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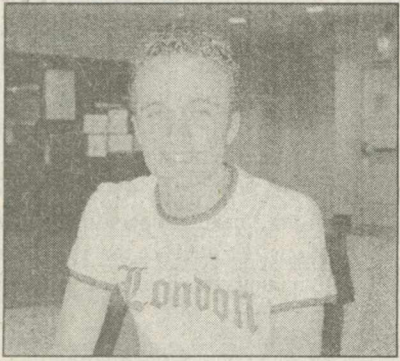
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"To some people a bright idea is beginner's luck."

- Anonymous

SA Senate turns down appeal

■ Presidential candidates raise election concerns

By Rachel Zoberman
Flat Hat Staff Writer

After Student Assembly presidential candidates appealed last month's election, the Senate voted yesterday that junior Dan Maxey will remain Student Body President-Elect.

"A Senate majority (7-6) finds that the claimed unfairness did not change the outcome of the election. Although some [students] could not vote, it was not proven that allowing them to vote would have changed the election," junior Manish Singla, chair of the Student Assembly Senate, said in an e-mail to the protesting candidates, The Flat Hat and the Student Assembly.

SA presidential candidates Sean Paul Gleeson, Jesse Knight, Peter Maybarduk, Scott Moore, Hillary Rollins and Brent Stackhouse, all juniors, and campaign staff members junior R. Sean Fahey, junior Matt Blanchard and

sophomore Joseph Catron appealed Maxey's win.

They voiced their appeal to SA President Laura Keehner, Chief of Staff and elections chair Lauren Dawson, Student Information Network Executive Director Armistead Booker and SIN Systems Director Mike Farahbakhshian, the Student Assembly Senate (formerly known as the Executive Council) and members of the student body.

"Members of the Executive Council, two weeks ago we completed elections and thought we could go home, get sleep and get back to our studies," Knight said at Wednesday's meeting. "Dan Maxey won, and he would make a great president. But people came to us and told us things about the election."

According to the candidates, these comments from other students caused them to appeal the election. Their main concern was that under-

graduate, graduate and international students were unable to access SIN to cast their votes.

"The principle concern is the integrity of SA and the voting process," Moore said. "The integrity of the SA will be hurt because we are trying to get as much voter turnout as possible. We do not want to lose the up trend in voter turnout, and we have to consider the ramifications [that] letting things slide until next year will have on the future of the SA."

Rollins echoed the concerns of some students who were not able to vote because of difficulties voting on SIN.

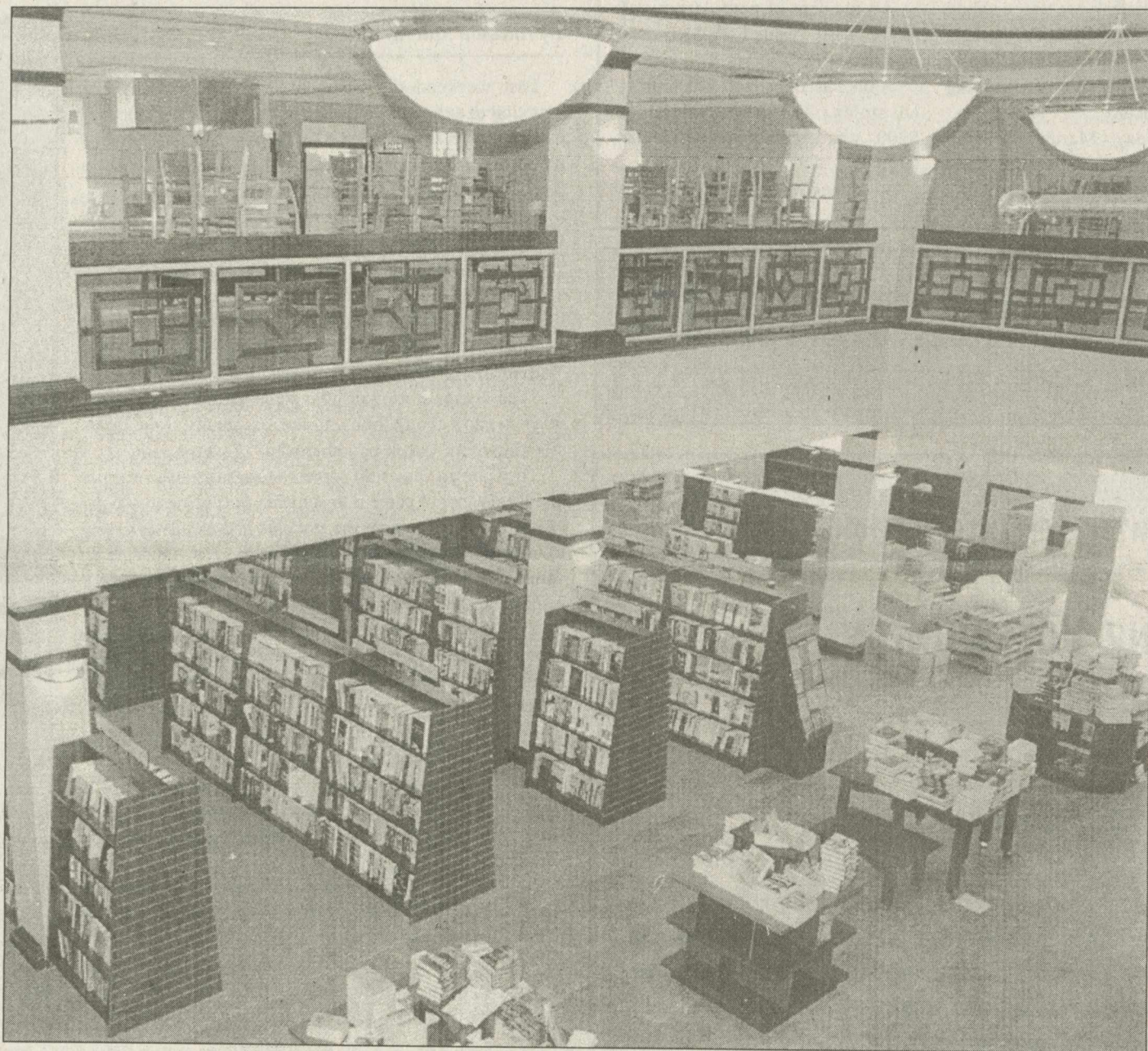
"We are all here presenting ourselves as leaders," she said. "Since the election we have had numerous people tell us they could not vote. On the night of the election, people said they could not vote, and they were not sure if their vote

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Dan Maxey
Student Assembly President-elect

BOOKSTORE REBORN



CATHERINE CASALINO • The Flat Hat

In an e-mail to the College community, the administration will announce what date the new bookstore will open, according to Director of Auxiliary Services Charlie Maimone. He said that the store will have a soft opening, which means that it will be open to students and faculty before the official opening ceremony takes place. He expects the soft opening to occur within the next couple of weeks. A larger celebration for students and faculty members will be held April 12 in Merchants Square, and a public grand opening will be on April 21.

Commencement speaker selected

By Jen Cardellicchio
Flat Hat News Editor

J. Stewart Bryan III has been selected to give the principal remarks at Commencement on May 13, 2001. Former Secretary of State Madeline K. Albright and Wilma P. Mankiller, the first woman to head the Cherokee Nation, are also scheduled to speak.

During the ceremony, Bryan, Albright and Mankiller will all receive honorary degrees. Some 1,760 College students will receive degrees at the event held at William and Mary Hall.

"I am just excited that we have three amazing speakers with us," Student Assembly President Laura Keehner said.

Byran, the grandson of the 19th College president, is also the chairman of Media General Inc. and the president and publisher of the Richmond Times-Dispatch. He is a member of the College's President Council.

Active in civic affairs, Bryan has served on the boards of the Foundation of American Communications, Stanford University's Hoover Institute, the Metropolitan

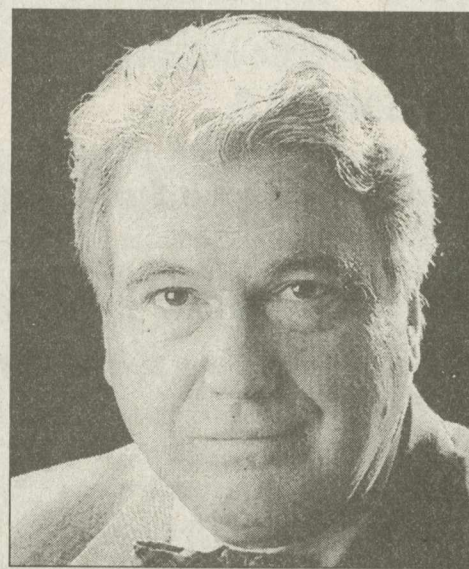
Foundation, Virginia Historical Society and the Metro Richmond Chamber of Congress. Byran also will be given a Doctor of Human Letters on May 13.

Albright served as the 64th secretary of state from 1997 until the end of President Bill Clinton's term. Albright was the first woman to hold the post of secretary of state. She is the highest-ranking woman in the history of the U.S. government.

Before her appointment as secretary of state, Albright served as the United States Permanent Representative to the United Nations. She also was a member of the National Security Council and the presi-

dent's cabinet. Albright was also the first recipient of the Reves Award. She is designated to receive a Doctorate of Humane Letters.

Mankiller served as chief of the Cherokee Nation from 1985 to 1995. During her administration, the Cherokee Nation was commended for its efforts to increase educational opportunities, improve community health care, lower high unemployment rates and develop the economy of northeastern



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J. Stewart Bryan
2001 Commencement Speaker

Oklahoma.

Mankiller was inducted into the National Women's Hall of Fame in 1993. She has served on the board of the Ford Foundation and the Ms. Foundation for Women. At the ceremony, Mankiller will receive a Doctor of Laws degree.

"It's good to see the contributions of people to the community recognized by academ-

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College loses funds for repairs

By Trevor Garmey
Flat Hat Staff Writer

"Vote Gilmore: No Car Tax!" These fading blue bumper stickers still adorn car bumpers across the state, reminding Virginia citizens of a campaign pledge made by Governor James Gilmore III in 1997. Four years later, that pledge is near fruition, but at the expense of the College budget.

Gilmore has recently proposed a series of budget cuts that would strip the College of more than \$31 million in state funding for construction projects and would neutralize increases for teacher salaries, operating expenses and student financial aid.

"The only word I can use to describe our situation is 'dismal,'" President Tim Sullivan said. "It is dismal, and I am concerned about the ability of the College to meet the legitimate expectations of our students and to retain the best faculty available, should the situation continue to deteriorate."

The proposal by Gilmore is the climax of months of conflict between his office and the Virginia General Assembly. The spark for this heated political debate was the car tax, a personal property duty on vehicles assessed to Virginia citizens.

With tax revenues for the 2000-'01 fiscal year more than \$421 million short of projections, the state does not have the resources to implement the current budget. Still, Gilmore has demanded a 70 percent reduction in the car tax at a cost of more than \$1.2 billion in state revenue.

The two houses of the Virginia General Assembly have split in terms of support for Gilmore. A majority of the House of Delegates passed a budget bill that contains Gilmore's tax provision and endorsed Gilmore's decision to carve a significant portion of the funds from higher education.

Government professor George Grayson, a delegate for James City County, disagrees with the decision of the Republican majority.

"We're going through unprecedented contortions to jeopardize important programs simply to move the car tax from one phase to another," Grayson said in a Dec. 21 article in the Daily Press. "Everything is subordinated to continuing the phase-out of the car tax."

A bipartisan majority of the state Senate, however, has made a strong stand against the further reduction in the car tax, citing more pressing priorities, such as teacher salaries and higher education.

Republican John Chichester, chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, has been the driving force against the car tax cut. When the governor refused to compromise on the percentage of the tax cut to be carried out this year, Chichester and his committee steadfastly refused to appropriate the necessary funds.

"We were asked to fundamentally change the promise ... made to the people of Virginia — that the car tax would be phased out without cutting essential services and throwing fiscal integrity to the wind," Chichester said, speaking at the conclusion of the legislative session. "To set aside that promise would be something that the Senate — in good conscience — could not do."

Under Virginia law, a legislative stale-

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POLICE BEAT

■ Thursday, Feb. 22 - An incident of petty larceny was reported at Swem Library. The cell phone was valued at \$50.

■ Friday, Feb. 23 - A non-student was arrested for driving under the influence on Jamestown Road.

■ Saturday, Feb. 24 - Vandalism to a tire of a vehicle in the Plant Lot was reported. The cost of cleanup was valued at \$50.

An incident of petty larceny was reported at Pi Kappa Alpha in the fraternity complex. The wallet and its contents were valued at \$50.

■ Monday, Feb. 26 - Two students and two non-students were charged with trespassing at the Swem construction site.

Petty larceny of a jacket, valued at \$25, was reported at Sigma Pi in the fraternity complex.

An incident of deer jumping on the roofs of cars parked in the Common Glory lot was reported. The damage to the five cars was estimated to be between \$1,500 to \$2,000.

An incident of grand larceny was reported at Taliaferro Hall. The bike, valued at \$200, was registered but not locked.

Larceny of a bike, valued at \$200, was reported at Yates. The bike was registered and secured.

■ Thursday, March 1 - An incident of larceny of a wheel lock, valued at \$350, was reported at William and Mary Hall lot. The wheel lock was recovered, and a

student was referred to the administration.

Larceny of a rope, valued at \$100, was reported at the Randolph Complex.

■ Saturday, March 3 - A student in Pleasants Hall received a citation for a first offense of marijuana possession. The student was referred to the administration.

■ Monday, March 5 - Petty larceny of a rope, valued at \$15, was reported in the Sunken Gardens.

■ Tuesday, March 6 - An incident of grand larceny was reported at William and Mary Hall. The projector was valued at \$5,000.

■ Wednesday, March 7 - A non-student was charged with trespassing in Munford Hall.

An incident of computer trespassing was reported at the Graduate School of Business.

Petty larceny of two knives, valued at \$35, was reported at Dinwiddie Hall.

■ Friday, March 9 - An incident of vandalism to a wall, valued at \$250, was reported on Brooks Street.

■ Sunday, March 11 - A non-student was arrested and charged with driving under the influence, refusal to take a breathalyzer test, evading and alluding, person abuse, destruction of state property, obstruction of justice and two counts of assaulting a police officer.

■ Monday, March 12 - An annoying phone call was reported at Spotswood Hall.

A trespassing warrant was issued to a non-student in Bryan Hall. The suspect had prior convictions of larceny on other college campuses.

■ Tuesday, March 13 - A bike was stolen from the Reves Center. The bike, valued at \$100, was registered but not secured.

Larceny of a bike, valued at \$300, was reported at Giles Hall. The bike was registered and unlocked.

An incident of larceny of a bike was reported at Monroe Hall. The bike, valued at \$100, was registered and secured.

Larceny of a cell phone, valued at \$200, was reported at the University Center.

A juvenile was charged with trespassing in Cabell Hall. The suspect was looking into a number of rooms and was apprehended by a police officer in one of the rooms.

■ Wednesday, March 14 - A student was referred to the administration for being drunk in public on Yates Hill.

A non-student on Campus Drive was charged with possession of marijuana and for being drunk in public.

An incident of petty larceny of an ID card, valued at \$15, was reported at Rec Sports.

A bike at Yates Hall was reported stolen. The bike, valued at \$200, was secured but not registered.

— Compiled by Jen Cardellicchio

CW revamp costs \$100 million

By Maria Hegstad
Flat Hat Staff Writer

Colonial Williamsburg is giving itself a present in the form of an extensive face-lift for the 75th anniversary of its restoration. Many of the older restaurants, hotels and other facilities are being renovated, and CW officials expect the buildings to re-open in the summer or early fall. Total renovations are expected to cost about \$100 million.

According to a March 10 Virginia Gazette article, CW officials said the renovations remain on target in terms of both the schedule and the budget.

"We're doing a lot of work on hotels and the Visitor's Center, some areas that have needed attention for some time," John Raup, head of Colonial Williamsburg Foundation's Community, College and Government Relations Office, said.

Extensive renovations are also being undertaken at the Williamsburg Theatre, located in Merchants Square. Once a favorite hangout of the Rockefeller family and Walt Disney,

the theater will re-open in September with the addition of a 50-seat, second screen upstairs. It will operate under partnership of the College and the CWF.

"There will be movies at various times. William and Mary will do some of their plays there. We'll [CWF] do some of our plays there and some musical events," Raup said.

"We're doing a lot of work on hotels and the Visitor's Center."

— John Raup,
Colonial Williamsburg official

The colonial taverns are scheduled for remodeling on a cycle, beginning with the King's Arms Tavern. Its \$2 million renovation was completed last year.

Christina Campbell's reopened Tuesday with kitchen, guestroom and air conditioning improvements. The

\$2 million, two-year renovation followed a similar pattern to the upcoming King's Arms project. According to the Gazette article, CWF expects to remodel Chowning's Tavern in 2002 and Shield's Tavern in 2004.

The Williamsburg Inn is being reopened one section at a time, starting with remodeled hotel rooms in its East Wing. The Regency Dining Room on the west side of the building should start serving again in June.

Additionally, plans are underway to open a new restaurant Oct. 1 next to the new Woodlands Hotel. While a name has yet to be settled upon, the Virginia Gazette reports that its tentative name is "Huzzah." Raup explained that the push for so many renovations this year came from financial-operational considerations, as well as the approaching 400th anniversary of the landing at Jamestown in 1607.

"With an operation like this [in CW], we need to keep things closed for the shortest period of time possible. We've also got 2007 coming, and we need things done with the Visitor's Center," Raup said.

Campus Shop expands

By Amanda Murray

Last weekend the Campus Shop commenced construction to expand into the space previously occupied by Colonial One-Hour Photo. The shop will be nearly twice its current size once construction is completed in early April, according to manager Steve Haigh.

After securing a lease on the vacant property through Colonial Williamsburg, Haigh made plans to stock a wider variety of College gear than the shop has been able to accommodate since it opened in 1994.

For sophomore Matt Taverna, a larger selection of merchandise is incentive enough to make the trek into Williamsburg from where he lives on new campus.

"The bigger store will give students more options for ways to show their College pride, especially if they start stocking more Greek paraphernalia," Taverna said.

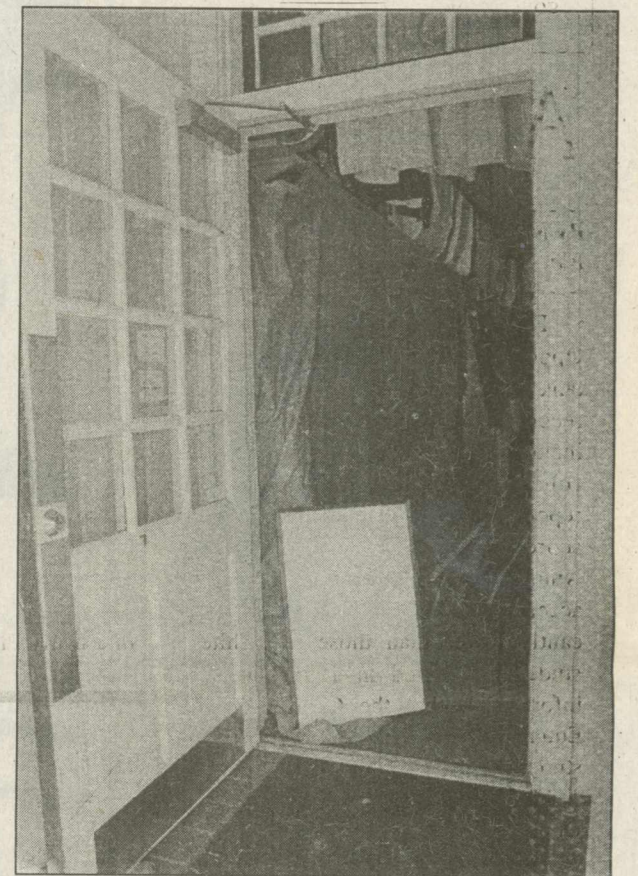
The store attributes 60 percent of its business to tourists and locals and 40 percent to students, according to Haigh.

"We're here to serve the students and are always open to ideas of what they would want us to carry. Students do come in and talk to us, and we want them to know that we want to be their student shop," Haigh said.

Lisa Haaser, a junior who frequents the Campus Shop, appreciates the 20 percent student discount that sets the Campus Shop apart from places such as the Bookstore and Student Exchange.

"I can always find gifts for my family and friends at the Campus Shop, although I hope the new store will carry apparel with more unique designs incorporating the William and Mary logo. I think the expanded store should have some fun with the kinds of College apparel it stocks," Haaser said.

Junior Katherine Hildebrand, a Campus Shop employee since August 1999, expects that having a larger store "will help us compete better with the Bookstore because we'll expand the Greek section and be able to carry apparel that is more appealing to more students. One thing the Campus Shop prides itself on is carrying more student-friendly mer-



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In order to compete with the College's new Bookstore, the Campus Shop broke through its left wall to begin expansion this week into the building next door that once housed Colonial One-Hour Photo.

chandise than places like the Bookstore."

The Campus Shop is currently accepting applications for employment since its eight-person staff will increase in number as a result of the renovation. Students who plan to stay in Williamsburg for the summer are encouraged to apply.

**Come write for The Flat Hat. It looks great on your resume!
Meetings are Sunday at 5:30 p.m. in the Campus Center basement.**



The Reves Center for International Studies

NEW AND NOTEWORTHY

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Harry Wu speaks on "The Chinas: Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow"

Harry Wu spent 19 years as a political prisoner in China's Laogai prison system. Since his release, he has risked his freedom several times to document human rights abuses in the Laogai labor campus in China and Tibet.

Tuesday, March 20 at 7:30 p.m. in Tidewater A

"What They Don't Teach You in Business School"

International financier William Kent will discuss the world of international trade and marketing on Friday, March 23 at 11:00 a.m. in Ewell Recital Hall.

Mr. Kent is the founder of William Kent International, Inc., a company that helps U.S. corporations develop foreign markets in 85 countries around the globe.

TAKE NOTE!

Two new IR courses will be offered during Summer Session I this year!

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3 credits

Both courses will be taught by Joseph Pilat of the Los Alamos National Laboratory. Contact the Registrar's Office for information on summer session registration.

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BEYOND THE 'BURG

■ ACCIDENTAL BOMBING KILLS 6 IN KUWAIT

KUWAIT — Some five American servicemen and a New Zealand Army major were killed in Monday night's accidental bombing in Kuwait. Three other Americans were among those seriously injured.

The accident occurred during a multinational training exercise in which ground forces directed strike aircraft to specific targets. An F/A-18 Hornet plane was participating in live-fire "close air support" for ground troops at the Al Udairi bombing range near the Iraqi border when it released three bombs either on or near an observation post. Officials said that the forward air controller gave the pilot the unambiguous instruction "clear, hot," to release the bombs as the plane approached the target area.

Suddenly realizing that there was a mistake, the controller said, "Abort, abort," but it was too late.

New details in the investigation show that the Navy plane was flying on the wrong path.

■ SENATORS DELAY FAITH-BASED AID

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Key senators decided Tuesday to slow President Bush's effort to channel government money to religious charities. With agree-

ment from the White House, they moved to wait several months to a year before acting on the "charitable choice" component of the package. This would allow the government to fund religious-oriented social services. Presently, it applies to a few welfare programs.

Both the conservatives and the liberals fear that these grants would corrupt churches, the government or both. Civil libertarians worry that the program would be devastating to the separation of church and state.

Those on the right worry that churches would become dependent on government funding. The administration will continue to work on the proposal and hopes that all bugs will be worked out within the coming year.

■ DEBATE HELD ON INTERNET TAX BAN

WASHINGTON, D.C. — A debate concerning the merits of extending a ban on new Internet taxes was held in the Senate Wednesday. This meeting was held before the Commerce, Science and Transportation committee and is the latest episode in a three-year debate on the Internet Tax Freedom Act, enacted in 1998 and expiring in October.

Sen. Ron Wyden (D-Ore.) and Rep. Christopher Cox (R-Calif.) introduced an Internet tax bill that would extend the suspension on Internet taxes by five years and ban taxes on Internet access fees permanently.

Many feel that the tax would be a threat to the web's development, but others argue that states need the income. Some say that businesses and consumers could circumvent paying sales tax if the Internet tax ban is enacted.

— Compiled by Bethany Ingle

Admission policy questioned

By Miles Sexton
Flat Hat Staff Writer

The Center for Equal Opportunity, a Washington think tank that opposes affirmative action, recently published a report that included statistics from 10 Virginia colleges, including the College. The report states that the median SAT scores and GPAs for African-American and Hispanic students accepted to the College were significantly lower than those for white students accepted in 1996. The information that the Center for Equal Opportunity used for the study is 2 years old.

The Center for Equal Opportunity, according to its official web site, "seeks to block the expansion of racial preferences and to prevent their use in employment, education and voting."

The organization, which conducted the study, came into focus several years ago when a preliminary report of its study of colleges across the nation alleged discrimination against admitting whites in favor of minorities. The same study claims that the College has the largest disparity between black and white students in verbal and math SAT scores, as well as in grade point average, among Virginia schools statewide, thus insinuating a bias against white students.

"I think their story is getting old and worn out," Director of University Relations Bill Walker said. "We have a holistic approach in

selecting these students, and race is one of those factors. However, we don't use race in a statistical way. They [the Center for Equal Opportunity] have a very obvious political motive."

According to Walker, the premise in the Center for Equal Opportunity study is that colleges and universities can judge student potential in two ways: through an SAT score and a GPA in high school, "which of course is utter nonsense," he said.

In a Daily Press article published

"Each student is looked at individually and selected on the basis of their personal qualities."

— Virginia Carey,
Dean of Admissions

March 11, Walker said "If we only looked at SATs and GPAs, we would have a campus full of young white women from affluent families in Northern Virginia."

Virginia Carey, Dean of Admissions had a similar opinion.

"There are no quotas," Carey said. "Each student is looked at individually and selected on the basis of their personal qualities. What we

look for is to see if they can be involved and contribute to the campus. We ask, is this student well rounded and diverse? Is this student

capable of graduating from this college?"

Carey emphasized that statistics are not a good indicator of a student's personal characteristics.

"There is no formula in admissions," Carey said. "SATs are probably the worst predictor of a student's performance at college."

Carey characterized the report's effect as an echo, rather than a boom.

"This is old news," Carey said.

"There was more of a concern a few years ago in response to the preliminary report [of the study]."

The Flat Hat reported the initial results in the January 29, 1999, edition of the paper, and wrote an editorial in response to the report.

Carey explained that the College conducted a study of its student body after the Center for Equal Opportunity released its preliminary report, as did many of the other schools also named in the preliminary report.

"What's interesting is that you can find the same discrepancies between white students when all the data is grouped together," Carey said, "because SAT scores are not the most important thing we use in our basis for admittance to the College."

The College disavows use of race as the sole basis for admission.

"The question that arises is, can you judge human potential by numbers?" Walker said. "Luckily, we're in a school small enough not to do that."

Mexicans march for rights

By Dheeraj Jagadev

In what has been described as Mexico's largest civil rights demonstration in decades, the Zapatista rebels took their struggle for Indian rights straight into the heart of Mexico City. The number of supporters in the city's historic central square cheering on the rebels was estimated at 100,000. Although the crowd was mostly Mexican, many foreigners were in attendance, mainly Americans and Europeans.

The Zapatista movement demands that the government stop mistreating its minority Indian population. Mexico's roughly 100 million people includes an estimated 10 million Indians. They are disproportionately poor, illiterate, malnourished and disenfranchised and traditionally have been treated as second-class citizens.

The Zapatistas named themselves after Emiliano Zapata, a guerrilla during the Mexican Revolution of 1911 to 1917 and a champion of land reforms and Indian rights. The poorly armed group began a short but bloody uprising in Chiapas Jan. 1, 1994, the day that the North American Free Trade Agreement took effect in Mexico, the United States and Canada. Although the violence has subsided, the movement has continued and gained support among Mexicans in recent weeks.

Mexican president Vicente Fox, a trailblazer himself, has been more receptive to the issue of Indian rights than any of his predecessors. Fox welcomed the Zapatistas and their leader Subcomandante Marcos to what he described as the political

World Beat

- **AREA:** Mexico
- **PLAYERS:** Zapista rebels and the Mexican government
- **HISTORY:** The condition of Mexico's minority Indian population incited in 1994 the formation of the Zapista rebels, a group whose goal is the creation of an Indian Rights Bill.
- **CURRENT SITUATION:** Demonstrations held by the Zapista rebels have resulted in an increase in popular support for the group, while President Vicente Fox seems more receptive to the rebels' goals than previous presidents.
- **OUTLOOK:** Although both Fox and popular opinion seem to favor the group's goals, it is uncertain whether or not the Zapatistas can make inroads into policy initiatives for Mexico's Indian population.



arena and has embraced the rebel leader's goal of enacting an Indian rights bill.

Marcos and his fellow rebel leaders, dressed in colorful clothing, arrived in the square on the back of a tractor-trailer truck with a caravan that included government bureaucrats, university professors, committed Catholics, gays, lesbians and farmers from faraway villages. They traveled more than 2,000 miles through 12 states in a roundabout route to the capital, stopping at rural backwaters, tourist towns and industrial centers to drum up support for the Indian Rights Bill, called the San Andres Accords, which Fox has submitted to Congress.

The tremendous support for the Zapatista caravan, dubbed the Zapatour, picked up hundreds of people in dozens of trucks over the last two weeks and has been seen as a victory not just for Subcomandante Marcos, but also for President Fox.

The Zapatistas now aim to lobby the Mexican Congress for the passage of the legislation that originally grew out of an agreement signed between the Zapatistas and the Mexican government in 1996. It remains unclear whether the Zapatistas will be able to turn two weeks of good publicity and a rise in opinion polls into gains and policy initiatives for Mexico's impoverished Indians.

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IR elections contested

Members sign petition calling for new election

By Rachel Zoberman
Flat Hat Staff Writer

International Relations Club members are contesting their election for president and vice president for campus affairs due to unfair election processes. Approximately half of the dues-paying members have signed a petition to have a re-election.

IR members have spent the past three weeks discussing the fairness of the February election. Members attended a meeting on March 1 to discuss the points of contention. These include that the president violated election procedure when he created a non-handwritten ballot that was not arranged in alphabetical order, one or more candidates did not pay dues and there were five unaccountable ballots. Also there were 13 non-dues paying people who voted and a vast inconsistency in time allotment for speeches.

"The remedy is what you think the logical solution should be. I don't want to go an entire year questioning the legitimacy of our officer, especially since we are one of the largest clubs with the biggest budget," Under Secretary-General Jesse F. Ferguson, who led the meeting, a junior, said.

Senior Mayur Patel, the president of the club during the election, denied these charges.

"My opinion is that this is a fair and honest election. There were no election challenges until after the elections, and no one pointed out the irregularities," he said.

No decision was made at that meeting. More than 40 people attended a general meeting held Tuesday to further discuss the situation. Presidential candidates Beth Stronge and Sherafghan Mehboob, both

juniors, addressed the club.

"These issues need to be raised," Mehboob said. "There are unfair activities that I am not willing to put aside. The point of my contention is that this club did not make the decision. Thirteen members who are not members of the club made it."

Mehboob discussed each point of contention and discussed how the internal relations among club members affected the elections.

"How is the election valid when there were thirteen non-dues paying members?" Mehboob said. "The divisions of the club go much further than

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— Mayur Patel,
Former President of the IR Club

what we see on the surface. I hate this; I hate politics."

Stronge, who received the most number of votes in the election, responded to Mehboob's statements. She did not attend the first meeting due to a previous commitment. She said that the ballots were pre-approved, other candidates were given courtesies with speech times and non-dues paying members made other contributions.

"I am an honest person. I have integrity. My understanding was the vast majority [of the club] did not want to have re-elections," Stronge said. "That is why I have not commit-

ted [to having a re-election]. If a petition proves it to me, then it's fine. I want to be your legitimate leader."

Members voiced concerns of the legitimacy of re-elections.

"We need to remember that a re-vote is not the magical bullet," sophomore member Brian Knight said. "There is a problem with a re-vote. Dues-paying members are going to be hopelessly prejudiced, and this will hurt the legitimacy of the second election."

Others are in favor of a re-election to include only dues-paying members.

"The election matters to me. I paid \$30 dues. If we are to have a re-vote, people who voted should vote again, weeding out the people who didn't pay," sophomore member Jennifer Filanowski said.

Paul Mehboob, an exchange student, agreed.

"I don't care how long it takes for a re-election. We just need to get the right person in office. The election has destroyed the club. It is about time to pick up the pieces and rebuild the club," he said.

Junior Mo Rahman also provided his view.

"Blood has been spilled. We need to make sure it doesn't get turned into the Red Sea," he said.

Sophomore member Arthur Traldi reminded members that this is not about individual rights, but the club's rights.

"This discussion is about our rights as a club and our right to choose leadership. Something went wrong," Traldi said. "It does not matter if it validated their rights; it matters if it validates ours."

Next week, the club will announce their decision whether to have a re-election based on the petition.

ELECTION

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counted. This bothers me."

Those appealing the election said that the burden of voting should not rest on the voters but rather on the system. They said that the voters who had difficulties logging on should not have had to contact SIN because it was SIN's obligation to make sure the system was working properly.

Another point of contention was that international students, which make up 4 percent of the electorate according to the 2001 William and Mary Course Catalog, were denied their vote because of the confusion between the Registrar's Office and the Election Board concerning identification numbers.

Appealing students also stated that the early electoral returns were available to and viewed by individuals other than the director of SIN and the chair of the elections committee. Three witnesses overheard a conversation concerning election returns before the polls closed, and one student viewed these results, according to the appeals team.

Booker and Farahbakhshian responded to these points of contention about online voting.

"Was the election fair?" Booker asked. "Yes it was, and this is shown in the integrity of the voter database."

Booker and Farahbakhshian said SIN took all the necessary precautions to ensure a fair and honest election. SIN received the list of students from the Office of the Registrar, the same list that would be used in a paper-based election. Therefore, it is the Registrar's Office that decides who is eligible to vote, according to Booker.

"The registrar is the law; we had no say," he said.

Booker said SIN representatives were available all day at the UC, Caf and Campus Center and via e-mail and telephone to help anyone who was experiencing difficulties.

"It is the students who have direct responsibility for everything on this campus," Booker said.

All efforts possible were made to secure the system, according to SIN employees. There were three levels of security.

"The people's IDs to who they voted for were encrypted, and one could not crack this. The key was on a separate site. We took this very seriously," Farahbakhshian said. "We warned that attempts to tamper with this is a violation of the school policy and SIN. This is clearly posted at the bottom of the ballot."

In response to the statement that early electoral returns were made available to certain individuals, Booker said that the results were only available to a select group of individuals who included Keehner, Dawson and himself.

"We tightened the security and implemented preventions for problems that occurred in the 2000 election," Booker said. "If there were any problems, they were transient and due to the slowness of the system. It is like people rushing to the poll. When you have a crowd, things take time."

In addition to concerns with SIN, the appeals team stated that at least one

candidate received preferential access to information concerning election regulations throughout the campaign. At least three candidates were informed by the aforementioned candidate that campaigning had to end by 5 p.m. This candidate then told them that he had been misinformed and they resumed campaigning around 6 p.m., according to the appeals team.

Maxey, the newly elected Student Assembly president, was identified as this candidate, and he responded, "I did not receive preferential access."

Maxey said he misunderstood the campaign times and immediately clarified this with the other candidates.

The appeals team said they were not well informed of many aspects of the election. They were unaware of the existence of an elections committee, which is required in the Student Assembly's constitution. If individuals want to appeal an election, they are to do so to the elections committee within 72 hours of the election.

"If there was an elections committee, we never saw it," Maybarduk said.

"There was no election chair or committee as stated in the guidelines which were approved by the Senate. This does not seem like a fair election," Mark Christian, an SA Executive Council alumni who wrote the constitution, said. "Who is responsible? Was there even an election?"

The original election chair resigned three weeks before the election. Keehner appointed Dawson to the position, but the Senate never approved the appointment. The elections committee also was not approved officially by the Senate. Keehner said that she does not feel this hindered the fairness of the election process.

"I pride myself on selecting an election chair and having the most fair and honest election and cabinet. People can say they have problems with the election committee, but we had liaisons in every place, and no one contested. And no one said it's not fair to have online elections," Keehner said.

The appeals team repeatedly said they did not mean for this to be a per-

Was the election fair? Yes it was, and this is shown in the integrity of the voter database.

—Armistead Booker,
Director of SIN

sonal attack on anyone involved in the election. They congratulated all involved in this election for their work.

"However the appeal turns out, I believe it will be a fair decision. We've brought up issues the SA has not had to deal with before, and student government at William and Mary will be better for it," Maybarduk said. "We are holding the Student Assembly to a new standard. I hope ongoing efforts to improve the SA will be a cooperative venture involving all parties on various sides of this issue and other campaign issues."

Senate chair Singla apologized for any mistakes that were made in the election process in the decision e-mailed to the protesting candidates,

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1. Dan Maxey 702
2. Peter Maybarduk 596
3. Jesse Knight 420
4. Hillary Rollins 373
5. Anthony Re 264
6. Brent Stackhouse 189
7. Erik Fernandez 176
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The Flat Hat and the Student Assembly.

"It needs to be said that mistakes were made. Due to miscommunications between myself, the current Student Body President Laura Keehner and the Elections Chairperson Lauren Dawson, elections were not done in the same manner as was done in previous years," Singla said. "We, as a Student Assembly, take responsibility for that. We made that mistake, and we apologize profusely for the negative implications it has had."

All students are invited to an elections reform hearing on March 28 to discuss reforms to the Student Assembly election procedures.

SIN directors responded to the Senate's decision in a statement released last night. The statement read: "SIN believes strongly in clarity and responsibility. We plan to improve our communication with the administration, Student Assembly and entire campus community in regard to the process of elections. SIN will be directly involved with the elections reform hearing on March 28 as we plan to continue the tradition of fair, convenient online elections in the future. We plan to be faster and easier to use for next year's election."

Candidates also appealed the elections for senior class secretary. The Senate voted unanimously to allow a re-election due to a point of contention in the constitution. The results were Karen Bruner, 179 votes, and Sonya Islams, 177 votes. According to the constitution, a candidate must win by three or more votes.

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Businessman receives Botetourt award

Honorary alum Borgenicht recognized for donations

By Valerie Sawyer
Flat Hat Staff Writer

The College recently presented businessman Jack Borgenicht with the 2001 Lord Botetourt Award, the highest honor given to non-alumni. The Botetourt Award is given to friends of the College "who have contributed to its advancement and prosperity," according to a Friday, March 2 Daily Press article.

"Jack is a very significant person on this campus," Director of University Relations Bill Walker said. "He has been a generous donor and has displayed a genuine interest in the students by contributing to the Reves Center."

In 1995, Borgenicht donated \$10

million to the Reves Center for the further development of the international studies program. His contribution was one of the largest donations ever made to the College. The money was used to establish the Borgenicht Initiatives in International Peace, which helps promote world peace. During the summer of 2001, at least three student-faculty teams will be funded by Borgenicht's donation to carry out research projects about international conflict resolution in various countries.

Borgenicht also donated \$1 million in support of the Reves Center and to underwrite a kinesiology program. In 1996, he was made an honorary alumnus.

"I can think of no one more deserving to receive this prestigious award,"

Dean of International Affairs Mitchell Reiss said. "He is deeply committed to the education of students and the well-being of William and Mary."

Borgenicht is a New Jersey businessman who expanded his family's clothing business into one of the largest children's clothing stores in the nation. He also owned and operated 12 manufacturing companies.

The close relationship between Borgenicht and the College began several years ago. In preparation for climbing Mount Everest, he visited the College to have a few tests performed. In the wellness lab, he formed a close friendship with kinesiology professor Ken Kambis. Kambis convinced Borgenicht to call off the trip to Mount Everest because of health reasons.



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Jack Borgenicht
Lord Botetourt Award Recipient

Instead, in 1992, Borgenicht and Kambis together climbed Mount Rainer, located in Washington. Since then, Borgenicht has contributed a great deal to the College.

Swem Update

Even as portions of the Swem Library basement wall were knocked out this week, students' ability to concentrate remained intact, according to building project librarian Kay Domine. The project has been underway since April 1999, yet Domine does not feel that noise from the current construction is a hindrance to students' use of the library as a quiet place to study.

The elimination of the basement wall coincides with the building project's efforts to optimize space in the library for the creation of new rooms and shelf areas. The renovated space will eventually hold a new systems area — computer labs and offices — while other space will be transformed into a passageway for students and patrons to use to reach various collections.

"We're still in phase one, which involves the new construction. We're getting ready for phase two when we'll be able to move part of the collection down onto the new floor. [Greater accessibility] is necessary to enable us to move into the next phase," she said.

Upon the construction's completion, projected to occur this summer, librarians will move as much of the general collection as possible onto the new ground floor and will fill the second and third floors of the new building as needed, according to Domine. Special Collections will be rerouted to the new ground floor as well.

— By Amanda Murray

NEWS IN BRIEF

Charity walk in the works

WalkAmerica will hold a five-mile charity walk on campus to benefit the March of Dimes March 31, beginning at 9 a.m. Registration begins at 8 a.m. Individuals and teams are eligible to participate. Although all donation sizes are accepted, incentives will be offered for monies raised.

The March of Dimes is a national voluntary health agency whose mission is to improve the health of infants by preventing birth defects and infant mortality. Founded in 1938, the March of Dimes funds programs of research, community services, education and advocacy to save infants.

Environmental Symposium

"Toxic Torts: Issues of Mass Litigation, Case Management and Ethics" will be the feature of this year's Environmental Law and Policy's annual symposium. Panel sessions will be conducted from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, March 23 and 9:15 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, March 24. Several of the speakers will use recent tobacco litigation as case studies for toxic tort issues.

The symposium includes three panels of experts who will discuss causation, procedural and ethical issues. Speakers include Joseph Saunders from the University of Houston, Tom McGarity from the University of Texas at Austin, Lisa Heinslerling, from Georgetown University, Anthony Sebok from the Brooklyn School of Law, and other legal scholars as well as the Hon. Robert R. Mehridge Jr. and Joe Kearfott, both of Hunton & Williams.

College website to be revamped

The College will have a new website up and running on March 26.

The website was designed by Barry Kiesler, the associate director of Web Development for University Relations.

The pages will be kept to a certain size in order to reduce the loading time.

— By Jen Cardellichio and Kim Lufkin

SPEAKERS

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ic institutions," senior Katie Boone said.

According to Keehner, the speakers are selected through the work of



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Madeline Albright
Former Secretary of State

the senior class and the Board of Visitors. The seniors present a list of people they would like to speak to the BOV, and the BOV can add names to the list, as well.

Keehner thought the speakers would be an "amazing goodbye to William and Mary" for the Class of 2001.

In other graduation news, the College's former chancellor, Margaret, the Lady Thatcher, has accepted the invitation to become an honorary member of the senior class of 2001. Thatcher will participate in the traditional bell-ringing ceremony in the Wren Building. She will be the first person to ring the bell on April 27 at approximately 10 a.m.

Also, alumnus Rev. Dr. Brian K. Blount, associate professor at the Princeton Theological Seminary, is scheduled to address the senior class at the baccalaureate ceremony on Sat., May 12.

Blount was the pastor of Carver Memorial Presbyterian Church from 1982 to 1988 and has taught at Columbia Theological Seminary, Emory University's Candler School



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Wilma Mankiller
Former Chief of the Cherokee Nation

of Theology and Princeton. He is also the author of four books.

Due to the shortage of seating, admission to the College's Commencement is limited to the guests and relatives of the graduating seniors. There is no general seating available.

FUNDS

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mate empowers the governor to make unilateral cuts to the budget. Only an alternative budget plan, approved by both houses of the legislature, could alter the current state of affairs.

The decisions of the governor have cast a shadow of uncertainty over the future plans of the College. Two significant construction projects, the renovation of Rogers Hall and that of Millington Hall, were

scheduled to begin in the near future, with a majority of the cost covered by the state. More than thirty percent of College undergraduates concentrate in departments that occupy these buildings.

The General Assembly dedicated \$16 million for the Millington project last year after significant lobbying by the College community. Recently, the assembly also approved an appropriation of \$15 million for the renovation of Rogers. These funds are frozen to underwrite a portion of the car tax cut.

Building projects are not the only areas of the College financial pic-

ture to suffer. According to Sam Jones, vice president for Management and Budget, rising fuel costs will cause an operating budget shortfall of more than \$1 million dollars. No funds will be allocated for higher faculty salaries or for student financial aid.

"Unless this budget issue is resolved over the next few months, I feel we are facing a long-term problem of maintaining our standard of quality at William and Mary," Sullivan said. "We will see a deterioration in the quality of our institution, and I don't see any way to avoid it."

Survey Says! Flat Hat readers respond

In an effort to determine which Flat Hat features keep students coming back every week and which ones they skip, we conducted a survey the week of Feb. 20.

Our 217 respondents, 80 percent of whom said they read us at least once a month, said the editorial and letters got their attention most often. Our That Guy/That Girl feature, Police

Beat and Confusion Corner also had their share of fans.

On the other hand, the health spot FISHING for Answers and the web feature Out of Site need a little spicing up to become main attractions.

If you have a comment about The Flat Hat's content or design, write us at fihat@wm.edu!

Director's Workshop Spring 2001



Auditions are Monday, March 23 and Tuesday, March 24 in PBK, Dodge Room from 6-9 PM. Arrive half hour early to fill out audition forms and to read scripts. Call backs will be Wednesday, March 21

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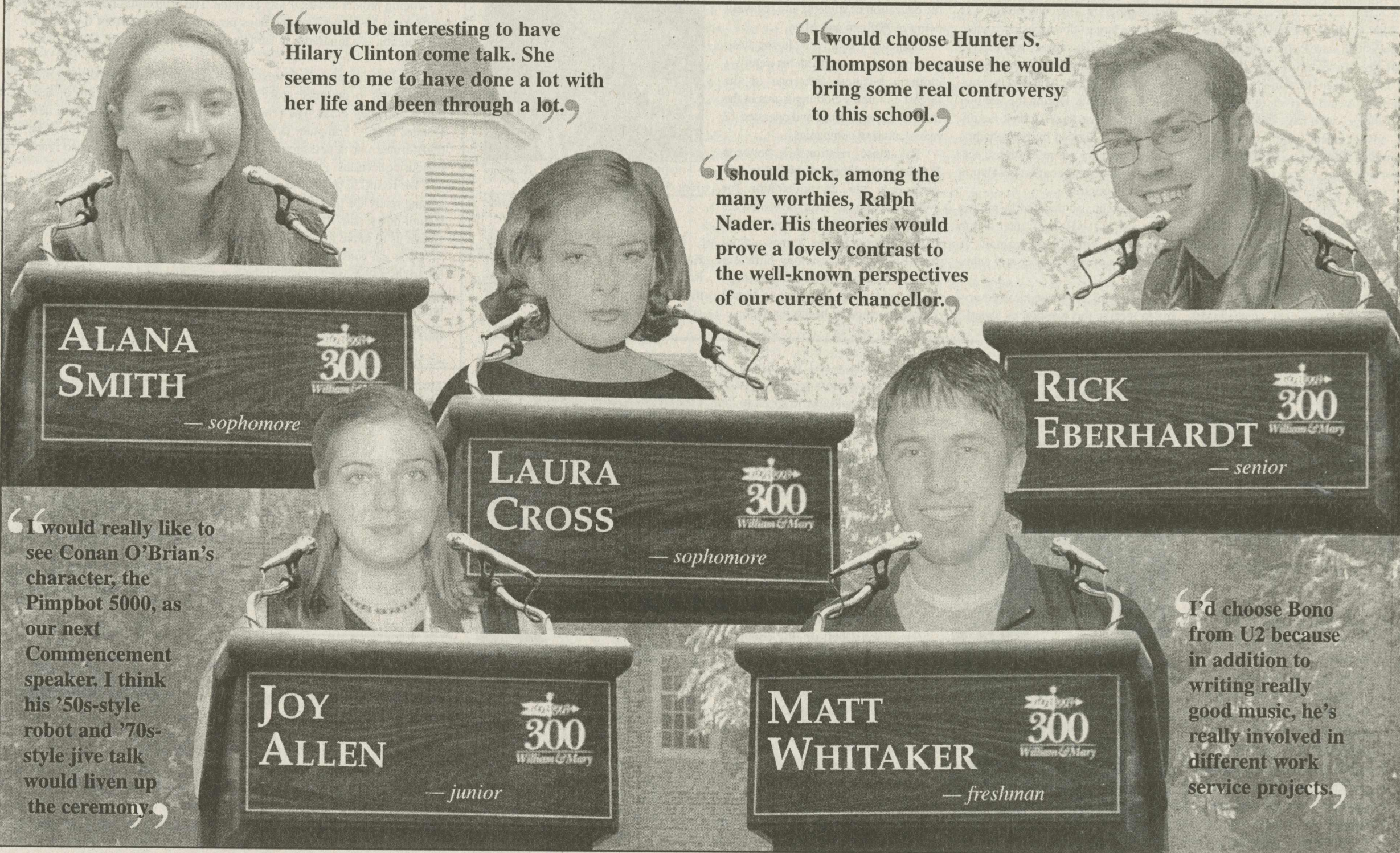


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STREET BEAT

Who would you have picked as Commencement speaker?

— Survey by Dan Miller and photos by Maeli Poor.



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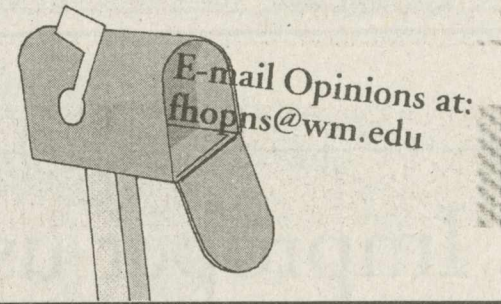
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Letters to the editor are due every Tuesday at 5 p.m. to the Campus Center basement.

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OPINIONS



Our view

FLORIDA REVISITED

It does not seem possible that an election could be more messed up than Florida's November vote, but the Student Assembly managed to pull that off.

In light of the massive amount of Senate fumbling, it is only appropriate to hold another election. Dan Maxey's win might have been legitimate, but the slipshod methods employed by those running the event leaves too much doubt.

The most embarrassing thing about the Student Assembly's activities was their blatant disregard of their own bylaws. Their constitution says the elections chair had to be confirmed when she was appointed by SA President Laura Keehner three weeks before the election, but she never was.

Since the elections chair was never confirmed, an elections committee was also never officially formed. Without this elections committee there was no appeals board to handle the post-election complaints by the candidates.

The tone of the Senate meeting Wednesday also did nothing to inspire confidence in the student government. The gathering was disorganized without a good plan for dealing with the extra number of people. Someone should have done a basic check into the SA's constitution and made a quick presentation right at the start of the

meeting.

The Student Information Network's contribution to the whole debacle is equally appalling.

SIN must stop trying to make a bosom buddy out of the SA and instead treat their commission as if they were an independent company hired by the SA to do a job. Otherwise the relationship opens them up to suspicion.

Laura Keehner should never have had access to the vote totals as they came in. Only one, or possibly two people, should have had access to those numbers, and both of them should have come from SIN and had no investment in the election outcome. Top-level security should have been applied to the web page containing those totals, too.

The SA needs to establish far in advance of the election what their demands for security and vote system testing are so that SIN can prepare. The elections board should view and approve the site long beforehand.

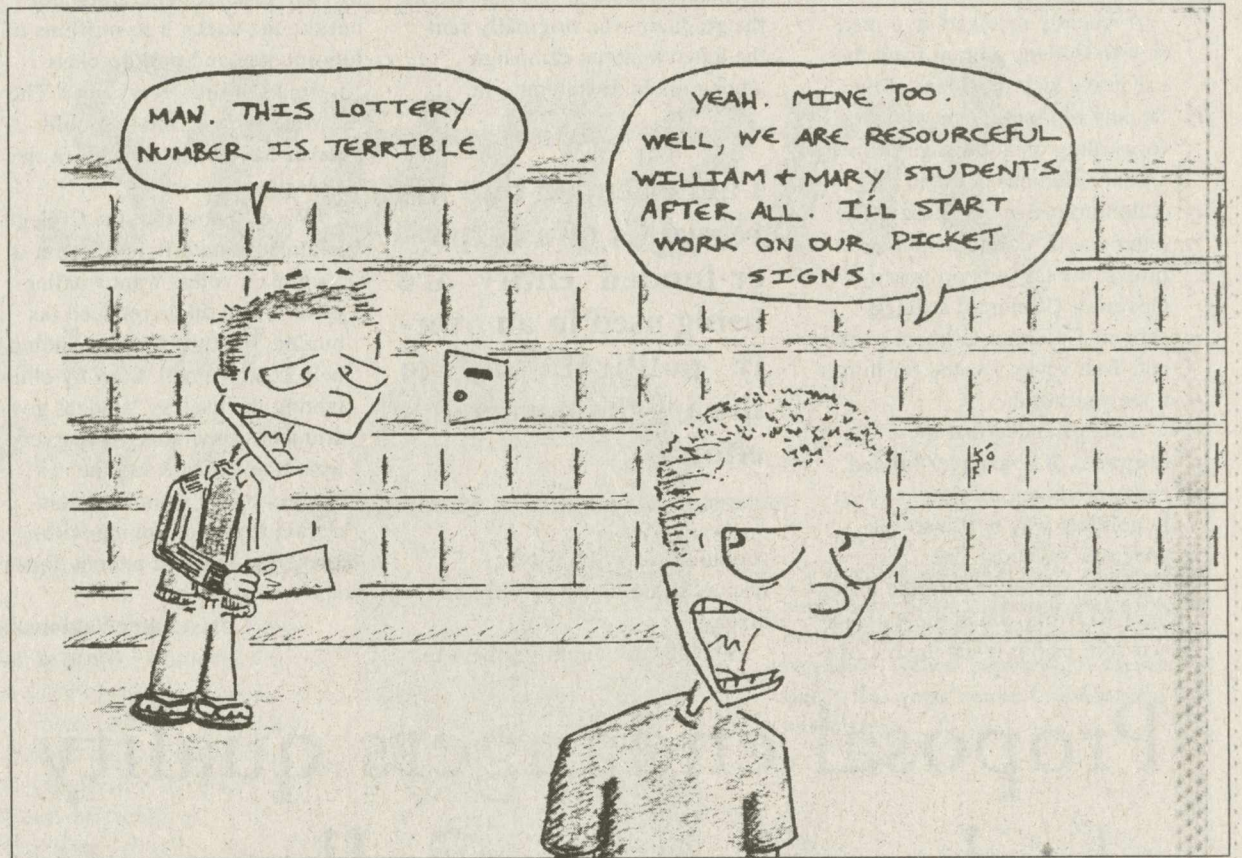
The Student Senate needs massive reform if they ever hope to be considered respectable again. We can only hope that they take it more seriously than they did their recent meeting.

Theresa Barbadoro recused herself from the Editorial Board meeting because of her personal involvement with the election.

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NRA blameworthy

I blame the National Rifle Association.

The shooting at Santana High School is another outbreak of the gun violence epidemic that has killed two more of our own — not far away in the jungles of

Vietnam or in the deserts of the Middle East — but in America's own schools. Its victims are not trained soldiers, and its perpetrators aren't foreign terrorists but the boys and girls who hold our country's future in their hands. This war is taking place in our own backyard and we aren't even putting up a fight. How many kids have to die before we fight back?

Santana is not the first. Remember Columbine? Our parents talk about where they were when JFK was assassinated; I remember Columbine like it was yesterday. I had just gotten home from school and I turned on the television. I saw a stampede of boys and girls fleeing from a building — they were being hunted!

I remember I cried. I blame the NRA. We've been brainwashed into believing that "Guns don't kill people; people kill people." Well, if that is the case, why aren't there school shootings in England and other major European countries that have limited the number of guns that are available? There aren't school shootings in England because they have taken responsible steps to control guns: fewer guns are available, and the ones that exist are kept under constant surveillance. Authorities randomly stop by the houses of gun owners to check that guns are securely locked up away from children. This is what I call being smart.

Why aren't these policies in place in the United States? Blame the NRA. It fights any measure that might take away guns. This single-issue, simple-minded minority group is blocking any smart gun control measures that could save lives and prevent another Columbine or Santana. I understand that in America we have to preserve minority rights, but majority rules, and the majority of

Americans want stricter gun control laws. We want background checks at gun shows to make sure that criminals aren't buying guns. (Isn't this common sense?)

I don't care if this means you have to wait a couple days to buy your gun. Which is more important: convenience or safety? We want to pursue gun-lock technology that will make it harder for kids to use their parents' guns; it's like medicine bottle safety caps for guns. We want gun control, and we want it now.

No one is safe. Over Spring Break I found out that a student from another school brought a gun to my high school. My sister goes to that school. That is too close to home. Every school is vulnerable, even private schools. A girl recently brought a gun to a parochial school in Pennsylvania. We are all in this together.

I don't know how I could cope if anything ever happened to my little sister. But each child who is a victim of gun violence is somebody's sister, somebody's brother, somebody's son, somebody's friend.

Did you know that 30 kids are killed every week by guns? I didn't until I watched a "Dateline NBC" special report recently. Most of these kids don't make the news because people don't like to hear about unpleasant things; they don't want to face reality.

I remember discussing the Columbine incident in my sophomore English class. The teacher suggested that these incidents be ignored. Her reasoning was that the shooters were after attention and that if we didn't give it to them, it would all go away. But kids are killing kids with guns every week, and few make the headlines. Maybe the problem is that we don't give enough attention to the war that is going on in our own country. It's time to face the facts.

We are at a crossroads: we can continue on our path and pretend Santana didn't happen, or we can choose a new path, the path towards responsible, smart gun control. Only fools keep making the same mistake over and over. Who is responsible for this stupidity? I blame the NRA.

Mike Woods is a columnist. His views do not necessarily represent those of The Flat Hat.



MIKE WOODS



Problems with online elections

For the past two years at the College, Student Assembly elections have been held online. In both elections, students logged on in record numbers.

However, a system dependent on the Internet and computers has dangers, and these are not being addressed by the Student Assembly or the Student Information Network, the site that hosts the elections.

The eligibility or authentication of the voters, the integrity of the voting system and its administrators, and the secrecy of a voter's choices are all threatened by an online system.

These same difficulties with online voting face states as pressure increases for Internet voting in state and federal elections. On March 6, a report commissioned by the National Science Foundation suggested that more research was needed before elections could occur over the Internet. As it should be here, security is one of many looming concerns cited by the report.

In its introduction, the report italicizes the following: "Remote Internet voting systems pose significant risk to the integrity of the voting process and should not be fielded for use in public elections until substantial technical and social science issues are addressed."

The inherent problem with online elections, and something technology devotees hope to gloss over, is its anonymity. The same NSF report was emphatic about the dangers.

The security risks associated with

these systems are both numerous and pervasive and in many cases cannot be resolved using even the most sophisticated technology today."

The report supported Internet voting at poll sites, but it never fully advocated Internet voting accessibility from any computer.

To log into the voting system at the College, all one needs is any computer with an Internet connection, a student's e-mail ID and the last six digits of that person's social security number. I know friends who have memorized each other's social security numbers. These personal digits are also printed prominently on every student ID. Because of the contracts

Security is only the most obvious problem with online elections. A system is only as good as its creators.

filled out by Flat Hat staff members, I could have voted for each one of them without their knowledge.

It would be easy to brush aside such concerns by flaunting the honor code, something students manage readily to forget until it becomes convenient, but this ancient code could be a useful shield to a prankster or, worse still, a criminal.

Security is only the most obvious problem with online elections. A system is only as good as its creators. When the SIN elections began Feb. 27, there were some initial problems with the program itself, despite this being the third election (freshman election included) that SIN hosted online.

Underclassmen could not initially vote for their class officer candidates. Seniors could not vote for the at-large senate representatives and the honor council. An e-mail sent to the student body at 5:09 p.m. the day of the election announced that those problems had been fixed. Students who did not receive the e-mail in time, may not have realized that their voting privileges had been curtailed earlier in the day.

Now we're not talking about hanging chads and butterfly ballots, but the problem is the same. This is an example of voters believing that they voted in good faith and possibly had their full voting rights withheld, this time by a computer system.

Do not mistake this column for an attack on Dan Maxey's infant presidency or any of the other election day winners. It would be difficult, at best, to determine if the problems on election day impacted the election outcome. Instead consider this an alarm bell. Before another campus election takes place on the Internet, a thorough and publicized testing of the system should be done at least one week prior to election day. It's only fair to both candidates and students that the system be as flawless as possible.

Secondly, the SA and SIN both must consider if they have overreached themselves in attempting to move elections online. Are the higher participation numbers coming at the sacrifice of security? "One man, one vote" was almost a joke when election corruption reigned supreme. Now online elections are threatening the sanctity of voting once again, and the lack of concern is disturbing.

Emily Wengert is the Editor. Her views do not necessarily represent those of The Flat Hat.

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Letters to the Editor

Improper use of alumni ties

To the Editor:

I recently received an e-mail sent to College alumni from the executive vice president of the Society of the Alumni who was forwarding on a message from another alumnus. I found the action offensive and sleazy. The letter was a "call to action" to protest the tax cuts proposed by Governor Gilmore. I strongly support Governor Gilmore's tax cut. That's why I voted for him three years ago.

I am offended that the resources of a taxpayer-funded entity are being used in an overly political way to thwart the governor's efforts. The Commonwealth of Virginia owns the URL from which the message was sent, and it owns the list of e-

mail addresses that received it. If the graduate who originally sent the letter wants to campaign among his fellow alumni, he

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should do so with his own resources, not those of Virginia taxpayers.

The car tax might not be a bur-

den for your College graduate, but the tax socks it to millions of low-income and middle-class Virginia families every year. The car tax is evil, and it should never have been enacted in the first place.

We all know that the College is already run efficiently. But if Virginia's voters want smaller government and a reduced tax burden, then the College should help heed the call. Start by eliminating the useless "student government" apparatus. At the very least, the College and the Society of the Alumni should refrain from politicking with taxpayer money and alumni donations.

— Christopher Yablonski,
Class of '97

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Anonymous letters are not accepted.

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Rethink Italian department

To the Editor:

I was quite dismayed to hear of the Department of Modern Languages' proposed plan to terminate Professor Johansson-Santini. I would like to express my disappointment with the department over this choice.

Professor Johansson-Santini has for many years been an excellent teacher and a resource for the department. It is my wholehearted belief that the department will suffer in the event of her unadvised absence.

In addition, I was equally disturbed to learn of the department's choice to eliminate the number of Italian courses that will be offered in the future. The elimination of courses at the introductory level will eliminate the number of students at the College that can partake in the program, eventually reducing the number of students at higher levels, which will allow the department to make further claims that the Italian program needs to be reduced.

I deplore these proposed actions and urge the committees in charge to seriously rethink the proposals. The welfare of the student body will not be served. Clearly, the number of students enrolling in

beginning Italian careers shows the interest that the student body has in the program and, thus, the need for not only retaining the number of introductory courses but also increasing them.

One of the College's "selling points" to new students has always been that, because of our size, we are able to offer more options than a much smaller school yet smaller courses than a larger school, thus offering the best of both worlds.

The slow elimination of the Italian program, which unfortunately is what the decrease in the number of courses portends, will be simply the first step in the elimination of the diverse and unique programs that the College has traditionally offered. Students come to the College for the wonderful education, which is made so by good, solid teaching and rich, diverse programs.

On a personal note, I would like to state that I only applied to colleges and universities that had an Italian program. Without this program at the College, I certainly would never have applied and therefore never have attended the College.

In addition, the quality of

instruction and material that I found in the Italian department has profoundly enriched and affected my life. I am currently spending a year in Italy on a Rotary International Ambassadorial Scholarship, provided by the James City County Rotary Club. The experiences I had at the College in the Italian department helped to bring me here.

In addition, the experience I had as a teaching assistant for the Italian department gave me vital experience in the field of teaching, helping me choose to follow a higher degree in teaching. As the faculty advisor for the teaching assistants in the Italian program, Professor Johansson-Santini was a faithful educator on a wide variety of levels. She helped us with the most obvious parts of the job: grammar, speaking correctly, teaching ideas. But she also reinforced our spirits when we were discouraged and frustrated.

A brilliant educator, it would be a shame to let a professor like her go. It would be an even greater sin to begin the gradual elimination of a program that has so enriched the educational life of the College.

— Jessica Belle Reeder,
Class of '00

Proposal endangers quality of education at College

To the Editor:

Regarding the "Professor Not Fired" letter in the Feb. 23 Flat Hat, let us make the effects of the school's actions clear: the proposal to change Johansson's position from instructor to adjunct professor is tantamount to firing her.

She would teach one class and have no benefits. This appears to be a clear demotion of a superior teacher. These actions and responses are revealing of the College's determination to "replace the full-time instructor with a tenure-eligible assistant professor," as quoted by Johansson in her Feb. 23 letter.

Why is this replacement being done at all when other modern languages have a lower teacher-to-student ratio and under-enrollment in many entry-level

classes? For example, the Italian section consists of 147 students, has a waiting list for entry-level classes and has only three professors. The Russian section consists of 94 students, has no waiting list and has four professors. These numbers speak for themselves.

Our College says to prospective students that our excellence lies in the quality of undergraduate education. Let us add a tenure-eligible position if we must improve our institutional image, but let us find a way to retain Professor Johansson (the bedrock of the Italian section) in a full-time position with benefits.

Creative leadership is needed here!

— Laurie Randolph,
Class of '01

Organization brings environmental concerns to campus

To the Editor:

As a member of the new environmental organization Free-the-Planet!, I am writing to express my concern for our natural environment and to send a plea to the College community to engage itself in an issue of environmental, and therefore human, concern. Specifically, I write on behalf of the last wilderness areas of the earth.

Despite the dramatic tenor of such a statement, I write this letter in all earnestness. Individually, in the United States, we use between 600 and 800 pounds of paper per year. Here in the southeast United States, we face the wholesale destruction of our forests — primarily for the purpose

of creating paper.

In fact, the southeast forests have been referred to as "America's Junk Forests" for their paper potential. Experts predict that by the year 2040, 70 percent of the native pine forests in the south will have been converted to pine plantations to match industry demand for softwood fiber.

In addition to the loss of biodiversity and the destruction of fragile ecosystems, the process of turning trees into paper is itself an environmental nightmare. The paper we use on campus is processed using chlorine, which creates dioxin-laden waste. These dioxins persist in the environment, are toxic and bioaccumulate. Among the many effects of dioxin exposure are abnor-

mal fetal development, cancer, liver damage and suppression of the immune system.

In contrast to the destructive practices of our current papermaking process, the potential exists for forest and earth-friendly alternatives. To make paper, trees must be logged, chipped, pulped, bleached and then formed into paper. The very quality that makes trees strong (lignin) makes them difficult to transform into paper.

By using sources like hemp, cotton, agricultural waste (e.g. corn stalks) that contain less lignin, we can dramatically lower the amount of chemicals currently needed. In addition, the natural color of many of these sources makes them easier

to bleach using non-toxic, chlorine-free processes.

Feb. 27 marked the national kickoff of the Tree-Free Paper campaign. As you may have witnessed, we have begun a tree-free paper campaign here on campus, asking that the College community become a forest and earth-friendly paper purchaser.

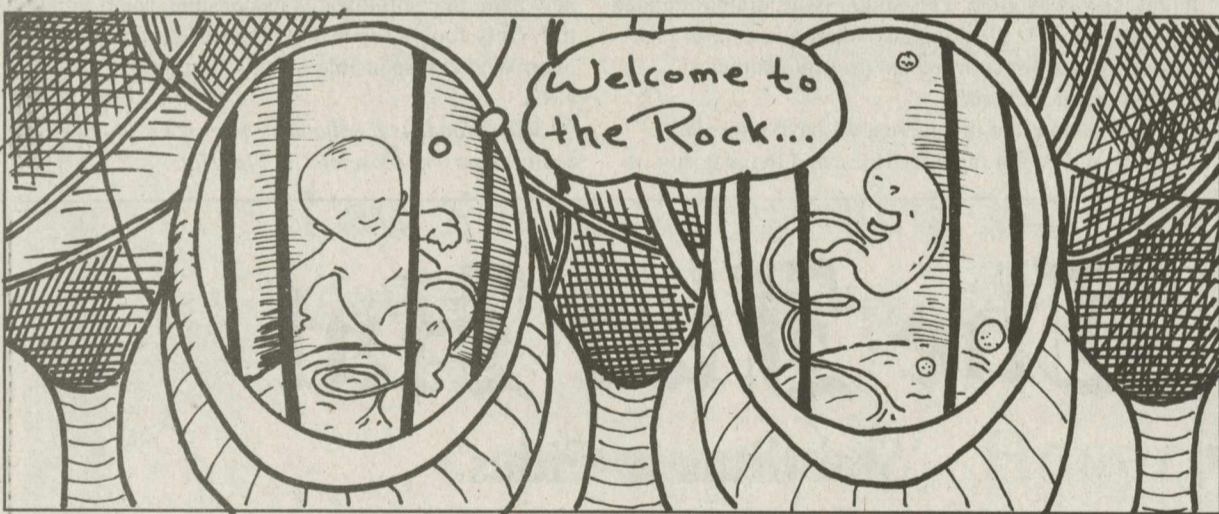
Specifically, we ask that the College refrain from buying any virgin forest product (which often include trees logged from national and state forests), purchase only processed chlorine-free paper and ultimately move toward a tree-free, alternative fiber source paper policy.

We are circulating a petition asking the

College community to support our efforts. Contrary to popular belief, we can print our papers on clean, white paper without resorting to destroying our natural habitat in the process. Please help our effort by signing the petition, talking to your professors and peers, choosing forest-friendly alternatives, printing papers and flyers on paclab coversheets and using common sense in your paper usage.

For more information, please visit www.rethinkpaper.org or www.ran.org/ran_campaigns/old_growth/campus/index.html.

— Mary Westervelt,
Class of '01,
Co-coordinator, Free-The-Planet!



Embryo experiments unethical

In 1998, scientists discovered stem cells, or adult cells, in humans. Extracted stem cells can grow into any cell, tissue or organ that exists in the body. The possibilities of improving health through stem cell research are immense. Diabetes, liver failure, heart attacks, Parkinson's disease and other afflictions may be prevented.

Very similar cells exist in the human embryo. The advantage is that the cellular blob of the embryo increases the possibility to manipulate genetic information more specifically. However, unlike stem cell research, the subject perishes in the process.

Scientists argue that embryonic experimentation is ethical because the embryo is not a baby. The Clinton administration agreed and supported government funding for the research. President Bush does not, and a debate is imminent.

Although an embryo may not resemble a baby, the activity clearly suggests that a life has begun. Besides,

there is no day when the embryo suddenly "becomes" a baby. Scientists who sacrifice the human embryo because of possibilities to advance medicine reveal a utilitarian attitude. The embryo, they say, is not a human. Rather, it is "sub-human." This attitude, in other circumstances, is condemned worldwide. The Nazis vindicated the murder of 6 million Jews by labeling the Jews "sub-human." Slave owners adopted the same approach.

Another argument in support of government funding for this research is to limit the number of underground quacks. Would anyone argue that the government should support marijuana to prevent smuggling? This debate comes down to what America views as human.

Some believe a soul is created at the moment of conception and any intervention is immoral.

Regardless of belief, when you sacrifice an embryo, you sacrifice part of yourself.

John Williams is a guest columnist. His views do not necessarily represent those of The Flat Hat.

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Napster's days are numbered, but free music will survive

Well, it's unofficially official. Napster is alive and well. Oh sure, you might find that you have to download "Oops, I think I did it

again," "La Vida Mocha" or some other alias, but, for the time being at least, you can still find just about anything you want on the program.

Yet again, it's been proved that the record industry and the courts are either powerless to stop online music trading or totally ineffective. What does that mean for you and me, the lucky slob with an Ethernet connection and a hankerin' for Ace of Base and classic Foghat?

It means that we've got a few more weeks, maybe even months, of unbridled fun until the courts either get some stones and really crack down on Napster or it becomes a pay site.

But let's face it: either way, Napster's days as a free site are numbered. So the question remains, what do we do in the silent wasteland that is post-Napster living? If you're like a lot of people, you'll download AIMster (like Napster, but over Instant Messenger) or another one of the Napster clones popping up all over the place. You could even

upgrade to CuteMX or Gnutella, or another program that can search for movies and other media as well as music.

But, face reality; the number of alternate file-sharing servers is already in the double-digits, and the thing that made Napster great was the fact that so many people were on it. To get the same service, you'd have to download most of the programs out there, or everyone would have to somehow agree on one to use.

A Napster crackdown will never eliminate the problem of free music. There are folks out there who have flat-out told the music industry that, no matter what barriers it creates, they'll find a way to get their music for free. It just proves a basic tenet of human nature: you can never get someone to pay for something once he's gotten it for free. It's why Napster doesn't have a shot in hell at working as a pay site.

People love free stuff. There was talk that e-mail would have a postage fee. Did that go through? Nope. People had already had it for free and kicked up a major fuss.

Before you go jumping on the "Free Music Forever" bandwagon, consider this. Why not just let Napster die peacefully? Download every last song you can think of. Burn it to CD. Whatever. Then, just let go. Let's face it. We all pretty

much knew it was blatantly stealing anyway.

Despite the assertions by Napster's lawyers that it's a "service" to trade "intellectual property" (I love those little sound-byte terms), let's just talk about it for what it really is — a way to get copyrighted music without paying for it. Furthermore, despite claims that Napster users actually buy more CDs, record sales have plummeted. Yes, that could be blamed on the fact that the past year's records were generally about as good as the past year's movies; but CD single sales dropped astronomically. That's more telling.

And heck, we really don't have a right to it. Okay, CDs are overpriced; so are cars, but no one would drive one off a dealer's lot and try to justify it.

Am I being more than a little hypocritical? Probably. I've brazenly used Napster. When it was under the threat of being shut down, my computer was broken, so I downloaded everything I could think of on my roommate's computer and stored it on disks. But when the dust clears, and Napster's yet another failed dot-com, I'll be back to CDs and the radio. And hell, when you get right down to it, it's better on the conscience.

Rob Margetta is the Managing Editor. His views do not necessarily represent those of The Flat Hat.

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Travel tips for worldly wannabes

About this time of year, a few hundred students flock to Reves, overcome with confusion about their summer abroad plans. I, too, was once one of them. Then I traveled the world, learning amazing things like four words in Danish ("push," "exit," "crown" and "palace," the absolute essentials) and how to write 11 e-mails in 15 minutes even though the mouse doesn't work and you've got a foreign keyboard. So, as a public service to any soon-to-be globetrotters in the audience, I'd like to pass along my list of essential travel tips.

LORI PALEN

Pack underwear in your carry-on. A family friend gave my sister and I this advice right before we left. We laughed it off. Yet less than 48 hours later we were hearing, "There are flights from Frankfurt to Copenhagen every hour ... We know we threw your luggage on one of them." So pack it. Just not conspicuously, or anything too lacy, holey or Underrooney; you'll get weird looks in the X-ray line.

Bring antibacterial everything. The grossest experience of my life was sitting next to sketchy Parisian men on the Metro. The next grossest experience was kissing the Blarney Stone after waiting in a 200-person line. Also keep in mind, contrary to popular belief, deodorant is used in many western countries, and there's nothing more embarrassing than having a European talk about how much you stink.

Skip the youth hostels on occasion. There are all sorts of cheap local hotels that are owned by a host of odd individuals. You'll get some of your best travel stories there. My best hotel story involves a sketchy, middle-aged roommate who, among other things, flooded our bathroom and almost forced me to sleep with a Swiss Army knife for my own protection. Then there was the French maid with the bright pink lipstick who saved us. You don't get that at the local YHA or HI.

Beware of open-top tour buses. My mom loved them, despite the fact that we barely survived the low-lying tree branches in Windsor or John, the driver in Cork who had an affinity for driving between lanes and belting out Irish folk tunes over the microphone. The one place it's probably worth the risk is Dublin, where the bus guides can give personal evaluations of each of the 617 pubs you pass by.

Let your roots show. If you're in London, visit Hampton Court Palace. Former home to Bill and Mary, it employs hot guides who will tell you all sorts of sacrilegious tales about The College's namesakes (mostly related to William being a sickly, middle-aged blob who insisted on being painted like a stud). Drop the name

Model Student

■ Sophomore makes pictorial debut in April's Teen People

By Shannon Banks
Flat Hat Staff Writer

He may not be as recognizable as Fabio just yet, but sophomore Scott Silvestro is probably the College student most closely approaching that status with his appearance in the April issue of Teen People.

According to Silvestro, the course of events leading up to his modeling debut began last semester when he saw an advertisement in the magazine for "trendspotters." These are readers from all over the country who send in photos of themselves in their own clothes, as opposed to the more typical scenario of the magazine supplying the outfits of their models. If selected, the readers get sent out by the magazine to shop for the latest teen styles and give their opinion of them.

"I wanted to get free stuff," Silvestro said of his reasons for applying to be a trendspotter for the magazine. "I just had to send in photos and a letter, and it only cost the price of a postage stamp, so I figured 'why not?'"

However, Silvestro's photos fell into a different pair of hands than originally intended. This led to his actual appearance in the magazine, rather than simply being a part of the trendspotting find-and-review team. While still included within the magazine's general "Trendspotting" pages, "Teen People" readers can find him in another part of the section, called "To a T."

"I didn't specifically plan to be in the magazine," Silvestro said. "I just wanted to work with the trendspotting crew and get the free clothes. That didn't happen, but it was cool anyway."

For Silvestro, the only negative part of the experience was the task of providing pictures of himself for the magazine to use. The fact that he had to send in his own photos, as well as the specifications of the editor in charge of the spread, turned a seemingly simple step into a rather arduous process.

"None of my initial photos came out the way they [the editors] wanted them, usually because the lighting was bad," he said. "It drove me a little crazy. I had three different friends take pictures, and eventually we had a good camera and that worked."

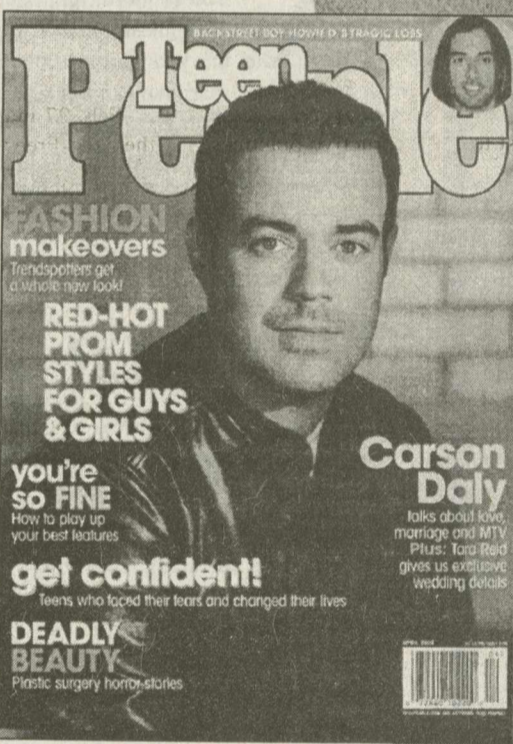
He added that the editor he worked with did expedite the

process by indicating what clothes he should stick with as he kept submitting pictures, eliminating at least some of the hassle.

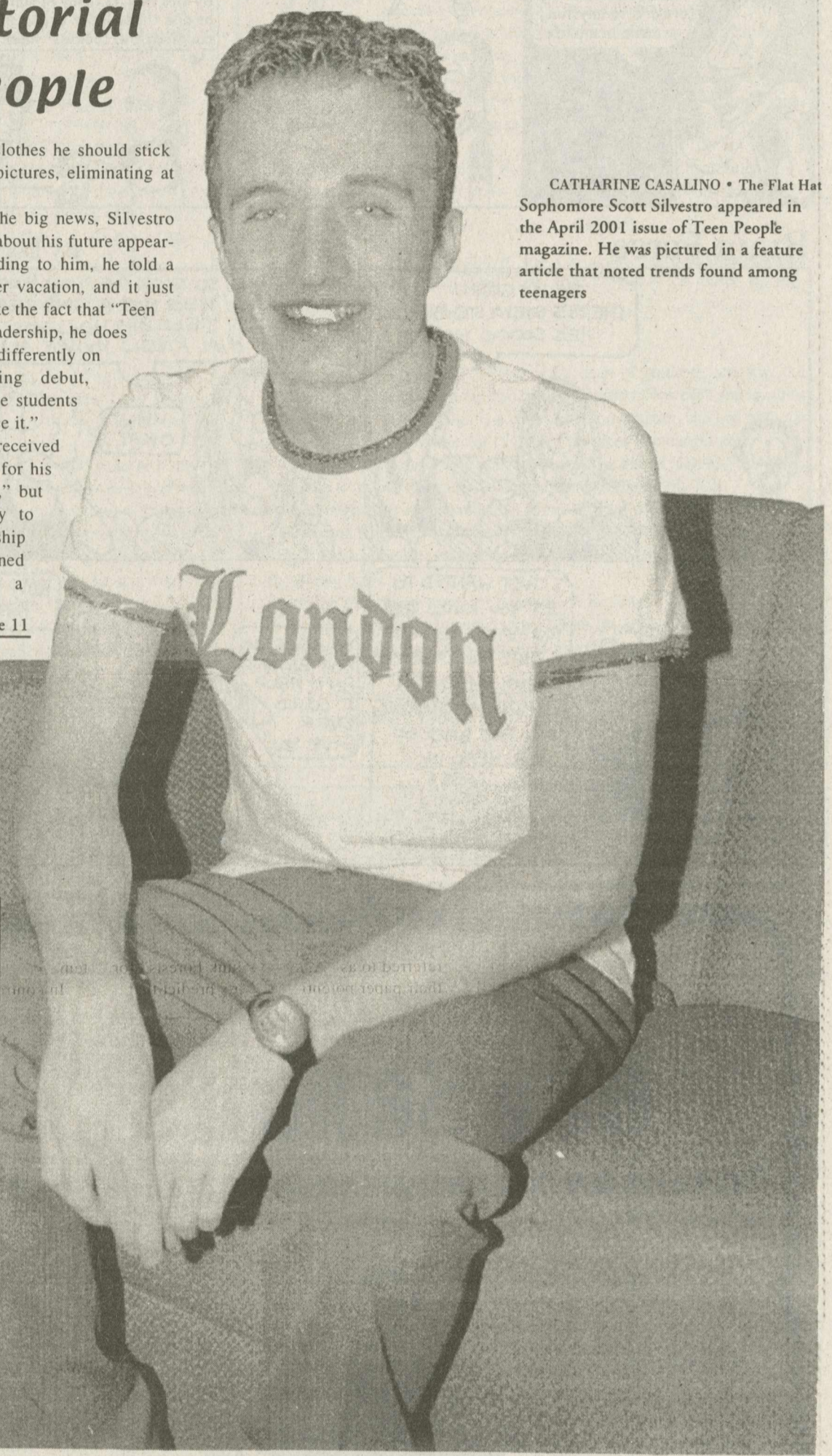
When he initially heard the big news, Silvestro didn't tell very many people about his future appearance in Teen People. According to him, he told a couple of friends over winter vacation, and it just spilled out from there. Despite the fact that "Teen People" has a fairly large readership, he does not expect to be treated any differently on campus after his modeling debut, remarking that "most College students probably wouldn't even notice it."

Silvestro may not have received any payment or free clothes for his appearance in "Teen People," but he did get the opportunity to apply for a summer internship with the magazine. He learned about the internship in a

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Sophomore Scott Silvestro appeared in the April 2001 issue of Teen People magazine. He was pictured in a feature article that noted trends found among teenagers

Napster: alive, just not well

By Jenni Brewer and Sarah Roberts

Since students first arrive on campus, it seems that Napster and other file-sharing programs have become a their best friend. Students can be seen with foreheads pressed to computer screens, up until the wee hours of the night, foraging others' computers in search of their favorite songs.

A question that has been on many people's minds is, what if Napster were to block songs or even worse, shut down completely? The end may be coming soon, but not yet.

The hype about Napster closing for cyber business has been all over the news for the past week after a federal judge in San Francisco issued an injunction against Napster on March 5. However, it has not been shut down. Rather, the program can remain in operation but must block all songs that the copyright holders have notified them of.

The good news for loyal Napster users

is that, for copyright holders to block music, they must inform the service of each and every song that they do not want shared. The information they must provide includes not only the title song, but also the name of the performance artist, the name of files containing the song on the system and a certificate verifying that the holder controls the rights to the song.

"I am blocked already for downloading a blocked and copyrighted song."

— Jenny Bailey,
Class of '02

copyrighted song. I was not even informed as to what song caused me to be banned from the system," she said.

New websites are popping up in response to the Napster controversy. They include support sites like napcameback.com, which uses pig latin to encode songs so that you can "disguise your

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Visiting ceramicist educates, creates

By Sara Theile
Flat Hat Staff Writer

Jeff Oestreich has been creating ceramic pieces for three-and-a-half decades. This year, he's doing some of his creating at the College since being named the Visiting Martin Gracey Artist-in-Residence for the Spring semester 2001.

Oestreich knew he wanted to be an artist since his first year in College. As a freshman at his school in northern Minnesota, he took an introductory ceramics class and knew that it was his love immediately. He graduated with an art degree concentrating in ceramics.

After completing his undergraduate education, he did a two-year apprenticeship with Bernard Leach, a world-renowned artist, in England.

During the late '70s and early '80s, Oestreich taught classes at various colleges, including Ohio State University, the Memphis Academy of the Arts and the Kansas City Art Institute among others.

Since then, he has devoted himself to the studio, occasionally teaching workshops and one-week classes. This is what he was doing when art professor Marlene Jack approached him to come to the College.

"The more she [Jack] talked about the position, the more I liked it. I thought it was a department where what I could give would be valued. The small town also appealed to me," Oestreich said.

The artist-in-residence program, which was established by members of the Class of 1939, rotates between the art, English, music and theatre departments.

According to Jack, the department was looking for someone with a strong exhibition record who did primarily functional ceramics such as dinnerware and pots. The department researched artists in fall 1999 and chose Oestreich as the artist to bring to campus.

Oestrich was offered the position at the end of that school year.

"It's been great having him here," Jack said. "He's brought a lot of energy and excitement to the studio. It's challenging for everyone here. He's demanding and pushing people to really strive to work at their highest level."

At the College Oestreich teaches an advanced course in ceramics. He also maintains open hours when students interested in ceramics can talk to him and he holds a workshop for students. Being in Williamsburg has-

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Lumps in My Oatmeal

By Josh Kinberg

LUMPS IN MY OATMEAL...
Five wacky-fun panels that Gene Siskel is calling the "feel-good comic strip of the year!"
Act now and get a free title panel used only to fill the extra space.
By Josh Kinberg ©2001

Brain Farce

By Lori Palen

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Saturday

Looking for your Irish luck this St. Patrick's Day? You just might find it at the St. Patty's Dance Party in Lodge 1. This festive evening begins at 9 p.m. and runs until 1 a.m. Admission is free, so dig your green clothes out of the closet, and celebrate in style.

Sunday

Bring Sibling Weekend to a close with the 3rd Annual Alan Bukzin Memorial Golf Tournament at the Golden Horseshoe Green Course. All proceeds, including the \$100 fee, benefit The Bone Marrow Drive; it includes a banquet dinner. Events begin at noon.

To have an event printed in the Variety Calendar, send mail to calndr@wm.edu or call x3281 before 5 p.m. Tuesday.

Monday

While Georgia O'Keeffe's works grace the walls of the Muscarelle Museum of Art, a new exhibit has been added to the campus museum. American 20th-century watercolors, from the Munson-Williams-Proctor Arts Institute, will be on display through March 29.

Tuesday

After 19 years in a Chinese labor camp, Harry Wu now heads the Laogai Research Foundation. Dedicated to finding information about China's labor camps. Wu will speak on "The Chinas: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow" at the UC, Tidewater A from 7:30 to 9 p.m.

Wednesday

All students have yet another chance to set their place in William and Mary history. Tuesday through Friday students can have their yearbook pictures taken for the Green and Gold. Photo shots are set up in Tidewater B of the UC from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. for \$7.

Thursday

World champion slam poet Steve Coleman returns by popular demand to the College to deliver his dynamic show. Brought to campus by UCAB, Coleman will silence audiences with his slam poetry performance in Lodge 1 from 8 to 11 p.m., free of charge.

Friday

With a blend of the midwestern and New York lifestyles, comedian John Bush puts an interesting twist to his shows. Bush has performed on "Late Night with Conan O'Brien" and "Spin City." He'll be performing in the UC Commonwealth Auditorium tonight at 9 p.m.

Next week

The William and Mary Concert Series brings opera to the College March 27. The Helikon Opera of Moscow troop will present "La Traviata," composed by Giuseppe Verdi, in Phi Beta Kappa Hall at 8 p.m. The opera is a touching story of a tragic love affair.

FISHing for answers



Q: My roommate doesn't drink alcohol, but he smokes pot right in our room. I know it's his life and his choices, but it still bothers me. Not only do I have bad memories of pot use from high school, but I also worry about second-hand effects. He says I'm making a big deal over nothing, but I don't want his choices to put me at risk. What should I do?

smoking problems, can happen to the smoker and the non-smoker. Some negative cognitive, social and health effects include short term memory loss, inability to concentrate, amotivational syndrome and apathy, low blood pressure, reduced testosterone, respiratory problems, tolerance, psychological dependence and physical addiction.

Signed, Up In Smoke

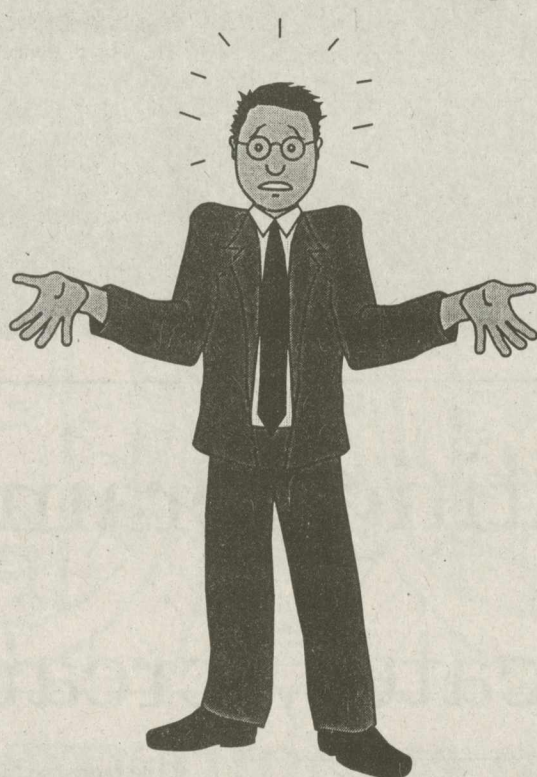
A: You're more right than you know. Not only does his smoking compromise your health, but you could legally be at risk for having marijuana and paraphernalia in your room. Try to have an honest discussion with your roommate when he isn't stoned. Tell him how his smoking is straining the relationship and that you are concerned about the many negative effects of pot on both of you. Negative health effects, like second-hand tobacco

Remind your roommate that you want to help him but won't be able to defend his smoking when he gets caught. To learn more about the legal and judicial ramifications of marijuana or other drug use on campus, consult the Student Handbook, talk to a Residence Life staff member or call the Dean of Students Office. For more information about marijuana effects, contact the FISH Bowl or the Office of Substance Abuse Education at x3631.

Contributed by the FISH Bowl. If you have a question for the FISH Bowl, send e-mail to: FISH@wm.edu or call x3631.

Hey Seniors!

Don't have any idea what you are going to do next year?



We may have the job for you!

The Office of Undergraduate Admission is looking for graduating students interested in:

- ◆ Talking with prospective students
- ◆ Representing W&M at college fairs, high schools, panels, etc.
- ◆ Reading applications and making admission decisions
- ◆ And much more!

Submit your resumé to the Undergraduate Admission office in Blow Memorial Hall by April 6, 2001. Please direct any questions to Steve Mencarini (x1836 or smmenc@wm.edu) or Leasa Woods (x1837 or lmwood@wm.edu).

NAPSTER

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music and keep on tracking," according to the site. There are also anti-Napster sites surfacing, like stop-napster.com.

At the Napster homepage, support is being rallied to contact Congress via a 1-800 number, so fans can speak out against restricting free access to music.

Students around campus have also been voicing their opinions about the debate.

"The recording artists already earn enough money as it is. I think it's unfair that politicians are siding with the record industry in limiting person-to-person file sharing on the Internet," sophomore Marni Kasdaglis said.

While the music industry is scrounging to notify Napster of the vast number of copyrighted songs in order to have them blocked, students are finding ways to beat the system.

Songs that may have been blocked already by copyright holders may still be downloadable under false names and misspellings.

Although Napster's pending lawsuits have been widely publicized, it has not stopped other organizations

"The recording artists already earn enough money as it is."

— Marni Kasdaglis, Class of '03

from entering the cyber music market. Music download systems such as Gnutella and AIMster are samples of new options that are becoming available on the web. Unlike Napster, these systems do not rely on a central server so, therefore, no particular person can be identified as in a Napster case.

The recent additions to the music-sharing business rely on other users for access to their music through a tree-like pattern. Lawsuits would be more difficult since there is no one person who is primarily responsible. There are drawbacks to the new alternatives, however, with longer download times.

While the politicians and record companies fight to limit music sharing, according to Napster's website, they are still going strong. Right now, you can expect to encounter difficulty connecting to Napster's server as a result of the court injunction. Due to the file filtering system that has now been enacted at Napster, these delays are inevitable. Napster is doing everything within its power to counteract these holdups.

Students who are having difficulty downloading from Napster can always obtain song files from other students via the College's Network Neighborhood. The songs are still there; they will just take a little longer to find.

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of your school and the costumed workers won't have a rude inner monologue about you while you're posing with them for a souvenir shot.

Seek out payphones in interesting locations. Nothing says "your summer sucks" more than leaving a casual phone message from the Louvre or the top of the Eiffel Tower. If you're feeling particularly feisty, leave the number and tell your friends to call you back.

Above all, remember, wherever you go, there you are. Travel is awesome, but ultimately you're the same

person here as you will be in Bora Bora. Case in point: I had been in England for a grand total of about an hour. All 4'11" of me was struggling down the main street of Dover with my luggage. Two little boys approached and said "Ello!" I smiled. How wonderfully Oliver Twist-ish! Then one wrinkled up his face and said, "You're small!" before snickering and walking away.

Now, if I hadn't been extremely tired, I would have really shown that I hadn't changed by grumbling something to the effect of, "Shut up, kid, before I beat your ass like we did at Yorktown."

Lori Palen is a Confusion Corner columnist for The Flat Hat. She has seen many worldly things, including the World's Oldest Sea Biscuit.

Add a little Variety to your life. Come to The Flat Hat writers' meeting, in the basement of the Campus Center, Sundays at 5:30 p.m.

VARIETY

That Girl

By Heather Irene Howard
Flat Hat Staff Writer



Eileen Kiley

CLASS: Junior
BEST HALLOWEEN: going to the frats dressed as The Caf
FAVORITE M&M COLOR: light brown, "because they are the underdogs"
CONCENTRATION: English major, philosophy minor
FAVORITE DAILY GRIND DRINK: chai

When it comes to swimming the Crim Dell, most students plan the revolting tradition in advance. They wear disposable clothes and stake out the least scummy part of the pond before venturing in. Junior Eileen Kiley didn't have the luxury of either of these options — she fell in.

"Last day of classes freshman year Charlie Park had a canoe on the Crim Dell and was giving free rides," the Virginia native said. "When I went to get into the canoe, it tipped over, and I fell in the water. It was disgusting."

Eileen's other campus expeditions include jumping the wall of the Governor's Palace (and subsequently being chased on foot by a cop around Colonial Williamsburg) and adventure games class.

"I showed up on the first day of class and couldn't believe that I was going to do all this awesome stuff twice a week," she said, praising the popular course.

Some of the classroom activities include using the zip-line during the day and at night, playing capture the flag on the beach and even rappelling off Zable Stadium.

If the College were to give an

award for the most years spent in the Botetourt Complex, endearingly referred to by students as The Ghetto, Eileen would be the recipient.

"My freshman year, I lived in Fauquier. My sophomore year, I was an RA for Fauquier 3rd Upper. Now I'm an RA for Spotswood 3rd Upper, and next year I'm going to be the Botetourt Head Resident, so I'll be living in Fauquier again," she said excitedly.

Eileen wanted to be an RA to interact with students more.

"I wanted to get involved in campus life. I wanted to directly impact people," Eileen said. "Living on campus has enriched my experience here, especially living with three halls of awesome freshmen."

Eileen's favorite hall program this year was called Childhood Revisited.

"We rented old cartoons, bought

Play-doh, finger paints and lots of sugary cereal. It was a weekend event," she said.

Eileen and her girls also participated in Psi Upsilon's Andy Kaufman Football Tournament.

"My hall played a bunch of brothers ... but we didn't win. On the last play of the game they scored a touchdown, and we lost," she said.

Being involved in residence hall activities is important to Eileen. She admits to owning two pairs of pleather pants for Botetourt staff clubbing expeditions.

If you ever craved Daily Grind coffee at 3 a.m. last year, you might have seen Eileen behind the register.

"I used to work the 3 a.m. to 7 a.m. shift at Daily Grind last year on weekends. We called it the graveyard shift. A big crowd would

have stressed me out, and I wanted a more relaxed shift," she said. "Besides, I'd get to go out with my friends at night, then go to work at 3 a.m. and come home at 7 a.m."

Though the graveyard shift was not very hectic, it proved interesting and left few dull moments.

"There are some really interesting people who are up late at night. My friends would visit often and so would the Campus Police," she said.

Last summer Eileen roamed the English countryside when she was over there as part of the Cambridge program.

"It was my first flight and my first abroad experience. I had never even been out of the time zone!" Eileen said.

Eileen, who is 100 percent Irish, enjoyed her abroad experience so much that she is traveling to Ireland this summer on her Monroe Project.

"I'm studying modern Irish drama," she said, "and I'm going to kiss the Blarney Stone."

After falling in Crim Dell, the Blarney Stone shouldn't be a problem.

There are some really interesting people who are up late at night. My friends would visit [the Daily Grind] ... so would the Campus Police.

MODEL

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newsletter, which he receives because of participating in "Trendspotting."

"The editor and everyone else seemed really cool," he said when asked why he applied for the inter-

ship. "And sometimes you get to meet famous people, depending on which section you work for."

Silvestro has never previously been in a magazine and says he certainly wouldn't mind being in more. After his experience with "Teen People," he thinks that it would be "fun to be a model" but is currently concentrating more on his history major.

CREATES

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n't stifled his creativity, as he continues to create pieces.

"I'm having one of the best experiences of my life, both in terms of the caliber of the students and their willingness to experiment," he said.

Oestreich uses a potter's wheel in his studio. He then alters the shape created by the wheel when working with ceramics. Right now, he's using various shades of green, amber and iron-looking glazes.

Everyone is welcome to view selected pieces of Oestreich's work on display in the Andrews Gallery Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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WRITE TO KNOW

Q: Recently, the area around the sundial on New Campus is looking less green since the bushes that line the walkways are being cut down. What is the reason for this drastic reduction in plant size?

A: According to Roy Williams, associate director of grounds operations for facilities management, the severe pruning of the bushes at the sundial and other areas on campus is a routine process.

Williams said that the plants were probably planted in the wrong place to begin with because they are too close to the walkways. In order to keep them in-bounds they have to be severely pruned back every few years or so.

Broad leaf plants, like those in the sundial, will grow back fully. "By next fall you won't know they've been pruned," Williams said.

Q: A sign posted in the Caf reads, "No pajamas please. Questions? Call Trish Volp." What is the reason for this sign?

A: According to Trish Volp, dean of students, she was not aware that the sign had been posted. However, she assumes that the sign is a result of a conversation she had with the acting director of Dining Services Pamela Harabis.

Harabis approached Volp with a concern that one of Harabis' managers had with a couple students wearing pajamas to the dining hall.

Although Volp understands that some of today's fashions include items like pajama bottoms, which are more modest than other types of pajamas, Volp feels that the less modest types of pajamas are inappropriate dress for the dining halls.

"I don't know if a sign was needed," Volp said. Thus far no one has contacted her about the sign, but if there are any concerns or comments, they may be directed to her.

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2001 - Summer School Summer Positions

Applications are now available at the Office of Residence Life. Completed applications are due by 5:00 p.m. on Monday March 26. Return completed applications to the Office of Residence Life, 212 Campus Center.

General Responsibilities:
Participate in training sessions and weekly staff meetings
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Share duty responsibilities and other administrative tasks
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Summer positions require a commitment from Thursday, May 24 - Sunday, August 5.
Direct questions about summer positions to Jack Harris X13186, jaharr@wm.edu

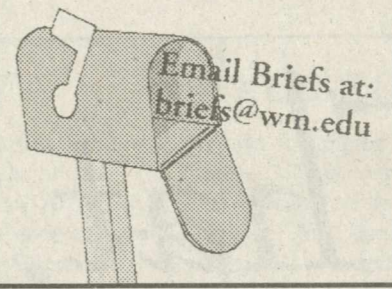
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BRIEFS



Briefs must be submitted to The Flat Hat by 5 p.m. on Tuesday, either by e-mail (briefs@wm.edu) or in the envelope on the door of The Flat Hat office. Submissions must be typed and include the author's name and telephone number. To reach the briefs editor directly, call The Flat Hat from 11 a.m. to noon Mondays. Classifieds must be pre-paid at the rate of 15 cents per word per issue. The Flat Hat will not print unpaid classifieds. Campus briefs should be as short as possible. Briefs are for non-profit groups and information only. The Flat Hat does not take responsibility for the information publicized in the Briefs section. For more information call The Flat Hat at x3281.

— Edited by Laura Terry

GENERAL INFORMATION

Faculty Musicians Present Concert

College faculty members Susan Via (violin), Christine Niehaus (piano), Howard Curtis (drums), with former faculty member James Masters (bass), will be performing at the Williamsburg Public Library March 25 at 3 p.m. Tickets are available at the library, which is located at 515 Scotland Street, or by calling 259-4070.

Featured works include the Claude Bolling "Suite for Violin and Jazz Trio," Copland's "Sonata" for violin and piano, and George Gershwin's "Three Preludes" arranged for violin and piano by Heifetz. For more details on the concert, visit the library website at www.wrl.org/programs/public_html/concerts.html#Bolling.

Rotary International Scholarships

Students interested in studying abroad for an academic year after graduation should consider applying for the Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarships. The Rotary Foundation will provide an award of up to \$25,000 or its equivalent to be used for transportation, academic fees and room and board expenses in any of the more than 180 countries where Rotary Clubs are located.

Deadline for applications is April 1. Students may apply through the Williamsburg Rotary Club, the James City County Rotary Club or their hometown Rotary Clubs.

For more information and application forms, contact Mr. McCord in James Blair room 331, call x3720 or e-mail jmccco@wm.edu.

Foreign Affairs Scholarship

The government department is accepting applications for the Koenig-Nimmo foreign service scholarship. This award is made each year to a senior from any concentration who hopes to pursue a career in foreign services with any government agency. The recipient will be selected on the basis of commitment to foreign service, academic excellence, leadership qualities and interest in promoting international understanding. The award will be approximately \$1,500.

Applications are available in the government department office, which is located in room 10 of Morton Hall. The deadline for applying is April 2.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Silent Auction

Do you love a cappella groups? Food? Sports? Jewelry? Clothes? Movies? CDs? Dancing? Restaurants? Come bid on these items and more in the UC lobby as Nu Kappa Epsilon puts on its annual silent auction. From 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 18 there will be open bidding on items from Applebee's, Baked Goods, Baskin Robbins, Big Apple Bagel, Bike Repair, Candle Factory, Christopher Wren Singers, Circus Train Toys, Colonial Sports, The Comic Cubicle, Common Ground, Manhattan Bagel, Cracker Barrel, CVS, Dancing Lessons, Gentlemen of the College, Intonations, Katie White's Jewelry, Mama Mia's, Massey's Camera Shop, My Sister's Place Florist, Nawab, Parlett's, Phi Mu Alpha, Primetime Video, Sal's by Victor, The Accidentals, The Campus Shop, The Green Leaf, The Flower Cupboard, Westpoint and Ye Olde Car and Buggy Wash.

All proceeds will go towards the sorority's support of music scholarships on campus.

Seniors: Reminder to Pay Debts

Attention all seniors graduating in May: all outstanding debts owed to the College must be paid in full by 5 p.m. on April 27. These debts may include, but are not limited to, parking fines, library fines, emergency loans, health fees, past-due phone bills and any other balances owed on our student account. Diplomas and transcripts may be held until all outstanding debts have been resolved. If you have any questions regarding the status of your student account, please contact Pam Owen in the bursar's office at x3977.

UC, Campus Center Accepting Applications

Applications are now available for 2001-2002 positions with the University Center and the Campus Center. Applications are being accepted for student supervisors, A-V technicians, information desk assistants, candy desk cashiers and set crew employees.

Interested student can pick up an application packet at the UC main office or apply online at www.wm.edu/OSA/centers/ucemploymentapp.htm. Applications are due March 30.

Information sessions will be held for those interested at 6 p.m. March 22 in the Colony Room and at 6 p.m. March 26 in the James Room of the UC. Please contact the UC main office at x3433 for more information.

Bicyclists Reminded of Traffic Guidelines

The Williamsburg police department would like to remind bicyclists of basic traffic regulations and safety guidelines. Bikers should yield right-of-way to pedestrians and automobiles, stop for all traffic signs and signals and obey officer instructions. Bikers riding at night should equip their bikes with lights and reflectors.

Students with bicycling concerns should consult Virginia codes sections 46.2-903 to 46.2-907 or contact the police department.

GENERAL INFORMATION

"Mission Possible" Award

Nominations are welcome for the second annual "Mission Possible" award. The award recognizes individuals, student organizations and community groups and businesses that represent the best practices in alcohol abuse prevention. Examples of the best practices in alcohol abuse prevention include: alcohol-free programming, alcohol risk management education, early intervention services, awareness campaigns, donation of materials for programs and attendance at educational programs. The award is sponsored by the Alcohol and Other Substance Task Force. Call the office of substance abuse education at x3631 for more information or for an application. Individuals and organizations are invited to nominate themselves.

Slam Poet to Entertain

Back by popular demand! Come check out World Slam Poet Champion Steve Coleman! UCAB presents this event at Lodge One March 22 from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m.

Fall Registration

Registration for graduate students in arts and sciences and the Schools of Business, Law and Marine Science will take place from March 26 to 30. Registration for graduate students in the School of Education will take place June 4 to 29. Students should contact the registrar of their department or school for detailed information.

Registration for undergraduate students will take place from April 2 to 7. There will be a course adjustment period April 16 to 18.

The fall 2001 schedule of classes is now available on WORCS. The printed version of the schedule has been distributed to current students. Additional copies are available in Blow Hall.

Toxicity Symposium

Environmental Law and Policy Review's annual symposium featuring "Toxic Torts: Issues of Mass Litigation, Case Management and Ethics" will be presented March 23 beginning at 8:30 a.m. in the law school room 120. Experts will discuss causation, procedural and ethical issues and use the recent tobacco litigation as toxic tort case studies. For more information call x3802.

Spring Hours and Luncheons with the President

Mark your calendars for luncheons and hours with the president!

College President Timothy Sullivan has reserved the following times especially for individual students or small groups: March 19 and April 10. All meetings are scheduled in 10-minute intervals between 4 and 5 p.m.

President Sullivan has reserved a luncheon date for noon April 4 for any interested four-year roommates.

To sign up for meeting times or luncheons, please contact Joyce Kirby at x1258 or e-mail jekirb@wm.edu.

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Student Issues Seminar

George Kuh, professor of higher education at Indiana University will offer a presentation on the topic of "College Students Today: Why We Can't Leave Serendipity to Chance." The event will be March 27 at 7:30 p.m. in UC Tidewater A. A reception will follow. This 2001 Higher Education Lecture is sponsored by the School of Education and the Office of Student Affairs. For more information, e-mail Margaret Lane at malane@wm.edu.

Tribal Dancer Try-outs

The Tribal Dancers invite all interested women to try-out. All try-outs will be held in Trinkle Hall. Dates and times are as follows: March 20 from 6 to 9 p.m., March 21 from 6 to 9 p.m. and March 22 from 5 to 7 p.m. If you have any questions, please contact Amelia Vernon at 253-2266 or e-mail amvern@wm.edu.

Tangelo Student Art Show

All interested College students are invited to submit artwork to the juried Tangelo Student Art Show, which will be held in Andrews Gallery April 2 to 20. Work must be delivered to the Andrews Gallery by 3 p.m. March 29. Up to three pieces may be submitted, and each must be accompanied by the official entry form. Interested students may pick up an application in the art department office or visit www.commonroman.net/tangelo.

Students, faculty and guests are invited to the show's opening reception on April 2 at 6 p.m. in the gallery. For more information, please contact the Tangelo Fine Arts Society at finear@wm.edu.

Public Policy Research Fellowship

The Center for Public Policy Research, the research arm of the College's Thomas Jefferson Program in Public Policy, is offering a \$2,500 research fellowship in public policy plus free housing for a 10-week period during the summer.

The summer researcher's responsibilities will likely include all aspects of grant and contract work, including developing proposals, performing research and analysis, writing portions of policy research reports and presenting material orally to center staff and clients.

To be eligible for this position, you must be a rising junior or senior in good academic standing, be willing to work 40 hours per week and demonstrate an interest in public policy.

Applications can be picked up at the Center for Public Policy Research (141 Morton Hall), The Thomas Jefferson Program in Public Policy (140 Morton Hall), Career Services and the Charles Center (in the basement of Tucker Hall). Submit application materials to Kelly Metcalf-Meese, associate director of the Division of Policy Research, at the Center for Public Policy Research in 141 Morton Hall or to The Thomas Jefferson Program in Public Policy in 140 Morton Hall. Applications are due by 5 p.m. on March 23.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Monitor Accepting Submissions

The "Monitor," an undergraduate journal of international studies, has extended its submissions deadline to March 19. Students are invited to submit essays, term papers or other well-written papers on international topics. All submissions must be in Microsoft Word format and should include the student's name, class and phone number. Send submissions to monitr@wm.edu. For more information call Anjali Kharod at x4685 or visit www.wm.edu/SO/monitor.

Artist Book Exhibit Opening

An exhibition of artist books hand constructed by Dan Rose and Robert Kirkbride kicks off with a Gallery Talk and Reading at Swem. The exhibit will be opened with the gallery presentation March 22 at 3:30 p.m. in the Botetourt Gallery. The unique books will be on display through May 15.

Seminar on China

Harry Wu heads the Laogai Research Foundation and works to expose human rights abuses in China and Tibet. He will speak about "The Chinas: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow" March 20 at 7:30 p.m. in UC Tidewater A. For more information, visit www.wm.edu/academics/revs.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Volunteer for Housing Partnerships Run

Volunteers needed for Ford's Colony's 6th annual "Run for Shelter" on March 24. The event includes an 8k, 5k and one-mile fun run and walk to benefit Housing Partnerships. Volunteers are needed at 7:15 a.m. on race day. The first race will begin at 8:30 a.m.; registration is required on race day. Following the races will be awards, prizes, a DJ and a celebration.

Taste of Asia

Come and join the Asian Student Council for the 9th annual "Taste of Asia" to be held March 24. Tickets will be on sale in the UC March 19 to 23 during lunch and dinner.

Third Annual Alan Bukzin Memorial Golf Tournament

A shot-gun start, 18-hole tournament at The Golden Horseshoe Green Course March 18 begins at 12 p.m. Registration fee is \$100; all proceeds benefit the Alan Bukzin Memorial Bone Marrow Drive. Fee includes cart and range fees as well as a banquet dinner at The Golden Horseshoe Club House.

Are any of your family members golfers? Give them a call, and see if they are interested in coming down for the day. This is always a fun day for a great cause! Contact Stewart Robinette at ssrobi@wm.edu for more details.

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REVIEWS



Brad, Julia lack spice in 'Mexican'

By Allen Denson

"The Mexican," starring Brad Pitt and Julia Roberts, provides a surprisingly fresh twist to a tired plot formula. In what initially seems to be a typical romantic comedy, quirky relationships

Mexican," which imprisoned crime boss Margolis (Gene Hackman) demands to capture. Jerry, played by Pitt, is partially responsible for Margolis' imprisonment and must work off his debt by completing jobs for the organization. However, Jerry can never seem to get a job right, primarily because his girlfriend, Samantha (Julia Roberts), wears the pants in their relationship.

Again and again Jerry proves himself to be totally unreliable. His supposedly final job, "the thing at the thing," runs amok because of a lovers' quarrel gone terribly wrong. This leaves Jerry in a precarious situation: he must successfully pick up the handgun in Mexico and return it to Margolis. If he does not complete the task, he will pay with his life.

Samantha has plans to go to Las Vegas with Jerry and is irate that he plans to go to Mexico for one more job (supposedly the previous job was the "last one"). This conflict splits up the two for the greater part of the movie with Samantha heading to Vegas and Jerry to Mexico.

At this point Jerry continues his muddled ways in Mexico as he repeatedly chases the elusive gun and digs himself into an increasingly larger mess. Along the way, he picks up Spanish by adding "o" to the end of every word that he utters, then also gets a rabbit muck that rides around with Pitt in his El Camino. That dog makes Mike Tyson look saintly. Meanwhile Leroy, played by Gandolfini, abducts Samantha and keeps her hostage. His purpose: he claims to be a "regulator of funkiness." The word "funky" characterizes the entire relationship of Leroy and Samantha, which is

anything but a typical Hollywood kidnapping. Both Leroy and Samantha open up to each other with insights that sound as if they came straight out of self-help books. Samantha talks about her relationship with Jerry, and Leroy opens up about his homosexuality. The two's romantic dreams feed off of each other and eventually leads to Leroy having "a moment" with another guy at a truck stop. The scene of Leroy blushing like a seventh grader with his first crush is simply too hysterical to pass up.

Moments such as this make the movie a must-see. Director Gore Verbinski, best known for his work in the Budweiser frog commercials, drives the movie with quirky plot twists and an interesting side story that chronicles the legend of the handgun itself. Each of the four versions of this legend show that it is indeed much more than a gun that Jerry seeks.

True to the nature of the legend, the narrative changes paths through the film. Verbinski drives the film from romantic comedy to western, with many stops in between. He makes these transitions seamlessly and never lets the audience fall

behind. Also to his credit, Verbinski resisted the temptation to plaster Brad and Julia together endlessly, which would have cut down on Gandolfini's marvelous performance.

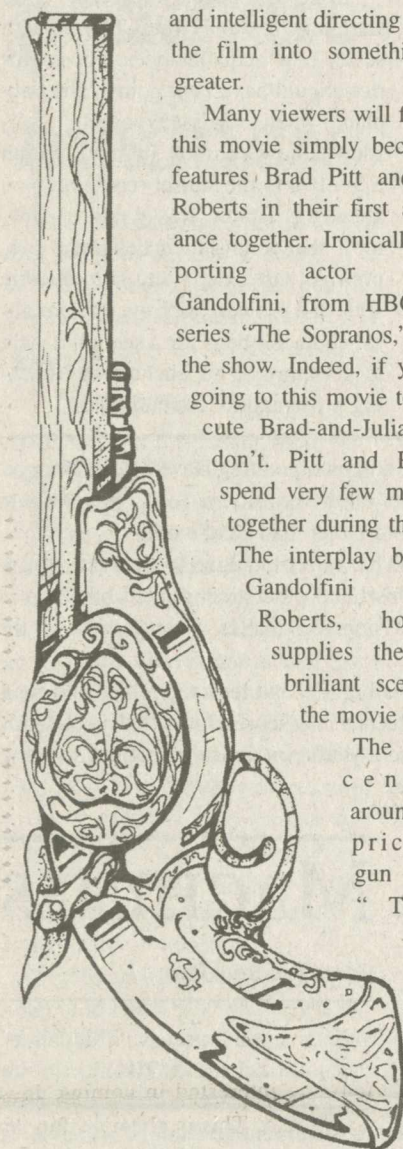
"The Mexican's" only shortcoming is that the film runs a bit longer than it should. This movie is not necessarily one of the deepest films ever made, but it has much more soul and entertainment than many recent horror stories such as "See Spot Run." In all, this is a great movie to take a date to, and it brings back some of the fun in Hollywood.



Hollywood heavy-lifters Brad Pitt and Julia Roberts team up for the first time in "The Mexican," as bumbling mob errand boy Jerry Welbach and his picky girlfriend Samantha. The two mega-stars will pair off again later this year in Oscar-nominated director Steven Soderbergh's remake of the Rat Pack-era "Ocean's 11."

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MOVIE:
"THE MEXICAN"
★★★



and intelligent directing change the film into something far greater.

Many viewers will flock to this movie simply because it features Brad Pitt and Julia Roberts in their first appearance together. Ironically, supporting actor James Gandolfini, from HBO's hit series "The Sopranos," steals the show. Indeed, if you are going to this movie to see a cute Brad-and-Julia flick, don't. Pitt and Roberts spend very few moments together during the film. The interplay between Gandolfini and Roberts, however, supplies the most brilliant scenes in the movie by far.

The plot centers around a priceless gun called "The

'Everyday' deviates from DMB formula

By Tim Alworth
Flat Hat Staff Writer

For just over a decade now, Dave Matthews Band has had the improbable good fortune of building and maintaining a cult-like fan base by following a simple formula of fusing diverse styles and textures. This approach has led the

ALBUM:
DAVE MATTHEWS BAND
"EVERYDAY"
★★★★

jam band from dingy Virginia bars and nightclubs to stadium shows that sell out within hours.

Their music has always included a little something for everyone. There are the funky neo-hippie bass lines, trite romantic lyrics, hummable melodies and original arrangements that allow the band to expand their tightly crafted songs into endless jams, never losing Dave's frat party mentality. This combination has allowed them to overcome their jam band status (a commercial curse) to become one of the biggest touring acts every year while still scoring hit singles, something fellow jammers Phish have been unable to accomplish.

It is a formula that has worked very well for the band. From the opening riff of "I Did It," the hypnotically irritating first single off Dave Matthews Band's new album, "Everyday," it is obvious the band has no intention of sticking to the formula. Following a string of successful live albums, Matthews and band have returned with an album unlike anything they have produced before. Gone are the trademark acoustic guitar riffs that once fueled the music, in favor of a distorted electric guitar that immediately announces the band's new direction.

This change was brought about by the band's new pro-

ducer, pop master Glen Ballard, who has penned songs for performers like Alanis Morissette, Aerosmith and Wilson Phillips. Ballard was brought in to help with the new record, following a failed first attempt, and ended up co-writing and arranging the entire thing. Abandoning ex-producer Steve Lillywhite's more grassroots feel, Ballard has turned the band into something that should upset many dedicated fans: a straight-up-pop band.

One of the biggest problems with "Everyday" is that Ballard has dismantled the band's sound by ridding it of its most unique characteristics. He has buried Boyd Tinsley's violin into the mix so that it is indistinguishable from anything else.

Saxophonist Leroy Moore is treated a little better, but not much. He is allowed a few solo moments, particularly on slower, more melodic tunes, but is more often used to accent Dave's melodies, such as on "If I Had It All." Both players were integral to the band's innovative sound, overcoming what could have been gimmicky instrumentation and providing vital counterpoint to the basic song structures.

Also absent on "Everyday" is much of the band's technical virtuosity, particularly in the playing of drummer Carter Beauford. Despite being one of the most original and impressive players on the scene (whose only flaw seems to be a habit of overplaying), Beauford is more content on this record laying back with basic rock beats, not once incorporating his usual syncopated polyrhythms. Essentially, Ballard has taken the "band" out of the Dave Matthews Band.

There are a number of strong songs on "Everyday" that do work with this new approach. The Matthews/Ballard collaboration has yielded a couple hook-laden hits-to-be, the kind that will surely drive listeners nuts once they hit radio. ("I Did It" is already at that point.) The strongest songs stick to the Dave Matthews Band ballad formula of catchy melody with romantic schoolboy lyrics over a lush arrange-

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Futuristic 'Machines'

By Dan Miller
Flat Hat Executive Editor

"The year is 2029. The machines will convince us that they are conscious, that they have their own agenda worthy of our respect. They

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"SPIRITUAL MACHINES"
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will embody human qualities. They'll claim to be human, and we'll believe them."

So goes the track "R.K. 2029" on

Our Lady Peace's new concept album "Spiritual Machines." The band known for such songs as "Clumsy" and "Superman's Dead" waxes artistic on their latest effort, mixing their traditional rock styling with cryptic narrated interludes and lyrics alluding to a technological revolution.

On their fourth album, the Canadian quartet has created an impressive collection of art-rock tunes. Keeping themselves firmly rooted in their pop sensibilities, Our Lady Peace has maintained an ever increasing level of musical sophistication and maturity. They never break any major musical or experimental boundaries, but they do what they do very well.



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"Machines" is the group's most ambitious work to date. The pleasant, if unadventurous "Happiness is Not a Fish that You Can Catch" overcame its pretentious title and

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Lively 'Gen X' successor

By Sara Brady
Flat Hat Reviews Editor

Douglas Coupland christened a generation in 1991 with his debut novel, "Generation X." Nearly a decade later he has published "Miss Wyoming," an effervescent, refreshingly different novel for the secretly celebrity-obsessed pop culture junkie in every reader.

The Miss Wyoming of the title is the fictional Susan Colgate, a childhood beauty pageant winner,

'80s sitcom star and rock 'n' roll trophy wife (her gay hubby

needed a green card, she needed money — it's a hysterical twist on a worn-out formula). Disillusioned by the shallowness of her b-list life, Susan takes the opportunity presented by an airplane crash to start her life over. Flying in economy class, she is the only survivor. She walks away and literally disappears from the fishbowl of faded celebrity for a full year.

Also pulling a disappearing act is John Johnson, Coupland's incisively funny caricature of a decadent Hollywood producer. A man who's been through every drug and sexual fetish imaginable, John wakes up after a bad flu nearly kills him. He liquidates his assets and, like Susan, walks away from his Hollywood life.

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16 ▶ **Fiennes, Law make new 'Enemy'**
In the grand tradition of epic World War II movies, Jude Law and Joseph Fiennes team up as best friends during the Nazi siege on Stalingrad. In "Enemy at the Gates," opening this week, Oscar nominee Ed Harris plays their nemesis, a sniper on the German side assigned to get rid of Law. Rachel Weisz ("The Mummy") plays the woman who comes between the two best friends. Early notices rave about the gritty reality of the setting, shot over several months in Bavaria, Berlin and Brandenburg, Germany.



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17 ▶ **Tyler on SNL before Hall of Fame night**
Tonight, after all the NCAA hoopla finishes, tune in for Julia Stiles and Aerosmith on "Saturday Night Live" on NBC. Aerosmith will be coasting in to publicize their new album, "Just Press Play" before they are inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.

18 ▶ **Take a study break with random acts of Woo-style violence**
Midterms the week before break are bad enough, but midterms immediately after are pure unadulterated hell. NBC provides a much-needed break and a method of releasing unhealthy, professor-directed aggression, with "Face/Off," tonight at 8. Wouldn't life be easier if you could switch faces with the really smart kid in the front of your AI Comp Sci class? Keep dreaming, and get back to work.

19 ▶ **Experience real movie greatness**
"Titanic" couldn't break the record set by "Ben-Hur" in 1959: it won 11 of the 12 Academy Awards for which it was nominated. The William Wyler-directed epic stars Charlton Heston and Stephen Boyd as boyhood friends Ben-Hur and Messala, separated by belief as adults. It airs on TCM at 8 p.m., and a special DVD edition came out last week.

20 ▶ **'Dancer' DVD hits shelves**
Director Lars von Trier's wrenching "Dancer in the Dark," starring Bjork, Catherine Deneuve and "The Green Mile's" David Morse, goes on sale on DVD today. DVD extras include two documentaries, one about von Trier's unique filmmaking style and the other on "Dancer's" unorthodox musical style.



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21 ▶ **Rock'n'roll all night**
And party everyday on VH1. Tonight at 9 the Class of 2001 will be inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame: Queen, Michael Jackson, Aerosmith, Paul Simon and recent Grammy winners Steely Dan. The much-touted "group performance" promises to be the highlight of the evening; it ought to be interesting to see who replaces deceased Queen frontman Freddie Mercury in the lineup (Steven Tyler singing "Bohemian Rhapsody"?). of all-stars.

22 ▶ **Tonight you're better off hitting the books**
The NCAA men's tournament begins regional semifinal action tonight, live at 7:30 p.m. from Philadelphia and Anaheim. Other than that, loyal slackers, you're mostly out of luck for distractions. Must-See TV is in reruns and "Survivor" moved to Wednesday to accommodate basketball. See if you can hunt up movie listings for tomorrow's openers ("Heartbreakers" and "Say It Isn't So!").

CORRECTIONS: In the Feb. 23 issue of The Flat Hat, Evan Hoffman was incorrectly identified as Gabriel Hudson in a picture on page 16. In the same issue on page 14, the article "SRC assaults ears" was written by Flat Hat Staff Writer Ed Cafiero.

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THIS WEEK: BREAK BUMS

Spring Break: good times for all, but not so much when you get back. Everyone asks you how your break was only to interrupt you to tell you about how much better their own break was. Well, rest assured, we have not been tainted by Spring Break. We'll still be offering the same high-quality movie commentary that you've come to know and love.



But we digress. Since we were on Spring Break this past week, we decided to each write our own reviews and pick one for the column. Unfortunately, they were both so brilliant that we couldn't part with either one. Robert will be reporting on "Crocodile Dundee," while Adrienne will be critiquing "Home Alone." So, whenever the crocs are mentioned, it's Robert, and whenever the superb acting style of Macaulay Culkin is mentioned, it's Adrienne. Take it away, Adrienne!
"Home Alone" is everyone's favorite holiday flick. Who can forget the first time that Kevin was introduced to us? Who can forget how his family leaves him for the holidays and then he fights the crooks?
"Crocodile Dundee," while not involving the holidays or annoying kids, is also an amazing flick. Does it get any better than when Mick Dundee says "That's not a knife; this is a knife"? The final scene where Mick tells his girl that he loves her-priceless.
Give me the pen, writely. He was a short, blond, pimply-faced boy who couldn't act. Well, I am pleased to report that Mr. Macaulay Culkin has grown into a slightly taller, blond, pimply-faced boy who still cannot act. I was (un)fortunate enough to catch him over my Spring Break in one of London's newest plays, "Madame Melville."
Well, that's great and all, but we're reviewing movies. In "Crocodile Dundee," Mick is a tough cookie from Aussie who wrestles many a crocodile in the swamps. He reminds me a lot of Duke, the 300-pound alligator wrangler who worked at the alligator farm I vis-

ited over Spring Break in Miami.
In "Home Alone," I went to London for Spring Break and saw "Madame Melville." It's a terrible play about an American boy's coming of age in Paris. The plot is not important because, again, it was terrible. Macaulay is a 20-year-old divorcee who cannot deliver a monologue, speaks as if he has a marble in his mouth and fidgets uncontrollably. I almost walked out of the theater. Some people did.
All right, you Brit. Well, in "Crocodile Dundee" I held a baby alligator in Miami.
In London, one critic called it his comeback—Macaulay's return to the stage. I call it his return to crap. Fine! Fine! London is cooler! Is that what you want to hear? I just can't win!
Hey, Robert, calm down. I was just commenting on what a shambles Macaulay's career was in. It's not a competition, buddy.
Oh, sorry. My bad. I just feel like everybody had a better break than I did. So, in conclusion, "Crocodile Dundee" is a hilarious film that the whole family can enjoy.
And in conclusion, I went to London for Spring Break.
And in conclusion, Adrienne is a dirty whore. Grow up, Robert. Grow up.
Robert Godfrey and Adrienne Hick are weekly columnists for The Flat Hat. They are sure their Spring Breaks were cooler than yours.

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How the two wanderers eventually find each other is the tricky heart of Coupland's narrative. At times, the author's voice is almost more important than what he has to say. Susan, John and the people orbiting around them occasionally take a backseat to the wrenching beauty of the prose, which has moments of startling emotional clarity and knife-edged cynicism.

The narrative acts as a jaded observer looking at the excesses of celebrity and the ridiculousness of the stage mother/pageant culture. Sometimes the reader can almost visualize Coupland sitting back with a cigarette and laughing at how overwrought and silly these fictional people can be.

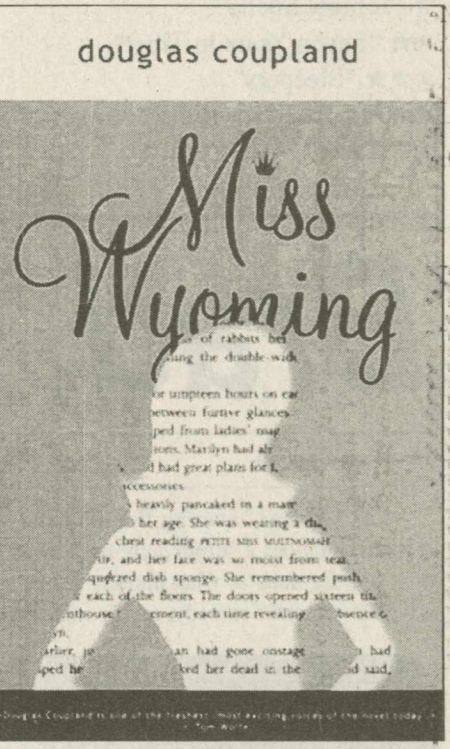
What makes "Miss Wyoming" so ultimately gratifying is Coupland's light touch; he keeps his distance from the heavy stuff. This is no Danielle Steel/Nora Roberts exploration of incest and child abuse, thanks be to the literary gods. Coupland holds off on the pop psychology, resisting the temptation to blame his protagonist's problems a slightly crazed or overprotective mother, a much-older, married first lover or a prescription drug addiction. The emotional distance ensures the artifice is always the focus, rather than the overwhelming pathos that

could have been the result.

Likewise, John's ascent from sickly child to wastefully wealthy producer, told via interwoven flashbacks, never takes on that execrable NBC "Movie of the Week" quality. No one is crying for these characters; rather, Coupland invites his audience to laugh at their excesses and in doing so keep their own egos in check.

"Miss Wyoming" bears an attractive resemblance, stylistically, to the work of British novelist Clare Naylor ("Love: A User's Guide" was her subversively hysterical 1999 debut). Like Naylor, Coupland injects his novel with a kind of literary name-dropping. He uses names like Whitney Houston and Keanu Reeves like anyone else would say Velveta or Kleenex. Celebrity becomes just another identifier for

When "Miss Wyoming" is over, it leaves a sort of daze, not unlike the blank-eyed staring induced after a two-hour extravaganza of things blowing up on a movie screen. But the daze comes from the enormous amount of baggage unloaded onto the reader; by the end, Susan's and John's whole life stories have been told, as well as the stories of various supporting charac-



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After 311 pages, the reader who started off casually finds herself with seven new acquaintances whose stories should have kept going. The only place where "Miss Wyoming" falls short is how abruptly John and Susan ride off into the sunset (come on, you knew the Titanic was going to sink, too), abandoning their delightful supporting cast. Coupland's inimitable style and prowess with even the smallest character begs for a sequel, if only to get more of his enchanting, touching prose and razor-sharp wit.

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ment (think "Crash"), "Angel" and "The Space Between" could easily follow "Crash" and "Satellite" as the next Dave Matthews Band prom song.

Others, like "So Right," straddle the line between the old and new sound, featuring Moore's sax and a grooving

rhythmic feel while still incorporating Dave's new dirty guitar sound. But too often the album feels like a Dave Matthews solo record rather than band work.

Though the band has never indulged in the wild, out-of-control jams of Phish and other like-minded bands, it is their loose, improvising feel that is missing most on the record.

"Everyday" is well-crafted but feels too forced and overdone. Ballard's influence may score a hit with the pop world but will no doubt give Matthews purists something to worry about for the future.

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was a small success. "Machines" rocks just as hard as "Happiness," but the tracks are more tied together and musically interesting.

The album begins, ends and is filled with several narrated tracks discussing a fictitious future in which machines come alive. The tracks, the scariest being a small rant on "R.K. on Death," are artsy and a little over-the-top, but thought-provoking and chilling.

The first song on "Machines," "Right Behind You," is one of its strongest. This is OLP at its best. Vocalist Raine Maida uses his distinctive voice to add to the melody and when the chorus comes around, it is one of those blissful moments that pays off for the buildup during the verse.

Maida, who also writes the band's lyrics, has a voice that is almost the male equivalent of Alanis Morissette. He has a seemingly untamed yelp that hiccupps and twists wildly as he sings. He is, however, more in control of this voice than it seems, and he uses it to the song's advantage.

"Machines" has many highlights: "Life" is a slow-building, yet rewarding song that remains faithful to the band's rock roots. "In Repair," the album's first single, is one of the most progressive with its innovative mixture of electric and acoustic guitar and clever use of samples. "Made to Heal" lets loose a bouncy guitar line and sharp lyrics during the verse to prepare the listener for its crashing chorus.

Unlike previous albums, OLP has no genuinely weak tracks on "Machines." Some are better than others, but none are total duds. Songs like "All My Friends" aren't quite as strong as the grinding "Middle of Yesterday" but have their own merits.

Although the group's ambition is evident, they have the potential to go further. They have the technological savvy to incorporate electronics, and it seems a waste to churn out rock albums when they have more potential. Without bolder moves, they aren't likely to gain any more followers or create more interesting albums, merely clever variations on pop formulas.

Maida's lyrics are more potent this time around and with OLP's clever arrangements, the future could hold big things beyond "Machines."

IT'S SHOWTIME

Carmike Four - Monticello

- Exit Wounds ★ 12:45, 3:00, 7:30, 9:45
- 15 Minutes ★ 1:00, 3:30, 7:00, 9:30
- Traffic ★ 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00
- Down to Earth ★ 1:15, 3:15, 5:15, 7:15, 9:15

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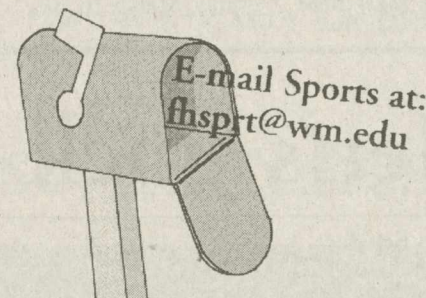
- Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon ★ 1:00, 3:30, 7:00, 9:30
- Enemy at the Gates ★ 1:15, 4:00, 7:00, 9:45
- Get Over It ★ 12:45, 2:45, 4:45, 7:15, 9:15
- The Mexican ★ 1:00, 3:45, 7:15, 9:45
- See Spot Run ★ 12:45, 3:00, 5:15, 7:30, 9:45
- Chocolat ★ 1:15, 4:15, 7:00, 9:30
- Hannibal ★ 1:15, 4:00, 7:00, 9:45



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| "The Original Kings of Comedy" | March 27, 2001: |
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| "Meet the Parents" | "The 6th Day" |
| "The Contender" | "Red Planet" |
| "Phish: Bittersweet Motel" | April 3, 2001: |
| "Rear Window (Collector's Edition)" | "Lawrence of Arabia" |
| "Almost Famous" | "Nurse Betty" |
| "Ben-Hur" | "The Natural" |
| "Wonder Boys" | "Cleopatra" |
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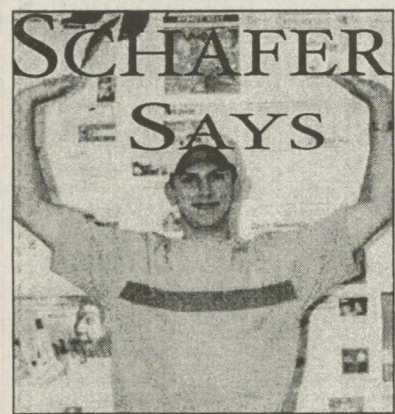


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Men's tennis faced tough competition in California over Spring Break. • PAGE 16

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The baseball squad captured eight wins over their last 13 games. • PAGE 18



NCAA picks are madness

They say March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb.

Whoever came up with that pearl of a phrase must not have been a college basketball fan.

JAMES SCHÄFER

Madness is in full swing. With Championship Week behind us and the NCAA Tournament happening now, the action is fierce and the reasons to skip classes are numerous. Games run right up to the end of March, so this month is sure to go out with a bang, not a baah from a lamb.

The grid: I have waited 11 months to see it, and I went through about a dozen different copies until I came up with one that seems to work. However, after first-round action I am already screwed, but here is what I had thought, and some of it still has hope.

Michigan State, last year's champion team, will not have a repeat performance. They are still a strong squad, but they have nothing on about a dozen teams in the field. Personally, I think they received a gift as the No. 1 seed in the South, but with North Carolina in their bracket, not to mention Oklahoma University, they will not see the Final Four, and will perhaps fall to OU, missing the Elite Eight.

The Midwest is an interesting bracket, at least the way I picked it. Illinois is a worthy No. 1 seed, but I really don't think that they'll make the Final Four. The bottom of the bracket is where the confusion begins. Arizona will meet Wake Forest in the second round, but I think that will be an amazing game. The winner will probably face Illinois to advance to the Final Four, and I think Illinois will be beaten in that match.

The West is a little easier to see down the line. All the top seeds advance through the early rounds, with a pivotal game in the Sweet Sixteen. Maryland, a three seed, will face second-seeded Iowa State. I think Maryland is one of the most underrated teams and was worthy of a two seed, so they will emerge victorious over Iowa. That victory will lead to a solid game between UMD and top-seeded Stanford. Maryland wins that game, makes it to the Final Four and meets the winner of the strongest region, the East.

Duke gets the top seed, Kentucky is second, but UCLA, Boston College, and Iowa make it a really strong field. Duke will walk through the early rounds with ease, facing its first tough opponent, in UCLA, in the Sweet Sixteen. Meanwhile, second-seeded Kentucky will have to battle Iowa and BC to get as far as Duke in the Elite Eight, but the tougher start will be a major bonus for the Blue Devils, and they will advance to the Final Four.

So, my Final Four are: Duke, UNC, Arizona and Maryland. Duke and UNC are almost sure bets, while Arizona could be changed with Michigan State, and Stanford may stay on top and oust my Maryland prediction.

However, if all goes as planned, it will be an ACC-dominated Final Four, and that should come as no surprise since it is the top conference in the nation. So as it is on my

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Lacrosse ranked 11th in nation

By Theresa Barbadoro
Flat Hat Sports Editor

In her rookie season as the Tribe head coach last year, Tara Kelly led the women's lacrosse team to a top-20 ranking for the first time in the last five years.

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Starting the season facing three top-20 opponents in the first four games, the Tribe had the opportunity to make a statement.

And they did, upending seventh-ranked University of Virginia, defeating the University of Pennsylvania and 18th-ranked Johns Hopkins University and then nearly knocking off second-ranked Georgetown University. By the end of the week, the Tribe claimed the 11th spot in the NCAA standings.

"We have a very talented team, and we have the potential to win every game," Kelly said.

Senior goalkeeper Abby Pheiffer echoed Kelly's statements.

"In terms of confidence and coming together as a unit, we are stronger now than we have ever been in the four years that I've been here. We are very confident in our abilities to go out and challenge these top teams. Every game will be a real challenge, but we have the talent and ability to win every game," Pheiffer said.

The team's first test came opening day, when they faced the seventh-ranked Cavaliers. After UVa. jumped out to a 7-4 halftime advantage, the Tribe battled back with senior attacker Lindsay Lowman lighting the spark. Lowman set up the Tribe's comeback by dishing out five out of six assists in the second half, a school record for total assists.

Sophomore Allison Evans was on the receiving end of three of those assists, lighting up the scoreboard for her three tallies in a span of one minute, 32 seconds.

Also seering for W&M were senior attacker Tara Hannaford (two goals), sophomore attacker Julie Scurachio (two goals) and freshman midfielder Nicole Lewis (one goal).

The Tribe blitzkrieg left the Cavaliers with a 13-10 loss.

"We got off to a good start. This was a very big win for us against UVa. [The] win was the result

of our players staying focused and maintaining their intensity for the full 60 minutes," Kelly said.

Following the emotional upset win, the Tribe traveled north for Spring Break to take on the University of Pennsylvania.

The team relied heavily on the goaltending performance of keeper Pheiffer. Pheiffer turned back a barrage of shots in regulation to keep W&M in the game.

In the end, the Tribe needed an extra session to pull out a 9-8 victory over the Quakers. The game-winner came with just 25 seconds remaining in overtime.

Lowman sent a perfect pass to junior attacker Collette Chaput, and Chaput blew it by the Penn goaltender.

"Penn came out with great enthusiasm and played a terrific game. They really had us playing catch-up most of the afternoon. But to our team's credit, we kept fighting and fighting until we came out with the win," Kelly said.

With two wins under their belt, the Tribe made their way to Baltimore to take on 18th-ranked Johns Hopkins. This time, they got on the board early and kept up a consistent attack, culminating in an 11-8 win. The offensive stars were freshman Lauren Work, who turned in an impressive four-

goal outing, and Hannaford, who collected three more tallies. However, according to Kelly, the Tribe's stingy defense was the key to the win.

"Our defense was really sharp today, especially in the second half. [Sophomore defender] Lauren [Nelson] really stepped up and did an outstanding job of holding out their attacks," Taylor said.

With three straight wins, the Tribe returned to Williamsburg with the confidence to take on second-ranked Georgetown University.

The 11th-ranked Tribe battled every step of the way but could not muster enough offense in the end, falling 9-7 to the Hoyas.

W&M came out strong in the early minutes, jumping out to a 3-0 lead seven minutes into the contest on goals from Evans, Lowman and Hannaford.

The Hoyas responded with four-straight tallies to take the lead, only to see the Tribe pull even on a goal by Scurachio. The seesaw battle continued as the Hoyas pulled in front again to go into the half with a 5-4 lead.

Georgetown would never look back, upping the lead to 7-4 before Hannaford and Lowman cut

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Gymnastic teams finish season with strong showings

Tribe women improve personal performances on all apparatus

By Ambi Biggs
Flat Hat News Editor

Junior Nikki Dattoli helped the women's gymnastics team earn a 192.650 at last Wednesday's home meet, shattering the Tribe's all-around record, which she had set the previous week.

Although the score was the third-highest in the Tribe record books, Eastern Michigan University won the meet with a 194.950.

"Overall, the performances looked really, really good," head coach Mary Lewis said, but she noted that the team had a hard time staying on the beam and bars. "We had a good score but that was including four falls ... It's kind of like we lost a little bit of focus on both events."

Despite those difficulties, the Tribe got the meet off to a good start on vault, where they earned a 48.300. Dattoli led the Tribe with a 9.775, followed by junior Jess Dancu with a 9.750.

The Eagles answered with a 49.050 on the event, led by sophomore Natalie Hashimoto who scored a 9.950.

Next, the Tribe moved to bars where their luck changed. After two meets in which they scored more than 48.000 on bars, the Tribe counted two falls on the apparatus and only scored a 47.600.

Dattoli turned in the Tribe's best performance, which placed her second in the meet and tied the Tribe record that she shares with senior Sarah Reynolds, a 9.825. Freshman Jamie Weinfeldt had the Tribe's second highest score of the night, a 9.750.

Eastern Michigan earned a 48.450 on the



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Despite strong vaults in the beginning, the uneven bars and balance beam proved to be difficult for the Tribe.

event. Again, Hashimoto took the top place with a 9.850.

The Tribe continued to have trouble staying on the equipment during its turn on the balance beam.

Despite having to count two falls, though, the team turned in its best performance of the season, scoring a 47.950.

Senior Brooke Sawyer earned the Tribe's highest score on the event, a 9.850, to tie the school's record.

Freshman Sue Chaves followed with a 9.750, and Dattoli earned a 9.725.

The Eagles earned a 48.500 on the beam, led by senior Dana Stencil who scored a 9.875.

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Men's squad sets event highs in meet against United States Military Academy

By Kerri Johnson
Flat Hat Staff Writer

In a truly action-packed meet held at William and Mary Hall March 4, the 18th-ranked Tribe men's gymnastics team lost to 14th-ranked United States Military Academy 204.500 to 204.350. After a two-week break, the Tribe performance was impressive, improving their team best score (200.550 at JMU Feb. 4) by more than four points.

Setting event-highs on four of the six events helped the Tribe to achieve this score.

The team improved its season best by more than a full team point on both the pommel horse and high bar.

Freshman Jamie Northrup turned in a 9.100 on the pommel, giving a standout performance and improving his season best by more than a full point (7.800).

The high bar crew of sophomore Mike Spies, 8.500; junior Phil Murray, 8.700; junior Mike Turns, 8.850; and sophomore Pat Fitzgerald, 8.550, all achieved season-best scores for the

team and almost pulled off the win.

Junior team captain Craig Wetmore led the squad in team points at the meet and earned a personal best of 49.200.

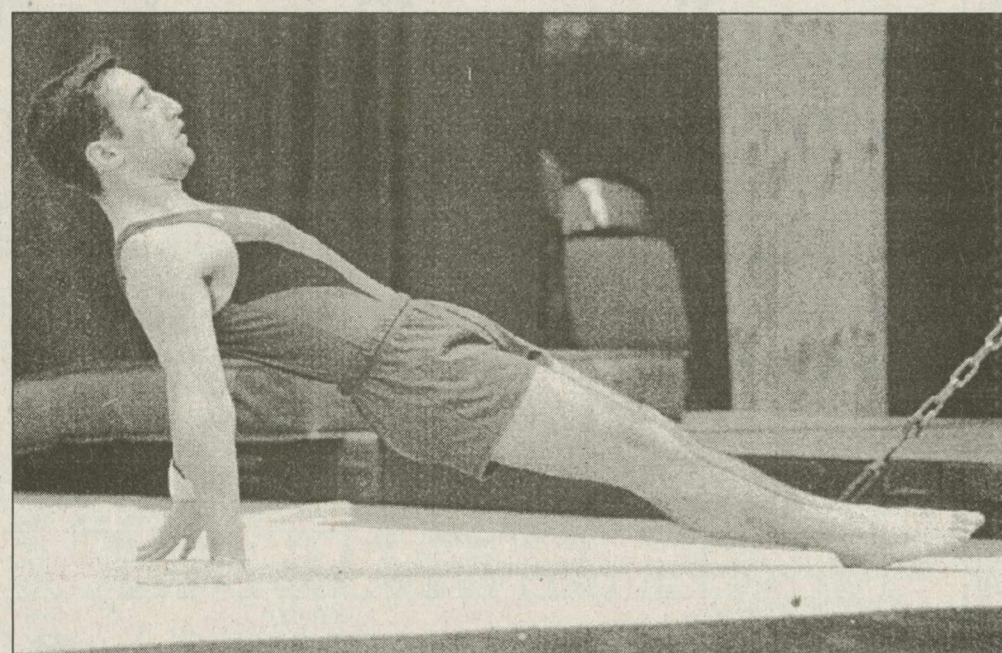
With marks of 8.700 and 8.750, respectively, junior Mike Turns won both the parallel bars and the horizontal bars.

Since both teams captured three events, the meet came down to the vault and parallel bars, in which the Army pushed ahead by a full point. The Cadets' vault crew turned in three-straight 9.000 scores in an impressive effort to improve the score to 36.550.

Individually, Fitzgerald had his season best on the vault with a 9.100, his third 9.000-plus routine of the year. His six-event score of 50.350 set a new personal best in the all-around.

Fitzgerald also earned the ECAC Athlete of the Week, for the week ending February 18th. He is the first Tribe gymnast to receive the award this year.

Next, the men will compete in the ECAC championships hosted at W&M Hall. At the meet, 11 top teams will face-off in the team championships March 24. March 25 qualified individuals will compete.



MAELI POOR • The Flat Hat

After falling to 14th ranked U.S. Military Academy, the Tribe will host the 11-team ECAC Championships at W&M Hall starting March 24 with team competitions.

Women's basketball defeats VCU, falls to ODU

By Theresa Barbadoro
Flat Hat Sports Editor

After an up-and-down season, the women's basketball team put it all together in the end, turning in their strongest performances of the season in the Colonial Athletic Association Tournament.

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Heading into the tournament as the No. 5 seed, the Tribe upset fourth-seeded Virginia Commonwealth University in the first round and fell to top-seeded Old Dominion University in the semi-final.

W&M met VCU in the first round of the tournament March 8 in Norfolk. The Rams jumped out to an early 18-4 advantage in the opening minutes, but the Tribe battled back to cut the lead to three (30-27) at the half.

VCU continued to hold a slight advantage early in the second half, then slowly lost their lead, until junior Tribe

forward Quintina Walker made a lay up to tie it in the sixth minute.

The Tribe bench took over from there, with junior center Andrea Gross and sophomore forward Helen Mortlock leading the way. Gross turned in a record-setting performance, shooting 7 for 7 from the floor for a total of 14 points. Her perfect shooting percentage is the highest ever recorded in the CAA tournament. Mortlock came through in the waning moments, hitting a jumper and two free throws to put W&M out in front. Solid free-throw shooting and stingy defense down the stretch combined to give the Tribe the 67-60 win.

"I am extremely pleased with our total team effort and how our bench stepped up. I couldn't be happier," head coach Debbie Taylor said about the win.

Collectively, all but two Tribe players put points on the board. Sophomore guard Jen Sobota was the front-runner, pouring in 16 points. Mortlock finished the game with 11 points and a career-high 11 rebounds, and freshman guard



CATHERINE CASALINO • The Flat Hat

Sophomore guard Jen Sobota turned in another solid year for the Tribe, being named to the second-team All-CAA squad along with senior Quintina Walker.

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Men's track team competes in NCAA

By James Schafer
Flat Hat Sports Editor

Good things come to those who wait, and for the men's track team, that couldn't have been truer. The squad closed out the indoor season with personal best performances across the board and honors accompanying most of those performances.

Men's Track

Last weekend, senior Matt Lane put in what was arguably the top performance of the season at the NCAA Championships held in Fayetteville, Ark. Lane placed second in the nation in the 5,000-meter event with a time of 13 minutes, 43.36 seconds. Lane finished just one second behind winner David Kimani from Alabama University.

"He [Lane] really executed the race plan that we set up very well and it almost worked [he almost won]," head coach Andrew Gerard said. "Obviously, he'd like to get to take the step up to the top of the podium."

Lane's performance set a new school record and garnered him his 10th All-American honor.

According to Gerard, Lane led most of the race with Kimani close behind. After about two miles, Kimani took over the lead, but Lane stayed relatively close and came up just short of overtaking

Kimani at the finish. The event, according to Gerard, became a two-person race almost from the start as Lane pushed the pace, and everyone except Kimani fell behind.

Also competing at the NCAA Championships was the Tribe's distance medley relay squad. The team was comprised of senior Mike Hogle, juniors Sean Graham and Chris Wilber and sophomore Sean Conway. The squad took 11th in 9:54.01 at the championship.

"It was a solid race, and they did a very good job," Gerard said. "We just came up a little bit short there [at the NCAAAs]."

The distance medley relay team qualified for the NCAA Championships after a record-setting performance Feb. 23 at Virginia Tech. On that occasion, Lane was running the mile leg of the race instead of Hogle with the rest of the team unchanged. The squad took second place in a time of 9:36.53, which broke a 30-year school record. The old record, when set in 1970, was a world record.

"It was a tremendous race," Gerard said. "Everybody did a good job there [at Tech]. Basically, everybody ran their fastest time of the year."

Prior to the NCAA Championship, the Tribe took part in the IC4A Championship, where the Green and Gold finished 14th out of 45 scoring teams. All

the performances were strong according to Gerard, and the efforts were awarded with seven All-East Honors for the squad.

"The IC4As have always proved to be a little bit of an enigma for us because I'll often run some of our best guys in some other events to prepare them for the championships [in the outdoor season]. It is always an interesting one," Gerard said.

The squad's 14th-place finish was the highest finish in Gerard's tenure as coach.

Senior Gene Manner took third in the 5,000m race in 14:15.07, which was an NCAA provisional qualifying time, but the time did not end up being strong enough to get him to the national finals.

In the same race, sophomore Jacob Frey finished eighth in 14:33.58. Both runners earned All-East honors.

In the mile, Hogle took fourth in 4:08.55 and senior Ben Jenkins placed 10th in 4:10.65. The distance medley relay squad of seniors Nate Jutras and Yuri Horwitz, sophomore Josh Watson and junior John O'Connor took home fourth with a time of 9:58.67, earning the squad All-East honors.

Freshman Chris Parsons took 10th in the shot put with a throw of 52 feet, which earned him All-East honors.

The team will begin its outdoor track season at home this weekend at the Tribe Open.

Men's tennis team loses in California

Top-ranked defending champs Stanford Cardinals shut out Tribe

By Mike McPeak
Flat Hat Staff Writer

California to three sets in the top four matches.

The men's tennis team spent its Spring Break in California. The first stop for the Tribe was the Pacific Coast Doubles tournament. Then,

Men's Tennis

after a day of rest, the team headed to 26th-ranked University of California to face Stanford University, ranked second in the nation.

The Stanford Cardinals, the defending champions of the NCAA, proved to be difficult opponents for the Tribe, beating them 7-0. Stanford started off winning all three matches, taking the doubles point. They did not let up as they swept the singles matches, all in straight sets.

The Tribe was handed a 6-1 defeat Tuesday, this time at the hands of No. 26 California. The team's lone point came from their strong doubles play. Seniors Trevor Spracklin and Patrick Brown won their seventh consecutive match 8-6.

Senior Brian Lubin and freshman Geoffrey Russell also won their match by the same score. Despite losing all singles matches, the team battled to keep it close, forcing

The weekend of March 2 to 4, the Tribe took a break from collegiate play to participate in the Pacific Coast Doubles Tournament. The event featured unaffiliated players as well as collegiate-sponsored teams. Four teams of W&M athletes entered the tournament.

The Tribe's top duo of Spracklin and Brown advanced to the third round before falling to the 18th-ranked tandem of Scott/Ansari from Stanford.

Russell and Lubin, usually second doubles for the Tribe, dropped a tight match in the first round to the 17th-ranked team from USC after forcing the match into a third set tie-break.

They then advanced to the third round of the consolation bracket after picking up a victory over an independent team and receiving a second-round bye.

The team has been in Alabama since Wednesday at the Annual Blue-Gray Collegiate Classic, which continues play through Saturday. The Tribe will then return to match play, facing off against James Madison University in Harrisonburg on March 24.

March 24 at JMU	April 7 at East Carolina
March 24 at Richmond	April 10 vs VCU
March 28 at UVa.	April 20 CAA Championship
April 1 at Wake Forest	May 12 NCAA First Round
April 7 at UNC-W	May 19 NCAA Finals

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Ornit Schwartz chipped in with 12.

With a solid win under their belt, the Tribe then faced the challenge of top-ranked ODU.

The Tribe put up a good fight before falling to the Lady Monarchs 62-49.

W&M went bucket for bucket with ODU for most of the first half, keeping pace with a powerhouse offensive team.

The Tribe couldn't keep up early in the second when ODU nailed back-to-back three-pointers to jump out to a double-digit lead they would never relinquish.

Turning in solid efforts for W&M were Walker (12 points), Sobota (11 points) and Schwartz (10 points and six assists).

Overall, Taylor applauded her team's gritty performance.

"I was pleased with our hard work and overall effort against a tough team on their home court. We showed a lot of heart against a great team with a lot of depth," Taylor said.

Earlier in the week, the trio of Walker, Sobota and Schwartz received awards from the CAA for their solid performances this season.

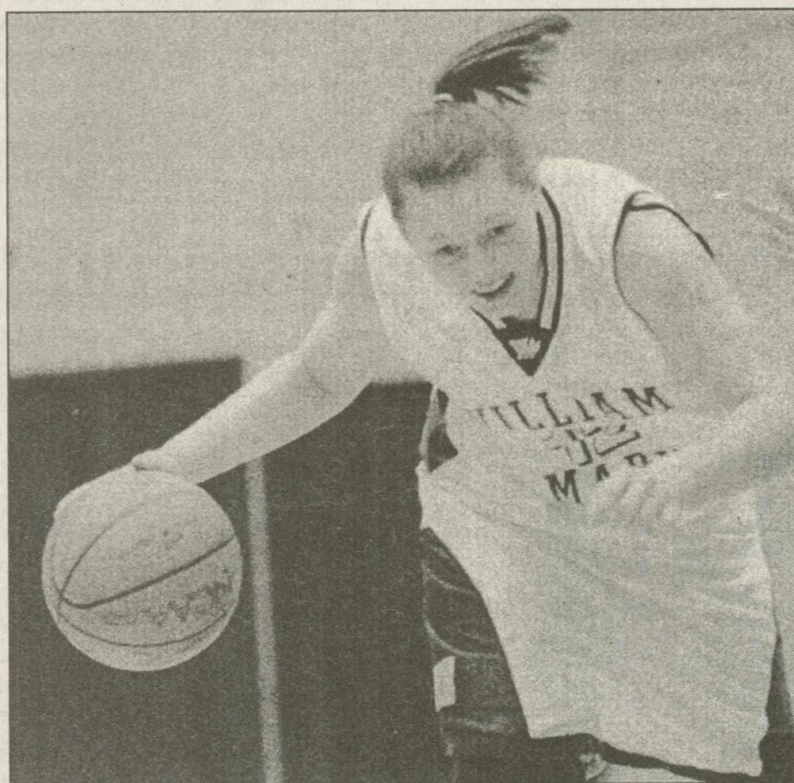
Walker and Sobota were both named to the second-team All-CAA, while Schwartz earned a spot on the All-CAA Rookie squad.

W&M finished with an overall 10-19 record, a solid improvement over last season's dismal 6-21 record.

Moreover, the squad's final weekend of play at the CAA Tournament is an indication of good things to come for next year.

The squad will only lose one player, senior Nicole Carbo.

The nucleus for a winning team remains intact with the Walker-Sobota-Schwartz trio leading the way with continued contributions from Gross and Mortlock.



CATHERINE CASALINO • The Flat Hat
Freshman guard Megan Baier was a solid contributor for the Tribe this season before having injury problems. Baier will be a key component next year.

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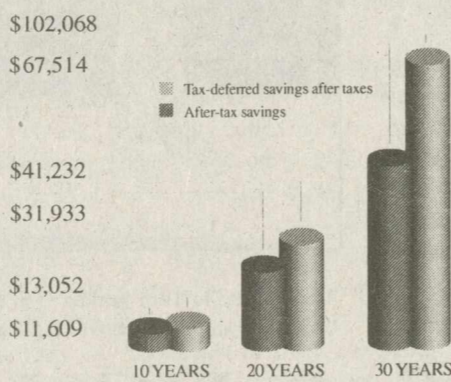
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Indoor season ends

By Megan Syrett
Flat Hat Staff Writer

The main goal for most women's track and field athletes is simply to qualify for the ECAC Championships. During the 2000-'01 indoor season, nine Tribe women qualified for the meet.

Women's Track

The team competed in two meets prior to the ECAC Championships, the Rams-Spiders Invitational held in Richmond, Va. and the Prince George Invitational in Landover, Md.

At the Richmond competition, sophomore Lora Meekins stole the spotlight with a third-place finish in the pentathlon at 3,420 points. Meekins jumped 18'1.25" in the long jump and hurled the shot put 31'4.25". She also ran times of 9.49 and 2:39.97 in the 60-meter hurdles and 800-meter race respectively. However, her top performance was in the high jump where she reached the ECAC qualifying mark of 5'6".

When choosing athletes to compete in the pentathlon, head coach Pat Van Rossum looks for women who are already strong athletes.

"A pentathlon athlete needs to be able to hurdle and high jump; the rest can be taught easily. It [the pentathlon] needs someone with

experience who can pick things up quickly," Van Rossum said.

The Prince George Invitational was a larger meet than the Rams-Spiders Invitational and more athletes were in attendance.

The top performance by the Tribe at the meet came from the 4x800m relay team, which posted a time of 9:13.50 overall and qualified for the ECAC Championships. The squad was comprised of senior Adrienne Parker, senior Emily Furia, sophomore Kristen Ryan and freshman Stephanie Blake. Parker's split of 2:13.80 was especially impressive in this event.

Other strong performances came from field event athletes in the high jump and shot put. Senior Angela Taliaferro leapt 5 feet, 3.7 inches in the high jump to secure a second-place finish.

"She has a good chance of qualifying for the ECAC meet during the outdoor season. She is certainly jumping high enough, so we just need to work out some technical things," Van Rossum said.

In the shot put, senior Haven Davis posted a throw of 43'9.75", her best time of the year. Davis missed the ECAC qualifying mark by only five inches in this meet.

The women's indoor track and field 2000-'01 season ended after a strong showing at the ECAC Championships March 3 to 4, where two athletes earned All-East

honors.

Among the nearly 75 schools represented at the meet, W&M placed 27th overall with two athletes earning All-East honors in their respective events. The top performers at the competition were Meekins in the pentathlon and Furia in the 1,600-meter race.

Meekins competed in the pentathlon and placed eighth at the meet, scoring 3,425 points. She ran 9.41 in the 60m hurdles, her fastest time this season. In the high jump and long jump, she leapt 5'2.25" and 18'1.00", respectively. Meekins secured a good finish with a shot put toss of 30'7.50" and an 800m race in 2:29.61.

"She still has plenty of room to grow in the event, too," Van Rossum said.

In the mile, Furia ran 4:46.78 in the preliminaries of the meet but fell half a second short of qualifying for the NCAA Championship meet. After this season's second-place finish, this becomes the fifth year in a row that Furia has been ranked in the top three in this event.

"It is quite an accomplishment. She is definitely ready for outdoor. I have a good feeling that we can do it [qualify for the NCAA Championships] this season," Van Rossum said.

The next action for the women's team will be March 17 at home for the Tribe Open.

Tennis drops close matches

By Matt Salerno
Flat Hat Staff Writer

Playing three of the top 12 teams in the country would be pretty demanding during the course of a year. Playing these three teams all

during Spring Break on their home courts seems even more challenging. But that's just what the women's tennis team did last week.

Starting on March 3 with their match against the University of Texas and continuing to play at Pepperdine University and the University of Southern California, the Tribe came up on the short end of the stick in all three contests by the narrowest of margins.

"All of our matches were really tight," head coach Brian Kalbas said. "I was so proud of the way our girls played and the effort they put into all of their matches. They were doing everything they could to compete with their opponents. I'm really glad we played the caliber of teams that we did; it's only going to make us a better squad for the remainder of the year."

The 12th-ranked USC women's tennis team won two out of three doubles matches and four out of six singles matches to defeat 18th-ranked W&M, 5-2. With the victory, the Trojan women improved to 10-3, and the Tribe dropped to 5-5.

The match was an intense battle from the start with USC's tandem of Jewel Peterson and Tiffany Brymer having to win a close tiebreaker to earn the doubles point for the Women of Troy. Singles victories by Brymer and Melissa Esmero then gave the Trojans a 3-1 lead. However, senior Lindsay Sullivan defeated USC's Bernadette Bayani to narrow the deficit to 3-2 with two singles matches still in progress.

After falling to junior Delphine Troch, 5-7, in the first set, Peterson



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Facing tough competition this week, the lady netters dropped to 5-5 on the season. Despite the losses, the Tribe is still ranked 18th.

fought back and defeated Troch, 6-4, 6-4, to secure the victory for the Trojans. Maureen Diaz added a final point for the women of Troy by holding on to win a grueling three-hour duel against Tribe sophomore Nina Kamp, 6-3, 6-7 (6-8), 6-3.

Against Pepperdine, it appears the Tribe was destroyed based on the 7-0 score.

However, that was not the case at all. Four of the Tribe's six singles matches went three sets and the team of Sullivan and sophomore Kari Olsen defeated Pepperdine's team of Maren Mueller/Cintia Tortorella, 8-5.

However, W&M lost the other two doubles matches, including one against the nation's fourth-ranked team, to give the point to the Waves.

The top of the lineup suffered the toughest defeat. Troch lost to 20th-ranked Ipek Senoglu, 6-2, 4-6, 6-4, at the No. 1 spot. Junior Jessyca Arthur also lost in three sets, falling to No. 62 Paola Palencia, 6-3, 4-6, 7-6, at num-

ber two. The sixth-ranked Texas Longhorns also continued their undefeated season with a 4-2 victory over the Tribe, which improved their record to 7-0. Sullivan and Kamp posted the two victories for the Tribe with Sullivan taking care of Rebekah Forney 7-6, 6-3 and Kamp holding on for a three-set victory 6-3, 3-6, 6-2.

Troch, Arthur, Olsen and sophomore Kelli Partlow each lost their matchups in two sets, however.

"I really thought our entire team played well," Kamp said. "Considering we only had six girls on the roster for the trip and the caliber from our opponents, I thought we performed great."

"Everyone is playing in higher positions right now," Kalbas said. "They need to continue to believe in themselves and believe they can get the job done."

The ladies host the University of Mississippi today at 2:30.

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With a 48.800, the Tribe also broke its best score of the season on floor. Dancu earned the Tribe's top score, a 9.825, which placed her third in the meet. Chaves earned a 9.775, and Dattoli and Weinfeldt both scored 9.750. Eastern Michigan earned a 48.950 on floor with the help of junior Sara Wasilenko's 9.875.

Dattoli took the top place in the individual all-around competition, earning a 39.075.

Hashimoto came in second with a 38.675.

"This is the first time in school history for women's gymnastics that any individual has broken the 39 mark," Lewis said. "That was a huge step."

Dattoli broke the previous Tribe all-around record the week before at the Wolfpack Invitational where she earned a 38.825 and fourth place at the meet.

In March of 1999, alumna Becky Johnson set the previous record, a 38.725.

Dattoli turned in the Tribe's best performances on bars, vault and floor.

Weinfeldt had the Tribe's top score of the meet on beam, earning a 9.675.

The East Coast Athletic

Conference honored both Dattoli and Weinfeldt for their strong performances.

Dattoli was named the ECAC Women's Gymnastics Athlete of the Week for the second time, and Weinfeldt earned the title of Rookie of the Week for the third time.

Dattoli's and Weinfeldt's efforts helped the Tribe record its highest score of the season and the second highest score in the Tribe record

"The main goal is to go out there and hit every routine that we do."

—Mary Lewis,
Women's gymnastics head coach

books, a 192.850.

The team posted its record score, a 193.550, in March 2000.

The Tribe placed fourth out of sixth at the invitational. Ohio State won with a 195.625, followed by Central Michigan and host team NC State.

The Tribe beat ECAC foes James Madison and Yale Universities.

"This was the first time in probably about two years that we haven't had to count a fall at a meet," Lewis said.

The team also performed well at their meet against the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Feb. 24, earning a 191.575, the sixth-best

score in school history.

Despite the Tribe's strong showing, though, the Tar Heels matched its school record, a 195.075.

During the meet, the Tribe earned the third-best highest mark in its history on the uneven bars, a 48.325.

The team matched that score on vault, earning the Tribe's second best score ever on the event.

Senior Brooke Sawyer was named the ECAC Women's Gymnastics Athlete of the Week for her performance at the meet. Brooke led the Tribe on vault with a career-high 9.725 to take third in the competition. She earned a 9.700 on beam, following Dancu's 9.725.

Despite the team's slew of record-breaking performances recently, Lewis said that the gymnasts don't concern themselves too much with statistics.

"We try not to focus too much on scores or breaking records because it takes your focus away from what you should be doing," Lewis said. "You focus on your routines ... and scores will take care of themselves."

The Tribe will travel to Harrisonburg to compete in this Friday's Virginia Intercollegiate Championship with JMU and Radford University.

Lewis expects the Tribe to perform well.

"I'm expecting a lot of the same as at our last home meet as far as presentation," she said. "The main goal is to go out there and hit every routine that we do."

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Swinging into spring with eight wins

By Sara Brady
Flat Hat Reviews Editor

While most students were relaxing in the sun over Spring Break, the Tribe baseball squad was hard at work, notching eight victories in 13 games over a period of two weeks.

Baseball

The Tribe overcame the University of Virginia's home-field advantage 10-5 after starting with a bad weather-plagued

split series against Boston College (0-2, 5-2).

Going into Spring Break, they swept a home series against New York Tech 13-8, 7-6, 10-6, dropped two crushing road matches to the Citadel (3-15, 2-12) and hammered Davidson College 11-7.

Last weekend the team lost a 10-inning game to Pace College 6-7 but rebounded with two wins against Pace, 9-2 and 12-11.

The Tribe finished on a low note, losing to Towson State 5-8 last Tuesday.

Sophomore right-hander Whitt

Farr improved his season record to 5-3 on the season, while junior reliever Ben Shepard picked up key wins against Boston College, New York Tech and Pace.

Tribe slugger Brendan Harris, a junior, bolstered the team's offensive efforts, racking up an impressive array of hits to fatten up his already team-high slugging percentage (.723) and batting average (.434).

"We played nine games in 10 days, so we went up and down a little bit," Harris said in regards to the marathon Spring Break series. "A lot of the younger guys are getting used to playing so many games and coming out and trying to play hard every day."

"We've been doing pretty well, but we haven't really put all the aspects of our game together; some days we're hitting the ball well but not pitching so well. We haven't played as well as we're capable, but we look at it on a game-by-game basis, and we really think we have a chance to win every game we play," Harris said.

"The Citadel is a top-20 team, a very tough club and very deserving of the ranking," senior first baseman Mike O'Kelly said about the Tribe's two road losses to the Citadel. "They hit the ball very well, pitched very well and played better than we did in every aspect of the game. We got outplayed as opposed to making mistakes that lost our games."

The Tribe swept New York Tech at home during break. The first game

was led by junior Matt Kirby and sophomores C.J. Stimson and Tim Jones, who led the Tribe's 17-hit barrage with three hits apiece.

The other two games of the series were rescheduled as a double-header due to inclement weather, but the extended play did not affect the Tribe, and it emerged victorious.

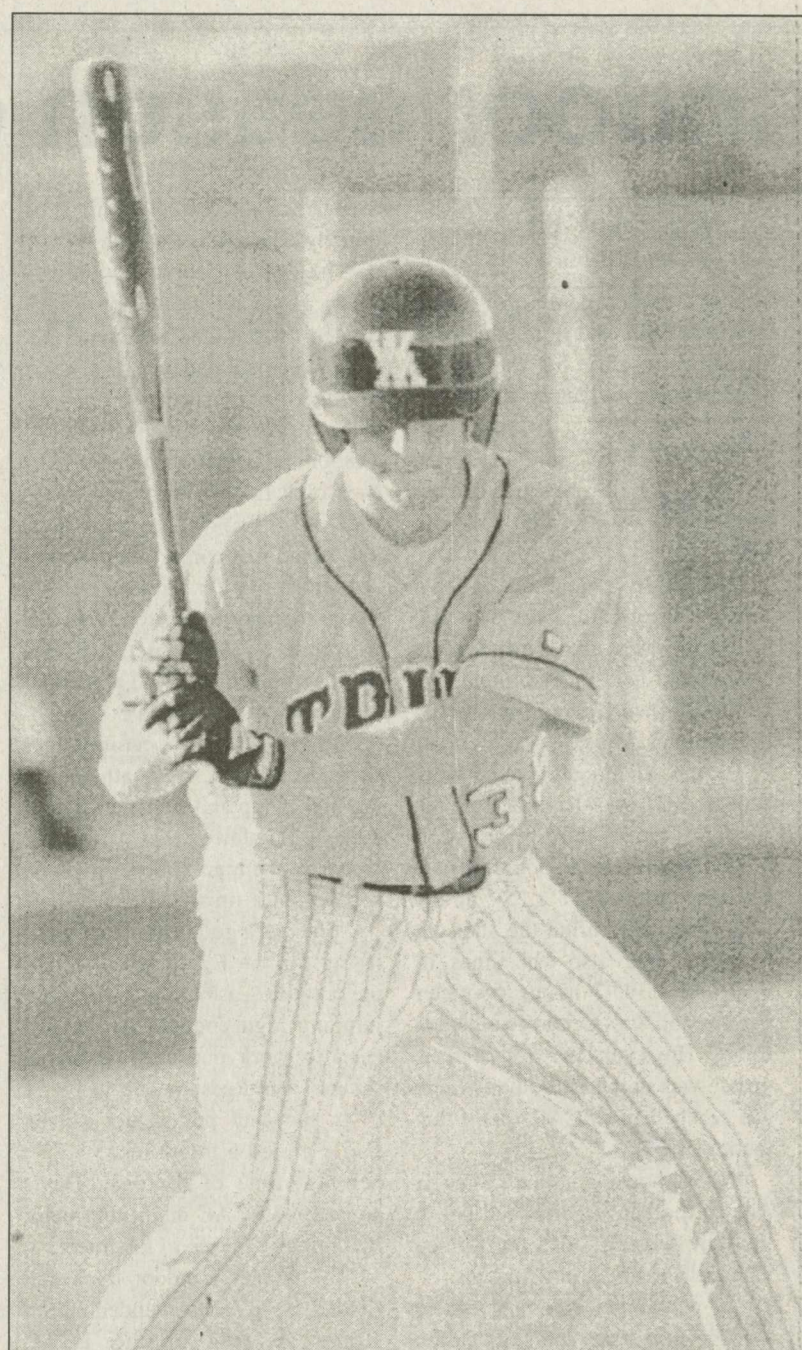
"The games we win are the ones where we set the tempo early and score runs before the other team can. That puts less pressure on our pitching staff and obviously less pressure on our offense," O'Kelly said.

Most recently the Tribe won two of a three-game series against Pace University but suffered a loss to Towson State University, which rounded out the Tribe's 13 game stretch.

"With the series against Pace, we were a little flat after playing all those games in a row. When that happens, those teams got leads on us that we couldn't make up. We had a tough time coming back," O'Kelly said.

The Tribe faces its first Colonial Athletic Association opponents this weekend with a three-game series against University of North Carolina-Wilmington, starting with a 7 p.m. game Friday night.

"[For] our first conference series, we really want to get off to a good start. We dropped a couple of close games to them [UNC-W] last year, so it's kind of an incentive. We have as much talent as they do; it's just a matter of playing well and staying focused," Harris said.



FILE PHOTO • The Flat Hat

Sophomore outfielder Michael Brown perfects his stance. The Tribe is off to a great start this season — claiming victories in eight of their last 13 contests.




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A Tribe hurler sends one toward the plate. W&M received solid pitching performances from the entire staff to chalk up eight wins over break.

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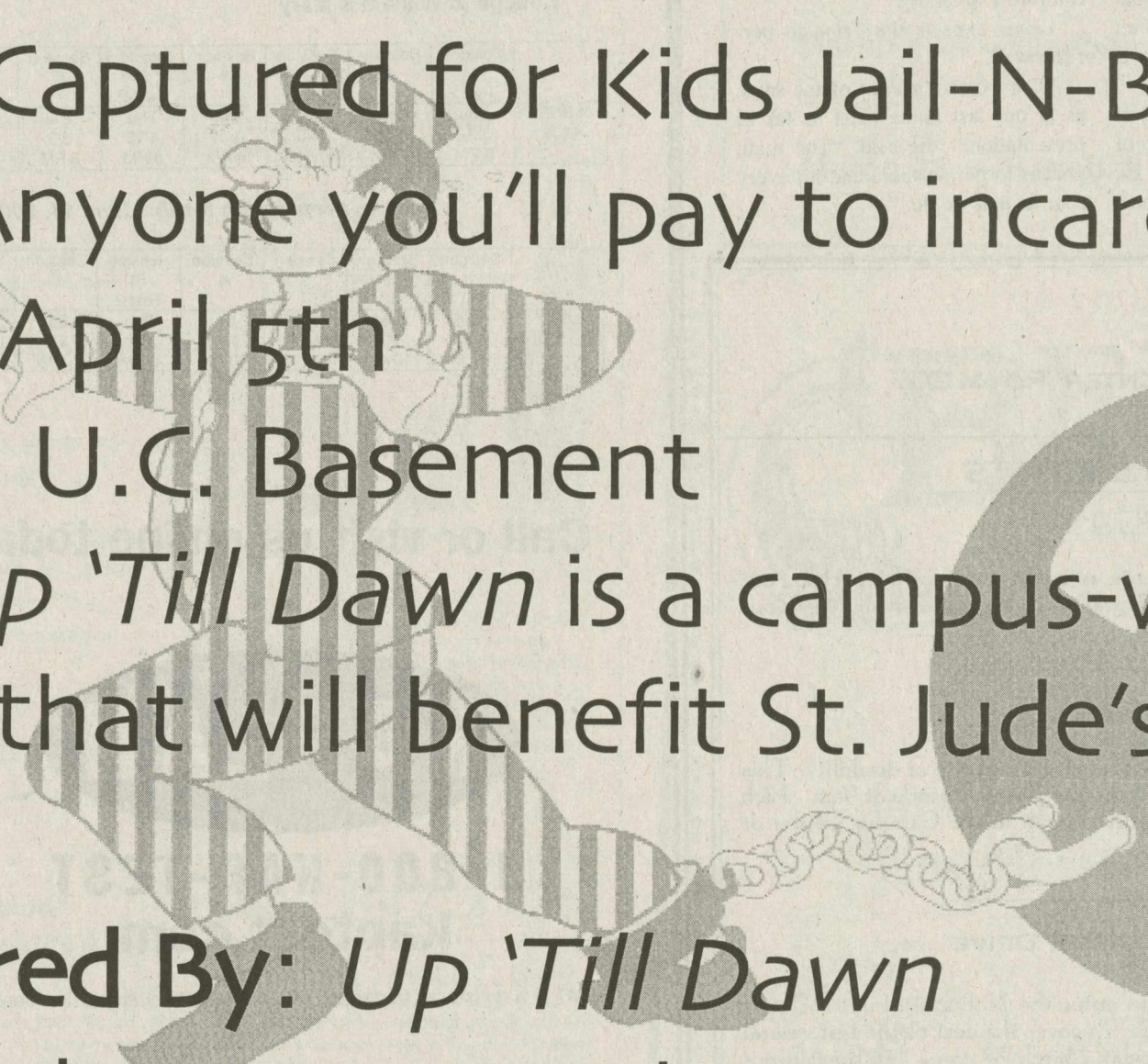
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the CLUB HOUSE

Equestrian team bucks up

The Tribe equestrian team has grown both in size and success over the past few years, culminating in a recent Show Championship at Sweet Briar College.

The team beat out Sweet Briar College, Mary Washington College, the University of Maryland, Goucher College, Christopher Newport University and the University of Richmond, among a handful of others.

They were led by an outstanding performance from junior Captain Ashley Hall, who won Reserve Champion Rider for the show after placing first and second in her classes.

This win continues a year of great achievement under coach Karen Greenwood, as the team of 22 riders consistently places with-

in the top five schools (out of approximately 13 in the region).

The team also placed a close second at the UM show in October, winning a Reserve Championship.

Four riders have competed for top rider billing at four of the seven shows: sophomore Sarah Martin won Champion Rider at the University of Richmond and Sweet Briar shows, respectively; and freshman Jill Wilson placed third after a close hack-off at the first UM show.

In addition, the Tribe team already has five riders at the Regional Competition being held at Mary Washington April 8.

Hall will represent the Intermediate Flat and Intermediate Fences.

Sophomore Allison Williges

will represent Novice Flat. Junior Laura Levit will compete in Advanced Walk/Trot/Canter and senior Katherine Sikes and junior Jenipher Dallman will round out the group, representing Walk/Trot. With only 6 upperclassmen riders on the team, this success should carry into the future.

The team competes in the International Horse Show Association and attends four or five shows each semester.

The only home show this year is March 25 at Cedar Valley Farm in Toano.

Spectators are both welcome and encouraged to attend. For information about the team or attending the show, contact riding@wm.edu.

— Contributed by
Katherine Sikes

Ultimate Frisbee free-for-all

The men's ultimate Frisbee team just returned from a very successful Spring Break in Florida. The men's A and B teams, as well as the women's team drove to the University of Florida for Frostbreaker 2001.

The Men's A Team won their pool on Saturday with a first-ever win over 1999 National Champions NC State, 13-11, plus

3 other decisive wins.

As the No. three seed on Sunday, the men beat Emory 13-6 in the quarterfinals to make it to the semifinals of one of the biggest tournaments of the year.

With a big crowd on hand, W&M fell to the top-seeded Winona State.

During the week, the UPA (Ultimate Players Association)

rankings came out with the Tribe ranked No. 36 in the country.

With very high hopes and expectations for the rest of the year, the W&M ultimate team plans on moving right up the rankings.

They will be heading to Atlanta next weekend for Terminus.

— Contributed by Brian Butler

The Club House is a feature of the Sports Section dedicated to the promotion of club sports. Any club team wishing to have details of its performances published should send a 600-word story, with the contributor's name to fhsprt@wm.edu by 5 p.m. Wednesday.

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Women's Golf



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The women's golf team is off to a strong start this season. The team placed third overall at the NIU Springlake Intercollegiate tournament last weekend, and the athletes continue to improve.

The Tribe improved by more than 20 strokes at NIU.

At their previous tournament, the Edwin Watts-Palmetto Intercollegiate, the team finished thirteenth overall with a final tally of 1,016 points.

The team came back after a one-day total of 322 with a score of 301 the following day, carding 623 total points.

The top showing was by junior Natalie Maleno, who tied for a seventh-place finish. Her two-round total of 150 at the tournament ranks as her best collegiate match. Maleno's performance was six strokes lower than her previous best.

Another strong performance came from

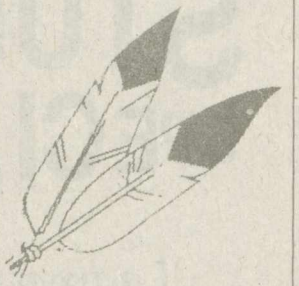
freshman Kathy Wunder who tied her best score by achieving a single-round score of 73.

This is Wunder's second 73-stroke match after her performance at the Bay Tree Classic last fall. Wunder scored a total of 153 points last weekend and was ranked 10th overall. Freshman Ann Schnell improved by almost 10 points and earned 24th place by shooting a 75 at the tournament.

Sophomore Lindsey Sims finished with 162 points after shooting 78 on the second day of the tournament. Sims secured a 39th-place finish. Junior Holly Corbin tied for 48th place with a two-day total of 165 points.

The next tournament for the Tribe women will be March 25 to 27, when they will compete in the Lady Seahawk Invitational, held in Wallace, NJ.

—By Megan Syrett



RANKED

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the lead back to one. The Hoyas did not let up, netting two more insurance goals to come away with the 9-7 win. Despite the loss, W&M keeper Pfeiffer turned back a career-high 14 saves.

"Each game has been a learning experience for us, and we are taking the positives out of each one," Kelly said.

The loss brings the Tribe's record to 3-1, and the squad remains the 11th-ranked team in the NCAA. They will return to action Sunday, hosting 15th-ranked Penn State University on Barksdale Field at 1 p.m.



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The lacrosse team is on fire with a 3-1 start to the season, including a major upset over seventh-seeded UVa. W&M is currently ranked 11th in the NCAA.

Student Assembly Cabinet Applications Available

S.A. is seeking a diverse group of students for next year's cabinet. All students are eligible to apply. Applications available starting Sunday March 18 in the S.A. Office, Campus Center 162. Applications are due back by March 27 at 5 p.m.

For more info contact
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NCAA

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Sheet, Duke and UNC will meet for the fourth time this year, in the championship game, and like two times before, the Blue Devils will walk over the Tar Heels. Duke will have the championship all to themselves.

Since many of you are already convinced that I am an idiot and have no idea how to fill out a bracket, here are some of my fun early picks. Keep in mind that some of these games have already been played, and so my ignorance may already be readily apparent.

In the South, the University of Virginia will beat Gonzaga, but barely. Since they are severely overrated, so UVa. will fall to Oklahoma in the second round. Temple has looked strong lately, so my major upset was Temple over Texas.

In the Midwest, Xavier could be a sleeper, but everything else should go by the numbers.

In the West, St. Joseph's will probably beat Georgia Tech, and Georgetown could easily defeat Arkansas.

Finally, in the East, Creighton might take out Iowa, and Oklahoma State will be the big upset in the bracket, knocking off USC.

Well, there it is, my bracket in brief. Do I think I will win? Nah, but since I didn't have any money to enter into a pool, it doesn't really matter.

Come to think of it, my picks are really bad.

I have the Terps in the Final Four, but every year they choke when they are anywhere near the big dance.

James Schafer is the Sports Editor. His views do not necessarily represent those of the Flat Hat.

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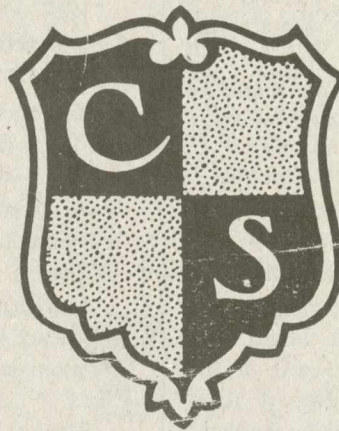
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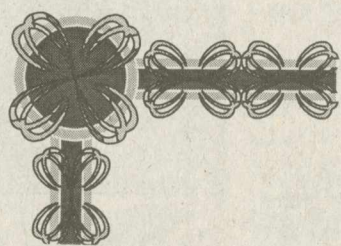
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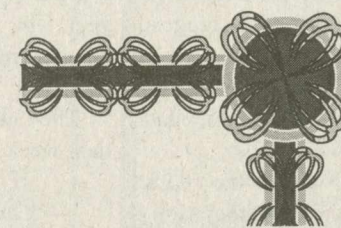
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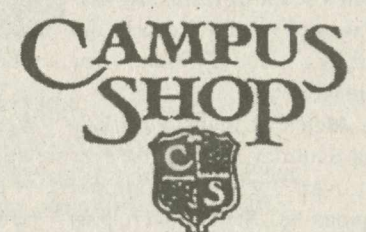
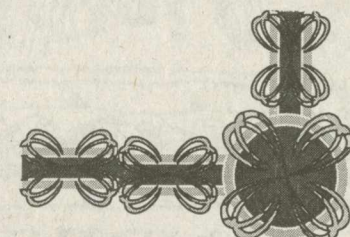
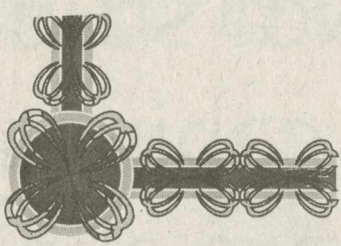
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