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Matthew Haug, assistant professor of philosophy at the College, recently received a Scholar's Award grant from the National Science Foundation in the amount of \$137,297 to help his research of the trends between philosophic naturalism and metaphysics.

Fun in the sun at Waller Mill Park may cost you. Williamsburg's most recent budget has proposed a \$2 fee for vehicles entering the park. The fee would be collected by automated gates at the park entrance.

Also proposed was a decrease in operation hours as well as an increase in fees at the Quarterpath Recreational Center pool. Hours would be reduced from noon to 7 p.m. daily to noon to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday. Admission would be raised to \$3 for children and \$4 for adults.

Students mourned the fall of the campus's large weeping willow, dedicated to Sarah O'Kourke Lecates, this weekend. Located near James Blair Hall, the willow is survived by its neighbors the Black Walnut, the Eastern Red Cedar and several Tulip Poplars.

Continuing New Town retail's downward trend, Pacific Sunwear closed Thursday due to insufficient sales. Other closures include Old Navy, Great Harvest Bread Co., the clothing chain J. Jill and Cheeburger Cheeburger, to the dismay of hungry College students.

But, with the recent opening in Williamsburg's delicious fast food department, Chipotle has entered the fray. This Thursday Chipotle will have its grand opening with free burrito giveaways.

Speaking of food, MSN Local Edition named The Cheese Shop's "Artisan American" sandwich selection one of their 15 essential American sandwiches. The local eatery was listed among other famous delis and sandwich shops, such as Katz's Deli in New York City and Salumi in Seattle.

Riding the coattails of the widely successful random chatting service ChatRoulette, Goodcrush has introduced RandomDorm, a college-only random video chat service that will supposedly be without the sexually explicit content that ChatRoulette players occasionally encounter. Lame!

Shane Cooley '10 performed at the South by Southwest Festival in Austin, Texas this weekend through a satellite event put on by the USA Songwriting Competition. Cooley was one of five performers picked to play the contest's showcase.

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

DRUGS AT THE COLLEGE

A look inside the College's unseen drug culture

Former dealer says drug use is prevalent across social circles

By **ANDREW LUBRANO**
The Flat Hat

Charlie is an enterprising student at the College of William and Mary who took an idea and used his drive, acumen and intelligence to develop a profitable business: Charlie was a drug dealer.

Charlie, whose name was changed for this story to protect his identity, used to sell illegal drugs, primarily marijuana and illegally obtained prescription drugs such as adderall and painkillers, to students at the College.

According to Charlie, the College's population of habitual drug users is more diverse than is commonly assumed.

"Are you kidding me? Everyone does them," he said. "[I sold] to frat kids, non-frat kids, a cappella kids, athletes. Drugs are a common bond that everyone shares."

Charlie classified himself as

an average marijuana seller on campus since he used marijuana in addition to selling it. He contrasted himself with a dealer who buys the drug in bulk with no intention to use it himself or herself or with one who sells whatever is left over from his or her own use.

Charlie began by dealing exclusively to his closest friends and people he knew well. After receiving a lot of requests from other students, he realized that he could turn a bigger profit by expanding to a wider population.

"Everyone smokes weed," he said. "You can find weed everywhere if you try hard enough. All it takes is 10 minutes."

Finding there was more money to be made in cheaper marijuana, Charlie began purchasing higher quantities of the drug from his off-campus source, netting bigger profits.

"Lower quality stuff means

higher profit margins," he said.

Charlie recounted that he would often be approached at parties or in public by customers who had heard about his supply from other sources. While this increased his earnings and the potential of his business, Charlie began to realize the risks of his illegal actions.

"Too many random people started asking me for drugs," he said. "I didn't want to get arrested."

His caution was warranted. Violating the current drug policy at the College can result in dismissal and arrest, a fact that Alex Leach '10, a member of Students for a Sensible Drug Policy, criticized.

"The current school policy doesn't reflect Virginia law," Leach said. "School law punishes possession [of marijuana] much harsher than underage drinking."

Virginia law currently punishes underage drinking with a maximum fine of \$2,500 and up to 12 months in jail, while possession of marijuana without the intent to

sell only results in a fine of up to \$500 and 30 days in jail. Leach argued that the College's drug policy is both vague and too harsh.

According to Leach, under current policy, a Resident Assistant is only instructed to document an incident of underage drinking, while they are instructed to call police in the event of marijuana possession.

Leach said that this procedure produces negative consequences.

"Drug users should be treated," he said. "Suspending them or expelling them just harms them. The individual doesn't gain anything from the experience."

Although Charlie agreed that marijuana can be abused, he

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Council forum focuses on community

Candidates address tourism worries, town-gown relations

By **BRITTANY HUGHES**
Flat Hat Staff Writer

City residents met with all five announced candidates for Williamsburg City Council Monday at a forum hosted by the Williamsburg Democratic Committee.

College of William and Mary student Scott Foster '10, Planning Commission member Sean Driscoll, Planning Commission Chairman Doug Pons, Student Health Center doctor David Dafashy and incumbent councilman Bobby Braxton were each given nine minutes to address two of the primary problems they believe the city currently faces and how they plan to resolve it. Candidates also shared personal information and qualifications.

All five agreed that increasing tourism is the key to boosting the city's struggling economy, despite differing opinions on the method on

how to accomplish this task.

Pons said that he would enhance the city's tourism appeal by helping businesses that would attract visitors remain successful in Williamsburg.

"We need to understand why businesses outside of the city are not moving into the city, and why businesses in the city are moving outside," he said.

Foster also emphasized the need for tourism growth and outlined his plan to use the College to promote the industry.

"My experience at William and Mary was as great as it was because of its Williamsburg backdrop," he said. "Our city really stands to benefit from enhanced cooperation with the College. We've got some severely under-utilized tourism infrastructures like the Matoaka Amphitheater, the Kaplan Arena and Phi Beta Kappa Hall ... Those

things are great for conference services. They are essentially the infrastructure niche that the larger Colonial Williamsburg is missing."

Driscoll said that the expansion of roads and the railway system was a necessary part of increasing tourism.

"We're fortunate to have rail service right here, but that's about all it is," he said. "We have a track and a train station, but we don't have dependable rail service on a very frequent basis ... We need to have a serious discussion about what we are going to do to bring people down here."

Driscoll also supported increased cooperation between the city and the College.

"We also need to look to do more with the College and see how can we do more to help [it] grow programs," he said. "That can be to

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SA candidates unveil platforms

By **MIKE CRUMP**
Flat Hat News Editor

Candidates for the College of William and Mary Student Assembly presidency officially began campaigning Monday at midnight after the extended deadline to declare candidacy had passed.

SA Department of Diversity Initiatives Undersecretary for LGBTQ Issues Jessee Vasold '11 elected to run for the presidency, joining SA Chairman Ben Brown '11 and SA Deputy Chief of Staff Chrissy Scott '11 on the ballot.

Vasold will run with Caitlin Goldblatt '11, as vice presidential candidate Kim Green '13 left the ballot. Goldblatt was previously running for Class of 2011 senator.

"[Green] had to make sure her priorities were in line," Vasold said. "[She needs to] focus on her work and not be involved in something as big as a campaign for SA."

Green declined to comment on the election.

Sen. Betty Jeanne Manning '12 will run with Brown, and Kaveh Sadeghian '11 will run with Scott.

With the onset of campaigning, candidates were allowed to launch their respective websites. The Brown and Scott websites went live at midnight.

Vasold and Goldblatt's site came online late March 22. Vasold said the website would be up soon and that the delay was due to technical issues.

Candidate platforms were also released late Sunday night.

Brown and Manning said they would follow a diminished platform with minimal promises.

"These are not necessarily things we're promising everyone, just a few things we're either already looking into or [have] decided to look into in the future," Brown said. "We'd be hesitant to start going off on wild tangents with new programs before we make sure the ones we have are working as efficiently as possible."

By not making promises, Brown said he and Manning could focus on the issues at hand, such as concerns about finance.

"Finance is the Student Assembly's most important job, in the sense that that's the only thing we

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SUN PARK — THE FLAT HAT

Scott Foster '11, Councilman Bobby Braxton, planning commission chairman Doug Pons, Dr. David Dafashy and planning commission member Sean Driscoll spoke to members of the Williamsburg community at a candidate forum March 22.

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High 64°
Low 47°

Wednesday



High 77°
Low 49°

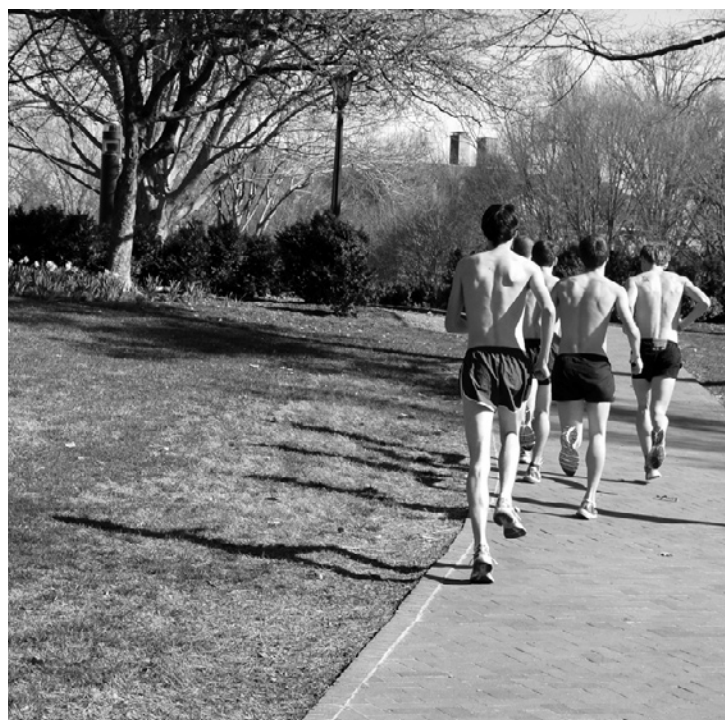
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High 71°
Low 46°

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MICHELLE GABRO — THE FLAT HAT

NEWS IN BRIEF

College professor named new chair

College of William and Mary public policy professor Louis F. Rossiter was named chair of the Coalition for Health Services Research for 2010. The CHSR functions as the advocacy arm of Academy Health, a professional association for those who conduct health policy research.

Rossiter has worked with the College since 2003 and has more than 28 years of experience as a professor in health economics.

Coalition President and CEO W. David Helms said he believes Rossiter has strong credentials to lead the board.

"[Rossiter] is perfectly suited to lead the board through its priority setting and advocacy initiatives on behalf of the health services research community," Helms said in a press release.

Rossiter previously served as Virginia Secretary of Health and Human Resources and as policy deputy for the administrator of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

The coalition board's 2010 policy agenda includes fair and transparent access to information, increased investment, funding for comparative effectiveness research and accountability through a coordinating council for health services research.

Camp Peary generates loud noise over practice

Military personnel have been leading field training exercises near Camp Peary since March 14, causing noise complaints from nearby residents. Concurrent field training has been taking place at the Naval Weapons Station in Yorktown.

Randy Green, public affairs officer for the Central Intelligence Agency training base, said that the exercises have been regularly scheduled as maneuvers that are held quarterly. Instead of being spread out over a period of four weeks, the exercises were held over four consecutive days. The exercises allow military personnel to test out various scenarios and assess overall effectiveness of training exercises.

Camp Peary notified the state police and emergency operations centers for York and James City County to alert the public in advance.

The next scheduled exercise at Camp Peary will be held during this summer.

— compiled by Gloria Oh

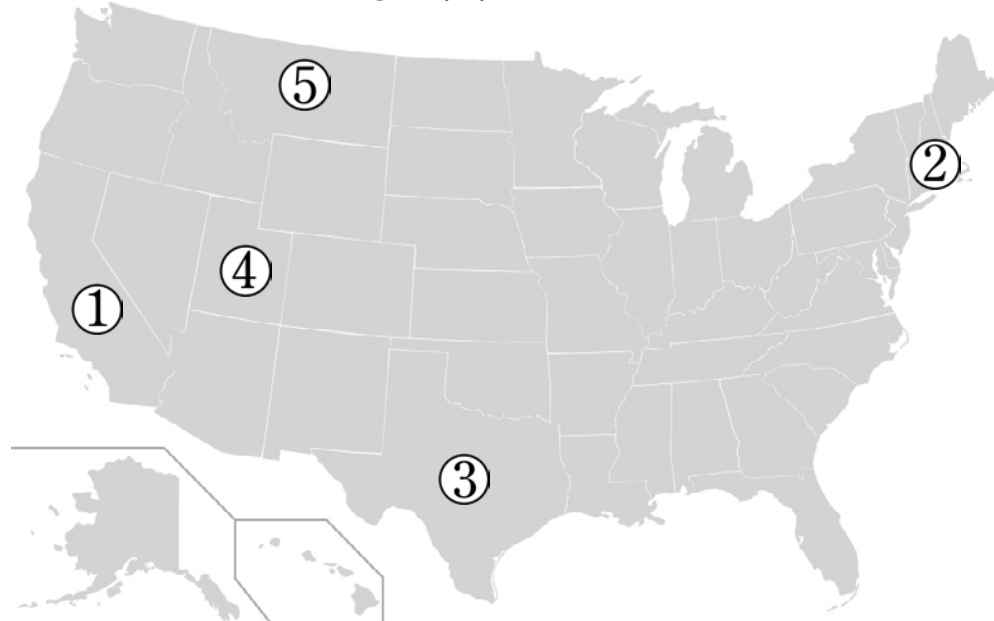
BEYOND THE 'BURG

1 A rugby match at Diablo Valley College in California ended in a shooting March 20. Witnesses reported that a spectator was shot by an unknown assailant around 8 p.m. after tension arose between two spectators at the game's close. After one spectator hit another in the jaw, the injured spectator shot his attacker and ran away. The shooting victim was hospitalized, while the suspect was treated for a broken jaw and arrested by authorities.

2 Brittany J. Smith, a former Harvard University student, was indicted March 16 as an accessory after the fact to murder for the fatal 2009 shooting of Justin Cosby inside a Harvard dormitory. Cosby was shot during a drug deal with three New York men, one of whom was Smith's long-term boyfriend. She was indicted for illegal possession of a firearm and for willfully misleading police officials and a grand jury.

3 Rice University's Jones Graduate School of Business released a consumer study March 19 proving that Toyota owners still believe in the brand even though millions of Toyota vehicles have been recently recalled for brake pedal malfunctions. Studies showed that Toyota's reputation has been shielded by its historic track record, creating customer loyalty and a "brand insulation effect."

4 Researchers at the University of Utah and other institutions successfully sequenced the entire genome of a four-person family for the first time, including the parents, a daughter and a son. The study demonstrated that parents pass down fewer genetic mutations than previously thought. It is now believed that each parent passes 30 genetic mutations to his or her children, for a total of 60, compared to the previous 75 mutations, for a combined 150.



COURTESY GRAPHIC — WIKIPEDIA.ORG

— by Gloria Oh

5 Environmental activists protest selling state creek

Two University of Montana students arrested for sit-in protest

By GLORIA OH
Flat Hat Insight Editor

Two University of Montana students were arrested for their participation in a sit-in protest at the state capitol Thursday over the decision to sell coal from Otter Creek, Mont. to Arch Coal, Inc., a St. Louis, Mo.-based coal mining company.

Three other non-UM students also joined the protest, voicing opposition to a decision which would sell the coal, valued at \$570 million, for \$85.8 million.

Genevieve Schroeder, Mary Rosette, Max Granger, Michael Phelps and Shelby Cunliffe were affiliated with Northern Rockies Rising Tide, a Montana-based environmental activism group. Granger and Schroeder are both University of Montana students.

The group was arrested after disrupting a state Land Board meeting.

During the meeting, the board heard public testimony and comments both for and against the plan for nearly two hours. Afterward, Montana Secretary of State Linda McCulloch initiated a motion to oppose the proposed deal.

The five protestors then entered the room, linked arms and sat down, chanting "Hands off Otter Creek!"

Montana Gov. Brian Schweitzer was forced to call a recess in order for law enforcement officers to come in and remove the protesters for their disorderly conduct.

The five were arrested without any demonstration of resistance. Several Helena, Mont. Police officials spoke with the students before handcuffing them and leading them out of the Land Board meeting.

Cunliffe, a Montana graduate, said that the group members anticipated their arrest. She was the first person taken into custody and stated that the protesters complied with police

officials during their detainment.

The activists spent eight hours in two separate jail cells, one for the men and one for the women. They are scheduled for a court appearance Friday in Helena.

After the removal of the protestors, the Land Board voted in favor of leasing Otter Creek to Arch Coal, Inc.

Cunliffe was later interviewed by the Missoula Independent and asked what the group hoped to accomplish.

"We went into it knowing that the tracts were going to be leased," she said. "My main goal was just to bring it to the public's attention, not just the Montana public, but at a national level. For us to make media was the most important thing. No one really actually knew about it, and they probably still don't know much about it. We made the LA Times, the New York Times, the Miami Herald. It's all over the place now."

STREET BEAT

How is your NCAA bracket looking?



"I don't have a bracket."

Lindsey Reeves '10



"I lost three of my final four."

Eric Breese '11



"I forgot to fill one out."

Brendan Higgins '11



"With all of these upsets, not so great. I'm just glad I didn't go with the flow and pick Kansas."

Rachel Kelley '12

— photos and interviews by Melissa McCue

CITY POLICE BEAT

March 17 to March 22



COURTESY GRAPHIC — GOOGLE MAPS

- 1 **Wednesday, Mar. 17** — An individual was arrested for alleged larceny at 1200 Richmond Road. Some of the money was recovered.
- 2 **Thursday, Mar. 18** — An individual was arrested for underage possession of alcohol at the 400 Block of North Boundary Street.
- 3 — An individual was arrested for an alleged hit and run, as well as driving without a license at the 300 Block of Raven Court.
- 4 **Saturday, Mar. 20** — An individual was arrested for underage possession of alcohol at the 300 Block of Richmond Road.
- 5 — There was a report for larceny of a yellow Sorento, 10 speed between March 17-18 at the 100 Block of Braxton Court.
- 6 **Sunday, Mar. 21** — An individual was arrested for alleged petty larceny of the third degree for stealing candy, chips and soda at 1200 Jamestown Road.
- 7 — An individual was arrested for an alleged burglary at the 400 Block of Merrimac Trail. Stolen items included coins and a camera. Damages included a broken window.
- 8 **Monday, Mar. 22** — There was a report of larceny of two parking signs at the 300 Block of Scotland Street.

— compiled by Gloria Oh

Verkuil confirmed as head of Administrative Conference

College's 24th president becomes first ACUS chair since 1995

By **MAGGIE REEB**
Flat Hat News Editor

The United States Senate unanimously confirmed the nomination of former College of William and Mary President Paul R. Verkuil '61 as head of the Administrative Conference of the United States March 3. President Barack Obama appointed Verkuil to the position in 2009.

"I am very excited," Verkuil said. "It is a great position for someone

who spent his life in the administrative [sector]. It's an agency whose job is to fix the government."

The ACUS is a consultative board that advises Congress and other federal agencies on the efficiency and fairness of procedures. The board operates independently from the entities that it guides. Though it was established in 1968, a joint committee of the Senate and House of Representatives dissolved the ACUS during the Clinton adminis-

tration. Verkuil is the first chairman of the board since 1995.

"It was a mistake [to remove the ACUS from the government]," Verkuil said. "I think everyone felt that afterwards."

Now the president must appoint 10 ACUS board members, which Verkuil hopes will happen soon. Verkuil and his board will then set the board's agenda.

"Since I am the only employee right now, I can't really say what our focus will be," Verkuil said. "I will say that there are a whole lot of good ideas floating around for improving government performances."

Verkuil received an undergraduate degree in English literature from the

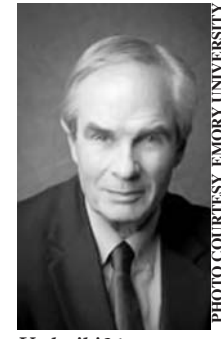
College before receiving a J.D. from the University of Virginia School of Law and an LL.M. and a J.S.D. from New York University School of Law.

He served as the College's 24th president from 1985-92, CEO of the American Automobile Association and dean of both Tulane University Law School and Yeshiva University's Benjamin N. Cardozo

School of Law where he is currently a professor.

Verkuil also served as special master for the United States Supreme Court from 1994-97, in which he ensured judicial orders were followed.

"This is very good news," College President Taylor Reveley said in a press release. "As one of our country's foremost experts on administrative law and regulation, Paul Verkuil will do an enormous amount of good in this post. Paul has had an extraordinarily productive career. Leading the revived ACUS is the latest manifestation of his prowess as a leader. William and Mary is very proud of its alumnus and 24th president."



Verkuil '61

PHOTO COURTESY EMORY UNIVERSITY

Campaigns focus on increased student, SA communication

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have direct authority over," Brown said. "As we can see from the amount of money we're sitting on from year to year, obviously something isn't working."

Brown also said that he would like to see the creation of a course cross-listed with Environmental Studies and Business to cover sustainable business.



Brown '11

Scott and Sadeghian said they hoped to improve student service initiatives.

"Community service is a huge aspect of campus life," Scott said. "We want to make [service] organizations more aware of the resources we have available to them, because they

do exist."

One such resource is a \$10,000 reserve from which organizations can draw for service activities.

"What use is [this reserve] if people don't know it's there?" Saveghian said.

Scott said that student input would play a large role in her campaign.

"I already had somebody say to me, 'Chrissy if you become president, can we be able to check our flex online?'" Scott said. "So that's something we put

under dining services — working on little things like being able to check your flex online so you know when you order Domino's if you're going to be able to pay for it or not."



Scott '11

FILE PHOTO — THE FLATHAT

Vasold and Goldblatt said they would focus on student empowerment within the SA. Their platform, labeled BROS for "Biggest Reform Operation Since" calls for greater student involvement

in College affairs.

"It's a campaign platform based around social justice," Goldblatt said. "We're trying to appeal to a broad demographic of William and Mary students because we want to create a situation on campus where everyone feels a level of efficacy as students and everyone feels they can get involved."

Major issues for Vasold and Goldblatt include student physical and mental health advocacy. The two hope to expand free sexually transmitted infection testing through the Student Health Center to cover all



Vasold '11

FILE PHOTO — THE FLATHAT

STIs and subsidize personal evidence recovery kits — otherwise known as "rape kits" — through the health center.

Vasold and Goldblatt said that activism for student issues would be a large part of their campaign.

"[We want to] turn the Student Assembly into

an activist organization — not necessarily left-wing activism, but students' rights, students' empowerment and campus empowerment," Goldblatt said.

The elections for all SA positions are scheduled to be held March 31. Full platforms can be

Candidates open discussion

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bring folks into town from a conference standpoint. It can be bringing more professors into town to run an expanded of new program."

Dafashy said that environmental preservation would be the center of his improvement plan.

"We have to approach growth in an environmentally friendly way and in a responsible way," he said. "The aesthetic beauty of Williamsburg is largely what draws people to the area. If we do things to negatively impact the attractiveness of the city ...

it actually adversely affects our economy in the form of worsening tourism."

Incumbent council member Bobby Braxton said that his plan extends beyond the City of Williamsburg.

"Our city budget will demand intensive monitoring and adjustment during these trying times," he said. "This will occur by cooperating with our regional partners in areas such as tourism and affordable housing. We have issues that must be solved regionally, not by one jurisdiction or another."

After delivering their speeches, the candidates took questions

from audience members.

The city council election will be held May 4.

Ex-dealer says illegality creates misconception

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spoke out against ideas that it is a "gateway drug" that leads to more dangerous drug use. He said that the illegal nature of its purchase and use causes a misconception.

"If weed is a gateway drug, it's only because you're forced to come into contact with people who sell other, harder drugs,"

Charlie said. "Moderation is key. I know kids who have a 3.9 GPA and smoke pot."

In the end, Charlie likened the popularity of the drug he once sold to the same reasons for other substances' success.

"Why do people drink alcohol?" he said. "Why do people use tobacco? Weed is just an extension of that mentality."

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BY VICKY CHAO, FLAT HAT CARTOONIST

It's time to get tougher with Israel

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The Middle East peace process took a major hit during Vice President Joe Biden's visit to Israel earlier this month. During Biden's visit, the Israeli Interior Ministry announced that Israel would build 1,600 more housing units in disputed territory in East Jerusalem. This was an insult to U.S.-Israeli relations, and the Obama administration was extremely unhappy about the development.

The announcement was made on the eve of Biden's arrival in Israel to hail the talks' resumption. Israel apologized for the timing of the settlement expansion, but, unfortunately, the damage had already been done. Most foreign governments and the United Nations have condemned this announcement. Specifically, Ban Ki-moon, Secretary-General of the UN, has spoken against this action and asked for Israel to end its blockade of the Gaza Strip. This action by Israel was a major blow to the possibility of peace in the near future — it also hurt the United States' position in the Middle East.

The east side of Jerusalem, where the new settlements are going to be built, is seen as part of Palestine's future state's shared capital. The Palestinian leader, Mahmoud Abbas, is refusing to resume talks unless the building order is revoked. Peace will never be achieved if both sides keep taking aggressive actions to solidify their power in the region.

The two-state solution has gained acceptance in Israel and Palestine, and Israelis have accepted as inevitable an adjustment of the border to give Palestine more land in

any forthcoming agreement.

The announcement by Israel has hurt the United States' position in the Middle East. Many in the region are beginning to believe the United States cannot really prevent Israel from acting on its own. If countries in the region believe Israel is becoming more independent of the United States, they could view Israel as a security threat. The United States needs to get involved with the peace process and show that this sort of action by Israel has consequences.

The Obama administration's best strategy is to get involved and clearly state the basic principles that must frame these negotiations. Even though President Barack Obama is engrossed with health care and Afghanistan, he needs to pay more attention to this issue. He has been criticized for beating up on his allies and proving impotent against enemies such as Iran and China. He also has been criticized for making the Israel-Palestine peace talks worse. Obama made a mistake by side-stepping the problem; however, he can correct his mistake by being direct and laying out a set of principles and a framework for the negotiations.

When the negotiations begin again, the United States will need to state its views about Jerusalem and other key issues and sketch-out the parameters of a deal that would satisfy both Israelis and Palestinians. If Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu refuses the ideas, the United States will have a real crisis on its hands in regard to U.S.-Israel relations.

At this point, the United States may have to think about cutting some of its ties with Israel and letting the region negotiate its own peace deal. This would allow the United States to focus more on domestic issues that need to be fixed.

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STAFF EDITORIAL

Drug policy half-baked

It's an undeniable fact that, as with every university in the nation, some students at the College of William and Mary will inevitably use illegal drugs. This is a problem no degree of regulation or rhetoric can ever hope to solve completely. We can only, with the help of effective policy, hope to mitigate it, and yet, the College's Drug and Alcohol Policy is currently proving ineffective in this regard and deserves to be amended. The document, as it stands, is unacceptable in several respects: it's vague, it omits key aspects of the policy's execution, and it is inconsistent in its relationship to current Virginia law.

The policy's first and foremost problem is one of clarity. The current iteration of the document is nearly inscrutable. It includes page upon page of the possible legal charges for alcohol and drug possession, as well as information on the risks associated with drug use and alcohol consumption. The College's actual policy in regard to drugs and alcohol is relegated to the space of a few, short paragraphs.

Furthermore, the language contained in those few paragraphs is deliberately vague. It mentions only the range of penalties available for alcohol violations — from warning to probation — as well as for drug violations — probation to expulsion. No provisions are discussed regarding mitigating factors that might influence the penalty, such as number of previous offenses, distinction between possession and consumption, or the severity of the drug in question. This suggests a lack of conformity with Virginia statutes governing drugs and alcohol.

We understand that to some extent the language has to be vague; administrators need to make decisions on a case-by-case basis. Vagueness to this degree, however, often leaves students unaware of the possible consequences of their actions. As a result, key facets of the College drug policy, although acting in the same manner as these explicit policies, are not openly codified.

One critical example is found in how Resident Assistants are told to handle possible violations. RAs are told to attempt to resolve suspected alcohol violations without the police; in this aspect, the administration values student health and safety over explicit enforcement of the law. But if drug use is suspected, RAs are commanded to contact the police immediately, and yet at no point is the distinction between the enforcement of alcohol violations and that of drug possession ever adequately explained in the Drug and Alcohol policy, despite being the explicit method of its enforcement.

That this procedure is never made clear is important because it's the part of the drug and alcohol policy most in need of reform. As is fairly clear from national statistics, recreational use of marijuana continues to rise, to roughly a third of students nationwide in 2007. As a rule, the use of drugs such as marijuana will therefore become increasingly difficult to deal with on a zero-tolerance basis; some effort toward rehabilitation needs to be made. But instead, our drug policy, by immediately resorting to police involvement and probation, provides little room for leniency.

This is not a policy that acts in the best interests of students. Automatically deferring to the police in every instance of suspected drug use is unreasonable — especially since violations of underage alcohol consumption are not necessarily reported, and not informing students of that policy is underhanded. We would suggest merely reporting the offender to the Dean of Students, and then deciding the best way to correct that student's drug problems while remaining a part of the College, should at least remain an option.

Yes, there's a point at which drug use becomes an insurmountable obstacle to remaining a part of the College community. We believe that, depending on mitigating circumstances, a first offense needs not be that point. Without addressing that fact, the College Drug and Alcohol Policy will continue to fail students.

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Foster offers substance and representation for students

Horacio Carreño-García
FLAT HAT GUEST COLUMNIST



Lately, I have been very confused by what I've heard about Scott Foster '10, the student candidate for Williamsburg City Council. I don't work on his campaign, but I am an interested voter who wants to make sure students have representation in Williamsburg — representation that we have never had before and that now, more than ever, we need. It seems to me that many critics of Foster's campaign are unaware of how electoral politics work, so hopefully I can explain. I'll spoil the ending for you: only Scott Foster deserves our vote.

Of course Foster is pro-student. He is, in fact, a student. His campaign staff and volunteers are made up entirely of students. The unsupported and paranoid claims that he will not be pro-student while in office are completely ridiculous. Foster may look like he's 40 years old and talk like he's even older, but he is one of us. Foster has grown up and matured at the College of William and Mary, just as we

have, and he's seen the terrible way Williamsburg treats students. No one in their right mind could spend four years here and not want to give the students a voice, which is exactly what Foster will do when elected.

To kick off his campaign in February, Foster hosted one of the largest student events of the semester — and provided free food and drinks for everyone in attendance. I've seen his volunteers registering people to vote all over campus; he has spoken at numerous student group meetings, and I'm sure that even more events are on the way. These are not the actions of someone who is taking the students for granted — quite the opposite, actually. Rather, these are the actions of someone who appreciates what students want and is making a great effort to involve all of us in his local campaign.

Just as he needs student votes, Foster needs long-term resident support. He can't win this race without members of the community supporting him. None of the greater Williamsburg population would vote for him, however, if he ran a fiery campaign on campus. By not hurling insults and burning bridges, Foster

has been able to present himself as a calm and confident choice to the larger community. This is a good thing because it means that he can gain support from all sides. In order to continue hosting events on campus and reach out to us, Foster's campaign will need more funding. Because we are college students, we don't have the necessary amount of cash, so we should gladly accept the fact that older residents are helping Foster out.

The misguided critics of Foster's campaign don't seem to be in on the joke. This is a pro-student campaign all the way through, but Foster and his staff appear to be savvy enough to have crafted a message that will appeal to essentially everyone within the city limits. Going extreme on student issues to appease certain factions in this school will not lead to victory; in fact, it's a certain path to failure.

There are four other candidates running against Foster, all of whom are long-term residents. These men will be doing everything they can to pander to us, but we have to ignore their empty promises. Only one of the candidates is a student, and only one of the candidates will truly be speaking and voting for students when he is elected.

Let's be clear: there is only one candidate in this election for whom students should be voting. You have two votes, but using both of them would be a waste. Only Scott Foster deserves our support, and I encourage every student at the College to volunteer to get him

elected, or at the very least show up to vote May 4. Foster wants to stay in Williamsburg for the rest of his life — let's reward that insanity by making sure that our voices are finally heard.

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Health Center provides care away from home

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Tucked away in the woods, the Student Health Center serves as an on-campus refuge for those suffering from health issues. With a staff composed of doctors, nurse practitioners, administrators and lab technicians, the clinic is well suited to meet a variety of medical situations.

"We certainly have the students' interest at heart, to give good service and good care," administrative medical assistant Jane Brown said.

Brown has worked at the health center for two and a half years, checking in patients, working with charts and insurance records, and making appointments. After spending 16 years at a private orthopedic practice, she transitioned to the campus clinic because she was ready for a change of pace.

"I liked the atmosphere," she said. "The pace is not quite as hectic as in private practice."

Medical Director Virginia Wells also

came to the health center looking for a less frantic schedule. She had previously cared for adults in her private internal medicine practice, and was the only infectious disease specialist in Williamsburg.

"Private practice is very demanding," Wells said. "The average day was 14 to 16 hours. Here at the health center it's about eight to nine."

Wells was also interested in working with the students at the College of William and Mary.

"It was an opportunity to take care of a totally different population," she said. "It's different in that it's typically a healthier population with usually more acute illness, whereas with older patients you're dealing with more chronic disease. These are healthy people that don't have underlying problems, whose illnesses are short-lived. It's a different challenge."

The health center is often students' first solo encounter with a medical establishment. Staff members are aware of their patients' potential inexperience.

"The challenge that we as physicians

have found is helping them navigate health care," Wells said. "It's fun, actually. It's really just educating them on being good consumers of health."

Being responsible about your health entails more than just going to the health center when ill, and Wells often has to remind students to come back, call back, and follow up.

"I've moved myself from just being a doctor to being a teacher and a doctor," she said.

Brown frequently deals with students who are unfamiliar with how their insurance operates, and she does her best to be sensitive to their needs.

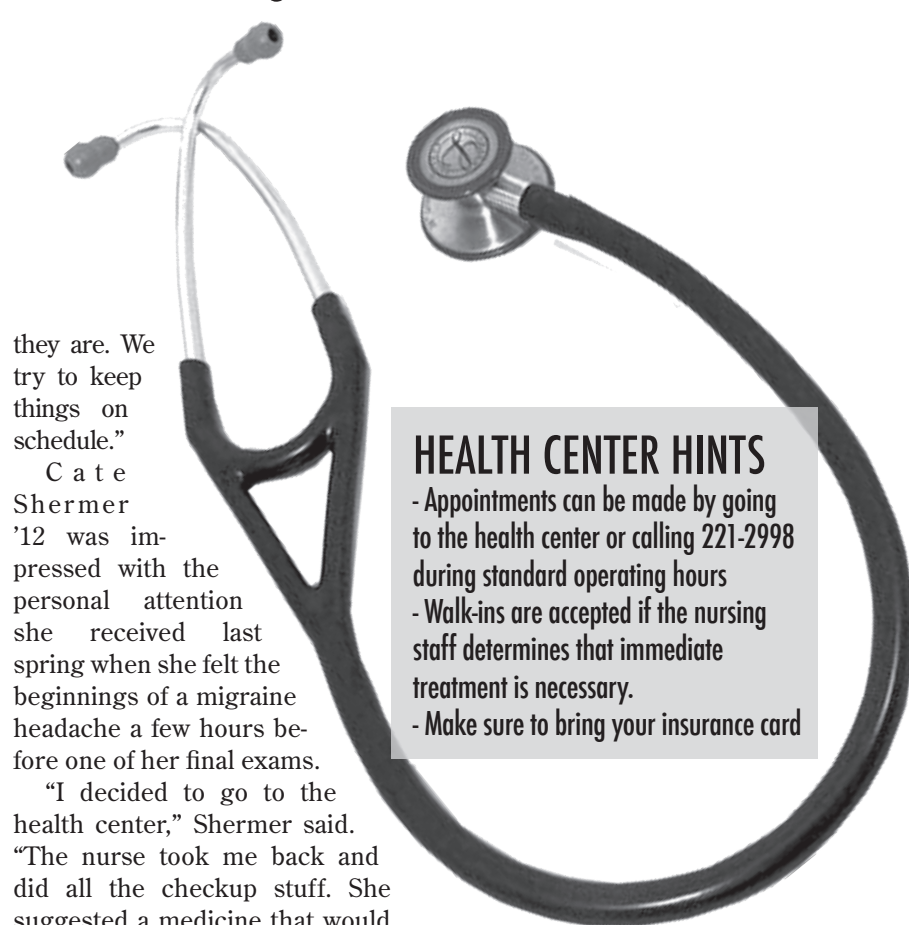
"I'm a grandmother, so it sort of kicks in," she said. "You try to be as helpful as you'd want someone to be to your child or grandchild. If you're a freshman and your parents have always taken you to the doctor, you don't know how to pay for things. You try to be as helpful and understanding as you can of their situation."

Students' reviews about the care they've received at the health center have been mixed.

"I was feeling really, really bad once, and they came and picked me up from the dorm and drove me back, which was nice," Nicole Zamalin '13 said. "The only complaint that I've heard is, people who had a condition where they really had to get in quickly, and they couldn't see them until the next day."

Brown explained that the clinic has explicit policies about scheduling appointments. Walk-ins are not usually accepted, so students must call to make arrangements ahead of time. In cases of emergencies, the staff tries to examine patients on the same day on which they call.

"It's a pretty fine-tuned machine, much more so than private practice — at least the ones I've worked for," Brown said. "We have a very strict protocol about scheduling appointments and how long



HEALTH CENTER HINTS

- Appointments can be made by going to the health center or calling 221-2998 during standard operating hours
- Walk-ins are accepted if the nursing staff determines that immediate treatment is necessary.
- Make sure to bring your insurance card

they are. We try to keep things on schedule."

Cate Shermer

'12 was impressed with the personal attention she received last spring when she felt the beginnings of a migraine headache a few hours before one of her final exams.

"I decided to go to the health center," Shermer said.

"The nurse took me back and did all the checkup stuff. She suggested a medicine that would be more effective. The next day I got a call on my cell phone. It was the nurse, who had called to say, 'I was really worried about you, and I just wanted to see if it worked out.'"

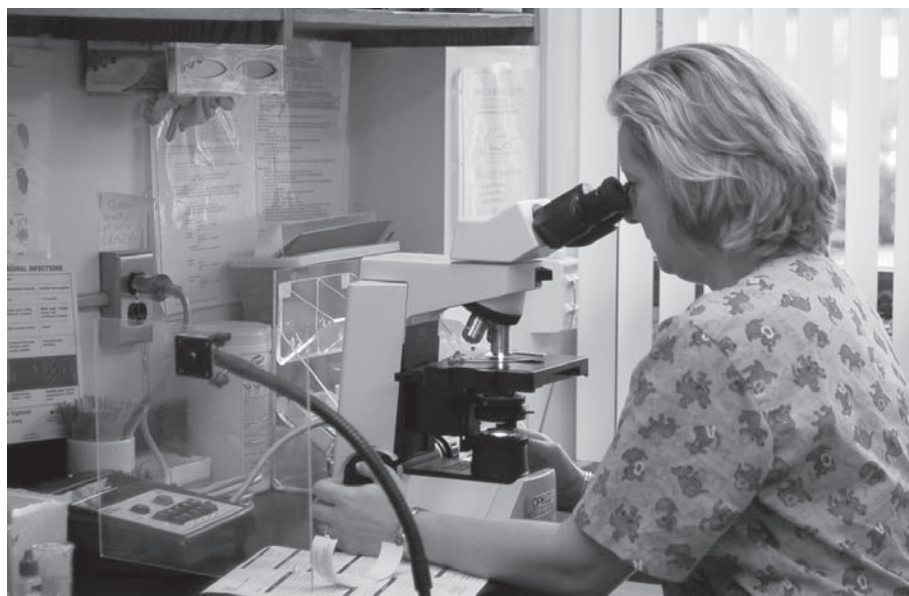
The health center has integrated itself on campus, working with student medical service trips, sexual assault awareness groups and with the counseling center. Staff members study student health trends in order to be as effective as possible.

"The things we've seen have been a decrease in respiratory illnesses," Wells said. "I think that's a result of students being more active with hand washing, with preventive treatment with flu vaccines. We've seen an increase in minor injuries, but along with that we've seen more activity among young women. They're more

involved in sports and activities."

Wells also noted a decline in smoking among students, which she thought may correlate with the decline in respiratory illness. In overall terms of working at the health center, both Brown and Wells expressed satisfaction with their coworkers and facilities.

"It's probably the nicest place I've ever worked," Wells said. "I think what tells the story is that the majority of the core people who have been here 10, 15, 20, 30 years. The people who are here want to be here. The reality is that people in other parts of medicine could make much more money in the private sector, [but] my friends in private practice are extremely jealous. This is a happy place to be."



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A health center worker looks at slides in the lab. Workers at the Student Health Center have described the job as less demanding than private practice, however they enjoy contributing to the education of students and helping familiarize students with healthcare policies.

BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

Leaving labels out of sexual classification

Maya Horowitz

FLAT HAT SEX COLUMNIST



This being my penultimate column, I thought I would address an issue that is near and dear to many of our hearts — and should be if it isn't. All of this may be beyond my scope, but one more voice can't hurt.

You may have heard the term LGBTQIA. It stands for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgendered, Queer — an all-inclusive term — Intersex and Allies. So what does it mean? LGBTQIA is meant to help people define their sexualities. It is also an active alliance against sexual discrimination.

While I appreciate that this term can be helpful — and I certainly endorse the ideas behind it — I think it misses the mark. You can add as many letters as you want to an acronym, but you'll never represent everyone. Our language is just not equipped to handle so much.

Sexuality is the ultimate butterfly pinned to the canvas. We're all desperately trying to hold it down, but it's just not meant to be. Sexuality, like all elements of identity, is defined every second of every day. It is a continual process. We like to give people names, assign them into categories, and write them off.

I think a better categorization system — although not perfect — is the Kinsey Scale. Alfred Kinsey, a prominent and controversial American sexologist, classified people on a scale of zero to six. Someone who scores a zero is completely heterosexual, while someone who scores a six is completely homosexual. This system was created to display the fluidity and variance in sexual orientation — the fact that someone can be "just a little gay." But it, too, misses the mark, being that it lacks a spot for transgendered individuals.

In our complicated world, where people are free to express themselves, a system of naming or numbering simply won't do. We have to learn to transcend labels and appreciate sexuality for what it is — a process.

For personal reasons, it is useful to set down parameters about what type of people interest you, what methods of sex you enjoy, etc. Just don't get caught up in the title. All you need is a working knowledge of yourself to go out into the sexual jungle.

As for classifying others, I take a bit of a hard line on this. Forget the political issues. Forget how gross you think anal sex is. Forget what the Bible told you. We are all people. LGBTQIABCD. It doesn't matter what letter you are. What right does anyone have to judge others based on preference? (And, of course, a lot of research has indicated that "preference" is an unsuitable term.)

How we have sex and with whom we have sex is integral to our lives. It's a messy issue, and there are a million opinions on it. I'm

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THAT GUY

Senior singer looked for passion in college

By WALTER HICKEY
Flat Hat That Guy Columnist

Chris Marty, a native Californian, has spent his past four years at the College of William and Mary performing with several renowned a cappella groups. An intern with the Office of Undergraduate Admissions and a tour guide, Chris is full of enthusiasm about the College. He took a moment to talk about how he got involved in vocal performance, his unique experiences with former College presidents, and where he weighs in on the divisive mascot issue.

How did you get involved with the a cappella community on campus?

Well, for four years I've been a part of three groups on campus. I'm in the Gentlemen of the College and the Christopher Wren Singers, and then I'm also president of the a cappella council. We coordinate ... between groups, scheduling and all that stuff. But yeah, I'm definitely a singer at heart, and a cappella has certainly defined my William and Mary experience. And I get to sing songs, which is just awesome.

How did you originally get involved with singing?

I was always a church choir singer. I [sang] in high school. I didn't actually know what a cappella was when I got to William and Mary. I didn't even attend the showcase, but then I tried out for one group and it just sort of blossomed from there. That's when my different groups sort of connected. It's just really fun performing a cappella music, but I didn't really have any real singing experience before.

You mentioned that you're going to be singing this summer up north. What does that involve?

I am. I get to sing with an a cappella group on Martha's

Vineyard in Massachusetts for the summer, singing for tourists. They're a semi-professional group, so it's just sort of a blast for them to offer me this, sort of a summer of fun before the real world kicks in. Actually, one of the alumni from the Gentlemen is doing it also, so that's sort of my connection to the group.

What are you looking to do in the long run?

That's a great question. I have no idea. I can see myself working within colleges I guess, like in student affairs or admissions. I've thought of going back and getting a master's in higher education administration at some point. I'm looking for any sort of service-oriented job or education-oriented job over the next few years. I'm hoping to stay on the east coast — California's my home, but after coming over here my network is certainly more D.C.-based, New York-based, rather than San Francisco-based.

How did you end up coming to William and Mary all the way from California?

Well, I applied to a lot of schools — too many schools — and I eventually decided to see three of them on the East Coast. This was my first stop, and between the other two stops William and Mary won out. I just really like the size, and I wasn't really thinking about staying close to home. It's a unique size for a public school, it's not too big. California has many 25,000 to 30,000-student schools, but William and Mary is both small and public, which is great. It's a unique combination.

Do you have any funny stories you tell to prospective students to sell the College when doing admissions tours?

I always tell this story about [former College President] Gene Nichol on my tours. I was a freshman chilling on the sorority porches, hanging out, doing



CAITLIN FAIRCHILD — THE FLAT HAT

Chris Marty '10 is a member of the Christopher Wren Singers and the Gentleman of the College. Despite not having a cappella experience before college, he is now the president of the College's a cappella council.

what freshman do, talking about the real world and philosophy at around six in the morning, when Gene Nichol walks out to get his newspaper in his boxers. He approaches us on this porch, and we have a five-minute conversation: "No sir, we have not been sleeping tonight, not a bit, have a good day," and I just think it's a very good example of what the community is like. Gene Nichol. In his boxers. Chatting. I love that guy. I miss him.

Do you have a favorite place

on campus or in town to relax or study?

I love The Grind. I love Tucker Hall. I'm an English major, so I like all of the ghost stories and the third floor of Tucker. As far as a single spot, I don't think I have one. But I like anywhere in Colonial Williamsburg. I like the whole place.

Do you have any advice for freshmen or underclassmen?

I would say choose your

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Faith faces challenges and freedoms

By **CLAIRE ELLERY**
Flat Hat Staff Writer

The gamut of belief systems in college is infinite. No two people undergo the exact same spiritual journey, and the first two installments of our look at religion on campus demonstrated that variety: a reformed Jew, a Christian, an atheist, a Muslim and an apathetic believer. Some found their beliefs changed, while others found them enforced. In particular, Mike Landis '10 and Yael Gilboa '11 found that their personal experiences confirmed their religious identities.

Mike Landis became a Christian his senior year of high school. He said his experience with faith has been a very individualistic one.

"I would say it was primarily personal, but that's more in light of how I think the faith works," he said. "I think it is something to be shared; you have to have both at the same instant, but you don't find your identity in the group. Your identity as a Christian is just between you and God."

A religious studies major and possible philosophy minor, Landis said he feels that all of his classes have shaped his views, but have not necessarily challenged his faith.

"There have maybe been some classes that brought up some harder questions that I've had to deal with what I believe,

why I believe it, the veracity of the Bible and everything," Landis said. "Different things were different struggles at different times."

Landis had high expectations for philosophy classes.

"When I first started, I thought, 'Oh, this huge ivory tower of all this intellectual knowledge.' But when I got in the class, I just realized that everyone's sort of on the same page," he said. "They may have lots of facts and knowledge, but no one's going to be fully versed in everything. I feel what's sort of happened is, as I've gotten more exposure to atheist views, other world views, critical analyses of the Bible, they all have their own flaws too; and they're very biased on their presuppositions."

Landis found that his academic analysis of his Christian faith strengthened his beliefs.

"I think that what's been good is engaging with the academic studying of [Christianity] has taken away the fears of the unknown," he said. "They're sort of on the same level as me. We're all subject to our culture whether or not we want to believe that — we can see that through all of history."

Landis partially attributes his faith to supernatural experiences. He categorizes those encounters as instances when God pointed him to a relevant, specific, but completely

unfamiliar Bible verse, or times when God spoke to him. One experience with a friend was of a darker nature.

"I was praying with a couple friends one time, and I saw this dark hooded figure behind one of my friends," he said. "It was pretty freaky, but I was like, 'This must be my imagination.' But at that moment my friend said, 'I have this terrible pain in my neck, right behind.' Like the thing is right here [Landis points to right behind his neck], and we prayed about it, and it left."

After the prayer, Landis's friend said the pain was gone, and Landis told her what he'd seen. Landis finds that experience impacts everyone's beliefs; no one is objective.

"Everyone has biases and presuppositions," he said. "But I think that people that want to say that they're objective — they're completely blind to their own biases. I think that people want to think that intellectualism is over the experience, but that all they're really doing is living out their experiences."

Yael Gilboa '11 has had a wide variety of experiences with her Jewish faith.

"I went through a serious swing," Gilboa said.

Upon entering the College, Gilboa joined Hillel, wanting to participate in a Jewish group with both social and religious functions.

"It's not very big, but I think it's a really good place to get together," she said. "It's a good way to keep my cultural identity."

Gilboa says the small size of the Jewish community at the College has allowed her to explore her own religious identity.

"It's not like JewPenn [University of Pennsylvania] or WashJew [Washington University], where there would be three services of Hillel every night," she said. "But for me, I think it's good that I came to a school where there are few Jewish people because I realized how important it is to my personal identity."

Throughout college, Gilboa became more involved in Hillel, and her annual summer visit to Israel inspired her to keep Shabbat like her orthodox grandmother. Gilboa explained Shabbat as the practice of not using electricity, handling money, working or having anyone else work for you on the Sabbath. It begins with lighting candles Friday night and ends Saturday night.

"It was really, really peaceful for me, and I did it for about a semester and a summer, just for my own personal reasons," she said. "I just felt like, 'Hey, I'm Jewish, let me try this out; I feel like it resonates with me.' And so I did it, and it was great."

During her sophomore year, Gilboa continued to keep Shabbat and be kosher, but another visit to Israel that winter break changed her views again.

CAMPUS FAITH SERIES
In the third and final installment, two students discuss the growth of their faith in college. A Christian student discusses his supernatural experience, and a Jewish student discusses keeping Shabbat for a semester. Both experienced religious freedom and growth at the College.

"I figured out that I wasn't doing it for the reasons that others were, and it was no longer a peaceful thing," she said. "So I didn't keep it anymore because it wasn't good

for me. But there are people in every religion who undermine your efforts to be either more or less religious. I think it's true, particularly in orthodox religions. You have people who say, 'Oh well, good job, but you're doing it because you're supposed to.'"

Gilboa now participates in weekly Shabbat services and the yearly Passover dinner with Hillel.

"I think in the long run, what I have right now is good," she said. "Sometimes it's nice to be around people of the same religion because you can understand things in the same way."

She also teaches Hebrew to children at Temple Beth El on Jamestown Road, despite the synagogue being different from her more traditional Jewish faith.

"It doesn't necessarily cater to the needs of all Jewish students on campus,"



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Mike Landis '10 has found that while classes have challenged his beliefs, he has only come out with a stronger Christian faith.

she said. "For example I come from a conservative Jewish background, so one of the problems I face as a teacher there is teaching the students to read Hebrew rather than transliteration. One of the things I'd try my freshman year was going to a Saturday morning service. But then you realize this is Williamsburg — there are 20 million churches and one temple."

Like others, Gilboa gained greater intellectual freedom at the College.

"If you choose to open your mind and let yourself be exposed to these different things, then you can be exposed to a lot more," Gilboa said.

Whether or not students begin college with the intent to explore their religious beliefs, after four years, many leave with an altered perception of faith. Some encounter new ideas in the classroom, while others find their beliefs strengthened in religious groups. College can be an environment for students to explore their beliefs and take advantage of the diversity of thought, which makes these four years so unique.



CAITLIN FAIRCHILD — THE FLAT HAT
Involvement in Hillel, a religious and social Jewish group on campus, has inspired Yael Gilboa '11 to explore Jewish traditions that she had not practiced before, such as orthodox Shabbat.

Classifying sexuality goes too far

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not saying you have to agree with me, but consider this: whether or not that guy in your class used to be a girl, he is still a human being. What he does while alone isn't your business. If he chooses to tell you that

he used to be a she, instead of immediately being appalled, thank him for sharing that information. You don't know where he's been or what he's gone through. Why make his life harder (and your life less rich) by choosing not to be his friend, or, worse, choosing to

be his antagonist?

In the end, we're all people. And not only are we all people, but we all like to do the deed. It's hardwired into us to want to stick it in or open it up or rub it around. There are different iterations of the concept, but it's really the same idea. We're all trying to get our rocks off, so let's do it in peace and harmony.

I apologize to all my readers who prefer dirty jokes. I know the sex column is meant to be a fun place. But this is a serious issue, and I can't have it on my conscience that I never addressed it. This is too important and too relevant (as made evident by the controversy over Virginia Attorney-General Ken Cuccinelli's comments on discrimination) to be ignored.

Maya Horowitz is the Flat Hat sex columnist. She seriously sees this as an extremely serious issue. Seriously.

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STRAIGHT



GRAPHIC BY OLIVIA WALCH — THE FLAT HAT

Senior focuses final months on singing

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involvement carefully. Don't get overinvolved. You don't have to get involved in everything. Pick what you love — it's singing for me — and stick to that.

How was your freshman hall experience?

I had a great freshman hall experience. We called ourselves "the Pimps and the Pumps", six guys and six girls. We rocked the intramural soccer field every week. It's still fun to see them around.

Where do you weigh in on the ongoing debate about the new Mascot?

I don't know. I really liked the revolutionaries, because it was like a historical shout-out, but I also like progress and revolution. But I don't really know about the final five. I kind of liked the Wren: "The William and Mary Wrens."

Chris is looking forward to his last months at the College and a summer of a cappella in Martha's Vineyard. After that, he's keeping his options open. And while his collegiate days are coming to a close, there's still plenty of time for a few more good stories. All he needs is a chat with a boxer-clad President Taylor Revelly to bring his four years full circle.



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Chris Marty's '10 enthusiasm for the College has driven him to become a tour guide and an intern with the Office of Undergraduate Admissions.

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SPORTS IN BRIEF

WOMEN'S TENNIS

Pop helps Tribe split matches against ACC foes

A day after upsetting no. 52 Wake Forest 4-3 Saturday, the College (7-9) lost 6-1 against no. 5 Duke. Senior Ragini Acharya had a second-set, 6-0, 7-6 (5) victory Saturday to help the Tribe defeat the Demon Deacons. Junior Lauren Sabacinski and freshman Anik Cepeda also recorded singles victories Saturday. Cepeda and senior Carmen Pop teamed up for an 8-3 singles victory Sunday against Duke, while Sabacinski and freshman Marlen Mesgarzadeh also won their singles match 8-2 to help the Tribe win the doubles point against the Blue Devils.

WOMEN'S GOLF

Birchall leads College to first place tournament finish

The Tribe finished first at the C&F Bank Intercollegiate in Williamsburg this weekend with a score of 612 (+36). The Tribe finished seven strokes ahead of second-place Akron, aided by a final round of 304 (+16). The College's first-place finish was its second of the season. Freshman Betsy Birchall finished fourth overall with a final score of 149 (+5) while senior Morgan Stepanek came in tenth overall, shooting 154 (+10).

LACROSSE

Golden awarded CAA Co-Player of the Week

Junior midfielder Grace Golden was selected as the CAA Co-Player of the Week Monday after totaling 10 points on eight goals and two assists for the Tribe (4-3) in their loss to no. 6 Virginia Wednesday and win Saturday at Virginia Tech. She also recorded five draw controls, four ground balls and three caused turnovers. Golden joins junior defender Sarah Jonson and senior midfielder Mary Zulty as the third Tribe player to win the honor this season.

ONLINE

"Looking back, it is apparent that we were not truly mentally ready..."

Read more of pitcher Matt Davenport's blog on the baseball season at flathatnews.com

ATHLETE FOCUS

CARMEN POP

SENIOR, TENNIS



The Flat Hat caught up with senior Carmen Pop to discuss her favorite sport, college tradition and more.

What is your favorite sport to watch? Being from Holland, its got to be soccer. We have a pretty good national team.

What's your favorite part about being a student athlete? I love traveling and playing tennis everywhere.

What is your favorite W&M tradition? The strength of the William and Mary community. I like that we have Tribe Pride and what it means to the community and the College, especially as a student-athlete.

Financial challenges confront program's rise

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"Like any coach, or anybody, it's hard to say where you are going to be in four years. You could get an unbelievable opportunity you can't pass up," Wilkins said. "But I love where I am at. I could see myself being here for a long time."

Christian said recruits have asked him whether or not he plans to stay at the College.

"When I've been asked that, I've been honest with them, saying if I'm offered X, Y or Z head job, honestly I have to take it," Christian said. "But the thrill of being here with these guys is pretty overwhelming right now. One of the exciting things about being here and having a leader like Coach Shaver who has been here seven years, is we feel like we're just reaching the tip of where our program can go."

"What do you do to make your presence felt?"

In addition to having the lowest coaches salaries of all Virginia schools in the CAA, the College also has the least total operating expenses for its men's basketball program, with costs of \$1,209,462 for the 2009 season, according to the state audit.

George Mason, which spends the next smallest amount, spent \$2,233,071 in 2009.

The Tribe's lack of funds often comes up most in recruiting, where Driscoll and Shaver have set a philosophy that allows the basketball staff to find players while remaining cost-effective.

"We can't recruit everybody because the pyramid of recruiting [won't allow it]," Driscoll said. "We can't be out like some staffs would be, going out to these tournaments where there are 200 kids there and there are maybe only 50 you can talk to. In that regard, I wouldn't say it requires less money, but we tend to be more rifle shot than shotgun."

Despite the size of its budget, the Tribe's recruiting budget has increased in the last year. The College spent \$71,455 on recruiting in 2009, compared to \$63,034 in 2008.

And although he and his staff have placed a greater emphasis on recruiting the Midwest, Shaver said he believes the Tribe's success in that region has saved the College money over the past few seasons.

"With the skill level we are finding in the Midwest, we're really able to zero in on a small number of recruits and I think it has helped us financially, quite honestly," Shaver said. "To sign four players this past year, we only had five official visits. You're allowed twelve, so we were able to zero in on guys we wanted, and it worked out for us."

Despite the increase in its recruiting budget, the Tribe still lags behind schools such as Old Dominion or George Mason, which spent \$119,081 and \$108,836 on recruiting in 2009, respectively. The College's total also falls well behind high-major schools such as the University of Virginia, which spent \$171,045 on recruiting in 2009, more than twice the Tribe's recruiting budget.

Competing with high-major schools without high-major, or even high mid-major, funds is the challenge the Tribe faces as a mid-major, according to Cade Lemke, the director of the East Coast Fusion AAU



PHILIP DELANO — THE FLAT HAT

Head Coach Tony Shaver and his team watch the action during the CAA Tournament Championship game against Old Dominion.

program.

"If Virginia wants to go to a kid's open gym, they can hop aboard a plane in Charlottesville and go to Columbia, then go to Tallahassee, then next to Birmingham, then back to Charlottesville," Lemke said. "William and Mary can only do one of those trips and dip into a significant percentage of their budget for next year. The question then becomes, what do you do to make your presence felt?"

"You want to give yourselves a chance"

One way for a mid-major team to make its presence felt to recruits is to pick up victories over high-major teams, the way the Tribe did this season against Maryland and Wake Forest. But those program-defining wins are hard to come by, as high-major teams have little interest in scheduling a game in Kaplan Arena, according to Wilkins.

Instead the onus is placed on the Tribe's coaching staff to schedule guarantee games — games in which the Tribe is paid large fees to play on the road — which both add to the programs coffers and give the team a chance to win. Such a

task usually falls to Wilkins, the assistant coach most responsible for putting together the Tribe's schedule.

"It's important to look at those high-major games because you want to give yourselves a chance to win," Wilkins said. "We don't want to put our guys in a situation where they are in a lot of trouble. We want our style to give the other team fits."

This season, the Tribe made a total of \$215,000 from its three guarantee games against Connecticut, Wake Forest and Maryland. It took in \$80,000 for the loss to the Huskies, while the College's wins over the Demon Deacons and Terrapins netted the basketball program \$70,000 and \$65,000, respectively.

The Tribe's games against Wake Forest and Maryland reflect the strategy that takes place in scheduling those games. The College took on the Demon Deacons three days after Thanksgiving and played Maryland one day before New Year's Eve.

"Ideally you want to catch teams around Thanksgiving, before Christmas and after Christmas because being around the high-major teams [as a coach] at N.C. State, and you see this with our guys sometimes, they're ready to go home," Wilkins said. "So when they see a name

that's not a high-profile name they're like, 'We gotta play so-and-so.' Whereas for our guys, if you put a name like Maryland around Christmas, they're geeked and excited for Maryland."

Such wins have a price though as opposing teams have become more wary of scheduling the Tribe as future out-of-conference fodder near the holidays.

"There was one big school in the upcoming year, not this year but the next one; we were trying to get around that date and their guy was like 'No chance,' because he knows the game," Wilkins said, laughing. "He knows the deal. You try to find the coaches who haven't figured that out yet."

Wilkins is left to creatively schedule away games against high-major opponents because big-name schools have no interest in coming to Williamsburg, according to Wilkins. For high-major schools, Wilkins said, it makes both economic and basketball sense to schedule the majority of their out-of-conference games at home.

"I know when I was at N.C. State, they didn't want us to play non-conference road games because they lost money. For their athletic department, they can pay a school X amount of dollars to come to the RBC center and they know they are going to make four times that revenue," Wilkins said. "So for those high-major schools now, the financial incentive is to stay home."

It's the type of creativity the Tribe finds itself having to use on a daily basis. For the foreseeable future, the Tribe must continue to build a respectable program while still maintaining the razor-thin margin of error it has dealt with since its inception.

Such is the life of a rising mid-major, the curse of heightened expectations. It's the reality William and Mary finds itself in right now, as it tries to establish itself as a perennial contender in the CAA.

Going into overtime

Not all of the challenges the Tribe faces made it into the paper. Here is an example of what got left in the notebook:

-Criss Beyers, director of the Indiana Elite AAU program, on the Tribe's presence in the Hooier state:

"I think as they become more visible, instead of having one coach recruiting Indiana, they'll maybe have two assistants recruiting Indiana. When you go to the tournaments and see a William and Mary coach in the stands that helps. Some schools, you'll see two to three coaches at a game, instead of one."

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Gygax, College tune up for USAGs

College falls to Temple in final regular season home competition

By MIKE BARNES
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Senior Derek Gygax stood looking straight ahead, on his face a look of utter exhaustion.

Sure, William and Mary's meet against Temple had taken its toll on him physically. But the look on his face went far beyond the College's 336.2-334.7 loss to no. 13 Temple. It was a look of one who knew the Tribe had, finally, righted its season.

"We have had a pretty strange season compared to most of the other teams. We started out really slow with about three meets in two months and now we've had three meets in one week, so it's really picked up a lot," Gygax said. "We didn't really get ourselves into shape as much as we should have until about a week ago. But it's pretty cool watching the team really come together, and its perfect timing because next week is our championship."

It started on the floor against the Owls, as junior Josh Fried finished second in the exercise with a score of 14.45. Gygax was right behind his teammate, as his score of 14.30 was good enough for third on the day.

It was on the bars though, both the high and parallel, where Gygax and the Tribe shone. Gygax, junior Alex Egerter and freshman Kris Yeager swept the podium on the parallel bars, scoring 14.20, 13.90 and 13.65, respectively.

"Derek had a pretty good meet and Kris Yeager, the freshman, hit a real key routine for us on the parallel bars.

And our high bar team is really improving," Head Coach Cliff Gauthier said. "We were really struggling on high bar at the start of the year, but we had some guys come through and hit pretty well for us today."

Juniors Dave Ellis and Andy Hunter finished second and third on the rings with scores of 14.00 and 13.95. The Tribe also finished in second and third place on the pommel horse, with Hunter earning second place with a score of 13.80 and Yeager scoring 13.70 to take home third.

"I'm real pleased with how our pommel horse squad and parallel bar squads have come on," Gauthier said. "Our parallel squad is awesome, and we rock the house with those guys. They don't break form or anything."

The College's improved outing has Gauthier believing his team has finally started to reassert itself as a legitimate championship contender, especially with the USA Gymnastics championship looming this Friday in Colorado Springs, Colo.

"The key is, you count four scores on each event, and we are now getting four hits that we are counting," Gauthier said. "We were struggling to do that earlier in the year, but we are getting to that level. The next step is to get way more than that and have our top four guys always hit on each event. This weekend, we improved significantly. If we can get our hit percentage a little higher, I will be really happy. We took a big step forward and are in the hunt again."

With its regular season now over, the College will look to



MELISSA MCCUE — THE FLAT HAT

Sophomore Stephen Deutsch competes on the rings.

defend its 2009 USAG title at Friday's USAG Championships.

"There are going to be four teams in the hunt, but its Air Force's meet to lose," Gauthier said. "We are getting better and better, and our objective is to put pressure on them and see if they can hold up. I think we have a chance."

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So what's next?

PHILIP DELANO — THE FLAT HAT

College's funding, resources pose challenge to program's continued rise

By JACK LAMBERT
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When the final buzzer sounded last Tuesday night and the dream season was over, William and Mary found itself in the cold, harsh reality of a mid-major program on the rise.

Its success has been undeniable. The Tribe went 23-11 this season, its third 15-win season in the last four years. But now, the Tribe is tasked with building on that success within the limitations of the College.

Such a challenge is multi-layered and complex. It involves players, coaches, money, alumni, recruiting and fan support. But ultimately, those familiar with Tribe basketball agree that the future success of the program begins with one man: Tony Shaver.

"I like to have my roots in the ground"

Tony Shaver accepted the head job at Episcopal High School in Alexandria, Va. upon graduating from North Carolina in 1976. He stayed at Episcopal for 10 seasons before moving up to Division-III Hampden-Sydney, where he coached for 17 years before taking the head coaching job at the College in 2003.

Shaver has been in Williamsburg for seven years now, and when asked if he has any plans to leave, he is more likely to talk of his past than of

his future.

"I tell families to look at my background. I've been coaching for thirty-some years now and I've been at three schools," Shaver said. "I've been here for seven. I'm a little bit different from a lot of coaches [in] that I like to have my roots in the ground. That's about the best answer I can give. Look at my background — that's a pretty strong statement that I'll be here."

Shaver's name has been linked to a number of head coaching jobs during the Tribe's run this season, with speculation often centering on his current salary at the College. According to figures released by the College's Athletic Department, Shaver — CAA Coach of the Year two of the past three seasons — currently makes \$200,000 a year. By comparison, Blaine Taylor, the head coach at Old Dominion, makes \$212,160 a year.

But, for all the success he has experienced at the College, Shaver has yet to achieve what is often considered a prerequisite for mid-major coaches hoping to earn a high-major job: an NCAA tournament appearance.

"It's hard for a major school to hire a coach after one year because, for a group like [William and Mary], the stars have really aligned," Bill Trocchi, a college basketball writer at Sports Illustrated, said. "They have their system, they are winning close games and in the CAA there's not really a dominant team right now. It really depends on how they eventually do in the

[NCAA] tournament."

Throughout the speculation, Shaver has given fans and players alike the same message regarding his future plans.

"I talked to [Shaver] about it. Obviously it's a big deal, but he told me that he loved where he was at and he had no plans to leave," incoming recruit Tim Rusthoven said. "I didn't straight up say 'Tell me your plans,' but I tried to feel him out and he said he'd be here all four years."

"I would like to be able to compensate the coaches more"

While Shaver has seen his star rise this season, his assistant coaches — Jamion Christian, Jonathan Holmes and Ben Wilkins — stand to benefit most from the Tribe's success.

According to state audits, William and Mary has the lowest coaches' salaries of all CAA teams in the state. The College's coaching salaries, benefits and bonuses in 2009 totaled \$470,418, well behind the next lowest CAA school, James Madison, which paid \$680,010 in coaches' salaries.

Coaches' salaries, benefits and staff bonuses at Old Dominion, Virginia Commonwealth and George Mason each totaled over a million dollars. The discrepancy between Tribe coaches' salaries and the salaries of coaching staffs around the CAA is the issue Athletic Director Terry Driscoll said he most wishes he could rectify.

State of the Program: Part II

This story is the second half of an in-depth look at the state of Tribe basketball. For part one of this series, visit FlatHatNews.com.

"I think right now because the quality of the coaching is so important, I would like to be able to compensate the coaches more," Driscoll said. "They are not adequately compensated in relation to their peers."

Wilkins — who has been with the Tribe for six years — earns \$60,000 a year, the highest salary among the College's coaching staff. Holmes — who has been in Williamsburg two years — earns \$54,000 a year, while Christian — who has also been on the staff two years — earns \$50,000 a year.

By comparison, John Richardson, a first-year assistant at Old Dominion, earned \$74,760 in 2009. Robert Driscoll, the highest-earning assistant and Associate Head Coach at James Madison, earned \$90,000 in 2010.

None of the Tribe's assistant coaches ruled out a possible move to another school in the future, but all three expressed happiness with their jobs and the improvements made to the basketball facilities.

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BASEBALL



MICHELLE GABRO — THE FLAT HAT
Sophomore first baseman Tadd Bower went 1-for-2 Sunday.

Forsten's grand slam helps knock off UMass

Tribe takes three straight from Minutemen in third series sweep of the season

By WESLEY STUKENBROEKER
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Sophomore catcher Chris Forsten's first career homerun could not have come at a better time.

With the bases loaded and two out in the bottom of the sixth Sunday, Forsten crushed a hanging slider off the Plumeri Park scoreboard in left field to give the Tribe (13-6) a 17-13 victory over the Minutemen. The blast helped erase an 8-1 deficit and propelled the Tribe to win.

"Any chance with the bases loaded, you just want to do something for your team," Forsten said. "Honestly, no one's expecting me to hit a homerun in that situation. I just got a slider on the inside, got my hands to it, and hit it out."

The Minutemen knocked around freshman starter Brett Goodloe, jumping out to an early 8-1 lead in the top of the third inning. Sophomore reliever Matt Davenport replaced Good-

loe with one down in the third and silenced the Minutemen bats over four and a third innings to earn his fourth win of the season.

The game took a contentious turn in the bottom of the sixth when sophomore outfielder Stephen Arcure was called out for the use of an illegal bat. The umpires deemed Arcure's bat too flat and called him out after he knocked a single off of Minuteman relief pitcher Bryan Leigh.

"The rules are what they are, and they say if an illegal bat is found after an illegal hit, the batter is out," Head Coach Frank Leoni said. "The bat had gotten a dent on one side. I argued, 'How do you know it didn't happen on that hit?' The umpire said it very well may have, but it doesn't matter."

Inspired by the incident, the College went on to win 17-13 to complete the series sweep after the Tribe won on Friday and Saturday. Freshman starter Brett Koehler earned the win on Saturday, allowing two runs while striking out four in six innings en route to the Tribe's 7-4 victory.

Offensively, Forsten led the team Saturday with two RBIs on two hits. Junior shortstop Derek Osteen and junior second baseman Jonathan Slattery each added a pair of hits.

The Tribe kicked off the weekend with a 7-3 victory on Friday night. Freshman infielder Jackson Shaver went 3-for-3, complimenting a pair of homeruns from sophomore first baseman Tadd Bower and freshman third baseman Ryan Williams. Junior pitcher Logan Billbrough worked six and a third innings of three-hit ball while striking out a career-high nine hitters.

The series sweep was the third of the season for the College and left Leoni impressed with his young team.

"Let's talk about how special we are, in my opinion," Leoni said. "[Freshman outfielder] Derek Lowe made a play in the eighth inning, diving head-first with Tadd Bower leaping over him, and he gets up and throws a runner out at the plate. The score was 17-9. That's how special this team is."