everybody except New York intellectuals seemed to belong to a church or synagogue. At one point a survey indicated that a huge percentage of Americans believed in God. And there was also a great fear of Roman Catholic authoritarianism. But who worries about Roman Catholicism eliminating religious pluralism now? All main-line churches are struggling."

John Stanford '10, who helped Holmes fact-check and type his book on religion and the presidents, describes Holmes's influence on students.

"With his departure, the College loses one of its truly great professors," Stanford said. "One can only be remiss that future graduates will not have had him as such a tremendous influence."



GRAPHIC BY OLIVIA WALCH — THE FLAT HAT

Slippery when wet

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strong and can lift you up to get your bajingo at equal height with his rod. If you're unlucky, you're just going to have to learn to stand on your tiptoes or bend your knees for a while.

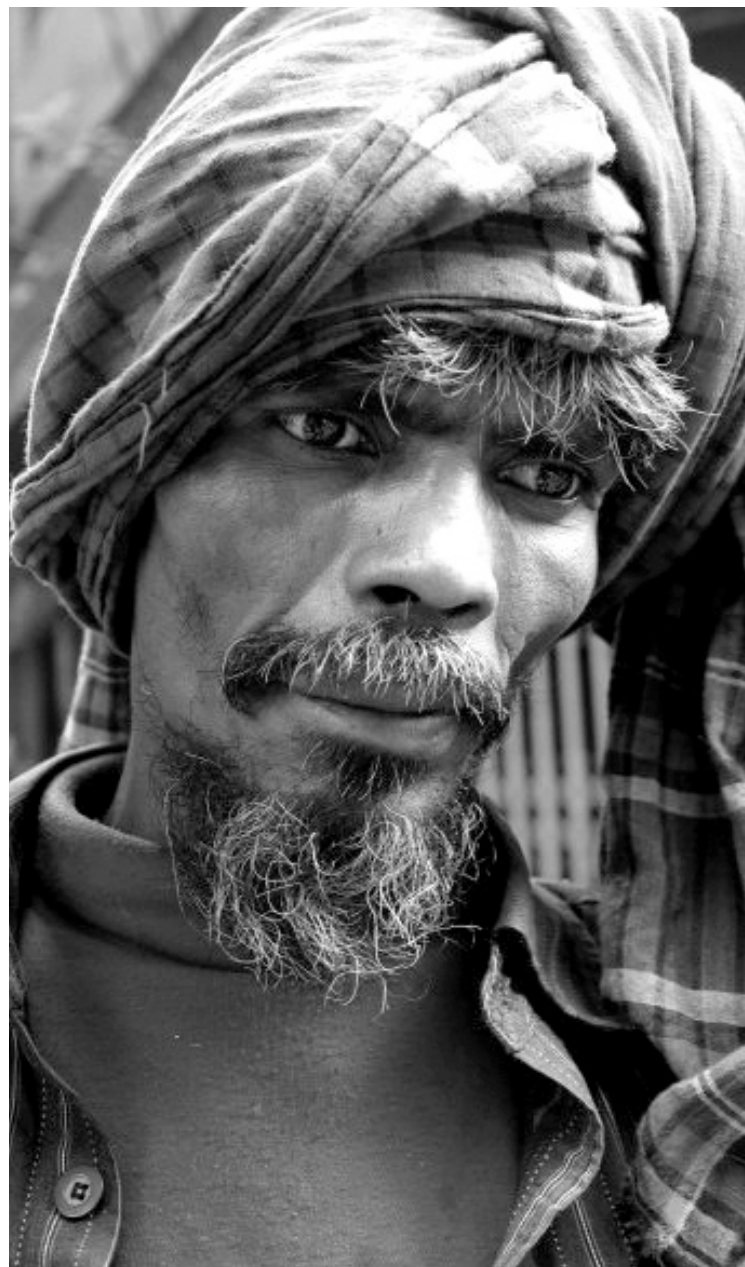
Another complication that many of you may face is communal bathrooms. They're often dirty from overuse, and it's impossible to find alone time in them. This means that shower sex can only be a sometimes-treat. My recommendation? If you really must get down and dirty while getting clean, wait until the middle of a school night. And for propriety's sake, keep it down.

The most serious complication to shower sex is the use of a condom. Water, although it seems it would be, is not a good lubricant. Therefore, condoms, which are already prone to dry up, may do so in the shower. The increased friction is likely to cause them to break. This means that other forms of contraception should be used in conjunction with a condom while engaging in shower sex.

Obstacles aside, shower sex is perfect for the month of April. As you sit forlornly staring out the window, watching the rain fall, turning campus into a gigantic puddle, consider the fun you could be having with water.

Maya Horowitz is the Flat Hat sex columnist. Maya prefers her hygiene with a little bit of pleasure in the mornings.

Student photography supports IR Club



COURTESY PHOTO — ZEMA MIRZA, ANNA SWANSON

Photos taken by students were submitted to the IR Club and selected to be displayed in the Sadler Center as part of a fundraiser for Practical Small Projects.

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the positive effects of their hard work. PSP has noted increased test scores in students who can now go to school with lighted classrooms and families who can now obtain portable water without walking great distances. Danner also added that hospitals wired with solar power electricity can provide better medical care.

"There are little old ladies who sell electricity for blocks of time and make a decent income," said Danner. "How many people in Williamsburg can say they use solar energy for cooking? That's a pretty fantastic outcome."

This unique initiative began as a vision of a college student. The founder of PSP, Mary Graham, was a student at the University of Mary Washington when she started the project.

"One eager college student has made a huge difference," Danner said. "Now she's giving talks at the World Bank, and

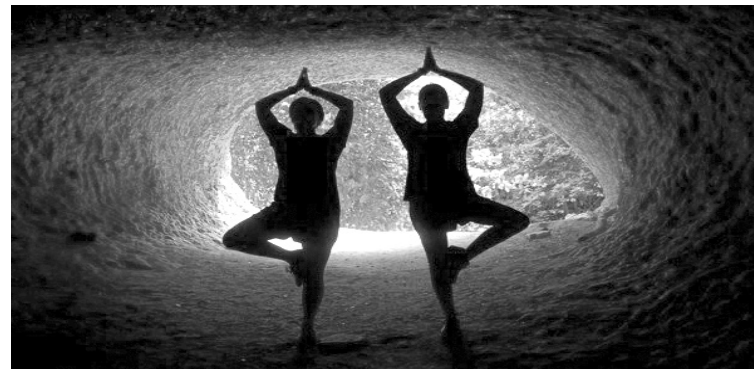
people are listening to her ideas because they're working. That's pretty inspiring."

This same eagerness can certainly be attributed to the work with the Developing World Gallery. Beydler credits the photographers as the reason for the gallery's inspirational success.

"Photography is something so accessible to anyone who travels and wants to preserve their experiences abroad," she said. "It is able to capture a moment in time and allows the viewer to connect to the subject matter on a visceral and personal level."

The photographs are intended to become a medium for travelers to share their experiences with the College.

"We wanted to bring more light to the developing world with this gallery," Beydler said. "We wanted to provide a window into areas that many people aren't able to see firsthand. Hopefully it will inspire some to see it for themselves."



COURTESY PHOTO — ANNA SWANSON

Senior sets sights abroad

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most excited about participating in during your last semester here?

I'm excited for my last King and Queens [Ball], and everything leading up to graduation, like the Last Chance Dance ... all of the things that seniors do. More seriously, I tutor English as a second language, and I've really gotten close to the two students I tutor. I want to make sure I make an impact on them and make the transition smooth to find someone else to tutor them after I'm gone.

What's the best book you've ever read for a class?

One book I really liked is "The Wall Jumper" by Peter Schneider. I read it for a history of Germany class that I loved — the professor was awesome. It's a novel that focuses on East Berlin and the [Berlin] Wall.

I read it before I ever went to Germany.

Who do you think has made the biggest impact on you here at the College?

I was a Sharpe scholar freshman year, and the experience was wonderful. Really what made college for me was living in that community and meeting like-minded people who are concerned about social issues. They are all of my best friends now; we live together and work together with Sharpe.

What is your favorite spot on campus?

I'd say the barbecue pit in Randolph, just because I really love that community and the people in it. It's a perfect spot for socializing and seeing who's walking by.

If you stop by the Commons about two weeks from now, you may see Katy displaying her ultimate cooking skills in the Iron Chef competition. But don't be too intimidated; she's only just won a Fulbright and finished a thesis, too.



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Andell '10 spent the summer after her sophomore year studying German assimilation and immigration.

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SPORTS IN BRIEF

LACROSSE

Wannen's four goals not enough against Penn State

The No. 17 Tribe (5-4) fell to No. 14 Penn State 11-8 Sunday. Junior defender Sarah Jonson tied a College single-game record with six caused turnovers. Junior midfielder Molly Wannen led the College with four goals in the contest. After falling behind 6-1 late in the first half, three goals by junior midfielder Grace Golden drew the Tribe close at 10-7. But, it was not enough, as the College fell to the Nittany Lions for the second straight season.

MEN'S GOLF

Glassman and Parker lead Tribe at Towson Invitational

The Tribe tied for 12th place at the Fireline Towson Invitational Sunday in Grasonville, Md., accumulating a three-round team score of 931 (+67). Leading the squad were juniors Zach Glassman — who finished in a tie for 33rd at 230 (+14), and Brandon Parker — who finished one shot behind Glassman at 231 (+15), in 42nd place. Senior Conor O'Brien shot a 54-hole total of 233 (+18), resulting in a tie for 51st place. The College will now have three weeks to prepare for the CAA Championships in Hot Springs, Va., held from April 16 to 18.

WOMEN'S TRACK AND FIELD

Williams qualifies for ECACs with record throw

Senior Ashley Williams broke the school hammer throw record in the College's sixth place finish at the Maryland Invitational Saturday in College Park, Md. Williams' toss of 175' 5" qualifies her for the ECAC Championships and ranks her 20th this year in the East Region. Senior Nicole Kazuba won the pole vault, clearing the bar at 11' 11.75". Sophomore Natalie Baird finished third in the discus, recording 142' 8".

ONLINE

Sophomore reliever Matt Davenport threw over 180 pitches Saturday in the Tribe's doubleheader against Delaware. To get his take on the College's first conference series win of the season, visit his blog at flathatnews.com.

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TADD BOWER
SOPHOMORE, BASEBALL

The Flat Hat caught up with sophomore Tadd Bower to discuss his favorite athlete and what sport he wishes he could play.

Who is your favorite athlete?
I'm a huge LeBron James fan. He's just a freak athlete.

What's one thing people don't know about Matt Davenport?
He's extremely sneaky for a 6' 8" guy. One second he'll be there, and the next second you'll go to say something to him and he'll be upstairs.

If you could play one other sport at the College what would it be? Soccer. Any mid-field position. I've always been a big soccer fan.

BASEBALL

College wins two against Hens with walk-offs

Slattery goes 10 for 12 over the weekend in Tribe's first conference action of the season



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Senior catcher Chris Jensen makes a game-saving tag in the top of the ninth inning against Delaware Sunday. Jensen was 1 for 4 Sunday and picked a runner off at first base.

By JACK LAMBERT
Flat Hat Sports Editor

Sophomore reliever Matt Davenport's arm finally started to feel tired. He had thrown over 120 pitches for the first time this season, after already throwing roughly 60 pitches in the first game of Saturday's doubleheader against Delaware.

But in the second game versus the Blue Hens, with two straight losses to start conference play starring William and Mary (16-8, 2-1 CAA) in the face, Davenport would have gone as long as his team needed.

"I was wondering if they were going to take me out or not," Davenport said after the Tribe's 5-4, 12-inning victory. "I was really hoping they wouldn't, which I'm glad they didn't. For these guys, I would go out there 18 innings in a row if I had to."

Fortunately for Davenport, the Tribe only needed six and a third innings to get the win after dropping the first game of the doubleheader 12-9. Davenport threw three innings in the first matchup before coming out of the bullpen in the sixth inning of the second ballgame.

"I told [the coaches] I was available after the first

game," Davenport said. "On the list in the dugout, my name was circled, which usually means 'use' just if you need to. But I told them I was good."

And the Tribe needed him. Davenport came in with the College trailing 4-2, about to lose its second consecutive game to start the conference season. He proceeded to strike out a career-high 10 hitters while holding the Blue Hens scoreless until the bottom of the 12th inning when junior second baseman Jonathan Slattery came to the plate.

Slattery went 10 for 12 over the weekend with three walks. But his two-out single to right centerfield with a runner on third base Saturday was his biggest hit of the weekend, giving the Tribe a 5-4 walk-off victory.

"I knew they were coming at me with sliders, so I was looking for something to drive," Slattery said. "I saw a fastball in just long enough to get my hands in. It's a great feeling. The guys worked so hard, it was nice just to get the [win]."

As fate would have it, Slattery would be on third base with the score tied 3-3 in the bottom of the ninth inning in the rubber match of the series. This time the batter was freshman centerfielder Ryan Brown, whose flare down

the right field line to give the Tribe the 4-3 victory.

It was the second walk-off single of the season for Brown, who singled to win the Tribe's March 7 game against Seton Hall.

"I like to put myself in those situations," Brown said. "You listen to LeBron James and he says he wants the ball in the last seconds. I try to want to be in that situation, and it just gives me more confidence to get the job done."

A pair of defensive plays by senior catcher Chris Jensen set Brown up to be the hero, as Jensen recorded two putouts in the top of the ninth inning.

Jensen recorded the first out by catching a foul ball off a failed bunt attempt by Delaware second baseman D.J. Long. Then, with two outs and a runner on third, Jensen stopped a ball in the dirt, hustled back behind the plate to retrieve the ball and then ran back to the plate to tag the baserunner for the final out of the inning.

The play left Head Coach Frank Leoni impressed.

"I told the team after the game in the huddle, 'One more thing real quick. Chris Jensen took a ball off the private area there in the ninth, sucked it up and made two plays to win the ballgame,'" Leoni said. "If Jensen doesn't make those two plays, who knows what happens in the ninth inning."

MEN'S GYMNASTICS

Gygax earns second-straight all-around title

Tribe finishes second at USAG Championship

By MIKE BARNES
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William and Mary Head Coach Cliff Gauthier simply hoped his team would build this weekend on its recent strong performance in a narrow loss to Temple last Sunday. The College did a little more than that.

The Tribe finished second at the USA Gymnastics Collegiate Championship in Colorado Springs, Colo. Saturday, earning nine individual All-American honors and an individual USAG National all-around title at the meet.

With a standout performance now behind them, Gauthier hopes the College can ride that momentum into this weekend's ECAC Championship at Kaplan Arena, where his team will compete for an automatic berth to the NCAA Championship.

"The guys just rocked the house in the [USAG] finals; we were in good shape and prepared for it," Gauthier said. "I was psyched by that meet because it put us in real good position for the ECAC Championship, meaning that we are ready to go and that we can put out our best performance. And who knows, we might steal an automatic bid to the [NCAA] Championship."

Senior Derek Gygax helped the Tribe

maintain its 16-year streak of top-three finishes at the USAGs, as Gygax earned his second-straight USAG all-around title with a total score of 85.450. In addition to his all-around championship, Gygax won the pommel horse competition, finished second in the floor exercise and third on both the rings and the parallel bars.

The performance qualified him as a finalist for the Nissen-Emery Award, given annually to the nation's top gymnast.

"He just had a super meet," Gauthier said. "He is now an All-American on five of the six events, which is amazing."

The College's young talent also shone as sophomore Stephen Deutsch earned his first championship on the rings with a score of 14.15.

"It was spectacular because he was a complete dark horse on that event," Gauthier said. "He went in the finals and just totally nailed everything, and the other higher ranked guys just didn't hit. So he just waltzed right in and took the gold medal."

In addition to spectacular performances by both Gygax and Deutsch, several other Tribe athletes achieved All-American status in Saturday's individual finals. Junior Andy Hunter earned a third-place finish on the floor exercise, while freshman Vince Smurro claimed his first career All-American honor with a fourth-place finish on the high bar.



MELISSA MCCUE — THE FLAT HAT

Freshman Kris Yeager competes on the pommel horse for the Tribe earlier this season.

"It was a good meet for everybody," Gygax said. "It seemed like we finally came together, everyone was excited and everyone was really into the meet. We started on the high bar, which isn't usually our strongest, but we got through it and just kept on building. All in all, our team really came together like it hadn't yet. It was really good to see, especially with the ECAC Championship coming up."

The Tribe will now attempt to con-

tinue to qualify for the NCAA Championship, a feat that cannot be accomplished without a strong run in this weekend's ECAC Championship.

"I feel good about it; the team is finally pulling it together and everybody is really excited," Gygax said. "It should be a great time; there are going to be a lot of great teams. I'm really excited and its going to be a lot of fun, and I'm glad that its going to be on our home turf too."

Attitude adjustment has Bower off to fast start this season

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"I like to be the guy who, when he comes up, people want to win the game," Bower said. "The guy who comes up in the sixth inning or whatever and hits the double in the gap to score two runs. I love being in those situations."

Recently, Bower has begun to see the challenges of being a marked man. After doubling off the right field fence Saturday to conclude a 5 for 6 day against Delaware, Bower got very little to hit Sunday and was intentionally walked once.

So far, Leoni has liked the way the formerly stubborn Bower has made adjustments this season.

"It's difficult to be a marked man — so to speak," Leoni said. "But that is how great players rise to the occasion. And Tadd is a great player, and he's been rising to the occasion more times than not."

Now come back to Frank Leoni's office this

season after the Tribe's 4-3 win over Delaware last Sunday. This time, the scene is different. Leoni is smiling. His team has won its first conference series of the year. His daughter is running around the locker room playing with the assistant coaches.

Someone asks Leoni about Bower, about whether the head coach believes his first baseman's turnaround is for real.

Leoni pauses. Never one to mince words, especially in the privacy of the locker room, he speaks.

"I often thought coming back from the fall, 'Oh, is this a smokescreen, is this just an act I'm getting?' And I just was waiting for things to go wrong," Leoni said. "But man, has he stuck to it. He's matured, he's matured very quickly."

Leoni stops, as if to play his last statement over again in his head. He then smiles:

"Man, I'm really enjoying being around him this year."

Extra Innings

Not all of the changes Bower has made this season have shown up on the stat sheet. But others definitely have, such as:

24	Number of runs Bower has scored so far this season, five more than he scored all of last year.
10	Number of doubles for Bower this season, tied for third among all players in the conference.
30	Number of RBIs for Bower this season, tied him for the team lead with sophomore catcher Chris Forsten
18	Number of walks Bower has drawn this season, one more than he drew all of last year.

SPORTS

MEN'S GYMNASTICS

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BASEBALL

A new
STANCE*Bower's change in approach leads to Tribe's success*By JACK LAMBERT
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Stand there along the wall of William and Mary Head Coach Frank Leoni's office, and keep your voice down. It's the end of the 2009 season, and Leoni is sitting in front of his locker after another Tribe loss.

The skipper has already moved on from a senior class that has largely tuned him out. But it's his freshman first baseman, Tadd Bower, who has him at his wit's end.

Bower has spent the season flailing at curveballs on the outer part of the plate. His freshman season having gone largely to waste, Bower will end the year hitting .279 with only 19 runs scored. And as Leoni sits there in front of his locker, visibly exhausted from what will be the worst season during his tenure at the College, he begins to talk about Bower:

"I was told a long time ago by an old coach, whom I really admire and trust, that some guys get it and some guys don't," Leoni said. "And I don't know if Tadd Bower is ever going to get it. He refuses to make adjustments; he refuses to listen to the stuff we tell him. I don't know if he's ever going to get it."

It's a rainy day in Montpelier, Vt., a one-stoplight town with summer league baseball and a whole lot of time to kill. Bower's summer team — the Vermont Mountaineers — had its game canceled on account of rain.

Back home in Williamsburg, Leoni sees Bower's name pop up on his cell phone.

"I saw his name come up, and I said to myself, 'Do I really want to answer this right now?' I did, and I wasn't sure what to expect, and it was one of the best conversations I've ever had with a player, period," Leoni said. "It was like I was talking to a totally different kid on the other end of the phone."

It turns out that Vermont air can do wonders for your attitude, as well as your health.

"I had no purpose in the phone call; I just wanted to see how things were going over the summer," Bower said. "I let him know I was having a great time up there and that coming back, I wanted to take more of a leadership role on the team."

The source of so much conflict between Leoni and Bower — the mechanics of Bower's swing — had been eliminated almost overnight as Bower watched some of his Mountaineer teammates.

Leoni teaches his hitters to load and stride at the plate, as well as to drop the angle of the bat in order to create tilt and lift the baseball. Coming out of high

school, Bower believed in a more spread approach where he would swing the bat straight down on the ball in order to create backspin.

But the more he watched some of his summer league teammates, the more Bower began to see some of Leoni's approach in their swings.

"Instead of just goofing around, I would try to watch everybody's swing and learn from it and learn how to play the game," Bower said. "Basically, what I looked off of, I looked at what Frank had given us the year before and looked at what these guys who had success were doing, and a lot of them were the same things."

Not only was Bower calling, but he also seemed receptive to Leoni's advice, which surprised the skipper even more than the phone call itself.

"Tadd had a lot of success as a high school player. He had been doing things a certain way a long time, and it was working for him," Leoni said. "When he got here, he was reluctant to let go of the control he had over his own game, and let somebody else help him. It wasn't like we wanted to change his whole game, but I think that's how he perceived it."

The true test of Bower's reformation would come in the fall, when he returned to a Tribe team that only returned three starters from a squad that went 24-25 last season. Leaders would be needed, and Bower hoped to fill the void.

Leoni made clear to the sophomore that he would have to earn his leadership role.

"He wanted me to prove it. He wanted me to prove mentally that I could handle it," Bower said. "Last year, I wasn't necessarily there. I wasn't ready for a lot of stuff — I got frustrated a lot easier. But we needed guys to come in and help these younger guys who are doing really well right now."

The underclassmen have flourished this spring with Bower's help, helping the Tribe attain a 16-8 record and wins over North Carolina and Maryland. But no single player on this year's squad may be more important offensively than the sophomore first baseman, who leads the Tribe in most major offensive categories.

Bower leads the team in average (.387), hits (36), doubles (10), homeruns (4), on-base percentage (.482) and is tied for the team lead in RBI with sophomore catcher Chris Forsten (30). Tribe coaches agree that if Bower doesn't hit, the Tribe lineup will struggle on any particular day.

The pressure for Bower to produce in the middle of the batting order every day leaves him fazed, as he relishes the role of being counted on every day.

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CATHY FAIRCHILD — THE FLAT HAT

WOMEN'S TENNIS

MICHELLE GABRO — THE FLAT HAT
Senior Ragini Acharya won in straight sets against BU.

Doubles play helps Tribe win two over weekend

*Sabacinski, Vulovich lead College to back-to-back doubles wins, Pop injured*By WESLEY STUKENBROEKER
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Following a tough loss to Duke last weekend, No. 56 William and Mary (9-9) took to the court this Saturday and Sunday, seeking to erase memories of its previous outing. The Tribe began the healing process with two victories, a 6-1 dismantling of Boston University Saturday and a 5-2 defeat of Memphis Sunday at Busch Courts.

The College has now won four of its last five matches, with only four remaining in the regular season.

The Tribe began its weekend by beating the Terriers in the doubles portion of the match. Senior Carmen Pop and freshman Anik Cepeda recorded a 9-8 victory, while senior Lauren Sabacinski and sophomore Katie Kargl took home an 8-4 win. In addition to its doubles dominance, the Tribe swept all but one of the singles matches to claim the win.

"The BU match was a good match as far

as taking care of business, being very competitive, having good energy, not taking anything for granted, and being ready to compete," Head Coach Meredith Geiger-Walton said. "It was good to get a win to start some momentum behind us."

Despite the victory, the Tribe suffered a substantial loss when Pop pulled her hamstring in the latter stages. Pop barely finished her match and was carried off the court with a full-body cramp.

Sunday's play against Memphis began with a trio of hard-fought doubles matches. In the three spot, freshman Nina Vulovich and Sabacinski made quick work of their opponents, winning 8-4.

After witnessing Vulovich and Sabacinski's victory, the duo of senior Ragini Acharya and sophomore Katie Kargl edged their Tiger counterparts 8-6 to clinch the doubles point.

In singles play, the Tribe dominated the lower spots with wins from Sabacinski, Kargl and Cepeda. Sabacinski, who was undefeated throughout

the weekend, finished her match quickly for the second day in a row, improving her season record to 10-12.

"Lauren's been doing a great job of really being able to start the match and finish the match with consistency," Geiger-Walton said. "One thing she's been wanting to improve in her game is to execute a plan and stick with it — and that's something — she's been able to do."

Sabacinski agreed with her coach.

"You have to have a plan when you go, and I think that's been my biggest strength because I get to go out and focus on one point at a time," Sabacinski said.

Due in large part to its relatively easy victories, the Tribe was pleased with its weekend outing and hopes to maintain its positive momentum into next weekend's home match against Marshall.

"It was a good, very solid match," Geiger-Walton said. "I think everyone had good matches to where they felt they had accomplished some individual things out of it."