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Tribe football advances in I-AA NCAA playoffs



Defensive back junior Stephen Cason kisses the trophy the Tribe won after defeating the University of Richmond 38-14 to win the Atlantic 10 Championship. They are scheduled to play Delaware tomorrow at Zable Stadium.

By Jeffrey Lunardi FLAT HAT STAFF WRITER

To say that the 2004 W&M football program has had a successful campaign during Head Coach Jimmye Laycock's 25th season would be akin to saying that Michael Jordan could hold his own on a basketball court.

The Tribe has won a share of the Atlantic 10 Conference title, held a 10-point lead late in the third disputably the top conference in I-AA football and earned a trip to the NCAA playoffs for the first time since this year's graduating seniors were redshirt freshman. The squad has also won 10 games in one season for the first time since 1996, the last time it advanced to the quarterfinals of account statistics, records or individual achievements. And they're not finished yet.

This Saturday marks the first time that the College has ever

hosted a second-round NCAA tournament game. Tomorrow's match-up against the University of Delaware, the only I-AA team to outlast the Tribe this season, is one of the biggest football games ever played in Williamsburg.

The ride started Sept. 4 at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. A 48-39 loss didn't look all that impressive, but the College quarter at the same stadium where the University of Miami fell to the Tar Heels just a couple of months later. This game also served as notice that senior quarterback Lang Campbell was a player to watch, as he threw for 322 yards and a pair of touchdowns.

Next came a surprising trip to the NCAA Championship tour- the University of New Hampshire, nament None of this takes into ranked No. 10 in the nation. The College notched their first of five victories against nationally-ranked teams with a 9-7 defensive struggle.

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De-Stress week aims to let students relax

By JILL CLARE FLAT HAT INSIGHT EDITOR

With classes winding down and finals just a week away, Health Outreach Peer Educators, Student Health and the Counseling Center sponsored the second annual De-Stress Fest Tuesday to give students a chance to relax. Organiz-

more activities than last year. The event was advertised across campus in during the past week. Some students said they were attracted to the event because of the flyers advertising free

massages and snacks. "I saw [the event] advertised all over campus," freshman Mackenzie Whipps said. "It was the animals that really attracted me."

Paws to Relax, a group of therapy dogs and their owners, visited for the first two hours of the event. They sat outside the University Center and caught the attention of passing students who stopped to pet the dogs and socialize with their owners.

"The dogs always seem to have ers boasted higher attendance and a very positive effect in bringing stress levels down," Stacey Campbell, one of the volunteers who brought his dog, said. "Just relaxing and petting a dog really makes people open up. We get a lot of kids who come by and tell us stories about their dogs at

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IRENE ROJAS + THE FLAT HAT Students got to relax with some friendly pooches at the University Center Tuesday night as part of the second annual De-Stress Fest.

SAE charter revoked

By Cara Passaro FLAT HAT ASST. NEWS EDITOR

The College's chapter of Sigma Alpha Epsilon has been temporarily suspended from campus due to a hazing incident that occurred at the fraternity's house in October. Last month Vice President for Student Affairs Sam Sadler announced the findings of a joint review conducted by the College and Sigma Alpha Epsilon's national office confirming allegations of hazing at the fraternity.

In an e-mail sent to students, faculty and staff Nov. 18, Sadler issued a statement from the College and Dr. Tom Goodale, executive director of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon National Fraternity. The statement contained the results of the review, which found that actions taken by members of the fraternity had broken rules established by both the College and the fraternity's national headquarters.

"The investigation revealed that actions by fraternity members were in direct violation of College policies regarding alcoholic beverages, endangering the health and safety of others on campus, hazing and also violated the national fraternity's policies," Sadler said in the e-mail. "More importantly, these actions put the safety of students at risk and resulted in one student sustaining serious injuries that required hospital

The joint review began after the College received a call from the parents of a freshman male student who was pledging the fraternity. The student had been taken to Sentara Community Hospital for treatment of serious cuts and bruises to his head and ear on the night of Oct. 21. According to Sadler's e-mail, the student had a .37 blood-alcohol

Upon reviewing the events that led to the injuries, the College and national fraternity office learned that the incident occurred on the organization's Revelation Night, where the fraternity presents the pledges with their big brothers. Members of the fraternity reportedly supplied alcohol to the pledges and permitted them to drink to the point of severe inebriation. Additionally, the review found that members of the fraternity had turned a student room into a social lounge and storage place for alcoholic beverages. The pledges were allowed to access

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Student rejects offer of temporary expulsion

Doherty, who discharged gun at party, choses not to accept deal that would allow him to reapply next year

By Ben Locher FLAT HAT STAFF WRITER

Senior James Doherty, who fired a gun at a party at the soccer house on Ireland Street Nov. 1, faces a judicial hearing Tuesday after having rejected an informal resolution offered

If Doherty had accepted the offer, he would have been expelled from school but would be eligible to reapply without guarantee of readmission in 2005. Doherty also faces four criminal misdemeanors. Doherty has not, however, been charged with the felony counts that were errantly listed in court documents previ-

ously cited by The Flat Hat.

Affairs Samuel Sadler.

College sanctions

Sadler outlined the informal resolution proposal in an e-mail addressed to Doherty's former attorney, State Senator Thomas Norment, Jr. Under the agreement, Doherty would be found guilty of violating school policy by Vice-President for Student for bringing a firearm onto campus, but charges of harassment would be dropped.

> Currently, Doherty is banned from campus and is on interim suspension until the matter is resolved, according to another e-mail from Sadler to Doherty. Doherty has asked Sadler to withdraw him from his classes.

Sadler, the office of Dean of Students Patricia Volp and University Relations Information Manager Brian Whitson declined to elaborate.

Two different versions

The e-mail from Sadler to Norment and statements given to Volp have revealed more about what happened at the party, though many of the details are still contended. Both of the documents were provided to The Flat Hat by Doherty.

According to Sadler's email, Doherty allegedly got into a physical altercation at the soccer house party with three members of the varsity baseball team: Jonathan Rhymes, Joe Roenker and Mike DeCarlo. The three

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LONG, AND HARD, IS THE WAY THAT LEADS UP TO LIGHT



TEPHEN CARLEY + THE FLAT HAT

Juniors Christine Moe, Megan Danford along with senior Megan Doyle and sophomores Diane Grills and Kate Leary lit candles in the Sunken Gardens Wednesday night in honor of World AIDS Day. The ceremony was preceded by a service in Washington Hall sponsored by the Williamsburg AIDS Network.

myNotebook to offer laptops for all students in five years

By ANDY ZAHN FLAT HAT INSIGHT EDITOR

The College unveiled a plan last week that aims to ensure that all College students own a laptop computer, beginning with the 2005 to 2006 school year. The program, entitled "myNotebook," would work with incoming students to make sure that they all have a laptop computer that meets a set of minimum requirements. The program's proponents say it will also provide financing options, such as applying financial aid toward the computer to cover the added ex-

In 2003, more than 25 percent of four-year colleges required computer ownership for students. The College will specifically require the ownership of laptop computers in order for students to be able to take advantage of the various areas of campus with wireless internet access and to standardize computer ownership, which College officials regard as necessary tool for students today.

According to Provost Geoffrey

P. Feiss, the program will increase the caliber of education offered by the College.

"The myNotebook program brings the promise of enhanced high-quality collaboration and communication that are the hallmarks of the William and Mary educational experience," Feiss said. "There are exciting possibili-

The myNotebook program is currently in the planning stages. Implementation of the program will affect students and the College in several ways. Under the current plan, the College will take responsibility for ordering, delivery and setup of the laptop computers, and the computers will be given to students when they arrive on campus

for freshman orientation. Information Technology Director of Web, Learning and Communication Services Susan T. Evans also serves as chair of the communications committee for the program. She said that an objective of the plan is to facilitate joint projects among students and professors.

"We want to be able to allow students to continue to work on collaborative projects with other students and faculty members,"

The program will also allow the College to reevaluate the current computer labs which, according to Evans, are now primarily used for word processing, checking e-mail, web browsing and instant messaging, all features to which students would have access on portable computers. The laptops the College will provide will be equipped with these basic features, allowing students to update the computers continually for other uses as well.

Once all students possess a laptop, some of the current labs can be converted into specialty multimedia labs, which can focus on elements like video editing, Evans

She added that laptop possession is essential in today's world, where business and academics continue to be dominated by developing technology. Because the

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→ News in Brief **→**

IR club wins World Quest 2004 Competition

A team of eight students in the College's International

World Quest is a quiz competition run by the World Affairs

Council in the Greater Hampton Roads area that tests teams'

skill at answering various general knowledge and international

affairs questions. The competition was held at the Chesapeake

out as the top team in the college division. This year, the IR

club's team also managed to best all adult teams as well, beating

out a team comprised of faculty members from Old Dominion

Univerity. Team members included graduate student captain

Dheeraj Jagadev, sophomore Sulaiman Bah, senior Eugene

Oliver, junior Shamus Brennan, sophomore Arielle Kuiper,

senior Karl Mendoza, junior Darren Seraile and graduate student

Two sophomores, Josh Specht and Matt Blair, organized

an informational meeting for the formation of the College's

branch of the American Civil Liberties Union Wednesday. The

ACLU is a national organization that fights to protect the Bill

of Rights, particurally the right of freedom of speech and the

meeting. They all introduced themselves and gave a reason

they wished to see the ACLU come to campus. Most of the students cited concerns with the provisions of the USA PATRIOT

Act, a counterterrorism measure signed by the Bush adminis-

Specht said. "We're hoping that by starting this organization, we

can help people realize that we can still have an impact."

plan to take action locally and nationally.

"A lot of people were unhappy with the results of the election,"

The club will begin meeting Wednesdays next semester to

More than 30 interested students attended the informational

Two students bring ACLU chapter to campus

This is the third time in a row that the College's team came

Conference Center in Chesapeake, Va.

Steve Scheinert.

separation of church and state.

Relations Club won the World Quest 2004 Collegiate division competition Nov. 16, receiving the highest score out of all teams

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Campus organizations prepare to celebrate the diversity of the various December holidays.

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"Buffy" makes a comeback on a new DVD that features the butt-kicking vampire slayer in her final season.

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Common sense dictates that a woman makes her "reproductive choice" when she spreads her legs.

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Women's basketball opens their season with tough competition, taking on JMU at 7:00 p.m. in William and Mary Hall. See Basketball, page 13.

Beyond the Burg

◆ PROPOSED STUDENT DIRECTORY DRAWS CRITICISM

(U-WIRE) CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. - A recent proposal by the Department of Education to create a new database of enrollment records on all students attending colleges and universities across the country is raising concerns among advocacy groups over the loss of privacy rights.

In the past, the government has only requested specific student information on individuals who apply for financial aid. Otherwise, colleges and universities only submit general information about overall enrollment, graduation and financial aid.

The new requirements would demand that colleges and universities provide information on all students individually along with their social security numbers. ...

"Our concern really centers on this being a really major move away from the confidentiality of student information that has been in place for more than 30 years," Roland King, vice president for public affairs for the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities, said. "In our view there is a fairly limited return from a research standpoint versus what would be given up in student privacy." ...

Sarah Flanagan, NAICU vice president for government relations, said the proposed reasons for the new regulations would be two-fold.

First, the government would like to be able to track the success of its student loan programs. Second, the government would like to be better able to track transfer students.

Flanagan said the NAICU is generally concerned with the concept of creating a centrally-located national database for every enrolled student in the country.

"We believe that students, not the federal government, should have control over their own educational records," she said. ...

The National Center for Education Statistics at the Department of Education would be in charge of receiving, analyzing and protecting the data. Officials from the center said that it has never been forced to share student information with law enforcement or other government agencies in the past. ...

-By A.J. Frank, Cavalier Daily (U. Virginia)

- compiled by andy zahn

WEEKEND WEATHER



Saturday

tration in 2001.



Low 32°

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Sunday

compiled by jill clare and andy zahn



High 58° Low 49°



Check online for a photo gallery of recent football pictures, World AIDS Day events and the Javanese Gamelan performance.

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POLICE BEAT

student reported being hit by an automobile on Jamestown Rd. across from Barksdale Field. The student suffered minor scratches. Williamsburg police are handling

Sunday, Nov. 14 - A fire alarm pull station was activated Hall. 2 in Jefferson Hall.

student reported harassing instant

- A female student reported Munford Hall.

student reported petty larceny of a bicycle valued at \$16 at Dupont

radio was estimated at \$1,000. 6

Saturday, Nov. 20 — Suspicious persons were reported in the area of the Keck Lab. Four students received ID checks.

- A male student was arrested for allegedly being drunk in public on Harrison Avenue.

- A male student was referred to the administration for alleged to President Timothy J. Sullivan's underage possession of alcohol in Monroe Hall.

Sunday, Nov. 21 - A juvenile student was referred to the administration for allegedly being drunk in public, underage posses- The estimated value of the ring sion of alcohol and contributing to the delinquency of a minor in

Dinwiddie Hall. 10 - A male student was referred to the administration for underage possession of alcohol in Fauquier

- A female student reported harassing phone calls in Barrett

larceny of a bicycle from Lodge 16. The estimated value of the

- Two male students were referred to the administration for Monday, Nov. 15 — A female nel at the University Center was failure to respond to a fire alarm.

bike was \$175.

reported stolen. The value of the The students reportedly did not evacuate Dinwiddie Hall.

Monday, Nov. 22 — A female student reported petty larceny from Dawson Hall. The student hung her ID card on the handlebars of her bike while she went running. Estimated damages

- A suspicious e-mail was sent office in Brafferton.

- A female staff member reported grand larceny of a ring in the Campus Center. The staff member left the ring on a sink. was \$300.

Tuesday, Nov. 23 — Arson of a bulletin board was reported in Lambda Chi.

- A male student reported petty larceny of a bicycle from the Sunken Gardens. The estimated value of the bike was \$100.

Wednesday, Dec. 1 — A male student was transported to Sentara - A male student reported Community Hospital. The student tripped and fell when attempting to jump over a chain fence at James Blair Hall. The student suffered a laceration to his forehead requiring stitches

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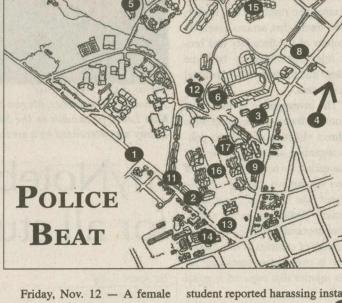
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the investigation.

messages at Stith Hall.

harassing instant messages at Friday, Nov. 19 - A male

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STREET BEAT:

What is your favorite way to de-stress for exams?



"I write letters to professors desperately begging for extensions."

+ Brittany Bird, sophomore



"I wander aimlessly around the hall and then I lock myself in my room and cry. And wish I had chocolate."

+ Allison Black, junior



For me working out is a way to zone out all the stress in my life

+ Matt Rubenstein, freshman

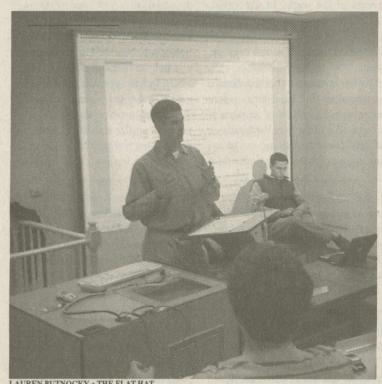


I like to go to special events on campus or go see a movie."

+ Bay Johnson, junior

- photos and interviews by jason mckim

Senate allocates \$35,000 for farewell concert for Sullivan



SA President Ned Rice outlines his goals for next semester in the State of the Assembly address. Plans include putting the housing lottery online.

By Caitlin Weber THE FLAT HAT

Student Assembly President senior Ned Rice delivered the State of the Assembly address, at the SA Senate meeting Wednesday night outlining the major goals of the SA for next semester. Despite a lengthy agenda, senators were also able to pass two pieces of legislation, one to provide money to the University Center Activities Board for a spring concert and the other to approve the replacement of four older vans belonging to Student Activities.

Vice President for Student Affairs Sam Sadler opened the meeting with a brief update on the NCAArequired recertification that the College is currently undergoing. Sadler said he is requesting input from students on the several major areas of inquiry, specifically academic integrity, gender equity, minority recruitment and the adherence to NCAA regulations.

Rice began his State of the Assembly address with a brief overview of the SA's achievements this semester as well as its goals for the future. Rice said the successes included expanded hours at the Marketplace, the admitted student pen pals program, expanded public bus schedules and an improvement in student involvement in the Williamsburg community. Rice also said there had been some minor disappointments such as a revised meal plan for freshmen.

Rice said that some goals for next semester will be improved lighting around campus, railings on several dangerous stairways, putting the housing lottery online, instituting five minute breaks during 80-minute classes and earlier notification of required textbooks.

"We can't require professors to do these things," Rice said. "But we're going to try to encourage it

Rice also thanked the senators for their work over the past semester.

"I think we're doing a great job so far this year," he added.

Following Rice's address, junior Sen. Jon Adams introduced the Farewell to President Sullivan Concert Act, which would grant \$35,000 to UCAB to pay for a spring concert dated reserves fund. The bill failed in honor of President Timothy J. Sullivan's retirement.

and Assistant Director of Student Activities Programming Joe Lowder answered several questions from senators. Erwin said that, although

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they will not be able to set a date or choose a performer for some time,

"We're trying to find the biggest name possible that students are interested in seeing," Erwin said.

UCAB is setting high goals.

Many senators spoke in favor of the bill and said they wanted to properly honor a president who has done so much for the school as well as have a major concert on campus.

Several senators, however, said they had reservations about spending so much money on a one-time event such as a concert. Senate Chair junior Matt Wigginton argued against the bill and asked the senators to be fiscally responsible.

The date of the concert could potentially coincide with the accepted students weekend in April. Some senators said this was an opportunity both to honor Sullivan and improve the social reputation of the College among potential students

"A major concert might dispel ideas of William and Mary as a dull campus," Adams said.

Although the debate continued for nearly 45 minutes, an amendment to allocate \$35,000 to fund the concert finally passed 13-4-1.

The next bill on the agenda was the Safe Ride for Student Act, which allocates \$85,000 for the purchase of four new vans for use by Student Activities to replace several older vans that have been deemed unsafe. The funds would go toward three 15-passenger vans and one cargo

Wigginton said he supported the bill and that spending money on the new vans "benefits students the most over the longest period of time."

The bill passed 18-0-2.

Wigginton also proposed the Blue Books for Academics Act. According to Wigginton, the bill would approve the purchase of \$7,000 worth of blue books, saving students both the inconvenience and cost of purchasing blue books for exams.

The bill was met with little support, and many senators said that the money could be better spent elsewhere. Although the bill would save individual students money, few said they felt that the one or two dollars per student each semester justified taking \$7,000 out of the consoli-

In a brief executive update SA UCAB Director Alicia Erwin Vice President senior Kelly Porell announced new hours for Swem Library next semester, which will open at 10 a.m. Sunday morning and may stay open until 1 a.m. weeknights.

FOOTBALL

Junior Greg Kuehn kicked the gamewinning overtime field goal against 16-ranked Northeastern University, followed by a 37-17 Liberty University thumping.

A homecoming victory over University of Rhode Island set the stage for the College's visit to the University of Delaware. A school record 244 receiving yards and four touchdowns by senior wide receiver Dominique Thompson wasn't enough in a 31-28 heartbreaker. Bouncing back, the team pummeled Towson University and downed Villanova University to set up a game that meant just about everything against fourthranked James Madison University. A back-and-forth struggle ended with a last minute drive engineered by Campbell to set up a 46-yard Kuehn field goal into a stiff breeze as time expired. As the ball sailed through the uprights, a hostile JMU crowd fell silent and W&M jumped into the driver's seat in the Atlantic 10.

A conference championship title and a number-three seed in the NCAA tournament made the victory over the University of Richmond even sweeter. The Tribe then digested a steady diet of game film

and game planning on Thanksgiving Day prior to last week's first round contest. It certainly paid off, as they survived 394 all-purpose from Hampton University's speedster Jerome Mathis en route to a 42-35 victory.

Campbell and Thompson deserve credit as well. Thompson not only set the single-game receiving yards record this season, but he also stands just 89 yards short of the College's single-season record. Sixty-two catches for 1,304 yards and 12 receiving touchdowns to go along with his game-breaking 92-yard kickoff return for a touchdown against Hampton isn't bad for someone who came into the season with 33 career catches for

538 yards. Campbell is one of three finalists for the Walter Payton Award. The award, named after the late Chicago Bears Hall of Fame running back, is given each year to the best player in all of I-AA football. Campbell broke the single season total offense record this season with 3,609 yards and has moved into fifth place on the all-time career total offense list, though he has been a starting quarterback for just two seasons.

"He's the best quarterback in the country," Delaware Head Coach K.C. Keeler said following the regular season contest.

DOHERTY

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students reportedly chased after Doherty, running onto Ireland Street and then to South Henry Street, at which point Doherty pulled a gun.

The three students said that they did not believe the gun was real. Doherty then allegedly pointed it to the air and fired a shot. He then reportedly ran to the William and Mary Marshall-Wythe School of Law and deposited the loaded and cocked gun into a trash bin in a women's bathroom. At the time, Doherty was carrying a valid concealed carry license, which permitted him to have the gun.

In his e-mail, Sadler noted that some of the facts were in "substantial dispute," especially those regarding how the fight started. Rhymes contended that the fight began when Doherty, unprovoked, poured a cup of liquid over his head.

Meanwhile, Doherty claims that he was talking to a girl when Rhymes stepped in between them. Avoiding confrontation, he then reportedly went to the bathroom and found the toilet clogged, so he urinated into a cup. When he came back outside to dump the cup, Rhymes and his two friends reportedly approached him, and he spilled some of the urine. Doherty alleges that the trio started physically beating him, breaking his nose. He then tried to flee, but the baseball players reportedly chased after him. At this point, Doherty said, he pointed the gun at them. Because they said they did not believe it was real, Doherty said he fired a warning

Although Doherty had a valid concealed carry permit that allowed m to have the gun, Sadler wrote that he feels Doherty will be found at least partially guilty, regardless of which set of facts is actually correct.

"I can envision no set of facts that would exonerate Mr. Doherty for his actions in taking the weapon into the law school and leaving it [in an unsafe condition]," Sadler said.

Normant did not return e-mail or calls made to both his law and Senate offices. Doherty is currently looking for a new attorney, according to his father, James Doherty, Sr.

"We were not totally happy that Norment was forcing [the informal resolution] down our throat," Doherty, Sr. said.

Criminal penalties

Doherty also faces several criminal charges. He is being charged with three counts of brandishing a firearm, one count for each of the three people involved in the fight, and one count of firing a weapon in public. All of the charges are Class 1 misdemeanors, the most serious grade of misdemeanor. Both statutes make exceptions for cases of self-defense.

A Class 1 Misdemeanor charge can result in a maximum sentence of one year in jail and/or a \$2,500 fine and possible loss of driver's license for up to a year, according to the Virginia Alcohol Control Board web-

"The investigation is complete and has been referred to the Commonwealth Attorney for prosecution," Investigator Ed Schneider of the Williamsburg Police Department said, adding that he was not permitted to elaborate further.

Doherty is scheduled to appear in the Williamsburg-James City General District Court for trial December 16, though such court dates are frequently continued or changed. Doherty was released from jail after posting a \$10,000 bond, though he is not permitted to leave Virginia. Doherty is also forbidden to possess firearms or to have contact with Roenker, Rhymes or DeCarlo.

Doherty is not charged with the felony of brandishing a weapon near an educational facility as previously reported. That charge only applies to acts on or near a K-12 institution and does not include colleges or universities, according to the Virginia Code.

Alcohol and the incident

Under Virginia statute, if Doherty had been consuming or was in possession of alcoholic beverages, he would not have been allowed to carry the gun, even with his concealed carry permit.

The police did not issue Doherty a Breathalyzer test, but according to witness statements, there was alcohol present at the party. Doherty is

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DE-STRESS

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Seven dogs visited, ranging in size from a bichon frise to a Labrador retriever. All of the dogs present were certified therapy dogs. They routinely visit nursing homes, adult centers and hospitals. Some of them even visit the library on a monthly basis to participate in a program that encourages children to read, Campbell said. All are from the Williamsburg area, and their owners volunteered their time to participate in the program.

The bichon frise, Buddy, had a dance to share with students. He would rear up on his hind legs and spin in a circle and then clap with

Inside the UC's Chesapeake A, the De-Stress Fest hosted many other activities. Students could fill balloons with sand to make stress balls, finger-paint, make necklaces out of beads, play Twister, make cards, crochet and play with PlayDough.

HOPE, along with the Office of Student Health and the Counseling Center, has spent the past two months planning the event, according to junior Kim Walker, one of the three students who chaired the event.

Juniors Katie Horne and Mary Clay Harris, the other two chairs, were also present at the event to make sure things went smoothly. They described the event as very successful.

"We already have more people coming than we had at last year's event," Horne said in the first half hour. "The increased amount of activities probably has a lot to do with it."

In addition to the various craft-making activities, a yoga session and a relaxation session were held in separate rooms. The yoga class was taught by a Fitwell instructor, and the relaxation session, involving soothing music and vocals, was led by counselor Becca Marcus.

The most popular activity at the De-Stress Fest, judging by the number of people participating, was the free massage. The waiting list for the five-minute massages filled up quickly.

"The whole reason I came was for a massage," senior Leslie Cochrane said. "I think this event as a whole has helped my stress level a lot, at least for tonight. It's nice to have a structured excuse to get away from studying.'

However, some students were disappointed because they had not arrived early enough to put their names on the waiting list.

"I was a little bit depressed and stressed about not being able to be on the massage list, since it was full," freshman Roxanne Stachowski said. "I was also unhappy because they ran out of sand to fill the balloons with. But the dancing dog did improve my mood."

Leaving the event, students could fill out an evaluation of what they liked and what they thought needed improvement. Each student who submitted an evaluation was entered in a drawing for a goody bag. The bags included books like "Chicken Soup for the Soul" and "Don't Sweat the Small Stuff," along with sidewalk chalk, silly putty and other such

"Our hope is that this event lets people mellow out for a while," Walker said. "They seemed to enjoy it a lot while they were here and for at least a day afterwards. Finding some time for relaxation is definitely important this time of year."

the facility on the night of revelation and on other occasions throughout the semester, Sadler reported in his

Following the investigation, College officials suspended the chapter. The suspension effectively revokes the fraternity's privileges as a student organization. The Student Handbook states: "During the period of suspension, the organization will be denied the use of all College facilities and resources, and may not in any way participate in or sponsor any extracurricular or social activity on campus."

However, in light of its long relationship with the College, which has produced more than 1,200 Sigma Alpha Epsilon brothers, the administration will allow the fraternity to begin reestablishing itself at the end of the spring 2007 semester, Sadler said in his e-mail.

SAE chapter president senior Mike Kline said the administration's decision to temporarily suspend the chapter from campus was fair and an

action that the fraternity's national office helped shape.

"Our nationals were very involved in it, and they made sure the house took responsibility for what happened and also made sure the school didn't overreact," he said. "I think it's definitely a reasonable alternative to what could have hap-

According to Sadler's e-mail, the College has also begun relocating residents of SAE house, Unit C, to alternate campus housing. Kline said that the Office of Residence Life is mandating that the brothers who live in the house uphold their housing contracts to remain on campus and that most will be moved to other units within the Fraternity Complex.

The fraternity's national office has also placed the chapter's charter in the temporary custody of an alumni commission. In accordance with Virginia law, the College also notified the Commonwealth Attorney's office of the hazing injuries. Criminal and College judicial charges are being filed against the individuals allegedly responsible for the incident.

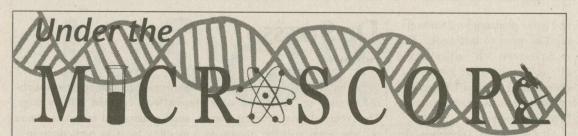
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myNotebook program would be a requirement, financial aid packages would be augmented to reflect the increased fees, which Evans said could actually help decrease the costs of purchasing a computer for families on financial aid.

The proposed timetable aims to phase the program in over four years. The percentage of participating students will increase each year until full campus implementation is achieved by the 2009 to 2010 academic year.





◆ GAME THEORY STRATEGIES OBSERVED ACROSS NUMEROUS SPECIES

By BECKY EASLEY THE FLAT HAT

Two accomplices are separately interrogated by the police. Each accomplice can either cooperate with his partner and say, "I didn't do it," or can defect by saying that his partner committed the crime. If both cooperate then each gets one year in jail. If they both defect then they both get five years, and if one defects and the other cooperates the defector gets six months in jail while the cooperator gets 10 years. This scenario is just one example of game theory, a field of mathematics that studies choices made by players either to benefit themselves or the larger group. From the standpoint of the prisoners, the best choice in the prisoner's dilemma is to defect no matter what.

A tit-for-tat strategy can also be beneficial if the accomplice knows that he will be in the same situation again. In this case one accomplice should plan to cooperate the first time and then mimic their accomplice's choice the next round. If both accomplices follow this strategy then the highest payoff

Another example of game theory is the snowdrift game. The difference here is that no matter what, one person has to cooperate in order to benefit. In this game, two cars are stuck in a snowdrift. Both drivers have shovels, so a driver can either cooperate by shoveling or defect by sitting while the other works. The best strategy in this case is for both to cooperate because they will get out of the snowdrift faster.

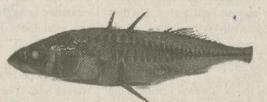
The principles of game theory are not limited to synthetic situations. In fact, game theory plays a large role in biology as well. Some organisms exhibit all three behaviors described in the examples above and have been found to use the "best strategy" in order to maximize utility for both the group and the individual.

Game strategy is interesting because it appears to run counter to the Darwinian concept of survival of the fittest. The July 24 edition of Science News reported how Darwinian theory does not explain the behavior exhibited by the species velvet monkey. Upon seeing a leopard, the monkey will begin to

leopard will attack the boisterous monkey. A possible explanation for such behavior is that survival of the monkey's kin is a better strategy for perpetuation of the monkey's genes than survival of the individual monkey.

The prisoner's dilemma is usually not a fight for a shorter sentence but rather a fight for "increased fitness and reproductive success." Evolution has helped certain organisms learn the best route in these games. Even in organisms that do not seem to have the reasoning capacity to understand game theory, the appropriate behavior is programmed into the organism. RNA viruses, for instance, participate in a version of the snowdrift game. In one experiment, two strains of phi6, a type of RNA virus, were cultured separately. One strain was grown to produce a molecule used in reproduction and was considered cooperative. The other strain did not produce this molecule and was considered uncooperative. When the strains were mixed the uncooperative strain leeched off the production of molecules by the cooperative strain but the cooperative strain was so productive that there were enough molecules for

Another example of game strategy can be seen in a type of fish called a stickleback. When a potential predator is near a group of stickleback fish, two stickleback fish go to inspect the predator, which is usually a pike. Upon swimming up to the pike, one stickleback advances while the other begins to slow. Then the first stickleback begins to slow while the other begins to advance. In this case whichever fish lags behind has decreased its chances of being eaten from 50 percent to 10 percent. In addition, the two stickleback draw the pike away from the group.



COURTESY PHOTO + HOWARD HUGHES MEDICAL INSTITUTE A specimen of the stickleback fish. This organism escapes predators by alternating position make calls to warn other monkeys of the leopard's with other fish while swimming away. The benpresence. However, this action brings more atten- efits of this strategy are described through game tion to the individual, making it more likely that the theory, a field of mathematics.

World Beat: Asia Nations battle with AIDS

By Stephen Carley FLAT HAT NEWS EDITOR

The two most populous nations in the world joined forces to eliminate ignorance about AIDS by putting on events Wednesday to commemorate "World AIDS Day," the Dec. 1 edition of the CNN.com reported. Officials from China, a country that may have as many as 10 million infected citizens by 2010, made public overtures for commitment to fight the epidemic this week, while in India, sex workers distributed ribbons among police officers in Ahmedabad to spread general awareness.

about talking about sexual matters," he said, according to CNN.com. "These are large societal issues to confront."

China and India were not the only countries involved in the events of the week. In Cambodia. CNN.com reported, the infection rate has fallen from 3.3 percent to 2.6 percent among adults over the years 1998 to 2003. However, officials are concerned that the disease is spreading into rural areas where more than 10 million of its population of 13 million live. Wednesday's efforts concentrated on encouraging accountability among unfaithful

can only be won when all discrimination and stigmatization to people with HIV/AIDS is eliminated," he

On the treatment side, Indian researchers are planning to begin human trials of a new vaccine starting in January, CNN.com reported. The United States, Europe, Africa and South America are also conducting research on different strains of HIV, while India's study is on the subtype C, the country's most common strain. The research follows an announcement by the World Bank in August that warned that HIV would become the leading cause of death

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Governments and international organizations recognized the havoc that HIV and AIDS have wreaked on the world's populations with "World AIDS Day" Wednesday. Chinese officials, who have been accused by critics of ignoring the problem, wore red ribbons and President Hu Jintao made a well-publicized visit to a Beijing hospital to meet with AIDS patients. In India sex workers distributed ribbons among police officers. Still, the United Nations and its AIDS program says there is much work left to be done and the spread of the virus in India, China and Russia id extremely close to becoming a global epidemic.

Critics have charged the Chinese government with largely ignoring the spread of the disease in recent years, a perception Chinese officials are attempting to combat through major media outlets. According to CNN.com, Chinese newspapers carried photos of President Hu Jintao shaking hands with an AIDS patient and quoted Premier Wen Jiabao calling for "unremitting efforts" against the epidemic. Hu, wearing a red silk ribbon, visited a Beijing hospital accompanied by Vice Premier Wu Yi and Beijing's Communist Party leader Liu Qi.

Khalid Malik, a coordinator for the United Nations in China, said he was pleased by the recent enthusiasm of China's leaders, but he added that the necessary next step was to make sure that reforms had an impact among China's working poor.

"It is a society where there is still a lot of stigma, a lot of uneasiness

husbands who typically spread HIV to young women.

"I would like to send a message to those unfaithful husbands not to bring AIDS home to kill your innocent wife," Dr. Tia Phalla, head of the national AIDS authority, said, according to CNN.com.

Thailand also saw demonstrations this week, including one in which Thai children paraded through marketplaces dressed as condoms to distribute contraceptives. Since the movement began in the 1990s, the Thai efforts have reportedly reduced the number of new infections by a significant amount, CNN.com re-

Vietnam also has a major HIV problem, and according to CNN. com, Health Minister Tran Thi Trung said that ignorance about the disease is still retarding prevention

"The battle against this disease

in India unless there was progress in treatment and prevention.

The United Nations and its AIDS program issued statements Tuesday warning that India, China and Russia are extremely close to allowing their own infections to turn into a global epidemic, the Dec. 1 online edition of The Washington Post reported.

"[This situation] bears alarming similarities to the situation we faced 20 years ago in Africa," Peter Piot, a Belgian physician and epidemiologist, told policymakers, according to the Post. "[It could go] from a series of concentrated outbreaks and hot spots into a generalized explosion across the entire population, spreading like a wildfire from there.'

Botswana's president, Festus Mogae, issued a statement to his people, 37 percent of whom are infected with HIV, saying that they needed to abstain from unprotected sex or die.

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Dance Dance Revolution provides hours of entertainment. See Dance, page 6

Laptop mandate lacks luster

The recently announced myNotebook initiative will require a fundamental culture change in the way we use our computers. Altering students' using habits will be the largest part of the transition to a laptop campus. Instead of having our desktops, or deskbound laptops, and using Public Access Computer labs to perform our various mundane tasks, we will be forced to have a laptop on our person at all times. IT will reduce the number of PACLabs and refocus some of the remaining labs as special purpose labs for digital video editing, complex statistical manipulation or music composition.

Our major hang-up is that many of the program's goals can be achieved without requiring laptops. A general computer requirement could facilitate financial aid, increase student productivity, allow students to use specialty software on their personal computers, increase the efficiency of the wireless network and lower IT turnaround times on malfunctioning computers. If every student came to campus with a standards-compliant computer, or had the College purchase and configure it for them, why couldn't we pursue aggressive software deals, expand the wireless network and increase repair efficiency?

Additionally, the logistics of the program are close to nightmarish. Laptops are heavy, it rains a lot in Williamsburg and many current classrooms lack acceptably large desks or enough electrical outlets. And perhaps the largest logistical issue is that of hardware failure and the subsequent IT repair turnaround time. Laptops break more often than comparable desktops. It doesn't matter how fast IT can fix a computer if it breaks at 11 p.m. and the user's project is due at 9 a.m. Our other concern was that a four-year cycle for a laptop is about their absolute useful life - a two-year refresh cycle, hinted at as a possibility in the White Paper, would be a better course of action.

It should be understood that we did find several aspects of the plan beneficial. We unanimously agreed that the infrastructure improvements are indispensable to the plan and the future of technology on campus. Expanding the wireless network is crucial; the steering committee should consider adding dorms to the list of supported areas to create an entirely wireless campus. Inexpensive site licensing is a fantastic idea and should be implemented as soon as possible. Finally, alternative purchasing options will allow students the freedom to choose a manufacturer that fulfils their needs, because it's nearly impossible to build a computer that will appeal to over 6,000 people with

As we progress through the spring semester, students and faculty should keep an eye out for changes in the plan as it gets closer to its final state. We don't "need more computers," as the white paper for the myNotebook initiative states; what we need is an expanded infrastructure to better use the ones that we have. Because the project is still in its planning stage, input and questions are crucial to getting the best result. Questions can be addressed to myNotebook Project Director Gene Roche and concerns can be voiced in The Flat Hat as a letter to the Editor or a column.

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AP classes valuable, credit worthy

Recently there has been a questioning of the rerit of high school advanced placement courses ad their respective Advanced Placement tests creaed by the College Board. Due to this criticism,



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many colleges are questioning how much weight to give these test scores when evaluating a student's application, and some are even going so far as to reconsider granting credit to incoming students for AP classes and tests.

Here at the College, the Student Assembly has recently implemented an amendment in which credits earned through AP (and International

Bacalaureate) will not count during the freshman reistration process. I believe this action, in additio to being detrimental, implies a consensus with criics of AP, which is a dangerous reaction to a corept that was originally developed to improve higly motivated students' high school academic exprience and better prepare them for college.

critics argue that the pressure to take AP classes to bef up applications causes students to take clases that they otherwise would not be interested in. b compete in today's cutthroat admissions procss, however, students must combine a slew of chalinging courses, athletic and musical talents, awars of excellence, leadership, volunteering and otherextracurricular activities—AP is only just a smalbart of this formula. In addition, most high schoo students do not have much room left for choosing their courses after completing requirementsIn many cases, the choice may be as simple as AP iology or regular biology, AP calculus or no more rath.

Purand simple, AP was designed to provide motivaid students with learning equal to that which i provided in college. AP classes may range in effecteness from school to school, but the tests serve totandardize their evaluation. The College Board aneres to rigorous grading standards in order to airly gauge a student's level of competence in 1e subject matter. The process, explained to me by former teacher and AP test grader, is not arbitrary, but rather is a strict system in which multiple well-trained graders evaluate a student's work based on a system of checks and balances.

By not allowing credits earned through AP to count in the registration process, the College is sending the message that we believe the AP experience is indeed not equal.

The most vehement argument against AP courses seems to be that a student cannot possibly gain as much depth and level of knowledge in them as they can in a real college course.

In response, I would like to say that I have not had a single course at the College that has compared to the breadth, challenge, intensity and passion that I found in my high school AP classes. My classes here meet three hours a week for one semester; in high school, my AP classes each met for five hours every week for an entire year, allowing us to cover more material in greater depth. I had extremely close relationships with each of my instructors, who were more passionate about teaching their students and less worried about publishing, school duties and being politically correct (an inescapable part of teaching at any college). These AP courses absolutely fulfilled their promise to equal the college course experience, and this was reflected in my test scores.

Without the credit that I received from the AP tests, I would never been able to register in a progress-appropriate window as a freshman and perhaps would not have been able to complete my education here in three years. Instead of being able to gain additional work experience and live, travel and study in six countries in Europe and Asia, an experience that I view as integral to my "college experience" as a whole, I would have spent an extra semester repeating classes I had already taken.

So I want to thank the College for its AP credit acceptance policies, and I urge the SA to reconsider the new registration policy, especially in the era of class cuts and burgeoning admissions numbers. To do this would be to make a statement that challenging oneself goes rewarded, progress is encouraged and that college is indeed for learning, not re-learn-

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O SADLER-BAUM, O SADLER-BAUM... YOUR EMAILS LONG DELIGHT US! THEY'RE LONG WHEN PARKING'S REARRANGED.. THEY'RE LONG WHEN SOME FRAT BOY'S BEEN HAZED .. O SADLER-BAUM, O SADLER-BAUM...YOUR EMAILS LONG DELIGHT US!



Political correctness handicaps America

My tolerance level for liberalism reached its breaking point on Thanksgiving.

I was doing well. George W. Bush was reelected by mandate a couple weeks ago, showing liberals

> that you can't lie through your teeth and expect to win a presidential election. (Scratch that - Bill Clinton won twice). It's



expected that Bush will be able to nominate up to four Supreme Court justices and maybe — just maybe — reorganize the federal appeals courts to break up the 9th Circuit's chokehold on the west. The last vestiges of liberal control of our government may soon disappear. However, some

late-breaking news quickly reminded me that these freaks aren't giving up.

The day before Thanksgiving, a Reuters story announced, "A California teacher has been barred by his school from giving students documents from American history that refer to God — including the Declaration of Independence." As if our public education system isn't bad enough, now kids can't even learn about the Declaration of Independence?

Terry Thompson, the teacher's attorney, hit it right on the nose when he said, "It's a fact of American history that our founders were religious men, and to hide this fact from young fifth-graders in the name of political correctness is outrageous and shameful."

Political correctness is the biggest handicap America must overcome. Here's a summary of political correctness I came up with off the top of my head:

1. In politically correct schools, it's OK to teach kids how to put a condom on a cucumber, but teachers can be arrested for saying the Pledge of Allegiance or, God forbid, praying in class.

2. In politically correct law enforcement, terrorists who attempt to kill American soldiers must be given five-star accommodations and the same rights as American citizens.

3. In politically correct airport security, 19 Islamic terrorists hijacked four airplanes, but airlines are fined enormous amounts of money if security pays extra attention to those who resemble or come from the same countries as the killers

4. In politically correct college admissions, lesserqualified minorities receive more admission points based on their race regardless of the fact that every respectable civil rights leader from Frederick Douglass to Martin Luther King, Jr. fought for racial equality - not to replace one form of racial discrimination with

5. In the politically correct White House, it's OK to bring a Bible into the Oval Office where you sodomize interns while married, but it's beyond the pale to pray about presidential decisions or claim that God helped you to arrive at them.

6. In politically correct courthouses, judges are thrown off the bench if they display the Ten Commandments in public despite the fact that many of our laws were derived from those timeless mandates.

7. In the politically correct Senate, it's OK for Democrats to worship a former Klansman as a great leader, but it's an abomination for a Republican majority leader to say nice words about the life of a longtime senator on his one-hundredth birthday.

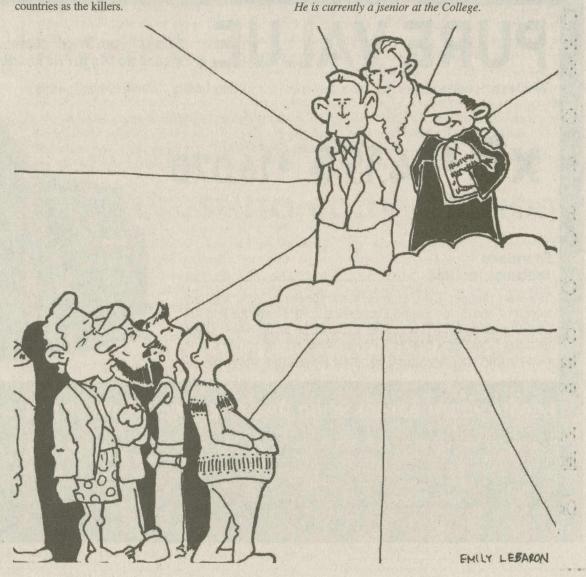
8. In politically correct medicine, infanticide, commonly referred to as "abortion," is permitted as "women's reproductive freedom of choice" though common sense dictates that a woman makes her "reproductive choice" when she spreads her legs. Apparently it's a human rights violation to execute a convicted murderer, but it's perfectly fine to execute an unborn child.

In her new book "How to Talk to a Liberal (If You Must)," Ann Coulter argues that being a liberal requires "The absolute conviction that there is one set of rules for you, and another, completely different set of rules for everyone else." That sums up political correctness quite nicely.

In the end, everything is about liberals scrambling to get some level of power in the government, which would be a dark day indeed. The good news is they don't know how to do it. As liberals get more and more shrill, conservatives gain more and more power. In general, Americans are not liberals. Take a look at the last several elections. Every time a candidate ran on a purely liberal agenda (Mondale and Kerry, we're looking your way) he lost. Why? Americans are not liberals.

For God's sake don't stop the liberals. By losing they're making America a better place.

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Dance Dance Revolution: the game of humiliation

Everyone knows that video games were invented by the Man for the enslavement of the mind. Despite that, they are a lot of fun, especially if you are good at them. If you are not good at them, that's

Alex **Danvers**

OK, too, because you usually don't look like an idiot while playing them. However, this was a positive attribute of video games, and enslavement tools with positive attributes just don't mesh. So the Man decided to rectify this situation by creating the video game

Dance Dance Revolution. I played DDR for the first time just a couple days ago, and the word foolish is only

the launching point for a series of other words that could describe how I felt and how I looked while playing it. For those whom, unlike myself, are not captivated by the flashing lights and subliminal messages inherent in video games, I will briefly out-

Firstly, you need to understand, DDR is unlike other video games. It is a dancing video game, and that doesn't mean you sit there pressing buttons to get your character to dance, it means you are physically dancing while you play it. The way you dance in this game is by stepping on various squares on a mat that is divided up like a tic-tac-toe board. The screen displays images of various directional arrows scrolling upwards, and as they reach the top of the screen you have to step on the corresponding square on the mat. To be good at this game requires foot-eye coordination, and possibly also a sense of rhythm, which immediately ruled out my ever mas-

I first stepped on the mat in a state of trepidation. I had seen others play this, others who possessed a certain level of talent, and so I had a general idea of what it took to be good at this game. I also had a very general idea of the overwhelming potential for looking ridiculous while playing it. I selected the easiest level of play to begin, then selected a song to

When the song began, an arrow pointing to the left scrolled slowly to the top of the TV screen. I thought about which side was left, then moved my foot to that side of the pad. I timed it fairly closely to when the arrow on the screen had reached the designated point at which I was supposed to step, and was rewarded by the message "good" flashing briefly on the screen. Another arrow scrolled upwards, but this time I was better prepared. I stepped forward on the pad and the game told me that this was "perfect." This was the Man's clever way of using flattery to lull me into a false sense of security before completely crushing my ego.

At this point the music began to pick up tempo and the arrows began to come faster. I was becoming a little frantic. I moved my feet from one square and before it could even sink into the rubbery pad I had already missed two more arrows. The music was starting to pound almost palpably on my brain, and my feet felt like a button that has become jammed from too much use. I tried following the

arrows, but my legs always seemed disinclined to join me. They did go faster, however, and soon I was swinging them about randomly, touching various incorrect parts of the pad, and getting booed by the TV. Little messages saying "bad" kept popping up, and the word "boo" was displayed for the hearing impaired.

Just as my socks had built up enough friction for me to strike back at the game with a deadly static shock the game ended abruptly and the message "failed" filled the screen. I stopped moving and stepped off the pad, feeling like an idiot, and tried to remember which directions my feet needed to go to walk forward. All that I could think about was the little arrows scrolling up. Left! Right! Down! Left! I knew then that it was too late for me. No matter how ridiculous I looked, I was compelled to play again. The Man had enslaved my mind once again, and so I prepared to step back on the pad for another round. Curse the Man for holding me down.

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Letters to the Editor

President must unite party and country To the Editor:

Sherman Patrick describes in the Nov. 12 edition of The Flat Hat, the division that he believes is taking place within the Republican Party. It follows then, that the columnist would condone a strategy to unite the Republicans. This could indeed be a strategy for compromise that would bring many ideas to the debate. Instead, the columnist advises Karl Rove to "come up with a strategy that will get them to keep their mouths shut and vote Republican."

If the president cannot unite his own party without silencing the opposition within the party, how does he plan to unite a country in which 49 percent of voters cast a vote for another candidate? Are we who did not vote for President George W. Bush doomed to have to "keep our mouths shut" as well, or are we not even part of equation?

- Matthew Taverna, '04

Picture endangers credibility of paper To the Editor:

When I looked at the cover of the Nov. 12 issue of The Flat Hat, I was quite saddened. I read most of the paper every week and enjoy it most of the time. However, when you decided to put a picture of the Science Fiction and Fantasy Club playing Nerf games on the cover, I became quite concerned.

When a premier university puts students playing Nerf games on the cover of their school paper it puts into question the quality of the paper as a whole. Don't you think that a story and picture about Palestinian leader Yassir Arafat's death or another international event might have been a little more significant than

kids playing Nerf games? I am simply pointing this out because I would like The Flat Hat to maintain its integrity and publish important stories on the cover.

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- Robert Lopez, '05

Clinton bad choice for 2008

Democratic nomination

Now that all the fun has ended from the presidential election of 2004, it is time for our nation to go back to business as usual.

Or so one would think



Luppino-Esposito

Instead, we have already been embroiled in talks about who will be the candidates in a wideopen presidential race in 2008. Republicans have a fairly large hole to fill after enjoying the reelection of President George W. Bush, whose vice president, Dick Cheney, is in no way the next in line to run. Speculation of a "Bush dynasty" was

quelled with Florida governor Jeb Bush saying he will not run in 2008. Moderates such as Sen. John McCain of Arizona, former federal prosecutor and mayor of New York Rudy Giuliani and New York governor George Pataki have all been rumored as successors. Unfortunately, they would all be great additions to the ticket as vice presidents, perhaps not as well suited for the top. In this respect, a party that is coming off the biggest mandate in well over a decade will be hard pressed to find the right leader

The Democrats, on the other hand, seem to have already anointed their nominee. She hails from New York, via Little Rock, via Chicago. (Carpetbagger? Anyone?) She has somehow changed her perception as an "It Takes a Village" left wing socialist to a "moderate" in her four years in the U.S. Senate. Then again, if she can transform from a Chicago Cubs fan to a "lifelong" New York Yankees fan, she could make this switch with ease. (Note that this is all before Karl Rove, the bane of existence for liberals everywhere, created the "flip-flopper.")

Senator Hillary Clinton has already started down the path to be the 44th president of the United States, only eight years since she completed her co-presidency with her husband, the heartthrob (or should I say heart-attack?), Bill.

The first time she hit the national stage was with a proposal for a national healthcare system. After everyone checked their maps to make sure they hadn't wandered into the Soviet Union, her grand

But to remind you of those actual facts would be pointless. I won't make arguments against her now based on her stance on the issues and what she stands for and actual hard facts; Democrats didn't see that fit for Bush the entire presidential race. So I will say but one thing that should sum it all up: anybody but Hillary.

As much as the Democrats despise the Bush family, Republicans have an equal reaction to the diabolical Clintons, And as ridiculous as the baseless claims were against a second Bush term, Republicans can certainly come up with creative ones for a nightmare sequence of a Hillary presidency, essentially a more liberal version of 1993-2001. You can hear us shouting now: "We'll be forced into homosexual marriage!" "Abortion will be mandatory!" "Kiss your guns and second amendment rights goodbye!" "Religion will be outlawed!" I could go on ... Oh could I go on.

Rush Limbaugh has already come out saying that Hillary will not get the nomination because she wants it too bad. As bad as she wants it, Rush is relying on the fact that conservatives will stand strong and agree on "Anybody But Hillary." Yet there is a fine line on which to tread where the party relies on anger and hatred of a particular person as a means of promoting their own candidate, who may not have two legs to stand on. Just ask Rick Lazio who ran against Hillary for Senate in 2000, or Bob Dole who ran against Bill Clinton in 1996, or, perhaps it would be best to ask John Kerry. Republicans need to be wary of turning Hillary into a demagogue, as she can just as easily turn herself into a victim.

But saying all that is too responsible. Until 2007 rolls around, I think I'll stick with "Anybody But Hillary," and hopefully the rest of the nation will agree, for now at least.

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Hanukkah finds niche

amongst Christmas festivities

Sexy gift ideas for the holiday season. See GIFTS, page 9 978

Groups spread holiday cheer

By NICOLE FUNDERBURK

Christmas socks are pulled out of storage, dorm

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Kwanzaa seeks campus unity

BY CHRISTINA TKACIK THE FLAT HAT

Last year's pre-Kwanzaa celebrations, two sophomores tell me, were emotional experiences. It wasn't just the traditional ceremonies that students participated in, each of the College's black student organizations representing one of the seven principles of arise on campus now go directly Kwanzaa, or the free Caribbean, African and soul to the president, speeding food, or even that students cared all that much about up the reaction time to the 38-year old African American harvest festival campus race-based — few celebrate it at home or even know many people who do. It was, however, the moment of bonding in a racially tense year and a celebration of "the mother of minority students," director of multicultural affairs ress,' Chon Glover.

"It was a rough year for the College's black students." Glover said.

While she was busy managing the understaffed multicultural affairs offices (short one assistant), minority students faced anti-affirmative action demonstrations in the wake of Supreme Court debates and what would become a nationwide controversy surrounding the College's summer program for incoming freshman, once targeted at minority students.

"There was just a feeling of helplessness; so many students were very hurt and we were not able to fix it. Things just kept happening," Glover said.

She describes a bake sale held last fall by a student group called the Sons of Liberty to show the workings of affirmative action; the goods were priced according to the buyers' race. Some raised eyebrows when, toward the end of the sale, the organizers, sophomores Adam McCool and Will Coggin, brought a game of "Ghettopoly" to play.

"We were just bored," McCool said. "It's kind of odd that it caused so much controversy, but like, whatever, right?"

The summer program debate was set off when a student wrote an article in July 2003 for the Heritage Foundation, a conservative D.C.-based think tank, criticizing the College's Summer Transition Program after incorrectly assuming that is was open exclusively to minority students. The College review board later decided to scrap the STP in favor of the now func-

"I think the College itself would admit that we logue. reacted too slowly. We did not come to the defense of [minority] students, we weren't quick enough to respond," Glover said, in response to the on-campus heat generated by the article.

Since then, she says, the College has made some See KWANZAA + page 8

changes to improve dialogue between the 65 percent white and 35 percent minority students, including the creation of a campus-wide diversity task force, the addition of diversity seminars to the freshman orientation and the re-institution of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People organization. Glover's position changed, too; today, issues she sees

doors are decorated with fuzzy santas and silver tinsel, a cappella conflicts. it hard to resist the holiday prog that Christmas is drawing near so a way to go." infiltrates the cam-Despite what pus every December seem to be strong viewthat it seems like students

> are not of the Christian faith can often get swept under one candle for each of the eight days and one candle the rug during this time of year, like the many Jewish in the middle, the shammus, which is lit first and then

students at the College. Though it changes every year depending on the Hebrew calendar, this year Hanukkah begins on the sundown of Dec. 7, placing the majority of the holiday

at a time when most students are still taking exams. Although it may seem unfair that Christians have the opportunity to celebrate Christmas at home with their families, freshman Lacy Drucker takes the issue

"It's actually not one of the major holidays in the groups go a-caroling and Jewish religion, even though so many people think it even professors find is because it has the reputation of being the 'Jewish Christmas," Drucker said.

> The difference in dates is not the only aspect spirit. The separating Christmas from Hanukkah. While any average American kid would be appalled at the idea of a edge December without overflowing piles of presents, the primary type of gift given during Hanukkah is gelt, which consists of pieces of chocolate wrapped in gold paper or foil, and sometimes a small present given on each of the eight days.

"Gifts are not a central component [of Hanukkah], let's just set that straight," senior Hillel-Balfour President Michelle Segal said. "And basically the giving of gifts started out as assimilation" into the Christian culture.

The Drucker family's Hanukkah celebration is emblematic of the difficulty in resisting the gift-giving emphasis of Christmas that seeps into American culture.

Segal likewise takes the Christmas saturation in the streets and stores this time of year with a grain of salt.

"It usually doesn't get too religious based actually - it seems like it's more just the American culture. I think America celebrates Christmas more secularly than they do religiously," she said.

However, Segal will admit that "sometimes -[the Christmas spririt] gets a little annoying, like when I'm trying to find a radio station," or when salespeople are always wishing people a Merry Christmas as they leave

One student admitted that he will be doing a little bit of dorm rule-breaking next week by lighting the chanukiah, the Hanukkah menorah, on each of the eight nights in his room, refusing to give up this tradition bleed green and red rather than green just because he is away from home. The chanukiah has and gold. But despite the merrymaking, people who nine candles, as opposed to the menorah's seven, with used to light the others. Along with the lighting of the chanukiah, sophomore Liza Mervis's family celebrates

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Yule Log, Illumination celebrate Christmas, history

BY KATIE BAHR THE FLAT HAT

Williamsburg is all about history, and, true to form, its holiday festivities are filled with tradition, both new and old.

Sunday, Dec. 5 will mark the 70th annual Grand Illumination in Colonial Williamsburg. Most present day audiences know this as the fireworks display on the Governor's Palace Green, but there are many more activities involved. Beginning at 4:45 p.m., various musical groups, including the Colonial Williamsburg Fife and Drums and local church choirs, gather to perform 18thcentury holiday tunes. The actual Grand Illumination commences at 6:15 p.m. when the fireworks begin the buildings in CW.

The ceremony is taken directly from historical accounts of Williamsburg celebrations. According to the CW holiday press Release, candles have been lit in the windows and cupolas of public buildings and gentlemen's households since before the American Revolution.

True to form, the fireworks themselves are highly traditional. According to the press release, the Grand Illumination consists of colonial-style fireworks, which are lower altitude and occur at ground

The Colonial Williamsburg Foundation states, "Illuminations were commonly used during the

and candles are lit in the windows of 18th century to celebrate major events such as great military victories, the birthday of the monarch, arrival of a new colonial governor and the like - by firing guns and lighting fireworks ... Colonial Williamsburg adapted the traditional practice to celebrate the advent of the season that, in the Christian tradition, celebrates the birth of the King of Kings."

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students aren't often inclined to inter-racial dia-

something that has white and black in it, you're in

One sophomore said, "Once you just mention

CW estimates that tens of thousands of people attend this event.

The College has its own holiday celebration, the Yule Log, which will take place this year in the Wren Courtyard at 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11. It too boasts a 70-year tradition.

Vice President for Student

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Senior composes holiday piece

By Tegan Neustatter THE FLAT HAT

There is the rustle of papers as over 150 singers get out their music. The small brass accompaniment has warmed up and now sits expectantly on the edge of their chairs. The conductor, clad in a collared shirt and khakis, raises his baton. Suddenly, the silence in the auditorium is broken by a tidal wave of melodious voices. Practice for this year's

Holiday Choral Concert has begun. Dec. 2 to 4, three choral groups perform an array of seasonal songs to celebrate the holidays. The William and Mary Choir, Women's Chorus and the Botetourt Chamber Singers will each perform about three pieces with carol sing-alongs interspersed throughout the program. Finally, all three choirs will come together to sing the highlight of the concert:

"Chalom," a twenty-minute long an angel comes and tells Joseph not composition written by a College student.

"'Chalom' is definitely the star of the show," senior Andrew Schumacher, Vice President of the William and Mary Choir, said.

This piece is the culmination of four years of work for senior Emerson Odango. "Chalom" means "dream" in Hebrew, and the song focuses on Joseph's dream in Matthew 1:20-21, 23.

"Joseph seems to get the short end of the stick in the choral repertoire with so many songs about Mary and Jesus and stars," Odango said. "It was time to give Joseph a

Odango claims it was the imagery of the text that inspired him. Prior to Joseph's dream, Joseph learns that Mary is inexplicably pregnant, so he leaves her right away. That night,

to be afraid and to take Mary as his wife. Odango attempts to capture Joseph's reaction, with the music reflecting Joseph's emotions. Joseph ranges from feeling confused, afraid, nostalgic, concerned, and finally content as he comes to a shining sense of realization.

Capturing this broad range of emotion requires an intricate piece. The music spans from a rumbling baritone all the way to a shrill soprano. The three choirs sing together in three distinct sections and they each have separate material. It is as if each choir has separate songs that are seamlessly combined into a large framework. A greater challenge is that the piece is sung a cappella.

"The material written for each choir is unique and catered for each

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break stimulates interesting Thanksgiving

CONFUSION CORNER



Joe Riippi

A small cafe in Paris.

Harold sits. He looks around the cafe, takes a pair of absurd British eyeglasses out of his inner coat pocket. He opens a copy of the New York Times. He sips at a small green mug of espresso.

Jack arrives, greets Harold silently with raised eyebrows and a handshake. He sits opposite Harold. Jack pulls Harold's newspaper down so that he can see Harold. Jack leans back as Harold puts the newspaper down. Jack speaks.

"Thanksgiving is a mockery of the burning sun that should be all Holiday. Returning from the tryptophan-trips in tabletop turkeys back to the school from which we have taken Holiday is a return from sleepy-shady-dee-da-days to Academia's firing squad."

Harold nods, sipping his espresso. Jack continues, using hand gestures to emphasize his

"Sleepily we stumble through density of fog in hopes of making it past the finals and papers

that line-up and stream bullets at us, demanding our highest attention: The smell of leftovers still trapped fresh in our nostrils, smells of hope still fresh in our gaze, we demand of our lazy senses performances strict and sharp, results of As and Bs in finals we are not as prepared for as we should be."

Harold leans forward to reply.

"So what you're saying, then, is that having a lot of work after break is essentially a birthday party with dumb waiters and no caretakers. Essentially, a bitch."

Jack laughs.

"Yes, essentially. So how was your break? Did you get to go home?"

Harold puts the empty coffee mug down, gestures to the waiter for more. Jack lights a cigarette and takes off his burned, beaten cap.

"Break was enjoyable. I went to London. I met a girl in a fish shop. She was wearing a red hat and a green t-shirt that said "Sunny Day

Running in Circles" across the front. We talked about our hopes and dreams. She wanted to go to medical school but is afraid she won't get in anywhere. I asked her what she would do if she didn't get anywhere. She said she didn't know. I said she should find something she wants to do. She said she wasn't sure what she wanted to do. I said she should figure that out. She said she would. I got an e-mail from her yesterday saying she had figured it out and was going to be a painter like Renate in the Anais Nin book she had been reading. I told her I was happy for her. Then I came back to Paris. I didn't get all the work done I had planned to, but no one gets the work they plan to do over Thanksgiving done." Jack nods.

"But how was friends and fams and turkey?" Harold shrugs as the waiter brings another

"It was fine. I ate a lot of turkey and then went upstairs to work. I tripped on the way up

and skinned my knee on the carpet. One of those carpet burns, you know? It was pretty bad, but it's getting better now ... So anyways, how was your break? Did you go back to America?"

"Yeah, my bud's bud Bill and I met at the Port Authority Bus Terminal and drove out of the Apple together towards his family's house. Along the way we picked up a hitcher. He was a little more than burned in the brain. We asked who he was. He said he was the Buddhist monk Hui-ssu. We asked where he was going. He said he was going in search of Amida. We asked if we could come along, and he said we could?

Harold is staring intently at the waiter who brought him his espresso. The waiter is waiting on other people across the café, his back to Harold and Jack's table. Harold doesn't turn or break his gaze at the waiter when he asks Jack

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Dec. 4 to Dec. 10 - compiled by natalie piotter

Tuesday

+ "We Don't Live Here Anymore," based on the short story of the same name and "Adultery" by Andre Dubus, shows at the Kimball Theatre at 6:45 and 8:45 p.m. Starring Mark Ruffalo, Laura Dern, Peter Krause and Naomi Watts, the film explores the implications of an adulterous affair on two couples' relationships.

Saturday

+ 'Tis the season ... celebrate the beginning of the holidays with a seasonal concert sponsored by the music department. The William & Mary Choir, Botetourt Chamber Singers and the Women's Chorus perform carols and festive selections tonight at 8 p.m. in Phi Beta Kappa Memorial Hall.

Wednesday

+ Of course you could spend your reading day studying ... but how much fun would that be? Take a study break from the stress of exam week and start on some holiday shopping for family and friends. Be sure to check the community directory for coupons and discount offers.

Sunday

+ Colonial Williamsburg's annual Grand Illumination celebration begins at 4:45 p.m. with colonial re-enactors, choir and Fife and Drum Corps performances. Fireworks, set off simultaneously at three locations in the Historic Area, begin at 6:15 p.m. Admission is free, so don't miss this local tradition.

EVEN THOUGH SHE GAVE JACK A PIECE OF HER HEART, HE KNEW THINGS WOULD NEVER WORK OUT WITH MRS. ARTICHOKE,

FOR SHE BELONGED TO ANOTHER ...

Thursday + It's "Thirsty Thursday" and everyone (not just the hard-core partiers) knows that Thursday is the new Friday. So if you don't have an exam tomorrow, or even if you do, find a party at the frats or, really, anywhere. If that fails, you could always just make a date with those O.C. hotties for their Chrismukkah party.

+ The Kimball Theatre hosts "Criminal" at 9 p.m. tonight. Starring John C. Reilly ("Chicago"), Diego Luna ("Y Tu Mama Tambien") and Maggie Gyllenhaal ("Mona Lisa Smile"), the offbeat film follows an unlikely pair of criminals who stumble upon the greatest opportunity of their careers.

Friday

Monday

+ Celebrate the end of the first week of exams by not going to the library tonight. But check out the special exam week library schedule (and rejoice over extended hours) by visiting www.swem. wm.edu/Guide/hours.htm so that you can plan your next "Earlgasm" or "Swemming" trip.

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

Horoscopes



Taurus: April 20 - May 20 Abandon superstitions or be miserable this week. You just can't avoid black cats and broken mirrors. And don't get me started on the ladders.



Gemini: May 21 - June 21 You've been missing an "old flame" recently. Don't worry, it will pass. Sooner than you know, someone new will be occupying your thoughts.



Cancer: June 22 - July 22 It's time to hit the books — for real this time! No more of the "studying" that really consists of facebook-stalking. Crack down, or else.



Leo: July 23 - Aug. 22 You've been the rock for your friends recently, and it's taken a toll on your patience. Don't forget that you can't help everyone at once.



Virgo: Aug. 23 - Sept. 22 Be sure to take a study break for some partying this weekend — you'll be surprised by the positive impact it will have on your life.



Libra: Sept. 23 - Oct. 22 Diverge a little from your straight-laced path. Experimentation can be exciting! Try sushi or live on the edge - go

commando for a day.



Scorpio: Oct. 23 - Nov. 21 The stars are aligned to provide you a week of legendary creative and scholastic success. So take time to relax and spend quality time with friends.



Sagittarius: Nov. 22 -Dec. 21 A mysterious encounter with a colonist awaits you. Wearing green in the Historic Area while holiday shopping will prove fortuitous.



Capricorn: Dec. 22 - Jan. 19 Life's been a little hectic this past week and exams aren't exactly helping things. Take a break from your worries by finding a creative outlet.



Aquarius: Jan. 20 - Feb. 18 Now may not be the time for you to begin a new relationship. Some nights alone aren't pathetic - they'll inspire some much-needed introspection.



Pisces: Feb. 19 - March 20 You've been working so hard all semester that it would be a shame to slack off now. Work through the stress and keep studying!



Aries: March 21 - April 19 An important decision faces you this week. Forget "signs" and ideas of 'fate" - you'll be better off by heeding the advice of trusted friends.

compiled by natalie piotter

With finals coming up in a few weeks I am feeling a little crunched for time. It seems like no matter how much I get done, there is always more to do. What can I do to relieve my stress?

Knowing Jack

-Stressed Susie



During the next few weeks, most stu- dents will inevitably experience some • form of stress. If this stress gets out of hand, it may disrupt concentration or suppress immune systems ... two undesirable occurrences during finals.

By Mika G. Shannon

For a quick and easy solution, try the following: Pick a stress-reducing activity that you enjoy. You can't think about physics equations when exercising, so give your mind a break and feel good about yourself when doing so.

Talk to someone you trust. Talking things through (or venting) can often help prevent or reduce stress.

Eat a stress-busting diet. A diet high in complex carbohydrates (take that, Atkins), a moderate amount of protein and only 20 percent fat will help you adapt

Find out how much sleep you need and get it. Set your alarm for eight hours. If you wake up refreshed for four days in a row, set it back 15 minutes. Keep doing this until you're getting just enough sleep to feel rested. Get that amount of sleep during finals. Don't depend on alcohol and other drugs to

relieve stress. The use of alcohol and other drugs can generate more stress than it relieves. Knowing your limits and how you react to substances will help you determine if or how much use can be relaxing.

Take a two hour mini vacation. See a movie to get your mind off things. Go for a walk through Colonial Williamsburg. Listen to music.

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HANUKKAH

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Hanukkah by singing Hanukkah songs and eating traditional Jewish foods like latkes, which are potato pancakes, sofganiot, which are like sugar powdered donuts, and bakeca, crispy potato filled triangles.

"All of the foods has something to do with oil, like the sofganiot, which is fried in oil, because of the oil that lasted eight days," Mervis

The history of Hanukkah celebrates the victory of the Maccabbees

line of Syrian-Greek monarchs who ruled the northern branch of Alexander the Great's collapsed

over the Antiochus IV, one of the

Hillel-Balfour, the Jewish organization on campus, shared the story of Hanukkah with others Wednesday night at their annual Hanukkah party. Surprisingly, many of the people in attendance were not Jewish, providing an opportunity for these students to learn a little bit about how peoples of different faiths celebrate the holiday season.

"We're going to try to show why Hanukkah is not the 'Jewish Christmas,' like so many people think," senior Katie Wolffe said. But even though there are many

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aspects that separate the festivities of Hanukkah and Christmas, they both share the common history of hope and faith, faith that the light will continue to burn through the long nights of Maccabbees' waiting, and faith in a small child that will eventually bring eternal salvation to the whole world. Though Hanukkah is not a "Jewish Christmas," it is a time that we can all share in remembering the past and spreading the hope for a brighter future.

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KWANZAA

Glover says that the very sensitivity of such issues prevent people from partaking in school sponsored talks about race.

"People are only going to talk about what they want to talk about, and most people are uncomfortable with race issues," she said.

Even the few who actually attend dialogues usually share the same viewpoint, so conflicts, while present, never get addressed.

Could students find the pre-Kwanzaa celebrations, to be held Dec. 3, any more accessible?

"Last year my roommate asked

me if white people were even allowed," sophomore said. "There are probably kids out there who want to mix [with students of other races] but who can't because of how they're labeled. We're trying to get everyone to come."

She worries that students wanting to intermingle with members of other races may be discouraged by labels. Too many students shy away from multicultural events, and even students of other races, because they're unknown and, according to Glover, it's easier just it the ideal complement to events at to stay in one's comfort zone.

"It is diversity that makes us who we are as a nation. The more tions will be held Dec. 3 in the we recognize this, the more we

"It's one time during the year

when everything stops so we can

have a little fun together."

embrace diversity as a way of life," history professor Melvin Ely said. The first of the seven principles

that various black student organizations will celebrate this Friday is Umoja, or unity. That is exactly what Glover and others like her are seeking to build at the College.

"Kwanzaa," Fry said, is "thoroughly positive and constructive. [It] celebrates African origins and values without belittling other civi-

Such characteristics could make the College this season.

The pre-Kwanzaa celebra-University Center Commonwealth recognize this, the more we will Auditorium at 7 p.m.

YULE

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Affairs Sam Sadler said, "[The Yule Log ceremony] was chosen given the colonial theme it followed as a reflection of the early roots of the College."

According to Sadler, when it first began in 1934, the festivities started at Ewell Hall, where the log carries transported the Yule Log, along with a boar's head, to the Great Hall in the Wren Building. Before the first spring of holly was

thrown onto the fire, a young child poured wine over the log. All parties involved donned colonial garb, including the President who was dressed as "The Lord of the Manor," escorted by an assistant, "The Lord of Misrule."

Nowadays the festivities are a little less formal. Students gather as a break from exams to hear holiday music, speakers from various religious organizations,

and to each throw their sprig of holly on the fire.

- SAM SADLER,

VICE PRESIDENT FOR STUDENT AFFAIRS

"The Yule Log Ceremony was intended to be a time of good spirited fun- a mid year break in the winter routine," Sadler said.

During the modern festivities, Sadler reads the College's version of "The Night Before Christmas," and

President Timothy Sullivan, dressed in a full Santa Claus suit, reads Dr. Seuss's modern classic, "The Grinch That Stole Christmas." Even these are traditions, Sullivan's performance beginning when he became

president 12 years ago. Details of the ceremony, however don't seem to be

important to the modern participants. "For me it isn't the individual parts of the Yule Log ceremony that matter, it is the effect of the whole. It's one time during the year when everything stops so we can have a little fun together," Sadler said.

Sullivan agreed. "Nothing is perfect, but the Yule Log is about as close as it gets," he said.



That Guy: Mick Anderson

By KATHRYN HIGGINS FLAT HAT STAFF WRITER

No, his name isn't really Mick. It's Michael. Can we move along now to the real issues? Music major Mick Anderson transferred to the College from Hampden-Sydney, but we won't hold that against him; after all, he chose us, didn't he? Mick is very active in Greek activities, as Pledge class president of Theta Delta Chi and a sweetheart of Alpha Chi Omega sorority. He also has performed with a ridiculous amount of music groups over the years, from Choir to the Stairwells, finally committing to One Accord. We managed to hold him down long enough to answer a few questions before he graduates later this month.

When and how did you start singing?

I starting singing freshman year in the Hampden-Sydney glee club.

Also, what do you mean when you say you learned "social etiquette" there?

A Hampden-Sydney man is classy and socially aware. A Hampden-Sydney man wears a coat and tie at football games. H-SC is the only school I know of that issues its own guide to etiquette. "From Manners Born to Manners Bred" explains everything from what one should wear when he has cocktails at the president's house to what one should include in the thank you note for the gracious invitation. There's a certain way to do things, and a true Hampden-Sydney man has it down.

What do you miss most about Hampden-Sydney?

It's hard to pick just one thing. I miss being on a campus where there is a lot of freedom and people aren't stressed out all the time. I miss Homecoming and Greek Week when every single fraternity had a band playing on the back porch of its southernmansion-frat-house. I definitely miss my boys. I think most of all though, I miss the professors. They knew my name, where I was from and what I was all about. They also had me in their homes for dinner or joined my friends and me in the dining hall. What will you miss the least about the College? "Dear Mick,

I'm sorry can't hang out with you tonight. I have a midterm in six weeks.

Love, Everybody."

How was your experience with the Stairwells?

Dude, I love those guys. We did a lot of fun concerts. My favorite one would have to be a tie between a party at Georgetown and a concert for medical volunteers in Newport News. I don't think I ever laugh as much as I do when Nathan [Pollard]

does funny impressions. What are your plans for after graduation?

I'm going to Italy. My family surprised me a couple of weeks ago. They are sending me abroad to sing in appreciation of my late Uncle Carlton who was my mentor and a well-known performer. He played Judas in the film and Broadway productions of "Jesus Christ Superstar" and he was also a recording artist. He made a big impression in Italy, and recently they have been having monthly memorial concerts in his honor. Some of his PR people are setting me up with the opportunity to perform and hopefully jumpstart my career in his footsteps. You're a "sweetheart" for Alpha Chi Omega. What on earth is a sweetheart, anyway?

That means Alpha Chi voted me to be their number one guy last year. The competition was pretty intense. I had to water plants, play the piano

THANKSGIVING

"Go on. What happened?"

across the blue and green grasses

of Western New Jersey. We would

stop and water our hands like flow-

ers, like Japanese gardens, our

fingers like flesh rocks behind a

mountain waterfall. So beautiful.

We realized that this might actually

be a monk named Hui-ssu. We sat

in Western Montana. The sun was

purple and redfire redgold. Blonde

behind us, a burning disc of fire-

streaks of light shot straight like

firing squad's bullets all around

with him on top of a red dusty rock

"We were driving hard and fast

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in the parlor and bake a lot of cookies. In the end I got spoiled a lot. I have an automatic invite to most formals and events and I also get to have my picture on their composite.

Can you tell me about the Sacred Music Society and why you decided to found it?

Well our constitution says that the purpose of our organization is to foster an appreciation for the sacred choral works of the baroque and classical tradition through performances of such works for the college community. Currently it consists of a choir of 29 voices and an orchestra of 11. The original intention of the group was to perform in my senior recital, but we decided to extend that to something we'd like to see stick around. Our music department could use more enthusiasm about this kind of music.

Tell me about your mission trip to El Salvador.

It was pretty eye opening. Four of my W&M friends and I worked with a ministry in El Salvador and helped them expand into their community. Mostly we performed songs and skits for little kids and their families. It was pretty wild. We'd jump on our bus and park it in the random mountains. Then we'd hike with our sound equipment and set up a stage wherever we felt like it. It was great to bring joy to those people. They have a lot of love. We went with the intention to serve, but we ended up feeling like we were served the most. The ministry really went out of its way to make us feel appreciated. They took us to this amazing black sand beach where we were served steak by the shore. Also in El Salvador they have these amazing things called "Pupusas" which are special tortillas stuffed with beans and cheese. They're soooo good. I want one

You say your senior recital was the biggest in College history. How so?

I just meant that it was pretty large scale. I sang ten art songs and then I conducted the Sacred Music Society in a performance of Vivaldi's "Gloria in D Major." Basically it takes a lot of space, and a lot of manpower, so it's risky to pull off. But I have awesome friends who devoted a lot of their time to make sure it was the best day of my life so far. The music department has let me know that they won't allow any more big senior projects, so I should consider myself lucky. Apparently, they don't have the facilities to accommodate big projects. I'm not sorry though. I have big dreams, so only a big project could accommodate my needs.

So you're graduating in December - why are you graduating early?-

Haha. That's a good one. I'm actually finishing up my fifth year. Transferring is a bitch.

What is your favorite Thanksgiving dish?

Yuck. I'm kind of the minority in that I hate turkey and most of the stuff that comes with it. So while my family ate dead poultry and potato salad, I devoured the best lasagna ever.

What is your fondest middle school memory? Yikes. When it was over.

Baths or showers?

I'm from Bath County, so I have to say Baths ... but Natural Baths! In an ideal world, baths and showers at the same time.

Trebek, Sajak or Barker?

Trebek. Sajak is kind of a toolbag and Barker is about fifty-eleven years old.

Ninjas, Pirates or Zombies?

us. I knew love, I knew flowers, I

knew the prayers my ancestors said

Harold nods, still staring at the

waiter who is now handing the bill

to someone a few tables away. Jack

begins to weep and writes furiously

Characters and letters unfamiliar to

"Sounds like you had a good

Harold gets up and walks over

to the waiter. Taps the waiter on the

shoulder, speaks with him. He starts

then suddenly begins to weep. The

shoulder. The entire café turns and

to ask the waiter a question, and

waiter puts his hand on Harold's

break, Jack. If you'll excuse me."

with a pen across a cloth napkin.

Harold, who wasn't looking, and

Pirates, but only if you pronounce it like

watches. Silence, but for Jack's

scribbles on a napkin, far away.

Thousands of miles away, on a

college campus in Virginia, I make

coffee behind a bar in a small cof-

fee shop. A friend enters. How was

says. A lot of work now though, she

your break, I ask. It was OK, she

says. I have a paper on Pinter and

Kerouac due this week, she says.

need coffee, I say. She nods her

head, and takes a deep breath. The

deep breaths that fuel our stressful

nights before finals. I think we are

Joe Riippi is a staff columnist.

all crazy criers for no reason but

something silent and far away.

He doesn't know either.

And I spent this morning watching

Dawson's Creek, she says. And you

Sexy ideas for holiday gifts

'Tis the season to be shopping. That's right — as soon as the leftover turkey is finished, it's time to start buying presents for the winter holidays. So, for that certain special someone in your life this festive

season, find the perfect gift. Gifts can say many things to the BEHIND people we care about; this year, try giving a gift that says "I like CLOSED having sex with you!"

The best reason to buy a sexy gift for your partner is, it's not just a gift for them; it's a gift for you too. Unless of course, you bought your boyfriend a blowup doll, and seriously, that would just be sad. Otherwise, sex is something that you do together, that you both enjoy (I certainly hope), so a gift that enhances the experience for both of you is much more meaningful than a sweat-

Prengaman

Kate

Doors

shirt or a CD. Let's start with lingerie. It's simple and non-threat-

ening (in that it doesn't require shopping in the back room) and very sexy. It also works both ways. You can buy sexy clothing for your partner, knowing that they

With lingerie in mind, the possibilities are endless. For the budget-conscious, there are plenty of sexy, although slightly tame, options at Target. Get creative, and try to avoid just shopping at Victoria's Secret, because most of their items are overpriced, and they print their never-ending catalogs on paper made from old growth forest trees. So be environmentally friendly and sexy — purchase your lingerie elsewhere. If you

are interested in more leather than lace, you'll prob-

will enjoy wearing it. You can also buy lingerie for

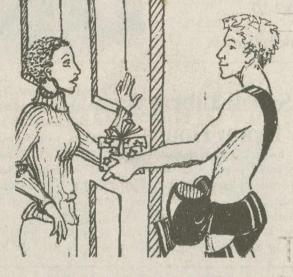
yourself, knowing that your partner will enjoy looking

at you in said outfit. For presentation, you can be the

gift that gets unwrapped. Don't forget the bows.

ably need to find a specialty store, or order online. If dressing up isn't you or your partner's thing, you can still have a sexy holiday season. Stay away from the solo toys, since the goal is a gift that will bring you both together. Instead, think handcuffs, blindfolds, edible lotions and potions and battery-operated toys intended for use by two people. I know we've been here before, readers, but I have a nagging suspicion that very few of you took my advice and bought sex toys. So now you have another chance, and you can even use the excuse that you didn't buy it for yourself, because it's a gift. And your partner doesn't have to admit to buying it either, since it was a gift. This way, you can both enjoy it, stigma free.

Don't forget to keep all of your purchases festive.



Try to find red and green fuzzy handcuffs. Get the chocolate and peppermint flavored lotion. Find the Santa's helper mini-dress with matching thong.

For those of you who have a lot of love and only a little cash, there is still hope. Skip the lingerie, and just wrap yourself up in some bows (definitely less than \$1). Give a sexy massage (lotion, \$5). Or, completely free, perform a special striptease or lap dance they're bound to enjoy. (For the record, men can do stripteases and lap dances too.) Lastly, if you're feeling brave and you own a digital camera, use the delay button to take sexy pictures of yourself (think holiday themes) and make an album. Don't try this one if you have any thought at all of doing something mean to this person in the future, which would inspire them to turn this collection into blackmail. Otherwise, it's a great way to feel sexy about yourself, and have your partner thinking about you often.

Lastly, it's important to remember that you don't just need to buy holiday gifts for your partner. You probably also need to buy gifts for people you don't have sex with, but that doesn't mean you can't buy them sexy gifts too (with the general exception of family members, your boss and anybody else you don't know very well but still need to give a gift to). So, help make this holiday season a happy one for all your friends, and buy them sex toys too. Nothing spreads holiday cheer like buy one get one free vibrators, right? It's a gift that keeps on giving.

So celebrate your sexuality, your relationship and your creativity this holiday season with a gift that you and your partner can enjoy together. Spending quality time with someone you care about is a great way to celebrate the season. Happy Holidays!

Kate Prengaman is the Flat Hat sex columnist. She can't wait to see what is waiting for her under the tree.

um pens presidential book

By RISA GARZA THE FLAT HAT

During the 2004 Presidential election, first daughters Barbara and Jenna Bush as well as first daughter-hopefuls Vanessa and Alexandra Kerry were frequently spotted promoting their fathers on the campaign trail. Their active support during the campaign follows a historical trend in the United States of daughters' involvement in their fathers' presidential careers, a trend that was duly noted by College alumna Ann Gawalt, co-author of the recently

published "First Daughters." Gawalt's book is a collection of the letters exchanged between U.S. presidents and their daughters. It is appropriately co-authored by Gawalt's own father, Gerald Gawalt. The father-daughter team began work on the book nearly four

"I've always wanted to do work with my father," Gawalt said. "Since the time I was a little girl, I was

always pitching ideas for a book." Currently working as a civil rights trial attorney for the U.S. Department of Transportation, Gawalt graduated from the College in 1992 with a major in government and a minor in history. She found inspiration for the project in a display at the Library of Congress where her father is the curator of the presidential papers. An exhibition entitled "Thomas Jefferson, Genius

"The letters give an opportunity

to see these people in a way you wouldn't ordinarily think of them," One particularly poignant letter

from Ronald Reagan to his daughter, Patti Davis, stands out for its romantic content. The letter, which is addressed to a 21-month old child, is actually a love letter to Reagan's wife, Nancy. While most of the letters fea-

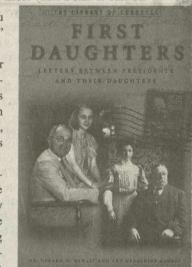
tured in "First Daughters" come from the collections at the Library of Congress, other sources include the Presidential Libraries and living relatives of the presidents themselves. Former president George H. W. Bush contributed the letters exchanged between him and his daughter, Doro, and even requested signed copies of the book.

"I don't think there are many books that actually feature primary sources," Gawalt said. "I like that it's a book that lets women speak for themselves and write their own

Overall, Gawalt felt that the experience in writing the book with her father was rewarding on both a personal and professional level. She described her working relationship with her father as a continuation of their close friendship and shared loved of politics.

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"One of the interesting things" was that my dad was used to working by himself, so I think there were some challenges to working together," Gawalt said. "But we were very good at sharing ideas, and I could tell he respected my opinions and liked my insights."

Both Ann and Gerald Gawalt will be at the Barnes and Noble Bookstore on Duke of Gloucester Street to discuss their book, "First' 17.7. Daughters," Sunday, Dec. 5. They will be reading excerpts from the' book and signing copies starting at

MOLSON MA of Liberty," featured a letter from the former president to his daughter, "I thought it was so unusual to read a letter to a young girl in the 18th century," Gawalt said. "I realized what my professors at William and Mary had always tried to get TREMBLANI me to see, which is the power of the primary source." "First Daughters" includes correspondence from 21 U.S. presidents From only Days/Night Lift Tickets and their daughters. It chronicles the Condo Lodging Serious Nightlife daily lives and relationships of first families throughout American history because fathers and daughters wrote about a variety of topics, from family and education to marriage 1.800.999.ski.9 / SKITRAVEL.COM

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set of voices, and admittedly vocally challenging," Odango said.

Besides "Chalom," Odango has also composed several other pieces for the Choir. He rearranged the second verse of "Silent Night" in his sophomore year, followed by "I Wonder as I Wander" and "Angelus ad Virginem." However, Odango says that "Chalom" takes the cake in terms of complexity and breadth.

"The three previous songs were basically arrangements of pre-existing carols, but 'Chalom' is something brand new ... and yet not quite. I have deliberately in some of my favorite pieces and all three of the previous carols I've arranged are hidden in the song," he said. "It's like 'Where's Waldo.""

It begins with an eerie chant, which gives way to an almost Egyptian sound, which finally turns beautiful

After hearing his piece performed for the first time, Odango said, "My mouth hung open. For me the gratification comes from hearing 'Chalom' in performance. That's all I need or could ask for. Yet I couldn't have done it without the help of Drs. Armstrong and Bartlett and the three incredibly talented choirs."

The concert is Friday, Dec. 3 and Saturday, Dec. 4 at 8 p.m. in Phi Beta Kappa Memorial Hall. Student tickets are \$5 and general admission is \$8. The Box Office will be open from 1 to 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday or call x2674 during box office hours to reserve tickets.

BRIEFS

Swem Library Exam Hours

Swem Library is again offering expanded exam period hours to provide students with additional quiet study space for finals. Swem Library's hours for Dec. 4 to 15 are: Mondays through Thursdays 8 a.m. to 3 a.m.; Fridays 8 a.m.

to midnight; Saturdays 10 a.m. to will be available, but all library midnight; and Sundays 11 a.m. to 3 a.m. Circulation and Reserves services will be available until midnight all nights, including Fridays and Saturdays. The midnight to 3 a.m. hours are limited to individuals with William and Mary IDs. Security guards will be on duty to check IDs and ensure safety. Swem's computers

services, including Circulation, Reserves, Reference, Government Information and Interlibrary Loans, will be closed. Students are reminded that campus transportation and the student escort service end at 1 a.m. most nights and that they should arrange to walk with a friend when leaving the library after that hour. For more information about the extended hours, please contact Services, Swem Library, at 1-

3076 or msmoli@wm.edu.

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The Charles Center administers summer scholarships for undergraduate study. There are opportunities for pre-honors, scientific, domestic and international research. Funds are available for study in Latin America, the British Isles and Israel.

The deadline is noon on Monday, Mary Molineux, Head of Access Feb. 21. Visit the Charles Center online at www.wm.edu/charlescenter for more information.

Festival of Lessons and Carols

The annual Festival of Lessons and Carols, sponsored by the Christian campus ministers at The College of William and Mary, will be held Friday, Dec. 10 at 7 p.m. at Williamsburg United Methodist Church, 514 Jamestown Road, right across from Barksdale Field. The College community and the general public are invited.

In addition to musical accompaniment by harp and organ, the William and Mary Women's Chorus and two handbell choirs, the Williamsburg Ringers of Williamsburg United Methodist Church and the Westminster Ringers of Williamsburg Presbyterian Church, will perform special music. Students, faculty and staff will join campus ministers in reading biblical passages appropriate to the season with carols and hymns sung by the congregation interspersed among the readings. The service will conclude in candlelight.

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regularly.

The William and Mary Counseling Center is offering a number of groups, meetings and workshops for the fall semester, including a Relaxation Workshop on Mondays, from 1:15 to 1:45 p.m., a Women and Self-Esteem Workshop and an International Students Tea Talk.

Study Abroad Reminder

If you are a student studying abroad for the Spring 2005 semester, please remember that you must register with the Global Education Office, on the second floor of the Reves Center. If you have questions, contact Jen Waina at extension 3594.

Outdoor Trip Leaders

The Outdoor Recreation Center Trip Leaders Program is designed to provide trained leaders to guide faculty, staff and students in various outdoor activities. This year will be devoted to training and developing program elements including outdoor skills, facilitation skills and trip protocols. We are looking for interested individuals to help jump start this program.

We meet every Wednesday night at 6:30 p.m. in the Recreational Sports Center Classroom. For more information, contact Greg Henderson at gmhend@wm.edu or 221-3310.

President's Luncheons

President Timothy Sullivan will host a series of luncheons at the President's House to give students an opportunity to meet with him informally in groups of ten. Lunch will last about an hour.

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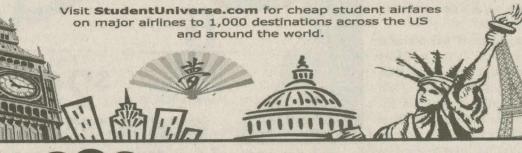
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Revenge of Lindsay?

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SLAYER'S FINAL SEASON RESURRECTS CULT SHOW'S FANDOM ON DVD

By ALEJANDRO SALINAS FLAT HAT REVIEWS EDITOR

So, after surviving a network change, six seasons, a musical, dieing twice and stopping the apocalypse ... a lot, Buffy Summers, Joss Whedon's ditzy California blonde hottie, finally came across her greatest enemy yet: a house full of pre-pubescent, annoying-as-hell potentials — as if dealing with irritating Dawn weren't bad enough. Can't the slayer ever get a break?!

OK, so not quite, but that's what the final season of the show felt like to many. Now, don't get me wrong, I utterly worship Joss Whedon's creation and have genuine feelings for the Scoobies (with the exception of Dawn), but that viewers finally got to learn more about Anya the show's final season felt rather, well, boring. as a person — a real person. From her begin-Not quite "Dawson's" boring but (as Andrew would say) "Episode I" boring. It all started well to a flashback to the musical episode with an enough; Sunnydale High reopening, the big bad all new number all to herself, to her quest for of the season revealing itself to be The First (as some sort of identity independent of Xander,

in the first evil), Willow coping with hocus pocus Anya transcended the role of comic relief and withdrawal, Xander looking sharp in a fancy tux and Buffy getting a job as a counselor of some sorts. Even the less prominent Scoobies got their time in the spotlight — albeit with mixed results. Dawn, again, proved in both the season opener "Lessons" and the dismally silly "Him" that she had more personality as a blob of energy. If only Buffy had pushed her into the portal at the end of season five ...

On the other hand, the criminally overlooked Anya finally got the story arc she deserved. Sure, season six's wedding arc hinted at the depth behind the delightfully blunt ex-vengeance demon, but it wasn't until this season's "Selfless" nings and her unique connection to bunnies, became a genuine, fleshed-out character. Forget about Buffy and Angel/Spike, the Anya/Xander relationship, with its candidness, bitterness, lust, frustrating stagnation and closure, proved to be the show's most endearing.

The season peaked with the nifty "Conversations with Dead People" which brought back another scene-stealing character: the is-he-or-isn't-he-gay nerd and former villain Andrew. The mere presence of this hilarious, hopeless big bad-wannabe alongside a bewitching song by Angie Hart made this episode easily one of the show's best. Like top 10 best. After that it all went downhill. Episodes like "Get it Done," where Buffy discovers the origins of the slayer lineage, and "The Killer in Me" lacked some serious spark, while "Potential" and "First Date" were simply horrible. Dawn as a possible

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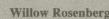


COURTESY PHOTOS + TWENTIETH CENTURY FOX Buffy (Sarah Michelle Gellar) battles and slays an übervampire.

A look back at the Scoobies



The one. The slayer, Quite blonde and quite clueless. Aside from slaying she also ocassionally beds vamps (but only if they have a soul). Not too good with authority but keen on fashion.





Buffy's best friend. Went from quintessential nerd to wiccan to evil and veiny (as well as transitioning from boys to girls). Can't carry a tune but great with books and the occult.





The heart of the gang. Awkward with women and not too good at handling rejection. He might not have any special power, but Xander's sense of humo make him essential to the group.

Rupert Giles



Buffy's watcher. Unusually sexually active for his age and great with the guitar. A bad boy in his times, Giles functions as the voice or reason in the gang. Most of the time anyway.

Wolfe scores barely passing marks for mediocre 'Charlotte Simmons'

By Tristan Lejeune

FLAT HAT STAFF WRITER

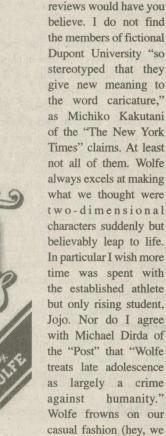
year in "Rolling Stone" and "Men's Journal." You could feel it radiating from the pages of the limp, irrelevant essays in 2000's "Hooking Up." With a fortuneteller's eye you could even read it, like tea leaves, in the fissures of the great "A Man in Full": Tom Wolfe has lost his

Not his touch for writing per se; he can still build those massive pyramids of language in which a phrase cascades and expands into paragraph which cascades and expands into a kind of whirlwind passage that hits you like a breath nay a gale of exuberant, "maximalist" storytelling. I would still be hard-pressed to name three writers in whose prose I would rather curl up for a few days (or weeks if you're slow, these are doorstoppers we're

talking about). He seems, however, to have lost touch with the American society he so brashly chronicles. That Ph.D. in American Studies from Yale isn't getting younger and neither is he. Cracking the cover of "I Am Charlotte Simmons," Wolfe's latest, I was disappointed

and confounded to find that he had made sparse and paltry new observations about my America, and still less Sold was sold to be so

You could smell it in the excerpts, printed this past This being said, the novel is not nearly as poor as other



tailor-made suits), our promiscuity (because I'm sure they never partied when he was an undergrad) and even our language, more than once snidely praising a student

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Impressive acting sells 'Merchant'

By CHRIS ADAMS

FLAT HAT ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

"The Merchant of Venice" is one of Shakespeare's most problematic plays for modern audiences. W&M Theatre tried their hand at the comedy Nov. 18 to 21. Director Richard Palmer decided to set the play in 1937 Venice to utilize the rising anti-Semitism of the times, for which the production is indebted to Trevor Nunn and his 1999 stage (and later screen) version of the play.

The story centers on the Venetian merchant Antonio, played by grad student Danny Ramish, and his friend Bassanio, played by senior Russell Fenton, who needs money to woo Portia, junior Rachel Manteuffel. Bassanio uses Antonio's credit to borrow the money from a Jewish usurer, Shylock,

played by senior Nolan Bennet. In case the bond should fall through, Shylock asks for a pound of Antonio's flesh as security. Bassanio wins Portia's heart, but not before Antonio goes bankrupt, Shylock, insists on his pound of flesh, but all turns out wells when Portia, with the help of a disguise and some sharp thinking, manages to save the day.

The play's controversy lies in the character of Shylock and the other characters' treatment of him. Is he a clichéd evil villain? Is he a commentary on anti-Semitism? Do the other characters care what they do to him? Unfortunately, the production kept the audience guessing. With his slight accent and mannerisms, Bennet's portrayal of Shylock swung wildly from a caricature of the "stereotypical Jew"

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Myriad bands provide quintessential seasonal soundtracks

CRITICAL CONDITION



Lindsay Randall

"There is a time for everything, and a season for every album under heaven." Quoted [somewhat] from Ecclesiastes 3.

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There have been four great albums of the past year. And corresponding to each of these albums, there is a season. From the rain of spring to the snow of winter, from the sunscreen of summer to the scarves of autumn, this year, the indie rock world has got you covered.

Jackets, galoshes, flip-flops and all. "Good News for People who Love Bad News" is for springtime. From the brassy trumpets announcing the dawn of the album and the transition from "ice age" to "heat wave," you "can't complain." The moment the music starts you'll see the leaves turn mint green. The dreamy keyboards and childlike "bah-bahs" weave a musical tapestry of pastels and lightly falling rain. Later songs about bizarre dance halls and satin in coffins add the dark overtone of thunderstorms so necessary for a great album of March and April. Modest Mouse's fourth record is a delight of an album, containing the

widest range of sound on a single album since The Smashing Pumpkins' "Mellon Collie and the Infinite Sadness."

can't all wear egg-white

Blessed with a couple of solid singles ("Float On," "Ocean Breathes Salty") and some of the best lyrics of their career ("the clouds just hung around like black Cadillacs outside a funeral"), "Good News" is an undeniably riveting record. Isaac Brock's voice has been stretched to its weirdest, alternately whining and shouting like a drill sergeant; the rest of the band has grown along with him, conducting wonderful experiments with guitar sounds and melody. The album is a considerable departure from the days of "Paper Thin Walls," but nonetheless retains that fun, solid indie rock sound that is the mark of the Mice and pours sunshine and flowers out of your cd player.

Roll down your windows and get ready for the summer's hottest group, Franz Ferdinand. The Scottish quartet filled MTV2 and local coffee shops with their rocking debut album, "Franz Ferdinand," within a couple months of release. Pop this record in and you'll understand

"Jacqueline" is one of the best songs in a long time. Starting quietly with an incredibly itching build, the song explodes into pure, simple rock bliss by the time we're hearing about how it is, truly, "so much better on holiday." The album doesn't lose any of its energy as the songs progress; the band executes flawless short, sharp tunes with catchy choruses. As lead singer Alexander Kapranos says, he just wanted to "make music girls could dance to." Girls screaming along and dancing in their sundresses and high-heels (à la Beatles' first concert) somehow just fits the whole tone of the record.

Rigorously ingratiating and sunny as hell, this record is by far the best pop-rock album of the year. It also just happens to have the best single of the year, "Take Me Out," an incredible ode to who-knows-what that is impossible to listen to without tapping your foot and bouncing your head. I'm having trouble typing right now because the song is playing right now and I can't seem to stop dancing in my chair to write this article.

So if popsicles, slip-n-slides, barbecues and backyard dances are your thing, "Franz Ferdinand" will be your perfect summery soundtrack.

I can't help saying that autumn is my favorite season. I also can't help saying that "Here Comes Everyone" is my favorite album.

The third album from the little-known band Aloha, this record has more heart-breaking songs and plaintive lyrics than November has leaves. It's difficult to listen to the whole thing without wet eyes and clasped hands by the final, glorious prayer, "Goodbye to the Factory." Musically, the record is the most complex and rich of the past five years. Layer upon layer of unique sounds, vibraphones, quivering guitars and tripping pianos combine with impeccably constructed songs to create an exceptional

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HIGH NOTES Bright Eyes — Take It Easy (Love Nothing)

What's this? Bright Eyes ... kind of happy? On the stellar new single from his upcoming foray into lo-fi, Postal Service-minded electronica on next year's "Digital Ash in a Digital Urn," Mr. Oberst narrates a sad but hopeful tale of morning after mourning. Cry while dancing.

- compiled by kyle meikle

BILLBOARD TOP 10

- 1. Encore Eminem
- 2. Destiny Fulfilled Destiny's Child
- 3. Crunk Juice Lil Jon & The East Side Boyz 4. Merry Christmas With Love — Clay Aiken
- 5. Greatest Hits Shania Twain
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- 9. Confessions Usher
- 10. Powerballin' Chingy

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who can speak "three consecutive sentences without using the words fuck or shit or any of their conjugative or compound variations" (Dr. Wolfe, Blow me), but I have a hard time seeing his criticism of these issues as true disdain for young characters so playfully bouncing off each other in Diesel jeans and And 1 sneakers. Call me in denial over spending

30 bucks and 676 pages on a more-or-less universally panned piece of college fiction, but hey, they can't all be "The Rules of Attraction." "Rules of Attraction"? Heck, this isn't even the first 40 pages of "Franny and

Charlotte Simmons, who is like TracyFlickraisedwithCarrie'smom's

tone deaf. She then enrolls at the aforementioned Dupont, which is ranked 2nd, just below Princeton, by the "U.S. News & World Report" (the magazine itself receives my favorite slam in the whole book: "third-rate news weekly, aimed at businessmen who don't like to read .. forever swallowing the dust of 'Time' and 'Newsweek'"). Dupont's athletics are also among the very best in the nation, making it a blend of Harvard and Illinois that never really gels - afraid I just don't see

Must See Liu

"Kill Bill" and "Charlie's" angel

return to television after leaving "Ally

LeBlanc's "Friends" spin-off "Joey"

enough studying. At least, not from anyone but Charlotte with her titular Madame Bovary/Lisa Simpson mantra of self-affirming difference.

Much noise has been made about Charlotte's "unrealistic" innocence and naiveté; the girl goes to college having never seen a "Cosmo" and is utterly shocked by what she finds at Dupont. Drinking ("But that was not allowed!"), grinding ("They were simulating ... intercourse! Right out in the open!") - all horrify our prim, virginal North Carolina native. Personally, I find her to be plenty realistic; every year girls like that do still clench their bathrobes on

the way to communal showers, and they do still object to profanity. They exist and many even fall, much like Charlotte does, for the sleazy frat guy who date-rapes her as opposed to the intelligent newspaper writer

who adores her. Even if you square away the subject matter, with its various scandals and notable sexism — this is Wolfe's first female protagonist and hopefully his last - his language screams every one of his 73 years. Ever heard a college student call a sink a "basin"? And never have I ever heard a fraternity gentleman, no matter how drunk or college.

adoring his momma when Hoyt whispered in her ear, 'Want to go upstairs?" Ah, yes. Now that's

counterexample, one of many sentences that does indeed ring true, and probably will for years to come: "Tupac Shakur was still plaintively



HOLLYWOOD GOSSIP

Lohan strikes back?

Lindsay Lohan is reportedly jealous that her ex-boyfriend Wilmer Valderrama (of "That 70s Show") has returned to his ex-girlfriend Mandy Moore. According to Lohan's friends, Moore was always a trouble spot in her and Valderrama's relationship. The "Mean Girls" star is retaliating swiftly, though - she's been advertising her availability out on the town. No word on who might fill Fes's place, but he'll surely be high



Roberts gives birth

"Pretty Woman" Julia Roberts gave birth over a month early to twins last

week. Roberts and her cameraman

husband Daniel Moder became

mother and father to a baby boy

and girl Monday. Their names are

Phinnaeus Walter and Hazel Patricia,

respectively. Roberts was confined to

bed-rest last month after experiencing

early contractions, but the delivery

reportedly went fine. She'll next be

Kidman gets real paid

Academy award winner Nicole Kidman can add one more eclectic project to her resume: "The Guinness Book of Records." The Australian beauty received a whopping \$3.71 million paycheck for her role in Baz Luhrmann's Chanel No. 5 ad, making her the highest paid actress for a commercial. That averages out to \$928,000-per-minute. She'll be featured in next year's "The Interpreter" and "Bewitched."

- compiled by kyle meikle

sleazy, refer to a young woman as a

"cum dumpster." Even when Wolfe

does get the lexicon down he blows

it by separating it with quotation

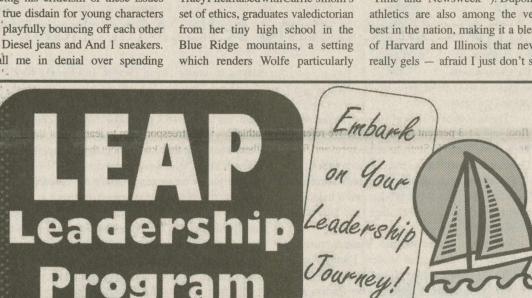
marks: a "game of 'quarters" here,

however, I'll leave you with a good

In my current well-Blownout state of magnanimous collegiateness,

a "'tallboy' can of beer" there.

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to an overly sympathetic character with little subtlety in between. Bennet's success in playing these variances is a credit to his acting ability but shows a general lack of direction in his character.

For the rest of the cast, the acting was solid, with several standout performances. The two big hits were Gratiano, played by senior Kyle Ferguson, and Launcelot, played by sophomore Nic Rockwood. Each deftly wove the outrageous humor of their characters with a fine sense of humanity. Rockwood as Launcelot, for example, transitioned brilliantly from a cryingly funny scene with Old Gobo, played with equal hilarity by senior Matt Jarvis, to an unrequited love scene with Jessica, played by junior Jennifer Isaacson. The good acting, however, was not the sole property of the comedians. Manteuffel and Fenton electrified the stage with their intense chemistry.

On technical matters, the performance offered eyepopping visuals. The set was gorgeous — simple but elegant. The detailed arches and flats reflected the light in stunning variances. Three large walls attached to a pulley system served as backdrops and allowed

for immediate scene changes. For costumes, the men were suavely dressed in 1930s suits and hats, while the women were bedecked in lavish period outfits.

While the visuals added to the presentation, the constant use of music detracted from the action on stage. By the end of only the first scene, the "Godfather"-flavored music was an annoyance. It drowned out the actors' voices and prevented the use of dramatic silence. The music also had unintended consequences. For instance, when Bassanio read a letter from Antonio, the background music switched to a sentimental piano melody, making the incident seem like a sappy scene from a

Finally, for all the Shakespeare aficionados out there, the cutting of the text stayed fairly true to the original. Occasionally the ends of longer speeches were chopped as well as passages including obscure Biblical, classical and astrological references. The most notable omission was a ten-line passage in which Shylock compares the treatment of Jews to the treatment of slaves.

W&M Theatre's presentation of "The Merchant of Venice" was clearly a success. Its fast pace, standout performances and high production values (except for the mistaken music) kept the audience interested and

Kelli Monahan contributed to this review.

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potential? Boring. Ashanti making a cameo? Preposterous. Spike and his chip? Sooo last season.

"Storyteller," told mostly through Andrew's skewed re-imagining (via videotape recordings) of the slayer's exploits brought the show back to life and prepared viewers for the return of two staple characters: Faith (the once-evil-now-reformed

other slayer) and Angel (do I even have to explain?). Finally everything came full circle in "Chosen," rightly both written and directed by Joss Whedon. Our Slayer had an epiphany (as she occasionally does), the Scoobies and the army of potentials prepared for battle, the Hellmouth was opened and the First ... well, I wouldn't want to ruin it for those unfortunate enough to miss the ending when it first aired. Just keep an eye out for a clever, simple and naughty 'cookie dough'

The DVD set also includes a series of four fascinating featurettes (the best being "The Last Sundown," a look back at Joss Whedon's favorite episodes) with commentaries from the show's writers and producers as well as from the show's stars. Sadly, Sarah Michelle Gellar is MIA. However, the outtakes, wrap footage and commentary from Joss Whedon should console any fan. The man is pure genius. The show: just sheer delight.

BANDS

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And there are some great songs on this album. "Summer Away" mixes pounding vibraphone and passionate drums with faded, almost background vocals; synthesized strings and the saddest waltz in the world make up "Thermostat"; "Perry Como Gold" is the melancholic ballad with a piano and a girl named Isabelle that will make your heart contract with its dusky beauty. And if you want to see a Tim Burton-esque rendering of a wedding dance, complete with minor organ themes and ethereal waltz sequence, listen to "I Don't Know What Else to Do."

Finally, for the lover of falling snowflakes and icicles, there is "It's All Around You," by Tortoise. The masters of electronic bliss have returned with an intoxicating record that makes you want to be hidden in blankets watching the moon through a cold windowpane.

Tortoise has all the placidity of The Sea and Cake and all the intrigue of Brokeback, and for good reason: Members of all three are in, well, all three. Marimba, synthesizers, saxophones, bass, lap steel and guitars weave a gorgeous tapestry of full, ambient sound. Tortoise's otherworldly sound will put stars in your eyes and dreams in your head. From the title track to the swooning "Crest" to the lullaby jazz of "On the Chin," this album will wrap you in musical lethargy until the snows melt.

So pick an album, and pick a season. The four best albums of the year will bless your ears with beautiful music until New Years' Eve.

Lindsay Randall is the Critical Condition columnist. She would have a totally awesome sountrack if her life was a movie.

SPORTS



Grab some skates and a stick and check out the W&M ice hockey team. 1 See Ice Hockey, page 14



A Tribe player outfoxes her opponent in a previous game. The Tribe earned their first victory of the season against Norfolk State last Wednesday.

Women's basketball opens

By Dorothy Park FLAT HAT STAFF WRITER

The past four games of this season have ended in disappointment for the women's basketball team. Weak offense rendered W&M's strong defense useless, which translated into low scores and low shooting percentages in each matchup.

Who:

Date:

Today

Time:

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University

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of W&M's 20th season as a Division I women's basketball Look ahead

The host and opponent American University Eagles came in with a 25-14 all-time series advantage over the Tribe, but W&M had triumphed over AU in two of the last three meetings.

Still, the Eagles dominated the game, 78-59, as it shot 60 percent from the floor and detained the Tribe to a 34 per-

cent effort. AU led the entire game, only allowing W&M to come within 13 points. Despite tremendous effort, the Tribe fell,

Two days later, the Tribe was home to contend against the Longwood University Lancers. The two teams rallied, each taking runs to take and cut leads, but the Lancers' 19-5 drive in the final six minutes sealed their 60-46 victory.

The score reflects the particularly low shooting percentages of both teams for the game: Longwood shot 38 percent from the floor, while W&M shot just 25 percent. The Tribe forced 29 Lancer turnovers and committed 21. Longwood, however, outrebounded W&M 56-37. The Tribe fell, 0-2.

Just three days later, W&M was out west in San Francisco to participate in the Odwalla/Adidas Classic Tournament hosted by the University of San Francisco's Lady Dons.

The strong defense that the Tribe had relied on its past two games proved ineffective in the opening game against the potent Lady Dons, who shot 57.4 percent from the floor at War Memorial Gym.

Meanwhile, they held the Tribe to 37.4 percent from the floor and 16.7 percent from beyond the arc. USF also forced more turnovers, 26 total, as well as tallying 20 steals to W&M's five. USF guard Dominique Carter scored a game-high 21 points, leading her team to a 79-48 win. The Tribe fell, 0-3.

The following night, W&M faced the University of California Riverside Sunday, Nov. 21, marked the beginning Highlanders. UCR shot 49.4 percent from

> the floor, while W&M shot just 38.5 percent from the field. The Highlanders were more successful with three-pointers, shooting 44.4 percent while James, DeHaven, and Stroh to lead 51-10.

> The Highlanders responded with a 10-0 run, which ended with less than two minutes left

in the game. They then went six for six with free throws in the final minute to seal their win. The Tribe outrebounded UCR 37-28 and had nine steals, four by DeHaven. Still, the Tribe fell, 0-4.

The Tribe's next opportunity to break the 0-4 losing streak came last night in a contest at Norfolk State University's Echols Hall against the Lady Spartans. The Tribe's tenacious spirit broke the curse, and it celebrated its first win of the season 68-60.

Senior forward Lindsey Brizendine led all players with 17 points, sophomore guard Kyle DeHaven was close behind with 15 points, and freshman forward Jalen Boone, whose leg injury forced her to bench all last season, brought 11 points for the Tribe.

Reflecting on the previous four games, Head Coach Debbie Taylor said, "We're a young team, and wanted to do well. [But] we didn't hit our shots."

She also gave insight as to improvements that could be made: "Our defense was okay ... [we did] a decent job rebounding. But you have to score to win."

Last year, the Tribe was crippled by turnovers. Referring specifically to this year's game against USF Taylor said, "We had unnecessary turnovers and let the game [get] out of control. Most of their spurts were off our turnovers. We need to do a better job of not letting them have those spurts."

Taylor, however, remained optimistic about the game at Norfolk.

"[It's] an opportunity for us to shoot well. I think our goal right now is to keep improving on the previous game. We've tried a couple of different lineups. Hopefully we'll play our best game to date tonight," Taylor

It was indeed an auspicious and victorious night. The Tribe shot a season-high 46.6 the Tribe shot just 33.3 per- percent from the floor and 31.3 percent from cent. At halftime, UCR led beyond the arc, as it held Norfolk State to 28-22. W&M rallied with a 36.8 percent from the floor. In addition to 12-2 run by Boone, Sazonova, her 17 points, W&M's Brizendine also had seven rebounds and four steals.

> Sophomore guard Katy Neumer connected on three of four attempted from the arc to add nine points for the Tribe. At the half, W&M had a commanding 36-20 lead.

> The Tribe extended its lead to 19 less than a minute into the second half with Bonne's layup and Brizendine's free throw. The double-digit lead lasted for several minutes before the Lady Spartans came within seven (50-43) with less than 10 minutes left. The Lady Spartans then went on a 12-8 run that brought them to within five points, with

> 4 minutes 20 seconds left in the game. The Tribe would not stay silent, however, as Stroh assisted junior forward Maria Sazonova, and Brizendine sank a sideline jumper. W&M continued to answer, as James made three free throw, and DeHaven hit two more to seal the victory.

> Stroh recorded a career-high seven assists. The Tribe committed 19 turnovers, but forced 25. Brizendine had four steals; fellow teammates Boone, Stroh, DeHaven, Sazonova and James had two apiece.

Sophomore guard Kyra Kaylor, who usually starts games, did not play. According to Taylor, Kaylor has decided to sit out the rest of the season due to a nagging injury.

W&M hosts James Madison this Friday at 7 p.m. in the first CAA game of the

NCAA drug testing program expanded

By CARL SIEGMUND THE FLAT HAT

In 2000, U.S. track star Marion Jones became the first woman to win five medals at one Olympics. However, allegations that she used performance enhancing supplements damaged her image. Before the 2004 Athens Games, other track athletes were accused of supplement use and again Jones' name was thrown into the ring. She and her peers were put under the microscope as allegations surfaced linking them to the Bay Area Laboratory Co-Operative, an organization that allegedly gave steroids to high-profile athletes such as Barry Bonds.

In the wake of these and other scandals, the NCAA announced this summer the expansion of its year-round drug testing program to include Division I-A football, track and all Division I and Division II sports in which the NCAA sponsors championship competition.

"Now with the new program they [NCAA] have guaranteed that every Division I institution will be tested at least once a year," W&M's Director of Compliance Bill Bryant said.

As the Tribe football team advances into the I-AA playoffs, there is a chance that up to 18 football players could be tested at a home game. While the chances are slim, the stakes are high. If a student-athlete fails a test, he or she is banned for 365 days by the NCAA and forfeits a year of eligibility. With the second positive test, student-athletes are banned for life.

There are two types of supplements: nutritional supplements and performance enhancing supplements. Nutritional supplements are designed to supplement a diet with vitamins and minerals. Performance enhancing supplements are designed to enhance athletic performance. The NCAA bans stimulants, anabolic agents, diuretics, street drugs and urine manipulators.

Since some of the drugs on the NCAA banned substances list can be purchased at General Nutrition Center and found in over-the-counter nutritional supplements, student-athletes are easily susceptible to failing a test. The Food and Drug Administration does not strictly regulate nutritional supplements so they are not guaranteed to be safe and pure. Sometimes the nutritional supplements contain banned substances and are not listed on the label, making it tricky and confusing to tell what is legal and what is not, Some herbal products in supplements may contain banned substances such as ephedrine or androstendione.

The College and other collegiate institutions have focused on providing information to student-athletes to ensure that they are familiar with the banned list and that they are cognizant of the punishments.

"We basically provide educational assistance to a student athlete who says, 'I want to take this nutritional supplement.' We provide education and assistance to help them decide whether it is a good thing for them to take or not," Associate Athletics Trainer Andy Carter said. "We don't recommend, we don't condone and we don't prescribe any sort of nutritional supplement ... We refer student athletes to drugfreesport com to learn about the supplement and find out if there's anything they know about the ban and then make a decision from there."

Education has helped, and athletes are supportive of the new drug testing in the hope that it may even competition on the playing field.

"It is quite unfair if an athlete can take drugs to enhance their performance in their sport ... I do believe that the NCAA has every right to test for drug use," senior women's soccer player Taline Tahmassian said.

While education has helped at the College and at other schools, the question remains whether or not it is effective in decreasing positive drug tests. Drug testing is designed to provide a deterrent to the use of banned substances, but prevention is hard to quantify. Since the NCAA began its year-round drug-testing program, national drug-use studies have shown a decrease in steroid use in football. The national average has dropped from 8.4 percent in 1985 to 3 percent in 2001 according to www.ncaa.org/health-

Support for continued drug testing is high. According to the 2001 NCAA year-round drug-use study, 17 percent of the athletes surveyed said that the threat of NCAA drug testing discouraged them from using banned substances and 56.5 percent of athletes stated that they agreed that all college athletes should be tested by the NCAA.

The NCAA released drug testing results after the August 2002 to June, 2003 year. Of 9,256 year-round samples, 1513 championship samples and 22, exit tests collected, only 103 came back positive. Football and track athletes' were subject to random year-round testing, while all other sports were only randomly subjected to testing at championships and bowls. Results from the expansion to year-round testing for all sports have not been released.

Bryant believes that in years past supplement use was a bigger problem because testing and drug education were not as widespread.

"A lot of the time things come out, and if you have tunnel vision then you think, 'Well, this will make me bigger and faster.' Now that some of those things have been around for a while and the adverse affects of taking steroids are well known, I think that has helped out," he said.

While the NCAA has stepped up testing in recent years and evidence points to decreasing supplement use, less is known about use on the professional level. Marion Jones never failed a drug test, but the scandal surrounding Barry Bonds and other pro players continues.

Wait unbearable as Tribe seeks UD payback

FROM THE SIDELINES



Stephen Replenski

four years. It is my senior year, the last fall blowout I'll ever participate in and the biggest football playoff game since I've been here. This Saturday the Tribe football team will take on the defending I-AA champions, the University of Delaware Fighting Blue Hens here at home.

Being a Delaware resident and living 15 minutes from the UD campus for the entirety of my 21-year life, this game holds extra-special meaning for me. People ask me if I'm torn between who I want to win. My only response is: "We'll be having roasted blue hen for dinner when the game is over."

Some friends and I came back for the Hampton University game last weekend, in which we played the worst game I've ever seen a Tribe football team play and still squeak out a victory with 42 points on the scoreboard. The fan base was just beyond terrible. We sat in the student section where there were probably more Hampton fans

I've been waiting for this weekend for the past than W&M fans. The Hampton fans clearly outnumbered us throughout the rest of the stadium as well. And where was the band?

> Also, since when has a visiting football team in a crucial playoff game been allowed to take the field of the home team and convert it to their house? Hampton's marching band stole the halftime show, a Hampton announcer was allowed to speak over the speaker system, and they were permitted to play music to pump up Hampton

> The Tribe came onto the field with some jitters for their first playoff game. Lang Campbell threw three picks, two more than he had thrown all season, and the team missed three field goals. The defense appeared to be a sieve to their option and deep pass early, as Jerome Mathis piled up almost 400 yards of total offense. He appeared to be unstoppable.

> After the game, I still continued to call several people I knew from UD in order to get the bets

on the table, no monetary bets ... all friendly wagers. We all have been going back and forth throughout the season arguing that each of our teams is better, although we all know that W&M

This week, against a strong Delaware team, we must hope that W&M comes out with a hunger that wasn't shown at the start of last week's game. They nearly defeated Delaware earlier in the season after blowing a 21-7 lead. Having been at that game, I saw several flaws in a weak Delaware secondary. They had poor tackling, and Dominique Thompson proved he could handle any cornerback that Delaware threw at him. He even beat double coverage on several occasions.

That was also a game in which UD had several key injuries, a few of them to defensive backs. At home this week, the Tribe needs your support. Get out there with banners, signs, and a loud voice. W&M is going to Chattanooga

this year, but first we must knock off last year's champion.

This is the best Tribe squad we've had in years, and if anyone can do it they can. Lang Campbell is one of the best QB's in the nation, and his receivers are all top notch. Elijah Brooks showed us he could carry the running game this past week against Hampton. If we can get something established early, I don't see a collapse in the Tribe defense. Adam "Man-Bear" O'Connor (as a select few of us call him) will maul the opposing line to make big plays all day.

After that disheartening loss at the University of Delaware in October, I feel that W&M is hungry to avenge that loss and get deeper into the playoffs. Make Jimmye Laycock's 25th season a championship season to remember. Come out and pack the stadium on Saturday at noon to support your Tribe football team.

Stephen Replenski is the Flat Hat sports columnist. He wishes the football team good luck. Sports + December 3, 2004

DID YOU KNOW ... In hockey a hat trick is when a player scores three times in one game.

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Ice Hockey Life Sports: Get Involved

- compiled by tracy hansen

The Tribe's talented club ice hockey team deserves much more attention than it receives. The team's current ranking of eighth in the Atlantic Region sets a record for W&M as it is the first time that the ice hockey program has ever broken into the top 10. However, because it is only the team's first year in the American Collegiate Hockey Association, the Tribe is not eligible for the national tournament.



The team remains strong after the loss of last year's seniors, with 12 returning players and 12 freshmen. This is Head Coach Phil Morris' sixth season here at W&M and his 25th year as an ice hockey coach.

"We're lucky in many ways," Morris said. "Not only do we have the numbers, but most of our freshman have played the game for a long time and have a good grasp of the basics. As soon as we get them acclimated to the W&M program, there's no telling how far we will go."

The ice hockey team competes

September through February, usually about once or twice a week on Fridays or Saturdays.

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News, Va. The away game destinations include Richmond, Roanoke, Charlottesville, Baltimore, Washington, D.C. and

Opponents include Virginia Military Institute, Old Dominion University, Virginia Commonwealth University, Mary Washington University and others. Directions to all of the ice rinks where games are played are available on the team's website at www.wm.edu/so/ice-hocky/

The team practices Thursday nights at the Yorktown Ice Arena. If you're interested in joining, contact president senior Chris Koves at cscove@wm.edu or go to the ice hockey website and click on the link to the recruitment page.



Above and Left: Members of the club ice hockey team face off against an opponent in the Fredricksburg tournament last season. Below: The team gathers around long-time coach Phil Morris.



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Virginia Commonwealth University, W 3-0	Nov. 13
Women's Soccer	
North Carolina - Chapel Hill, L 0-6	Nov. 13
Football	
James Madison University, W 27-24	Nov. 13
University of Richmond, W 38-14	Nov. 20
Men's Cross Country	
NCAA Southeast Reginal, 2nd of 29 teams	Nov. 13
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Women's Cross Country	
NCAA Southeast Reginal, 6th of 25 teams	Nov. 13
IC4A Championship, 4th of 15 teams	Nov. 20
Men's Basketball	
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Men's soccer closes season

By Heather Ireland FLAT HAT STAFF WRITER

The men's soccer team started out the year strong, and while they had a largely successful season their record stands at 9-7-4, barely indicative of what these men accomplished this fall. They played competitively and held their own against top teams on the field with two Commonwealth University, ending up in the Elite 8 this

"Obviously we were disappointed with not making it farther in our conference tournament and earning a bid to the NCAA tournament, but the team gained valuable experience for next year and should be exciting to watch in the coming future," senior forward Brannon Thomas said.

Experience was something quite a few of the players were lacking this year, with only eight people having more than a year of collegiate experience coming into this season.

"We had a very young team, and they performed admirably," Head Coach Chris Norris said. "We continued our string of consecutive winning seasons. It now stands at 30, which is tied for fourth all-time."

Norris spent nine years as an assistant coach for the Tribe soccer team before being named head coach just last spring, yet he already has a winning season to his

"First of all, it was a good first year for our new coach Chris Norris. He was able to adapt very well to becoming our head coach and did a great job," junior forward Pat Scherder said. "Secondly, we were able to

finally open our new stadium, which is awesome for our program and for Al Albert, John Daly and the Athletic Department as a whole, who have worked hard to put the project together. Lastly, we experienced probably one of the greatest victories our program has had when we beat No. 1 Maryland in overtime. That is something the players and coaches will never forget."

Scherder pointed out many of the team's accomplishof their opponents, University of Maryland and Virginia ments as a whole, but while the soccer team had quite a few highlights this season, several of the individual players received their own accolades. Senior back Colin Young was honored when he was voted to the 2004 Academic All-District III Men's Soccer Team and is now in the running for the Academic All-American team. Sophomore goalkeeper Kris Rake ended his second season as goalkeeper for the Tribe with six shutouts this season and 84 saves to his credit after playing every minute of every game. Redshirt freshman Ryan Overdevest was selected as a CAA Men's Soccer Rookie of the Week, and Rake was also named an ECAC Goalkeeper of the Week and selected as a goalkeeper for Soccer America's National Team of the Week.

> "The team set a goal of being better defensively, and we accomplished this, only conceding 21 goals in 20 games," Norris said.

> Thomas leads the team in scoring points with three goals and a team-high five assists. He is also tied with McCurdy for the most game-winning goals with two accredited to each of them; McCurdy scored the teamhigh four goals this season.

Although the season did not end as well as it started out for the Tribe, it was still a proud one.

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The annual Yule Log ceremony, one of the College's most cherished traditions, will be held on Saturday, December 11 from 6-8 pm in the Wren Courtyard (rain location: Trinkle

Hall). Join us for a celebration of the holiday season, featuring representatives from campus organizations, a traditional poem by Sam Sadler, performances by the WM Choir and the Gentlemen of the College, and even a visit from Santa Claus! A coin drive will be held at the entrances and during the weeks preceeding the ceremony to benefit Avalon, a local women's shelter, so that we may remember others in

our community during the holidays. Please come and celebrate the season with us! EMPLOYER: Techron, Inc DISTANCE FROM CAMPUS: 5+ miles JOB TITLE: Promo-Delivery ADDRESS: Williamsburg Country Club, Williamsburg

DETAILS: Deliver free \$1000 Drawing entry forms to pre-selected names w/ address & and verify phone #.NO SELLING - NO COLLECTING; delivery & information only. Week days - 5-8pm.
Saturday & Sunday optional. Bonuses & Gas allowance provided in addition

RÉQUIREMENTS: Auto

WAGE: \$10 - \$15.00/hr
HOURS: 10 - 30 (flexible) per week
STARTS: December 1st, 2004 ENDS: Unspecified

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