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**WINDING DOWN**

You've made it through midterms and we're approaching the home stretch of the semester. Take a chance to sit back and relax before the stress of papers and finals set in. Enjoy the beautiful autumn hues around campus. Although finals loom ahead, so many wonderful College traditions do too. Be thankful for all you've got here, and read on.



# the WORD

## YEARBOOKS READY FOR PICKUP



The 2003-2004 edition of the Colonial Echo can be picked up in the Colonial Echo Office in the basement of the Campus Center until Sunday 13 Nov. Students who are still interested in purchasing a yearbook can bring a \$10 check made out to Colonial Echo.

## ANNUAL AFRICAN FILM FESTIVAL BEGINS



The first annual African Film Festival Dinner and a Movie is being sponsored by the African Studies Concentration. During the first three Wednesdays of November, students can relax while munching on African food and drink. Three different films from varying regions of Africa will be shown, one each week beginning at 7 p.m.

The first movie to kick off the series, Abderrahmane Sissako's *La Vie sur Terre* will be shown Wednesday, 3 Nov. in Washington 201. Rachid Bouchareb's *Little Senegal* will show on Wednesday, 10 Nov. in Andrews 101, and Raoul Peck's *Lumumba* will run in Andrews 101 on Wednesday, 17 Nov.

## LEFTIST CAMPUS PUBLICATION DEBUTS



*The Progressive*, a new left-wing, socio-political magazine distributed its first edition last Friday, aiming to counter the College's two conservative publications, the *William and Mary Standard* and *the Remnant*. After becoming frustrated with an inability to respond to conservative publications except through letters to the editors, students began to set *the Progressive* into motion last spring.

*The Progressive*, which is slated to be printed twice a semester, touches on national matters, although its main focus is on campus issues. Story content ranges from intellectual commentary to biting personal takes on topics at hand.

"It's very important for us to raise the standard for debate on campus. Doing that is not going to include making inflammatory remarks about the issues," said Co-Editor Richael Faithful.

The first edition of *the Progressive* can be found at the University Center, Campus Center, the Office of Multicultural Affairs, the Daily Grind and the Meridian.

## ORGANIZATION SEEKS ON-CAMPUS TRANSFER HOUSING



Transfer Student Ambassadors (TSA), an organization that serves as an advocacy group for transfer students, is encouraging students to vote 'yes' for transfer student housing in a new question in the annual survey that Residence Life emails each fall to students living on campus. Residence Life uses the answers to the survey to formulate housing policy for the next year.

Transfer students currently receive only the housing that is left over after lottery. In the Fall of 2003, of the 165 transfer students who enrolled in the College, approximately 1/3 of these received scattered housing across campus, the majority of which was in the Dillard Complex. Due to fraternities that were kicked off campus this year, one after last spring's lottery had taken place, all incoming transfer students who applied for on-campus housing for Fall 2004 received it.

(savethedate)

november 2

**who:** Americans  
**what:** vote  
**when:** Williamsburg City District polls open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.  
**where:** America  
**why:** it's your duty.

november 8 -  
december 3

**who:** undergraduates  
**what:** Spring registration  
**when:** allotted time slot  
**where:** online using Bannerweb  
**why:** for another semester of college fun.

november 20

**who:** Tribe fans  
**what:** last home football game (vs. Richmond)  
**when:** 1 p.m.  
**where:** Zable Stadium  
**why:** come on out and show your Tribe Pride!

november 24-28

**who:** students & faculty  
**what:** Thanksgiving Break  
**where:** William & Mary  
**why:** turkey and pumpkin pie.

december 3

**who:** the student body  
**what:** last day of Fall classes  
**when:** end of the day  
**where:** all across campus  
**why:** class ends. Finals begin.

# Learning Cursive

>PATTI NELSON, DSJ COLUMNIST <

In third grade, my teacher gravely informed our class that we had to learn to write in cursive, because for the rest of our education, print writing would be strictly forbidden.

We all scrambled to master the appropriate loops and curly-q's; then, imagining a future where teachers rejected homework with incorrect penmanship, and where those students who could never quite grasp how to connect that crazy capital Z to the letters that followed it failed the fifth grade and began a tragic sequence of events that would eventually result in the handwriting perpetrator residing in a cardboard box on some city corner.

I'll admit it: I felt kind of cheated when I got to middle school and my teachers couldn't care less what my handwriting looked like. They patiently deciphered even the most illegible scrawl.

I think, in the back of my mind, I've been waiting since I was 8 years old to find that one teacher who would only accept correct penmanship... and it's safe to say that by this point, I'm fairly sure that individual doesn't exist.

By the end of high school, I felt like this little white lie was a metaphor for my entire school career. I realized that at every stage of my education, someone has been motivating me to do well by hanging some threat of the future over my head. Every year, teachers convinced me that I had to learn their subjects because impending doom

awaited those who failed, and I learned things accordingly: not because I wanted to, but because I had to.

When we're little, we love to learn. Babies touch everything in a desperate attempt to learn about their environment, to absorb all the new stimuli. Yet it's not long before most kids lose that curiosity.

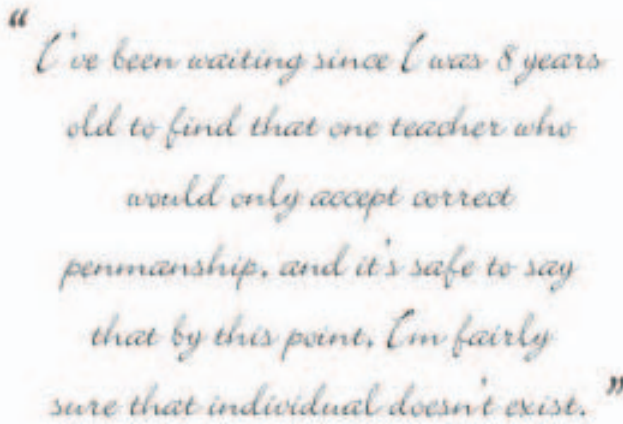
People wonder where the American K-12 educational system is failing, and I think this is the answer: students are taught to focus on learning as an end result instead of a process. All the joy is sucked out of getting an education. No wonder kids hate school by sixth grade.

It's time we reclaim our educations, beyond just getting through them in hopes of good grades and some prestigious career after graduation.

It's scary to realize that this is the last time in our lives that we'll be free to do nothing but explore our interests and absorb knowledge. I know it's not a new thought, but I think it's one that is all too easy to forget in a world where the question "What do you want to be when you grow up?" only gets more persistent from age four onward.

Instead of focusing on that question, maybe we should just put the future on hold for a little while and learn for *ourselves*. Hopefully the rest will fall into place.

*Patti Nelson is a DSJ staff columnist. Her views do not necessarily represent those of the entire staff.*



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# Sky-High Fashion Comes Down to Earth

>JOSHUA WAYLAND, DSJ STAFF REPORTER

Nothing says “cool” quite like a pair of vintage aviator sunglasses. From Madonna to Tom Cruise to J-Lo, these shades have adorned some of the most beautiful and recognizable faces in the world. We have seen them in *Breakfast at Tiffany’s*, *Fight Club* and nearly every film in between. They have made their way into our malls, onto our campus and, inevitably, into our hearts. As they proliferate on the runways and red carpets of the world, the impression is not that aviator sunglasses are back, but that they never left in the first place.

As the name implies, aviator sunglasses were originally designed for pilots, who found them a necessary protection from intense sunlight at high altitudes. However, due to their unique shape, aviator sunglasses balance out their weight between the ears and the nose, making them seem comfortable and lightweight even after many hours of use. This is why they are so popular among boaters, truckers, state troopers and others whose professions make it necessary to wear sunglasses for extended periods of time. Recent innovations in sunglass technology allow for even lighter models with nearly weightless titanium frames encircling wafer-thin lenses.

Moreover, sunglasses create an aura of mystery that can be quite attractive. It follows logically that the greater the mystery, the greater the attraction. Thus, aviators are the pinnacle of fashion accessory evolution, blocking out, in some cases, nearly half the face. By covering the eyes and eyebrows, aviators limit the range of emotion that you subconsciously convey. You become an enigma, unreadable and almost superhuman in your apparent placidity. Try this for yourself. Stand in front of a mirror and experiment with different expressions with and without your aviators. Confusion becomes contempt. Surprise is transformed into sarcasm. Aviators make you look as though you are always laughing at your own private joke and add the finishing touch to any self confident smile.

Aviators give the impression that you know what you are doing. By hiding your eyes, they negate symptoms of fear and self-doubt. This is why police officers often appear so frighteningly in control. Wearing aviators gives you the advantage in any situation. You may find that state troopers do not seem nearly as tough on a level playing field. (This should not be

attempted at night since sunglasses tend to arouse suspicion after dark rather than dispel it).

According to Judy Gordon, Style Editor of NBC’s “The Today Show,” the sculptural lines of aviator sunglasses serve as a kind of instant cosmetic surgery, slimming the round face by making the eyes and forehead appear larger. They balance out faces with cheeks or jaw-lines wider than the forehead. This may be an illusion, but even the most expensive aviators seem a reasonable alternative to an extreme make-over.

Ultraviolet radiation, a byproduct of sunlight, can be a hazard to unprotected eye cells. According to experts like science writer Edward Willet, UV rays can sunburn the outermost layer of your eyes, sometimes resulting in permanent damage. Extended exposure to sunlight can lead to cancerous growths or cataracts on the eyes. Scientists believe that air pollution has depleted the ozone layer of Earth’s atmosphere, which normally protects us from ultraviolet light. Since cancerous growths on the eyes are definitely out this season, aviator sunglasses are a must for anyone with sense for either style or self-preservation.

Yet perhaps the greatest quality of aviator sunglasses is their versatility. They can be worn with jeans and a T-shirt or with a nice suit. You can wear them at the beach, but they are equally appropriate at weddings and other outdoor functions. Similarly, aviators are a non-exclusive accessory. They look fabulous on both women and men, of all complexions and body-types.

They come in many styles and colors. Amber and gradient tones of brown are popular, but there are also green, yellow, purple or orange metal frames with matching lenses. Of course there is the classic mirrored look that is prevalent among those in the law enforcement profession. I recommend buying a different pair to match each outfit. If this seems daunting, pick neutral-colored lenses and silver, gold, or tortoise-shell frames.

Aviator sunglasses have been a major player in American pop-culture for generations and they are not going out anytime soon. But when they do, rest assured that they will be back. That hole in the ozone layer is not getting any smaller and it looks like it’s going to be a bright, sunshiny future.



Be brave! Sport your shades! Photo by Amal Aboulhosn

# WAWA CULTURE

The Mecca for mocha, no time is too late for a Wawa run. This store has evolved into a destination in itself for students. Story by Shawna Kelly.

Hey, it's 3:00 a.m. You are: a) sleepily trying to write a paper, b) just getting out of a party or the delis, c) so hyper you are having trouble restraining yourself from doing random things like sprinting down your hallway screaming, or d) really, *really* bored.

But that's okay. There is a home for you at Wawa.

The 24-hour shop is the only place where you can find true camaraderie that stems from an insatiable desire for a 16 oz. Mocha Alert Cappuccino in the wee hours of the morning. And no, no matter how much you try to justify going there, be it on the odd occasion, weekly, daily or, even scarier, *hourly*, it is not just because you need the caffeine. If *that* were it, you would invest in a little coffee machine and forego the trek. Even people who have personal coffee makers often choose to put forth the effort required to not only walk to Wawa, but also to wait in the inevitably long lines at all hours of the day. No, you go because it is an excuse to hang out with people, to take a break and maybe catch up with those you have not seen in some time, and because it is the only place you can go past 2:00 a.m. most nights of the week.

Wawa has become a Mecca for the nocturnal community, and this is no joke. Many make the pilgrimage nightly, and "pilgrimage" is appropriate because in a way the mass migration of people at night

represents, as pilgrimages have and continue to do in many religious traditions, a cross-section of society at the College. I am not saying that there is a neo-Chaucer around out there waiting to simply tell the tales of the stumbling socialite, the reclusive scholar and the hungry policeman. One cannot forget, as well, the people behind the counter, for the role they play is an important part of this subculture— always there to be firm with a tough sense of humor. Only rarely can one sometimes get them to crack and show their warmer side.

At any given moment while wandering around looking for whatever your "usual" is, you might run into your RA, an old lab partner, a good friend or an ex. These unexpected meetings can jumpstart a friendship that may have fallen by the wayside or act as the channel that lets long-buried resentful memories resurface. These types of interactions are healthy because they force us to patch up our social sides, separating us, albeit briefly, from the incessant throb of stress and schoolwork that looms over our heads. Burying yourself in your homework will not make your relationship problems go away - why not just deal with one face-to-face over the cream and sugar counter? You will be glad you did.

The popularity of this midnight Mecca has manifested itself on the Internet, too. People perusing the newest fad can now find a group called "The Cult of the Wawa" on [www.thefacebook.com](http://www.thefacebook.com). Here people can extend the commonality found in trips to the store. Established by sophomore Victor Sulkowski, the group exists as a way of sharing all the great, ugly and just plain strange experiences to be had at the unofficial local hangout.

I had the delight in chatting with Sonja, one of the regular late-night workers, while she made subs for the various starving students and occasional police officer that passed through in need of sustenance. According to her, "it's always interesting" at the Williamsburg Wawa. Basically, busy times are all the time, and she revealed that indeed, our humble little Wawa is the most successful in the entire state. Not that any of us students should be surprised - I am sure most of us are wary of just *how* much of our limited funds go to the store for snacks and such on a semester-by-semester basis.

After all, \$1.05 for a 16 oz. coffee might not seem like too bad a deal, but if you're making these a nightly fix



Wawa swings its doors open for students 24 hours every day, offering both hot food and cold treats to the hungry. Photo by Kate Minnema.





Students Amy FitzHenry and Alayna Tetreault-Rooney check the nutritional contents on doughnuts while in line at Wawa. With the wait in line increasing in length during peak times, students often enjoy themselves by talking with friends and meeting new people. Though these doughnuts may not be the most nutritious thing to consume, Wawa has healthier things like salad, fresh fruit and a whole section of “health food.”

*Photo by Kate Zimmerman*

you might find yourself gulping down over twenty bucks a month. Try getting one of the refill mugs if your Wawa coffee runs are habitual – it’s only 99 cents to fill up the 20 oz. mug while a new cup that size costs \$1.15. Even if nightly caffeine rushes aren’t your style, you’ve still got a great variety of options to choose from at all hours of the day. If you got to the UC Center Court just five minutes after they shut down, you could ease your hunger by dashing to Wawa and grabbing a Hot-to-Go bowl instead for \$3.99. There are lots of choices, but the selection varies from day-to-day so it’s usually a good idea to have a look at the menu board before getting your heart set on a Chicken Alfredo bowl only to realize there aren’t any. For a late-night or anytime treat try a Strawberry-Banana Smoothie for \$1.19; sure, they’re not made right in front of you, but they’re pretty darn tasty and less expensive than the Daily Grind variety. If you are in a real hurry you can even grab a refrigerated wrap. They’re \$3.69 and might be considered a little pricey, but the splurge can be worth it if it’s a choice between a satisfied appetite or another rumbling stomach all class.

And, in case you were wondering, the word “Wawa” is not just some spontaneous phrase the founders bestowed or mistakenly mumbled for their chain of handy convenience stores. Depending on how lucid (or intoxicated) you tend to be when you make your way over to the local social center/coffee resource, you may have at one point noticed the little squiggle of a bird over the first *a*. There is significance to that bird. In fact, according to their corporate website profile, “Wawa’ is a Lenni Lenape Indian word for the Canada Goose that was found in the Delaware Valley; that is why we use

the goose on Wawa’s corporate logo.” The name is also shared with a town in Pennsylvania where the company traces its roots back to 1902. So clearly, our favorite late-night stop has a long history of its own, long before it landed in Williamsburg.

Whatever your opinion on Wawa and its positive (have fun with your friends!) and negative (put off your paper another hour!) consequences for students here, it has come to represent a culture that underscores the closeness of the College population through the shared experience of something as simple as a laugh over a cup of coffee. *Contributions by Paul Brockwell.*



This glimpse from the entryway shows the bright colors and friendly staff that so often tempt students inside. *Photo by Kate Zimmerman*

> STYLE

NOW PLAYING:

Adrian Lyne

Heats up

Hollywood

> Lindsay Randall, DSJ Staff Reporter

Let's give a hand to Adrian Lyne. When you're wandering through that back section labeled "Dramas" at Blockbuster, his is one of the only names in showbiz that still contains the mark of a gripping movie. You see his name in all caps above the movie title, you push that cassette into the VCR, you sit on the edge of your seat, and you stay there the entire time.

He will glue your eyes to the screen with a minimal amount of gore, a moderate amount of sex, and a maximum amount of intrigue. Although *Flashdance* might not exactly be your idea

of a thriller, Lyne's sparse but satisfying later movies have tackled important issues such as teen drama (*Foxes*), horned creatures and a Vietnam veteran (*Jacob's Ladder*), and laborious Russian remakes (*Lolita*). However, Adrian Lyne's true gift lies in his evocative exploration of adultery. And no director in Hollywood has more shockingly exposed the full ramifications of the seventh commandment than he.

So in commemoration of this undeniably captivating director, I'd like to run through four of his greatest movies.





**9 1/2 Weeks** *Photo from www.thebadboyvickeyyourkewebsite.com*  
(1986)

Warning to all who shudder at fetishes – this is probably one of the sexiest movies you can rent without going through a beaded curtain.

Lyne's most graphic and raw portrayal of fantasy, *9 1/2 Weeks* is the story of a torrid affair between an art dealer (Basinger) and a mysteriously undefined businessman (Rourke). The film takes you on a variety of erotic adventures, but don't watch it for the plot (considering the only one that exists is the growing sexual debauchery that the two share as the film progresses). Watch it for the development of intensity that exists between the two main characters is filmed. Watch as Lyne pushes each encounter just to the brink of explosion, only to give you 30-second moments of relief between each one. The acting is secondary to the theme of this growing sexual pressure and its consequences for the woman who succumbs to it. The decreased use of light, the growing sparseness of the music and the swelling of vocal and facial depth of the woman all mimic the steadily increasing corruption into which she slides.

Although the movie doesn't directly concern adultery, Lyne explores the individual's sexual limits in a fascinating, dark way. At the end you will find yourself horrified, and wondering how far you would go in nine and a half weeks.

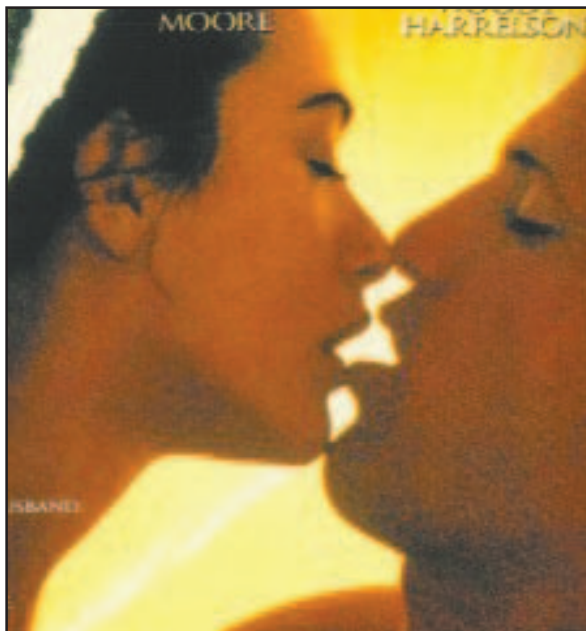


**Fatal Attraction** *Photo from vpfilms.krm.net.ua/films*  
(1987)

"It may be my last chance to have a child." Good reason. Go ahead, Michael Douglas, a one night stand with the blonde, pretty lady won't have any permanent ramifications on your happy family.

In this film, Lyne paints a bloody portrait of the disastrous (albeit unlikely) results of an extramarital affair. When Dan's (Douglas) wife goes away for the weekend, he engages in a quick liaison with a colleague. Little does he know that Alex (magnificently portrayed by Glenn Close) has a slight problem with rejection, and she begins to threaten, blackmail and stalk Dan. The famous climax of the movie (memorably watched by Bridget Jones after a breakup) is a shocking illustration of the possible results of an affair. Presumably there are fewer maniacs in the world and bloodshed won't have to be the end to all mistakes, but the film brings up several interesting questions about honesty, faithfulness and trust in monogamous relationships. Dan's struggles with telling his wife of the affair and the melodramatic chaos ensuing from a momentary lapse in judgment cause those ancient Biblical words to ring loud in your ear (Do NOT commit adultery! Else you will be drowned and shot in a bathtub!).

The film is whirling, crazy, and somewhat ridiculous, but it's a sure bang from beginning to end. The fast-paced plot and simplistic camera work all emphasize the spiraling, horrific story.



## Indecent Proposal (1993)

Photo from <http://members.cscoms.com>

Who could imagine Robert Redford as the bad guy? But when he poses the million-dollar proposal to an impoverished couple (Demi Moore and Woody Harrelson), leaving their gorgeous marriage in the wake of his desire, somehow we see the evil behind that shining smile.

This one is chock-full of steamy love scenes, but, comfortingly enough, they are actually between a married couple. Lyne shows a true gift for directing intimacy; he steers the camera and emphasizes light changes to construct beautifully erotic love scenes. The two are happy, passionate, and poor as heck. In swoops Redford's billionaire character, who offers the couple one million dollars for one night with Demi. (A brilliant touch by Lyne – he never shows the sex scene between the two.) Unfortunately both of them think it's a good idea, and emotional disaster follows. Harrelson drives himself crazy wondering what happened that night, and the two break up.

You might be screaming at the screen at this point, "How could she *do* that? How could he *let* her?" Never fear. Lyne's touching, tender finale to this film leaves you with a very different question: "Would I do that, too?"

I realize that some people might consider these movies trashy and often horrendously farfetched, but I maintain that they are brilliant. A winning combination of touching sensuality, plot twists, violence and moral calamity make Adrian Lyne's films a necessity for any movie buff's collection.



## Unfaithful (2002)

Photo from [www.movieroundtable.com](http://www.movieroundtable.com)

This movie made me realize the necessity of getting a French boyfriend.

Olivier Martinez stars as every woman's dream; Diane Lane is the woman who cannot help but sleep with him. Another film about a seemingly happy marriage destroyed by an affair, *Unfaithful* brings back all of the sexiness of *9 ½ Weeks* while retaining the thriller aspects of *Fatal Attraction* and the thought-provoking qualities of *Indecent Proposal*.

This movie is filled with little jewels of cinematic genius. The most memorable is the first love scene between Connie (Lane) and Paul (Martinez). Filmed as a series of flashbacks during a long subway ride, Diane Lane remembers bits and pieces of their lovemaking while letting every emotion and memory pass wrenchingly over her face. Her alternate laughing and crying, cringing and smiling convey a tenderness and fear that is remarkable and thought-provoking.

Another breathtaking scene occurs after "the crisis" at a social function that the married couple must attend. The two dance, slowly and tortuously, in the midst of all of their friends and family. All the pain and agony that can be imagined twist the actors' faces with startling realism, and the quiet, intimate directing draws the viewer into this insanely private moment in their lives.

# SSSH! The Secret Side of the College's Lesser Known Societies

> BECCA MILFELD, DSJ NEWS EDITOR

They are not registered with the Office of Student Activities. If you ever heard the name of one mentioned, it might not even register in any familiar part of your memory. They are the secret or semi-secret societies of the College, and just like so many other facets of the College's culture, they have quite a history.

Included in the long legacy of William and Mary firsts that range from Phi Beta Kappa to the oldest academic building in continual use is the Flat Hat Club, or the F.H.C. As the oldest college fraternity in British America, the F.H.C. was established in 1750 and reached the height of its activity in the 1770's. It consisted of six members at any given time and served as a precursor to the secret societies that exist today.

Thomas Jefferson, perhaps the most famed F.H.C. member would later recall his days in the organization writing, "When I was a student of Wm. & Mary college of this state, there existed a society called the F.H.C. society, confined to the number of six students only, of which I was a member, but it had no useful object, nor do I know whether it now exists."

The F.H.C., unlike Phi Beta Kappa, which was adopted at other college campuses, faltered during the Revolutionary War and was not revived. The actual words that the acronym F.H.C. stood for were masked by the appellation "the Flat Hat Club," and have since been shrouded by the passage of time.

Today, at least six to eight secret societies exist on campus including the Seven Society, the 13's, the Alphas, the Phi Society and the Bishop James Madison Society.

According to Director of the Historic Campus Louise Kale, several of the College's current secret

societies date back to the early twentieth century. Kale, whose father was a member of the 13's at the College in the late 1920's, was unaware of his membership until finding his medal after his death.

Similarly, the Alphas, a current all-female secret society at the College, was named after the Alpha Club, a female literary, music and dramatic society that developed early in the twentieth century in response to female exclusion from male literary



Though our secret societies hold many students, their identities remain unknown. *Photo by Kate Zimmerman*

societies. The original Alpha Club was a precursor to Mortar Board and eventually evolved into more specific, smaller clubs until being recently reinstated as a secret society.

According to Director of Student Activities Mark Constantine, secret societies appear to do nothing but positive things. The college's secret societies are not registered with Student Activities and therefore receive no school funding and cannot reserve rooms to hold meetings in, although nothing stops them from posting flyers on campus since it is a public space. Several of the societies take advantage of this and are not shy about letting their presence be known.

Last year, Admission Office Lobby Counselor and Customer Service Coordinator Sandra Wesser showed

up to work one morning to find a metal container full of two dozen green golf umbrellas on the front porch of Blow Memorial Hall. On both the metal container and each umbrella was the symbol of the Sevens. Although Wesser had often mentioned how helpful it would be for tour groups to have umbrellas, she has not yet figured out which individual instigated the purchase.

"The students I try to question won't break for anything," said

Wesser. She also reports that the Alphas have left flowers on the admission counter for staff members and that once the admission office received 13 bagels that are assumed to have come from the 13's.

Among other activities, the Seven Society has recently sponsored poetry readings and an "I am the College" Photo Contest.

"Most, if not all, do some good for the College," said Kale.

"They're not just a group who hangs out and says 'we know who we are and you don't.' I respect the choice they've made to be a secret society and I respect the fact that they make anonymous contributions to William and Mary. I think that almost anyone in the administration would say the same thing."

According to Kale, because secret societies are of a covert nature, one of the biggest difficulties for them is to keep the momentum going. She also states that in her experience at the College, secret societies are not of a monolithic nature, but instead encompass a great variety of students.

In an election year in which both candidates were members of Skull and Bones at Yale, interest in the role that secret societies play has extended to a national level of focus.



# Campus Privacy: Calling All Annoyances

> ALEX RITZENBERG, DSJ STAFF REPORTER

Does a salesperson have the right to make use of our private space to advertise a product? What kinds of limitations can we, as students, place on the types of messages that we allow within our homes? Such questions about considerations of privacy versus the right to free speech have come to the forefront as students have experienced a sharp increase in the volume of on-campus telemarketing calls.

“Other schools are having similar issues,” Information Technology (IT) employee Chris Ward said of telemarketing on campus.

Other IT employees reported having heard complaints among faculty at the College. “I understand that students have been heavily hit with the MasterCard Company. I know the same company calls the offices of faculty,” IT employee Connie Grimes said.

“That’s why I think it could be automatic dialers,” Ward added, speculating that telemarketing companies use a machine that combines the 221-prefix with each possible combination of 4-digit extensions.

Activation of the National Do Not Call Registry, effective 31 March, 2003, supplies an answer to questions

about a balance of rights. The Registry seems to indicate that a citizen’s right to privacy supersedes the rights of the eager telemarketer. The Federal Trade Commission’s Telemarketing Sales Rule, 16 C.F.R., Part 310, places the option of receiving telemarketing calls in the home within the hands of the citizen. Students, through the National Do Not Call Registry website (<https://www.donotcall.gov/default.aspx>), can register up to three phone numbers for inclusion on a No-Call list, free of charge.

“Senators and Congressmen heard enough from their constituency and decided to pass a ban. People put pressure on their representatives,” Ward said.

The Federal Trade Commission, which the National Do Not Call Registry’s website defines as the nation’s consumer protection agency, informs readers that the registry will not be immediately effective. In addition, not all calls will be filtered.

According to the website, “most telemarketers should not call your number once it has been on the registry for three months. [...] Placing your number on the registry will stop most, but not all, telemarketing calls.”



The website notes that registration is effective for five years.

IT, unable to register phone numbers in bulk, has encouraged students to register their individual room numbers.

“The basic point is that we’re not allowed to register blocks of numbers. If we could, we would,” Ward said. He also notes that students, although given the power to block telemarketing calls received on shared phone lines, should check with any roommates before registering a number.

Grimes, a member of the Association for Communications, Technology, Professionals and Higher Education, says that the topic of limiting telemarketing within the home has been a popular subject for years. The sluggish progress on the issue, according to Ward, is probably a result of the difficulty of achieving a balance of rights.

“As we understand it, telemarketers are acting within their rights. The government is very careful about preserving those rights,” Ward said.

“I think this is a real tough issue to address. [...] It’s hard to know what’s a good solution,” Grimes said.



Telemarketers are increasingly gaining access to College student and staff numbers. IT is encouraging students to register their room numbers on the National Do-Not-Call Registry.

# GETTING IT DONE

> ROSS GILBERT, DSJ STAFF REPORTER



ROTC students prepare in the Sunken Gardens for future military careers. *Photo courtesy of Ben Baldwin*

Recent deployments of United States Military Reserve and National Guard units to the Middle East have caused some concern over the prospect of a draft at home. This naturally has led to rumors that students at the College, more specifically Army ROTC students, could potentially be called up by the Selective Service to serve their country. While it is true that the Selective Service is still operated by the Federal government, and that registration by males ages 18 to 24 is required by law, the likelihood of a draft anytime soon is extremely low. Though ROTC students at the College will not have to abandon their studies, the current U.S. military presence overseas raises questions over the prospects of a future career in the Armed Forces.

“Being a contracted cadet in ROTC

you get a waiver from the draft,” said Matt Gibbons, Second Platoon Sergeant and junior here at the College. This means that even students enrolled in the National Guard would be exempt from being deployed while also enrolled in ROTC.

Word has spread around campus over the last year that a draft could be enacted, as the political situation in Iraq has deteriorated while the number of troop casualties has steadily climbed. College students have little cause for worry, however, as a draft requires by law that the President and Congress have the Selective Service reinstate it, which has not occurred since 1973. The draft registration was suspended from 1975 until 1980, when it was re-enacted by President Carter in response to the conflict with the

## Students Prepare for the WAR in Iraq

Soviet Union in Afghanistan. Just as the average civilian student is often not in favor of the draft, neither, necessarily are those in ROTC.

“I don’t think they should force anyone to join the military because if I were a soldier fighting with [those who were drafted], I wouldn’t want someone who was there for the wrong reasons. I would want to be assured that the other soldiers would be able to do whatever it takes to follow through with their job and mission and support the rest of their unit,” said ROTC Cadet and Sophomore Amy Benoit.

While registration for most males ages 18 to 24 is required by law, both President Bush and Democratic candidate John Kerry have opposed any calls for a draft. Indeed, on 5 Oct. 2004 the U.S. House of Representatives overwhelmingly

“ROTC is invaluable in improving your personal leadership capabilities. It helps you with time management and motivation.”

Ben Baldwin,  
ROTC senior



Photo courtesy of Ben Baldwin

rejected a bill planning to reinstate the draft by a margin of 402-2. Clearly, the prospects of a draft anytime soon are extremely unlikely.

If a draft were to occur, women would be excluded because they are barred by law from serving in frontline combat situations. However, the rules for male college students have changed since the Vietnam conflict. While in that war students could defer service until receiving a college degree, now students can only defer until the end of the current semester and seniors until the end of the academic year.

Current ROTC students preparing for life in the Army are accustomed to training with the assumption that a draft will not occur.

“We are an all-volunteer army currently, which I like because you’re there because you want to be there,” said Gibbons on the topic of conscription.

The fact that even the word of a potential draft has spread indicates the dire straits that the United States government finds itself in Iraq. With no clear resolution to that war in sight, the political climate in the Middle East is a tense one. That

means that U.S. military units will be placed in harm’s way well into the future. Asked about the prospects of a career in the Army under such circumstances, ROTC senior Ben Baldwin felt confident he and his fellow cadets will have received the training they need to meet the expectations placed on them.

“ROTC is invaluable in improving your personal leadership capabilities. It helps you with time management and motivation,” Baldwin said.

After ROTC students have signed a contract their junior year, they are obligated to go into the military upon graduation, receiving an officer commission as 2nd Lieutenant in the Army. By that point they will have taken a course every semester in military science, outdoor training labs, and a course over the summer between junior and senior year known as “Warrior Forge” that hones their leadership qualities and determines the branch of the Army they will enter upon graduation.

The training ROTC students receive at the College is intense. In addition to the classroom work required, they participate in early morning physical training three times

a week. Seniors meet weekly to plan events and labs for younger cadets. While it may seem that these activities, in addition to the 32-day training at Warrior Forge, are hardly enough to prepare one for leading troops into battle, they are supplemented upon graduation, when ROTC students enter into the Officers Basic Course. This course provides three to six months of active training for a particular graduate in his or her chosen or assigned branch of the Army.

Whereas Gibbons, who has signed the ROTC contract, will soon go through training and assessment at Warrior Forge and subsequently be assigned a division, Benoit, who is a sophomore, is still only considering signing. For the rest of the College campus, however, it is only in the unlikely event of a draft that any action on the frontline will ever be seen.

*Becca Milfeld also contributed to this story.*





# ROTC IN ACTION

## A Photo Essay

All photos courtesy of Ben Baldwin

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Above: Battalion training sessions are planned and led by cadets. The purpose of the physical training session is to improve the overall physical fitness of cadets as well as allow them to gain experience directing, planning and training formations.



Above: Once a semester the Battalion has a weekend-long Field Training Exercise during which cadets are able to implement skills that they have learned during the semester.

Right: ROTC trains on campus in several different ways. Every week there is physical training, a leadership laboratory, and classroom instruction.



# Lingering In The Shadows...

> EVAN DAVIS, DSJ STAFF REPORTER

“Any action taken or situation created intentionally, whether on or off fraternity premises, to produce mental or physical discomfort, embarrassment, harassment, or ridicule.”

The above is the first sentence of a standard definition of hazing that can be found on the national website of almost any fraternity that exists at the College. Hazing is comprehensively denounced, denied and discredited by national and local officers of the fraternal community. Listening to fraternity presidents, it is as if the question of hazing should never arise as it simply does not exist. Nevertheless, talk of videos of pledges being hit with boards and rumors of forced drinking in basements float around lunch table conversations with the aura of truth.

The Greek community at the College is generally accepted to be far more responsible than its counterparts at larger universities. Nearly every fraternity president made this distinction clear when speaking of hazing at the College as a whole. Many non-Greeks do not seem to be concerned with hazing either.

“I’m sure there’s stuff that pledges do that they wouldn’t normally do, but I’d say, for the most part, it’s pretty harmless,” said Nick Walsh, an unaffiliated sophomore.

In contrast to Walsh’s assurance, pledges of Pi Lambda Phi, a fraternity removed from the College last year, could be seen being hit by wooden boards in a video made infamous by a college humor website. Anne Arseneau, the College’s Greek Life advisor, describes hazing as a challenge for any institution that consistently admits new members.

“I don’t want to say that it is not a problem here,” said Arseneau. “It’s not a new problem, it’s not an old



problem, it’s a continuing opportunity for problems.”

Arseneau described the College’s role as an institution which must vigilantly address the potential problem of hazing. She pointed out that the College sends a letter to all new members of Greek organizations detailing the administration’s anti-hazing policy and brings speakers on the subject of preventing hazing.

It remains clear, however, that hazing will be initiated or prevented at the chapter level, not from the offices of College administrators. What happens in the basements of the Fraternity Complex is controlled by the officers of the fraternity chapters of the College. Assuming this is true, then there should be little worry about hazing at the College, given the response of fraternity presidents when asked to describe their chapter’s stance on the matter.

Every president contacted decried the practice of hazing and was adamant that it does not occur in his organization. Two fraternities claimed to be the first to develop a national anti-hazing policy, Kappa Delta Rho and Delta Chi (which is

not CFA recognized). At least officially, the fraternities of the College are opposed to any concept of the practice of hazing.

“Hazing is a thing of the past - the typical college student doesn’t want to put up with that anymore,” said Andrew Welch, president of Theta Delta Chi. Although phrased differently by presidents up and down frat row, this feeling is the consensus. Sigma Chi president Dan Owens agreed generally with Welch. “We’re against hazing,” said Owens.

The fraternity community is unified at the top in its opposition to hazing; nevertheless, rumors persist. Presidents were quick to deny hazing in their own chapters, but several stopped short of denying the existence of hazing in other organizations.

“I don’t really know [about other chapters], but it’s not a problem at Sigma Chi,” said Owens. “It could be, but I’m not a pledge at other fraternities.”

Rashad Kawmy, president of Phi Kappa Tau, was more certain that hazing is not an issue at the College.

"I do not feel that it is a problem here," said Kawmy. "I know that it is not in my fraternity."

If opposition to hazing could not be more emphatic, then understanding of what precisely is hazing could be more unclear. One of the most important processes of fraternities, if not the most important, is to recruit new members and put them through the pledge process. Pledging, in a broad sense, is designed for pledges to get to know brothers, foster respect for and understanding of the traditions and values of the organization, and create unity in the pledge class. Hazing generally occurs when the line between asking pledges to do something to fulfill these goals and doing something dangerous and unnecessary becomes blurry.

Ideen Solhtalab, a brother of Delta Phi, rushed nearly every fraternity but cautions he can only speak on his own. He stressed how pledging positively affected him and his organization.

"Our pledge process is getting these guys [pledges] to know each other before they know us [brothers]," said Solhtalab. "It's kind of tough to be part of an entire fraternity if you don't know the guys you'll be graduating with."

Solhtalab explained that from his perspective hazing is either not happening, or fraternities are keeping it under wraps. He feels that if it is a large problem, rumors would spread. Like nearly everyone else contacted, he emphasized that compared to other schools, the College should not be worried.

"That's ridiculous," Solhtalab said, when speaking of practices which he has heard occur elsewhere, such as having pledges skin a rabbit.

It can be said that hazing is defined by each person who witnesses it. Many students, including the writer of this story, have seen pledges running around campus with little clothing at midnight, having to carry or wear certain items, required to go on scavenger hunts for trivial objects,

or even go to a soccer game in freezing temperatures wearing only a pair of shorts. For many, these activities are simply a part of pledging, and they point out that most pledges volunteer to do these things. For others, this is hazing.

Kappa Delta Rho president Steve King was concerned that the definition of hazing could be expanded to include normal pledge activities such as requiring them to dress up on certain days. While emphasizing that his organization does not force activity on any pledge, he argued the broad scope of hazing clauses in College policies hamstring fraternities to some extent.

"I think anywhere you go there will be some hazing," said King.

More significant examples of hazing are either clearly evident, as in the case of the video of pledges being

hit with boards, or are unsubstantiated rumors, such as the widespread belief that pledges are forced or asked forcefully to drink excessively. There is no debate on the fact that heavy drinking occurs at fraternities. It is difficult not to know someone from your freshman hall who hasn't stumbled back to bed one night or another. Whether this is the result of hazing remains to be seen.

Regardless of the extent to which it exists at the College, many fraternity men point to the argument that hazing simply is not necessary to operate a successful pledge period, and in fact works against this goal.

"Hazing is an ineffective and dangerous way to promote the bonds of brotherhood," said Nick Smith, a brother of Theta Delta Chi.



## ON THE RECORD: FRATERNITY PRESIDENTS SPEAK OUT ABOUT HAZING

Dan Reisig, Alpha Epsilon Pi	"We're openly against hazing. That's it."
Andy Moon, Beta Theta Pi	"It doesn't occur in my chapter."
James Goodwin, Delta Chi*	"If anything, [hazing] creates contempt for your brothers."
Steve King, Kappa Delta Rho	"As a chapter, we have a strict no-hazing policy."
Rashad Kawmy, Phi Kappa Tau	"We have a no-hazing policy here."
Andrew Welch, Theta Delta Chi	"We are a fraternity that exists not to haze."
Zach Dunn, Psi Upsilon	"If it's not fun, we don't do it."
Dan Owens, Sigma Chi	"We're against hazing."

The following fraternities could not be contacted before deadline or declined to comment: Alpha Phi Alpha, Delta Phi, Kappa Alpha, Lambda Chi Alpha, Pi Kappa Alpha, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Sigma Pi.

\*Delta Chi is not a CFA-recognized fraternity.



# WHO ARE SHAVER'S RAVERS?

> JASON VISA, DSJ SPORTS EDITOR

As they make urgent preparations for the upcoming basketball season, DSJ staff writer Jason Vida sat down with the Tribe's newest athletic supporters to discuss their goals, their story, and what they call "the best recruiting class ever."

Kenny Goodenow, Brian Low, Francis Beringer and Mike Morrissey are a few of the Shaver's Ravers officers that talked to the DSJ during halftime of the blustery cold men's soccer game against George Mason. Some of the group's diehards, about 15 fans, had come to compete in the spirit contest being held at the game that night. Despite the frigid temperature, the group was upbeat and happy for the chance to reach more potential members.

**DSJ:** So how did Shaver's Ravers come about? Whose idea was it?

**Brian Low:** Well six of us all lived on the same freshman hall, and we always go to all the games together. At a basketball game last year, Ken came up to us and said we should think about making our group more formal.

**Kenny Goodenow:** I went to undergrad at Dayton, and there was a similar group there that all wore the same shirts and went to all the games.

**DSJ:** What are you trying to accomplish through Shaver's Ravers?

**SR:** We're obviously trying to provide support for William and Mary basketball. Kind of trying to replicate what other schools in our conference, like Drexel and Delaware, already have: a type of

formal support group that wears matching t-shirts and makes the games a lot more fun.

**DSJ:** How did you guys decide on the name? Were any other names considered?

**SR:** We considered Featherheads, and other names trying to link the group to the Indians or the Tribe or anything, but we wanted to make sure we were being politically correct. A lot of the names we wanted, like the Tribe Club or the Green and Gold Club are already taken, so we just decided to go with Shaver's Ravers. We're there to support the team, though. We're not like a Tony Shaver cult or anything.

**DSJ:** Speaking of Coach Shaver, what does he think of the group?

**SR:** He's really excited about it, as is the whole administration really. He's really willing to help us help him. We've been invited to practices; it's been great.

**DSJ:** So what does joining Shaver's Ravers entail?

**SR:** For \$10 dues you get a t-shirt, plus we're in the process of trying to get preferred seating at all the games. We're also looking to do some social events, plus you'll get stuff like noisemakers, hats, boas at the games. But we only meet at games, we're just out there to have fun. We don't have weekly meetings or anything.

**DSJ:** So as some of Tribe basketball's biggest fans, what kind of predictions can you make about the upcoming season?



Men's Basketball coach Tony Shaver, above, will enjoy greater support for his team this season thanks to Shaver's Ravers. (Photo courtesy of *Sports Information*)

**SR:** Well we think we brought in the best recruiting class ever this year, and the team definitely has a lot of athleticism. I think we're going to surprise a lot of people. We should definitely win more games than we did last year.

Improving on last year's season should not be difficult for the Tribe, who struggled to a 7-21 record last year, winning only four conference games in the process. Students at the College can get their first glimpse of this season's team, and the Shaver's Ravers, when the Tribe hosts Hartford at the newly refurbished William and Mary on Hall on 19 November at 8:30 p.m.



# DODGEBALL:

## Not Just for Kids Anymore

> BRADLEY JUSTUS, DSJ STAFF REPORTER

It's a Sunday afternoon and most William and Mary students are in the library or some academic building preparing for impending exams. That's most William and Mary students. As for 15 teams of 8-10 people, they're in the Recreation Center fighting for the 2004 William and Mary Dodgeball Championship. Last year's defending champion, DP, a primarily sophomore team formed by Dupont First West, was back to attempt to defend their 2003 William and Mary Dodgeball Championship title.

The competition that ensued this year can only be likened to the movie *Dodgeball: A True Underdog Story*. Sporting headbands and Under Armour, team DP prepared for the tournament in true Ray Lewis fashion, huddling and shouting, "We must protect this house." In addition to this display of showmanship, one of the members of this team even told me that the team motto should be, "Ain't nobody do what we do." It is with this backdrop that the real competition begins.

The competition works like this: the first rounds are single

elimination, and the semi-final and final rounds are best two games out of three. The rules of dodgeball at the College are probably a bit more complicated than we all remember.

When a team eliminates every member of the other team, they are declared victorious.

In this William and Mary Dodgeball Championship, team DP advanced to the finals without losing a game. They were met in the finals by the ROTC team. In this clash of epic proportions that can only be likened to the clash between the Yankees and the Red Sox, DP won in two straight games to capture a second consecutive championship.

With this victory, team DP remains the only team to ever win a William and Mary Dodgeball Championship, having now won the only two in the College's history.

When interviewed after winning back-to-back William and Mary Dodgeball Championships, a member of team DP, Sam Alnouri, jokingly said, "The whole idea was to have fun, but to be honest, I wouldn't have accepted anything less than a win. No one was going to come into our house and take this from us. We played like Ali in his prime." Sean Gillick commended UCAB, saying, "I give props to UCAB for holding a



Students enjoy the classic playground game at the Rec Center. Photo by Sean Gillick

The basics are the same, with ten people on each side who can hit a person on the other side of the line with a dodgeball to eliminate them. The rules become more convoluted because this game also involves a "prison" on each side of the court. When players are eliminated by being hit by a ball, they are sent to this area. Imprisoned teammates may be rescued from prison, which is at the end of the opposing team's side. If a member of their team is successful in throwing a ball to them while they are in prison, then they may return to their own side and compete again in the dodgeball match taking place.



## (dodgeball, con'td)

well-run tournament that will hopefully lead to more competition in future years.”

This year they did play like Ali in his prime, and today indeed nobody could do what they did. For their victory in this championship, team DP received a dodgeball to go along with the dodgeball they received last year as a trophy for their championship. Until next year DP will proudly hold the title of William and Mary Dodgeball Champion, even as teams eagerly wait in the wings to challenge them for the championship they hold. Next year, they certainly will have targets on their backs with a litany of teams seeking to dethrone them. Team DP will certainly be back, and they will be ready to take on all challengers in an attempt to win their third consecutive William and Mary Dodgeball Championship.

The champs of the tourney rejoice with their prized trophy, a dodgeball. *Photo courtesy of Sean Gillick*



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# > TRIBE FOOTBALL



Photo by Kate Zimmerman

## the delaware report

All-America candidate quarterback Lang Campbell and wide receiver Dominique Thompson hooked up for three first quarter touchdown passes but the #14 Tribe was unable to hold onto its 21-7 lead after the opening period as the #3 Blue Hens barely fended off William and Mary, 31-28, to give the Tribe its first conference loss of the season.

The Tribe fell to 5-2 overall on the season, 3-1 in the Atlantic-10 while Delaware improved to 6-1 and 5-0 in conference. The Blue Hens and #13 JMU now are the only teams left undefeated and atop the Atlantic-10 South Division.

In its biggest test since facing Division I-A UNC to open the year, the Tribe held its own against the defending I-AA national champion Blue Hens as QB Lang Campbell continued building his case as the best quarterback in I-AA, completing 20 out of 30 passes for 355 yards and four touchdowns, all to Thompson, whose star shined even brighter than Campbell's Saturday. The senior WR

had six catches for 244 yards and tied a school record with his four touchdown receptions. Campbell's 244 receiving yards also broke Dave Conklin's record of 240 receiving yards in a single game, set against VMI in 1997.

After forcing a three-and-out on the Blue Hens's first possession, the Tribe went to work, converting excellent field position into Thompson's first touchdown reception, a 10-yard pass from Campbell, who was perfect on the drive. The Tribe defense held Delaware again and after receiving the punt, Campbell hit Thompson for a 62-yard catch-and-run to take a 14-0 lead.

Delaware quarterback Sonny Riccio found the Blue Hens's leading wideout Justin Long for a five-yard touchdown pass to cut the lead to, 14-7. The Tribe dug itself a hole to begin its next drive, but on 3rd and 20, Campbell evaded pressure in the pocket and hit Thompson for what would be an 87-yard scoring pass,

making the score, 21-7.

Delaware responded in kind in the second quarter, rattling off 17 points to take a 24-21 halftime lead. After halfback Niquan Lee ran the ball in from two yards out, the Blue Hens blocked a punt on the Tribe's next possession. The resulting field goal position led to a 43-yard field goal after the Tribe defense made a stand deep in its own territory.

Neither team scored in the third quarter, but Campbell and Thompson were not finished yet, connecting for a 64-yard score to give the Tribe the lead, 28-24, early in the fourth quarter.

With under five minutes to go, Delaware capped off a quick, five-play 77-yard touchdown drive with a 25-yard scoring pass over the middle to Joe Blyemaier from Riccio to take a 31-28 lead, which would stand when time expired.

The Tribe battles two ranked Atlantic-10 opponents in Villanova and James Madison in the coming weeks.

- Daniel Grossman

# tribe SPORTS in brief

## SWIMMING AND DIVING TEAMS SUFFER LOSS



The Tribe women's and men's swimming and diving teams both took unfortunate losses as they faced off against Towson. Despite impressive individual wins on both teams, it was not enough to overcome the tough competition provided by Towson as they picked up two early CAA wins at the expense of the Tribe. The tough defeat left the women with their first loss of the season, leaving them 1-1 on the year with a 0-1 record in the CAA. The men are searching for their first victory as they stand at 0-2 with a loss in the CAA column as well.

Carrie Gerloff led the women's team in their 104-137 defeat as she won the 1-meter dive with a score of 237.37 and claimed victory in the 3-meter dive with a score of 236.85. Paige Capro contributed with her first win of the season in the 200 IM posting a time of 2:12.06, while freshman Meredith David captured her second-straight win in the 200 backstroke in 2:09.61. Bryanne Matthews wrapped up another victory as she won the 200 breast stroke in 2:26.82.

Eric Druker led the men with his two victories; tying for first in the 50 freestyle with a time of 21.96 and combining with teammates Nick Duda, Bruce Thomas and Scott Rhodes to post 3:15.53 in the 400 free relay. Druker also finished second in the 200 fly competition. Duda also had an impressive showing as runner-up in both the 100 and 200 freestyle swims, while Thomas took second in the 200 IM for the Tribe.

## MEN'S B-BALL PRACTICE BEGINS WITH OPTIMISM



Men's basketball began official

preparations for the 2004-2005 season with six new players: four freshman and two junior transfers. Head coach Tony Shaver has said that despite the long and tough practices the team is enduring, "there's been a lot of energy in the gym and there's been a lot of intensity in our practices and I think that's all a very positive thing for us." The team will host 14 home games at William & Mary Hall this season, and play national powers Kentucky and North Carolina on the road. The team will begin CAA conference play when they travel to Old Dominion on 4 Dec.

## FORMER STANDOUT MUSINSKI SIGNS AFL CONTRACT



Former Tribe star Rich Musinski, who rewrote Tribe record books in his four years at wide receiver, signed a contract with the Nashville Kats of the Arena Football League on 19 Oct. Despite only being used as a receiver and punt returner at the College, Musinski will also play cornerback for the Kats, marking his return to the position for which he was initially recruited out of high school. Musinski was signed as an undrafted free agent by the NFL's Tennessee Titans this spring, and impressed in training camp before being one of the final eight players to be cut before the regular season. Musinski graduated in 2004 as the Tribe's all-time leader in receptions, receiving yards and touchdowns, twice earning All-American honors.

## WOMEN'S SOCCER ENSURES WINNING SEASON



The ladies' 4-0 victory over Drexel on Sunday, 24 Oct. solidified that for the 23<sup>rd</sup> consecutive year, the Tribe

will finish the regular season with a winning record, which matches the longest streak in the nation. The match also served as the last home game for the team and its five seniors this season. After a scoreless first half, the Tribe recorded four goals over the last 45 minutes, three coming in a hectic 1:21 span between the game's 59<sup>th</sup> and 60<sup>th</sup> minutes. Senior Taline Tahmassian scored her team-leading ninth goal in the contest, as the Tribe dominated the game from start to finish, outshooting the over-matched Dragons 16-3. With two matches left, against UNC Wilmington and Virginia Commonwealth, the Tribe is focused on defending their CAA crown in the conference tournament beginning on Tuesday, 2 Nov.

## ALUM HESS SIGNS DEAL WITH CZECH B-BALL TEAM



Former Tribe standout Adam Hess recently signed a contract to play with CEZ Basketball Nymburk in the Czech Republic's top division. Nymburk is the defending champion of its league, and is heavily favored to repeat. Hess becomes the second member of the Class of 2004 to sign with a European team, as former teammate Zeb Cope signed with C.B. Calpe in Spain last month. Hess has scored 14 and 13 points in Nymburk's first two games of the season, both blowout wins. At the College, Hess became the first member of the Tribe to lead the CAA in scoring, averaging 20.3 points a game his senior season and twice being named to the All-CAA team. In less than three full seasons at the College, Hess amassed 1,341 points, putting him 10<sup>th</sup> on the Tribe's all-time list.

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# Is China Quickly Becoming the Next Economic Superpower?

> JOSH POWERS, DSJ STAFF COLUMNIST <

While the United States attempts to revive its market after a terrible recession that began over four years ago, one nation is seeing tremendous gains in its effort to become the world's next economic superpower. China, the nation that recently surpassed Japan as having the second-largest GDP on Earth, comprising nearly \$6.45 trillion, appears to be very successful in its soft transition from communism to free market capitalism. While full-fledged capitalism is far from being implemented at this point, the isolationist China the world has known for the past century is becoming more globally active, and with a 9.1% growth rate in fiscal year 2004, it is quickly attracting attention.

Should Americans be concerned about this growing power in East Asia? I believe that China will soon leave its relentless reputation behind to become a tough economic competitor. Though the Tiananmen Square demonstrations occurred over 15 years ago, the desire for freedom remains in the palate of Chinese youth. When communism officially falls, which will be relatively soon, China will establish a working democracy and maintain economic growth and stability. Many analysts are even speculating that China may exceed the U.S. GDP within 40 years - a very fast transition for a nation consisting of well over a billion individuals.

While Americans are presently concerned about terrorism and the Middle East, we must also watch China's development closely. While China's economic prowess is inevitable, violent invasion of Taiwan is certainly not. If the Chinese invade, the

United States is legally bound to protect Taiwan. However, it is possible that once capitalism, prosperity and freedom are established in China, Taiwan could be willingly annexed. If disagreements over the sovereignty of Taiwan can be averted, the United States may expect a peaceful and prosperous future with an indispensable trade partner.

Americans must bear in mind that power is not merely weighed by military might, but rather economic vigor. It is quite possible that sometime within the next half century the United States may lose its firm grip on the financial and geopolitical world. While most Americans cannot fathom life without the United States as the preeminent power, many have anticipated this outcome. Napoleon Bonaparte, two centuries ago, proclaimed, "When China awakes, the world will tremble."

I do not believe that this nation will descend into the obscurity of history novels, but I do believe that in this modern world, the United States is Rome. The fate of six

billion people is held at the steps of the Capital building, in the hands of 535 legislators and a forceful president. For half a century these men and women have set the course of history, whether prosperity or poverty, victory or defeat. If this nation is to be dethroned, then let us foresee that our usurper is prepared, so man may never again descend into the chaos that is the world without democracy.

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