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october 6

**who:** students  
**what:** annual raft debate  
**when:** 7 p.m.  
**where:** uc common-wealth  
**why:** see which is best - science, social science, or humanities

october 15

**who:** anyone  
**what:** make a difference day  
**when:** all day  
**where:** all over the 'Burg  
**why:** give back to the Williamsburg community

october 5, 12, 19, 26

**who:** undergraduates  
**what:** LEAP leadership program  
**when:** every wednesday at 4 p.m.  
**where:** uc colony room  
**why:** learn how to be an effective leader and meet other campus leaders

october 8 - 12

**who:** everyone  
**what:** fall break  
**when:** all day  
**where:** anywhere  
**why:** we all need some time off

october 11/22

**who:** anyone  
**what:** register to vote/register to vote absentee by this date, respectively  
**where:** campus or online  
**why:** make your voice heard this election

## CAREER CENTER TO OFFER WORKSHOPS



The Career Center will be offering a variety of workshops to help students polish their resumes and write better cover letters. On 14 October, there will be a series of all-day workshops from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. about resumes, interviews, and job searches. The following week, from 17 to 21 October, mock interviews for the Arts and Sciences, Education, and Business careers will be held. For more information, contact the Career Center, in the basement of Blow Memorial Hall.

## FIGURATIVE WORKS FEATURED AT ANDREWS GALLERY



From 26 September until 21 October, the Andrews Gallery will be holding their Invitational Exhibition of figurative works, with a focus on drawings. The Gallery is located in Andrews Hall and is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Every month the Andrews Gallery puts on a new exhibit for students and the public to view.

## AA BOND RATING GIVEN TO THE COLLEGE



In response to the Higher Education Restructuring Act, the College has received an AA from the bond rating agency Standard and Poor's. This will allow the College to obtain better interest rates when issuing bonds to help subsidize capital projects. The AA rating is better than needed to meet the state's criteria for the third level of autonomy that the College desires. Standard and Poor's said that the primary reasons for giving the College such a high rating were its ability to handle the fluctuations in state

support over the years and to have successful fundraising campaigns.

## PRESIDENT NICHOL STARTS "CONVERSATION"



President Nichol has announced that he will begin a new program, creating a "conversation" with students, faculty, staff, community members and alumni about what it means to be both a "great" and "public" university. Throughout the fall semester, Nichol will be meeting with these groups to get a better idea as to how people think the College needs to proceed to meet these two goals in the future. Campus constituents are encouraged to visit the new website for the conversation and contribute their two cents at [www.wm.edu/conversation](http://www.wm.edu/conversation).

## ALCOHOL AWARENESS WEEK SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER



From 24 to 28 October, the Office of Student Health will be sponsoring Alcohol Awareness Week. Throughout the week, the Office will be sponsoring a variety of events to raise student awareness about responsible alcohol use, such as a Mocktails competition and a movie about alcohol. Any students interested in volunteering with this event should contact the Office of Student Health in the Health Center.

## GRADUATION CANDIDACY FORMS ARE DUE



Anyone who will have met the graduation requirements and who intends to graduate in May 2006 must file a Notice of Candidacy for Graduation with the College Registrar's Office. The deadline is 10 October, and the form is available on the registrar's web site at <http://www.wm.edu/registrar>.

# Get Your Vote On: Choose a Governor

With elections around the corner on 8 November, it's time to pick a candidate.

Here in brief are the main contenders

> ALEX RITZENBERG, DSJ STAFF REPORTER



## Meet Tim Kaine

Democratic candidate Tim Kaine served as City Councilman, Mayor of Richmond, and in 2001 was elected Lieutenant Governor. He credits a devotion to small businesses to having grown up the son of an iron-welding shop owner. Kaine attended the University of Missouri before traveling east for Harvard Law School, taking a year off to serve as a Christian missionary in Honduras.



## Meet Jerry Kilgore

Republican nominee Jerry Kilgore counts among his credentials his position as Virginia's 42nd Attorney General, to which he was elected in November 2001. Prior to that, Kilgore served as Secretary of Public Safety under former Governor George Allen. Kilgore attended the University of Virginia's College at Wise and



## Meet Russ Potts

Independent candidate and fourth-term state Senator from the state's twenty-seventh senatorial district, Russ Potts chairs the Senate Education and Health Committee. He has been named the "Senator of the Year" by many education groups and has the nickname the "Education Senator." A Richmond native, Potts studied journalism and political science at the University of Maryland

... continued from Kaine

Kaine's stated goals for the gubernatorial position include the creation of better jobs in all regions of Virginia, the lowering of homeowner taxes, increased funding for state public schools, cutting healthcare costs for small businesses, and implementing transportation reforms to reduce traffic congestion. He is married to a juvenile court judge and has three children, all enrolled in Virginia public schools. Both Kaine and Independent candidate Potts support a \$60 billion budget for higher education, a measure that Republican candidate Jerry Kilgore has lobbied against. Kaine and Potts say that a \$1.4 billion tax increase will help remedy what the State Council for Higher Education of Virginia estimates is a \$340 million deficit in the funding for public colleges.



## Kaine on Education

Kaine proposes cutting the budget in areas outside of higher education to offset the higher education budget shortfall. He espouses ideas relating to the creation of a four-year public college in Southside Virginia, a project which, Kaine noted when asked, he would not place above the priority of solving the budget deficit for existing institutions. Kaine's proposal is meant to make room for upcoming in-state college students and stimulate growth in the low-economy Southside area.

Kaine has said that he is not opposed to the idea of a tax increase to fund educational reforms. Among other plans is a \$300 million proposal, which he says he plans to phase in over the next several years, to make pre-kindergarten programs available to all Virginia 4-year-olds. He argues with critics over the fiscal impact of such a plan by emphasizing that the program would reduce the need for expensive remedial tutoring at higher grade levels. His opponents have frequently raised questions as to how Kaine will be able to pay for these initiatives.

... continued from Kilgore

earned his JD at William and Mary's law school in 1986. Former President of the College Timothy Sullivan happened to be working in the Law School at the time and remembers Kilgore as a student. Now, the 44-year-old Richmond lawyer has two children and is married to Marty Kilgore, previously a state government employee under Governor Gilmore.

If elected governor, Kilgore's stated intents include making cuts to taxes, regulations, and litigation, which he calls the "three primary barriers to doing business." The Republican nominee cites the creation of additional government watchdog agencies as another top priority. He also proposes an increase in funding for public education through initiatives like the Rural Education Access Program, or REAP, to help students from rural areas attend four year colleges after earning an associate's degree at community college.

## Kilgore on Education

Kilgore has opposed tax increases for higher education and favors zero-based budgeting, which he believes would force colleges and universities to exercise more efficient spending. The candidate instead shifts the focus to the need for research at public state universities, an activity that, as all three candidates have noted, will spur economic growth in the state. Kilgore said he would do his part to encourage university research.

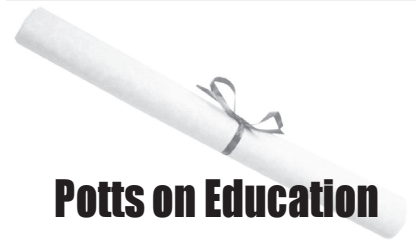
"We're losing the race to Maryland and North Carolina, and no Virginian wants to lose to Maryland or North Carolina," Kilgore said of in-state research, which he says he'll boost with loosened regulations, tax credits and market-based incentives. Kilgore believes that Virginia public schools need to focus their efforts on recruiting more students interested in professions that the Commonwealth currently has a shortage of, such as engineers.

Kilgore also plans to pump money into the Tuition Assistance Grants, state-allocated stipends for use toward tuition at Virginia private colleges. Kilgore says he'll raise the grants from \$2,500 to \$4,000 to attempt to ameliorate problems with overcrowding at state schools. Kilgore is also a strong supporter of the Higher Education Restructuring Act, which gives colleges and universities greater autonomy over everyday affairs.

... continued from Potts

before becoming sports editor of the Winchester Star. He handled various sports publicity and athletic affairs at the University of Maryland and Southern Methodist University in Texas before becoming Vice President of the Chicago White Sox and founding his own small business, Russ Potts Productions, in 1982, which is noted for having promoted more sporting events than any other organization in North America. Potts was inducted into the Virginia Sports Hall of Fame in 2004. Potts, who is married to a former elementary school teacher, has issued strong statements related to two main issues: traffic gridlock and education reforms.

Potts proposes the creation of a fund to improve the state highway system through a process of taxation on superfluous items like cigarettes and inefficient vehicles, the latter of which he defines as those "gas-guzzlers" which achieve less than 15 miles per gallon in the city. Potts also states as a priority a goal to increase funding for public education, a perspective that he attributes to his position as the chairman of the Health, Education and Welfare Committee.



## Potts on Education

Potts advocated use of monies from the general fund to meet the higher education deficit, adding that he opposes the use of any funds allocated for transportation.

"I cannot think of a better way to spend our money than on our teachers," Potts said. "Virginia must be competitive with other states, as close to us as Pennsylvania and Maryland, that draw educators from the entire mid-Atlantic region."

Potts advocates a two-year investment of \$315 million for an increase in teacher salaries in Virginia. He stressed that the investment is necessary to uphold the standard of teaching throughout the state.

Potts has proposed the construction of two technical highs schools, to be located in Tidewater and Northern Virginia, built to train youth with interests in specific, technology-related fields, such as engineering. He cited the changing global economy as a factor creating the need for students with such technical expertise.

# Wedding in the Wren



Over the course of the week, you likely walk past the hallowed Christopher Wren building. Over the course of a few months, you likely witness fragments of a wedding ceremony—William and Mary alums that found love on these grounds and have returned to their alma mater to wed. As you walk past, perhaps you have envisioned yourself in their position.

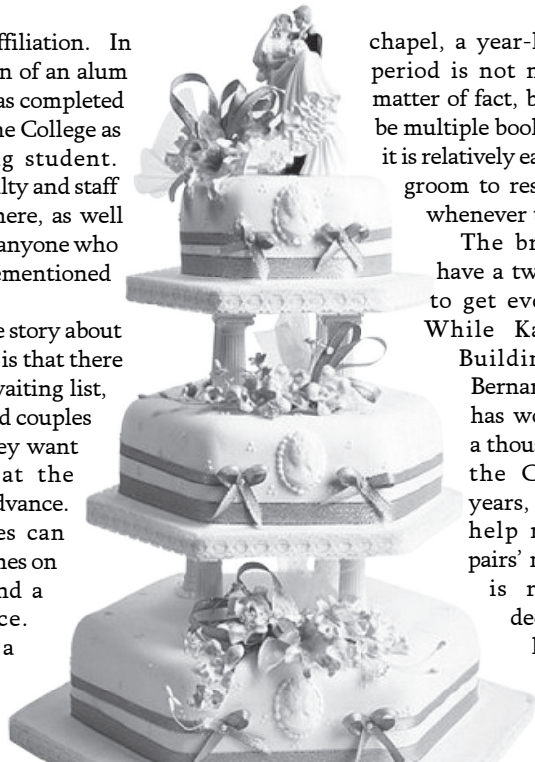
Louise Kale, director of the historic campus, is the woman who schedules these happy couples for their wedding day, and emphasizes the uniqueness of a Wren Chapel wedding.

“It is a wonderful place for an intimate wedding,” she says. “When you walk into that room, you feel like you are walking into a room of family and friends, not some production. It’s a warm feeling.”

However, as with any grandiose campus affair, rumors surround the process of getting married in Wren Chapel. One false tale is that both the bride and the groom must be alumni, when in reality, only one

has to have an affiliation. In fact, the definition of an alum is a person who has completed one semester at the College as a degree-seeking student. The College’s faculty and staff can also marry there, as well as the children of anyone who fits into the aforementioned categories.

Another untrue story about the Wren Chapel is that there is a humongous waiting list, and that interested couples must decide if they want to be married at the College years in advance. In truth, couples can only put their names on the list a year and a half in advance. Although 2005 is a record setting year for weddings at the



chapel, a year-long reservation period is not necessary. As a matter of fact, because there can be multiple bookings on any day, it is relatively easy for a bride and groom to reserve the Chapel whenever they want it.

The bride and groom have a two hour time slot to get everything ready. While Kale and Wren Building care taker Bernard Bowman, who has worked more than a thousand weddings at the Chapel over 20 years, do their best to help meet all of the pairs’ needs, the couple is responsible for decorations and the like. Flower arrangements are allowed on

the altar, and bows can be tied to the pews.

This two hour time slot includes seating of the guests, pictures, and of course, the actual ceremony. Kale's policy is that on days when multiple weddings are taking place, one bride should never have to see the other, so it is important that everything occurs in a timely manner.

On Memorial Day weekend this year, a record was set when seven weddings took place- four weddings on Saturday and three on Sunday. So far for 2005, 108 weddings have occurred or are scheduled to occur, which is more than ever before.

The Wren Chapel can hold 120 guests, excluding the bride, the groom and their attendants. One bride once wanted 160 guests and asked if she could set up a tent outside with the door open to accommodate them, but that was not allowed. To get around the capacity constraint, the clever bride asked all of her friends to be her attendants, so that she could squeeze them in while technically not breaking any rules.

Junior Joley Eason said that the small size of the chapel is a negative aspect of getting married at the College. Eason also said that the chapel is "far away from home in

The Wren Chapel was built in 1732 after the construction of the rest of the building and today is scene to nearly 100 weddings annually. No need to worry about booking years in advance though - the two hour ceremonies that are scheduled allow for brides and grooms to reserve the Chapel with relative ease. There is one hitch, however - not just anyone can tie the knot at the Wren. The couple must have one of several specified connections to the College, such as alumni status.



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# THE PANCAKE HOUSE CHRONICLES

## The Good, the Bad and the Mediocre of Williamsburg's Pancake Joints

> SHAWNA KELLY DSJ STAFF REPORTER

An unprecedented number of pancake houses are situated on Richmond Road, but are any of these places worth frequenting for we, the money strapped student population? Curious to size up the Burg's flapjack scene, one DSJ reporter faces the world of all things buttermilked, buttered and syruped.

### Mama Steve's House of Pancakes location: 1509 Richmond Road

This is a special little place- it's not really aimed toward the college student crowd, but it offers very good breakfast food (and a lunch menu as well) and a nice, calm, home-like atmosphere.

Its hours during both the week and weekend are 7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., making Mama Steve's a bit inconvenient for the average student. I visited on a Tuesday around noon, and I was the only student in the entire place — the other diners appeared to be retirees or tourists.

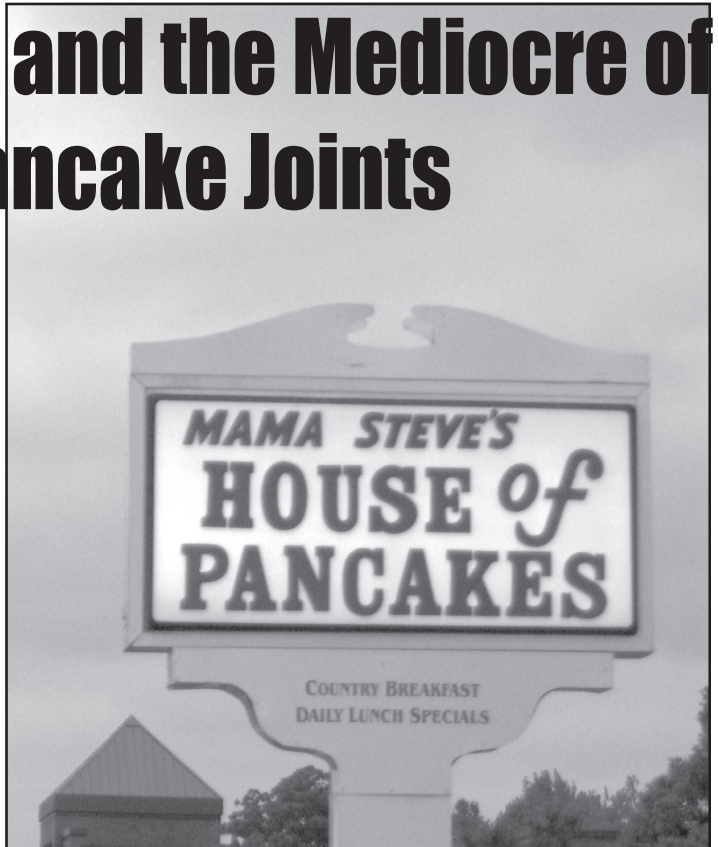
Something fun about this restaurant is that the entire wait staff is costumed in pale blue, vaguely colonial dresses, complete with caps and aprons — outfits that seamlessly coordinate with the restaurant's blue and white interior decorating scheme.

Prices here are definitely a little steeper than IHOP, but that's to be expected, as it's not a chain. Regular buttermilk pancakes alone were \$4.95, while any kind of specialty pancakes (fruit topped, chocolate chip, etc.) were \$6.50, none of which came with any sides. I tried the chocolate chip pancakes and was certainly not let down — they were made using semi-sweet chips, which provided just the right amount of flavor without being too rich or making me

feel wildly unhealthy in my breakfast choice.

I decided to order an egg and a side of bacon too. Most sides ran for about \$2-\$3. The egg was good, buttery without being too greasy, and the bacon was really something special, very juicy and crisp, cooked perfectly, and just the right thickness. It is nice to get bacon that doesn't make you feel like you've accidentally been served jerky- an all too common occurrence in breakfast places.

I would recommend trying Mamma Steve's at least once. Because of cost, consider visiting when your parents are in town and in the mood to treat you to breakfast.



Also, if you're confused about the name, as many people are, don't worry, it has nothing to do with hormonal therapy gone awry. In fact, it's nothing more than one of the three original owner's attempts to honor as many of the restaurant's founding members as possible in one title while also creating a catchy name.

### Pancake-O-Meter: Mama Steve's

<b>Student Friendliness:</b>	
<b>Quality of Pancake:</b>	
<b>Price of Meal:</b>	
<b>Hours of Operation:</b>	

# International House of Pancakes

## location: 1412 Richmond Road

Better known as IHOP, you've probably eaten at this classic, next-to-campus spot on Richmond Road before. The restaurant boasted the most student-accessible hours by far.

If you think your 4:00 a.m. Friday and Saturday night food options are limited to whatever you found on the floor under your roommate's sweatshirt (Put it down. I repeat, PUT IT DOWN!) or Wawa, realize that you have a *much* better option a short drive or walk away. And while IHOP is only open all night on Friday and Saturday, they're open until 10:00 p.m. the rest of the week.

Now, it ought to be mentioned that since this is a franchise, you're not going to be getting the mom & pop feel that you'll get in other homier Williamsburg eateries (note the slick, glossy, photo-filled menus, and U2, Weezer and Cher coming out of the sound system), but the atmosphere is still very comfortable. It's clear that they're used to students, and you don't feel like you're cramping anyone's style by showing up to chow down with your eight best friends. In fact, beside offering a College Night promotion on Tuesdays (50 percent off entrees), students at the College get a 10 percent discount anytime they go just for showing their ID (remember to ask).

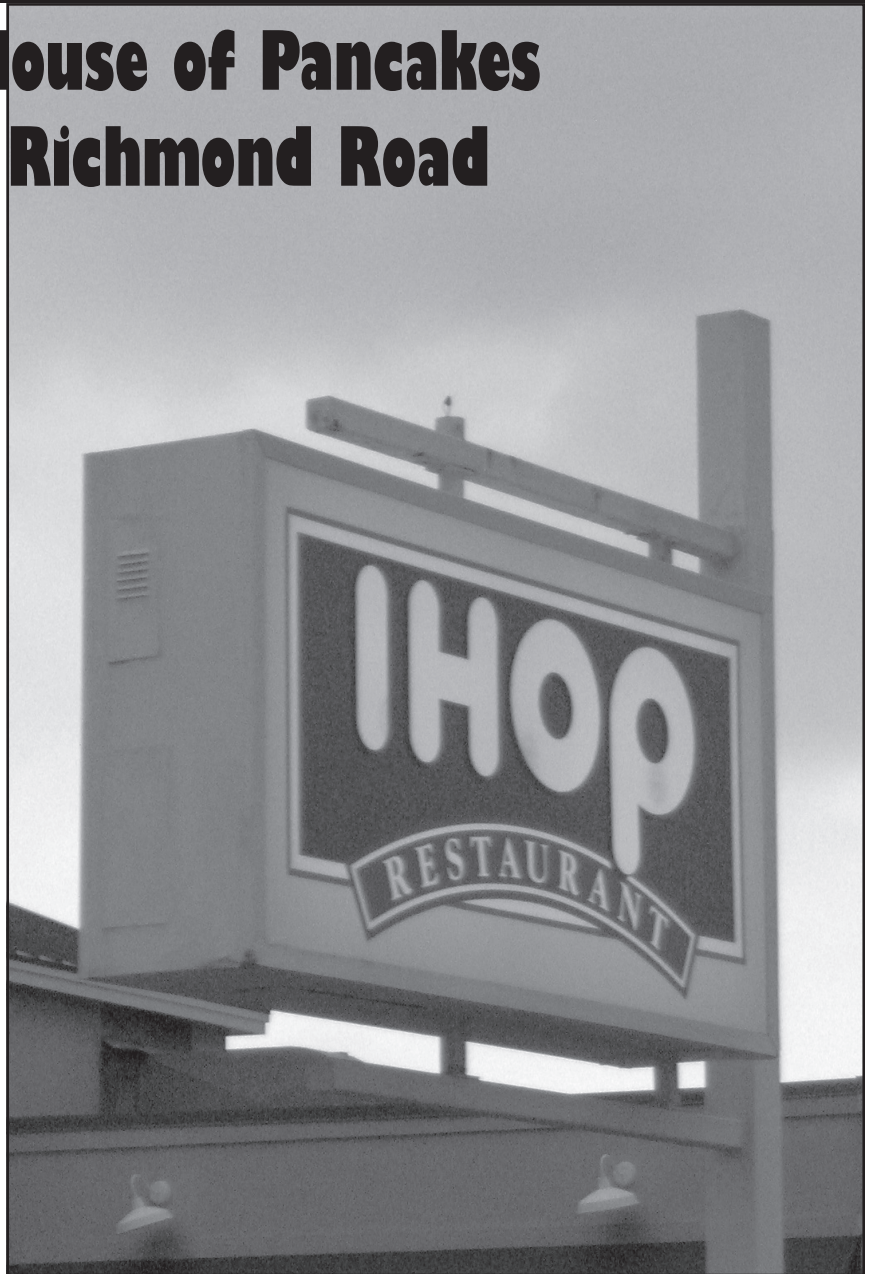
The food isn't bad either — maybe they aren't the best pancakes you've tasted (or maybe they are, depending on your personal pancake experiences), but they're certainly going to be tasty in the middle of the night, aren't they? I enjoyed an IHOP classic, the "Rooty Tooty Fresh 'N Fruity," which, as the name implies, comes with two pancakes, you're your choice of Strawberries, Blueberries, or Cinnamon Apples (my pick) on top, two eggs any way you want, two pieces of sausage and two pieces of bacon, for \$6.25. It was absolutely filling, though the sausage was spicy.

A friend who went with me had an even better deal though, trying the "French Toast Festival" promotion and getting cream-cheese stuffed French toast with strawberry topping, eggs, hash browns and bacon or sausage for around \$5.00. The toast was good but rich and sweet. And if breakfast food isn't your bag, there's a

smattering of dinner options to choose from as well, including burgers, sandwiches, and chicken fingers.

Overall, I was impressed with the flexibility IHOP offers for students, making good, fresh, cheap breakfast food available pretty much whenever you'd need/want it. Though I must admit I was somewhat disappointed to

learn that the "International" is a bit of a misnomer — apparently, the glories of IHOP are only to be enjoyed in the U.S., Canada and Japan.



### Pancake-O-Meter: IHOP

<b>Student Friendliness:</b>	
<b>Quality of Pancake:</b>	
<b>Price of Meal:</b>	
<b>Hours of Operation:</b>	



# Maple Tree Restaurant

## Location: 1665 Richmond Road

Located next to greasy, campus favorite Chanello's Pizza, one might think that the Maple Tree Restaurant would *maybe* make an attempt to cater to students.

But the quote on the menu should have been an indication: "We hope you enjoy your meal as well as your stay in Williamsburg." Nonetheless the food was pretty good and the service decent.

The suspicion that this might not be the most student-friendly environment was

made clear when, around 11:30 a.m. or so on a weekday, a friend and I were the only diners in the entire restaurant. It was very calm, of course, but not somewhere you'd want to be if you were with more than two or three other people.

The Maple Tree felt like one of those restaurants that you find near the lobby in hotels, where you never actually eat your breakfast surrounded by other people unless you're there at the crack of dawn.

If the restaurant is normally that deserted, it would probably make a great place for a nice little morning date, but otherwise, it seems a little too low-key

for students. The hours might work though, depending on how late you stay up — it's only open from 7:00 a.m. to noon. Otherwise, you're out of luck.

Pricing here mostly hovered in between Mama Steve's and IHOP — pancakes are \$4.95, waffles are \$5.25, and it's \$1.25 extra if you want some sort of topping. This time around I decided to expand my boundaries and try a Belgian Waffle with apples on top after I was told there were no chocolate chips (for the time being), and I'd need to substitute something else. When the server informed me that they didn't have any apples either, they waived the \$1.25 extra for toppings and didn't charge me for my order of bacon. I certainly appreciated this, though it seemed rather disconcerting that they were out of two major breakfast ingredients at the same time.

Still, the waffle I had was good, and the bacon and egg fine, though not as good as the offerings at Mama Steve's. Our waitress was kind and very apologetic for the inconveniences, although we definitely weren't slighted in the least — nonetheless, by my judgment, students would be better off going to more of a fun, big-group, friendly place.

Pancake-O-Meter: Maple Tree Restaurant	
Student Friendliness:	
Quality of Pancake:	
Price of Meal:	
Hours of Operation:	

All in all, I felt that the pancakes (and waffle) tasted pretty much the same wherever I went — in fact, the only food that really stood out as significantly better than anything else I had was the bacon at Mama Steve's. So really, the biggest factor influencing where to eat out of these three restaurants should be atmosphere and how much you're willing to dole out to satisfy your need for some syrupy breakfast food. In most cases the best bet seemed to be IHOP due to its flexible hours and student-friendly attitude. But whichever way you decide to go, you won't end up hungry.

# BEST OFS

## A Random Assortment of Five Best Things

### FIVE BEST WAYS TO PROCRASTINATE

by Gretchen Hannes

#### 1. Feng Shui Attack

Have a feng shui attack – make sure your desk isn't on the west wall, move your books so they don't face your body while studying or sleeping, and buy some plants or a beaded curtain you can use to prevent your roommate's negative energy from gravitating to your side of the room.

#### 2. Turn on MTV

One can never watch an episode of *Laguna Beach* too many times. Or *Real World*. *My Super Sweet Sixteen* is good too. Oh, and don't forget *MADE*. Just saw an episode last night? It doesn't matter – it often takes multiple viewings to really grasp the complexity of these shows.



#### 3. Postsecrets.com

Make your latest online procrastination obsession [www.postsecrets.com](http://www.postsecrets.com), a site that displays anonymous postcards people have sent in with secrets that range from disturbing to funny to poignant. Some examples are "These days, I want enchiladas more than I want sex" and "I give decaf to customers who are rude to me." New secrets are posted every Sunday, and you can almost always find a postcard that is one of your secrets, too. Or, try submitting your own. A PostSecret book will also be available soon, for even greater procrastination.

#### 4. FitWell

Take a class at the FitWell Studio like Hip Hop/Jazz to pick up some new moves to use during the impromptu dance parties you hold in your room when you should be studying.

#### 5. "Study" in the Sunken Gardens.



Simulate productivity, when really, you're doing nothing. Get distracted by a Frisbee game, engage in a little people-watching, and after that turn on your iPod while telling yourself you can totally study and listen to Coldplay at the

### FIVE BEST DO-IT-YOURSELF DINING HALL CREATIONS

by Rebecca Hamfeldt

#### 1. Sno-To-Go

Yep, you can make it at the dining hall too. While it's not quite as stellar as the real thing, just grab a take-out cup and fill it with alternating layers of soft serve vanilla and whichever flavor you like from the slushie machine. Now you don't have to be sad that Sno-To-Go closes for the winter.



#### 2. Fresh fruit salad

Sometimes, canned pineapples and peaches just don't cut it. So take advantage of the fresh fruit displays and grab an apple, a banana, a peach, or whatever you like and slice them all up! Sprinkling a sugar packet from the coffee area over your fruit mixture will make it a bit sweeter and juicier. And be on the lookout: the UC has been known to have fresh strawberries this year.

#### 3. Fresh Rice Krispies

Sure you can eat the ones that are already made, but who doesn't want warm Rice Krispie treats? Take some mini marshmallows from the hot chocolate station and combine them with butter and rice krispies. Briefly place 'em in the microwave and enjoy!

#### 4. Bacon and Egg Bagel Sandwich

Send a bagel into the toaster. While you're waiting, head to the buffet line for some scrambled eggs and bacon, or a sausage patty, if that's what you prefer. Pick up your bagel and add on the eggs and bacon. If it's the weekend, head to the salad bar and add cheese and/or whatever veggies you like!



#### 5. Eat out

Sometimes the most creative thing you can do is give the wonderful Dining Services staff a break and go out. Nothing says "I'm not eating at the UC" like a Cheese Shop turkey sandwich with tomato and house dressing, a bottle of sparkling French Berry water, chips and a pecan bar.

## FIVE BEST POP-PUNK ALBUMS

by Gretchen Hannes

### 1. The All-American Rejects – *Move Along*



You'll listen to their first CD so much you'll almost wear it out. Though it doesn't quite measure up to their self-titled debut, their new album is definitely worth listening to. Throughout the CD, characterized by distinctive vocals and infectious guitar riffs, they try everything from strings to choirs to piano solos.

### 2. Fall Out Boy – *From Under the Cork Tree*

Listen to it for weeks on your iPod. Each song is unique (with interesting titles such as "Our Lawyer Made Us Change The Name Of This Song So We Wouldn't Get Sued") and clever lyrics that people can relate to. The vocals are powerful, the hooks are catchy and almost every song is fun and energetic.

### 3. The Click Five – *Greetings from Imrie House*

If you're really anti-pop-punk, this album will probably make you gag. There's nothing revolutionary about this guilty-pleasure CD, but every song is slick and bouncy and has a chorus you won't be able to get out of your head. The lyrics aren't particularly clever, but the music is perfect for car-dancing and days when you need a little pick-me-up.



### 4. Relient K – *MMHMM*

Relient K is a Christian pop-punk group, but the message is presented in a way that everyone can enjoy. Most of the CD is fast-paced and urgent, but a lot of the songs have a slow-down point where they become more melodic and light. Though on their last album the lyrics were more about wordplay and cleverness, the lyrics on *MMHMM* are less goofy and more poignant, examining heavier themes like painful breakups.

### 5. Yellowcard – *Ocean Avenue*

They haven't released anything since this album in 2003, but it's still a classic and one of those rare CDs you can listen to all the way through without skipping a track. The songs seamlessly transition from upbeat rock tunes to some slower, more relaxing songs. The violin player in the band adds a slight hint of country and definitely sets Yellowcard apart from some other pop-punk.

## FIVE BEST ROMANTIC DINNER DATES

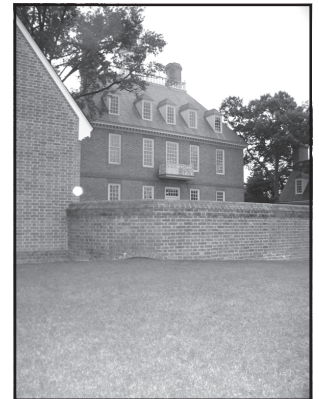
by Rebecca Hamfeldt

### 1. The Gazebo behind Swem

Perfect for a first romantic dinner, the Gazebo is just out of the way enough to give you and your special someone a bit of quality alone time. Sandwiches, ice cream, or even just a couple of smoothies are all you need to enjoy this little secluded nook. It's a wonderful spot to sit and talk while watching the creek flow along below.

### 2. Governor's Palace Gardens

Colonial Williamsburg has more romantic potential than you might expect. Just as if you were heading to Matoaka, make dinner together and carry it along to the Palace where the gardens are gorgeous and full of perfect little romantic nooks and crannies. Find a cozy spot amongst the foliage to enjoy your meal. Bring along some extra bread with your dinner to feed the ducks at the pond below the gardens. Get lost in the Palace maze together. And, of course, end the night with a starlit walk down DoG Street to the Capitol Building.



### 3. Sunken Gardens Picnic

It's cute and classy, without being too serious. It has romantic potential, without being too far away. You can grab takeout from the UC and sit on the grass or take sandwiches from the Cheese Shop and lay out a blanket. To set a bit more of a mood, candlelight never hurts.

### 4. Sunset at Matoaka Amphitheatre

There are few things more romantic than the sun setting over a glittering lake. Chances are you two could have the place all to yourselves on most any evening. Rather than bringing dinner from somewhere, have fun making dinner together beforehand. Then, pack it up and head over to watch the sunset. After the sun has almost entirely set, the twilight walk through the woods will be a perfect ending. Even though Matoaka is going under construction soon, there's still some time. Besides, Matoaka will only be more magnificent after the renovations.

### 5. The Trellis

As every student knows, the Trellis is the ultimate romantic date destination. No other restaurant can contest its legendary reputation as the spot for serious couples. A table almost always needs to be reserved in advance, and the atmosphere and food are known to be pricy but phenomenal.



Georgia so family would have to travel a long way” in order to attend her wedding. However, she acknowledged that it would be a “kind of historical event to be married where so many different people have gathered for many different reasons over the centuries.”

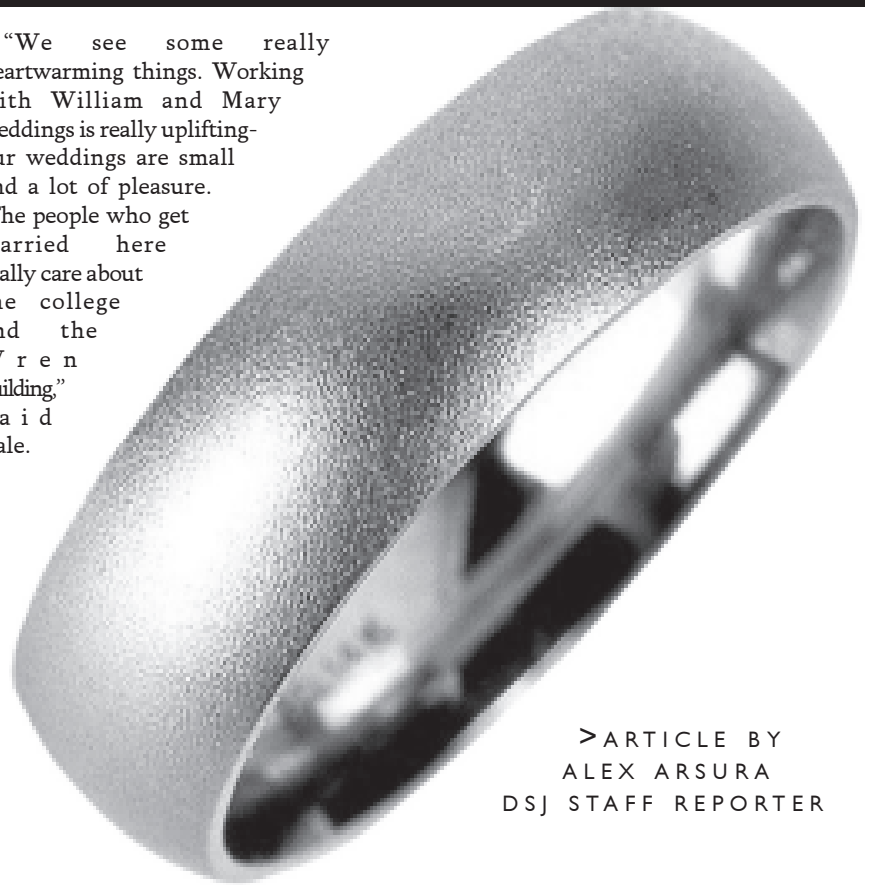
Some couples feel so strongly about the chapel that they go to great lengths to be married there, even when it does not seem possible. The chapel was closed in 1999 for renovations, yet six brides insisted on being married there. Even though they were warned of the muddy conditions, they used the chapel nonetheless, and one bride even took pictures with the “Under Construction” signs.

“I can definitely understand why people would want to be married at school, especially if the couple met at college. Their relationship began at school, so it’s nice that they would commit to it there as well,” said Andrew Cunningham, a sophomore at the College.

Even Kale concedes that some weddings, especially those of younger couples, feel almost as much like alumni gatherings for recently graduated students as wedding ceremonies.

“We see some really heartwarming things. Working with William and Mary weddings is really uplifting—our weddings are small and a lot of pleasure.

The people who get married here really care about the college and the “W r e n building,” s a i d Kale.



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# Kimball Theatre

WILLIAMSBURG, VIRGINIA

## MOVIES OCTOBER 2005

<p><b>Last Days (R)</b> Sat., Oct. 1-Fri., Oct. 5 7 and 9 p.m. Oct. 3: 4-screening room</p>	<p><b>Marshall (PG)</b> Tues., Oct. 18-Sun., Oct. 19 7 and 9:45 p.m. Oct. 18, 19-11 screening room</p>	<p><b>South Beach (PG-13)</b> Sun., Oct. 23-Fri., Oct. 29 7 and 9:45 p.m. Oct. 23, 26, 27, 28 screening room</p>
<p><b>The Road (R) (My Heart Stopped Notated)</b> Tues., Oct. 4-Mon., Oct. 10 6:45 and 9:45 p.m. Oct. 5-8, 11 screening room</p>	<p><b>The Beautiful Country (R)</b> Sun., Oct. 16-Sun., Oct. 23 6:45 and 9 p.m. Oct. 16, 17, 20-22 screening room</p>	<p><b>Arjuna (R)</b> Sat., Oct. 29, Wed., Nov. 1 6:45 and 9:45 p.m. Oct. 29, 31, Nov. 1, 2 screening room</p>

## LIVE PERFORMANCES OCTOBER 2005

<p><b>The Williamsburg Symphony</b> <b>SPRING OF AMERICA'S</b> Symphonies Concert #1 Thurs., Oct. 4 and Sat., Oct. 8 at 8 p.m. Tickets: \$22-\$27</p>	<p><b>Playwrights Theatre Center presents World Premier</b> <b>Best Dinner (M) Outside</b> A musical comedy (through October 2005) Fri., Oct. 14, Sat., Oct. 15, Sun., Oct. 16, 22, 23, 29, 30, 31, 6:00 and 8:00 p.m. General admission: \$25, Family: \$75, Student: \$20</p>
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Presentations and Captions in the Theater of the Great  
2004 International Lecture Series  
All lectures begin at 7 p.m.

Sun., Oct. 9 — Be-arted Lecture: International World Collaborative 19th- and 20th-Century Postcard Drawings  
Sun., Nov. 1 — Archaeological Investigations of Williamsburg's Historic Colonial City: The Archaeological  
Sun., Dec. 11 — “The New World” African-Caribbean and Other Myths of the 18th and 19th Centuries

Tickets for individual lectures and films are available at the Kimball Theatre (800-833-0007)  
Group tickets for all live lectures are \$25 and available only through the MPA. Please call Alex Arsura at 757-255-4444.

# Technology Is Eating Your Soul

Not that I'm a Luddite — but I understand where they're coming from.

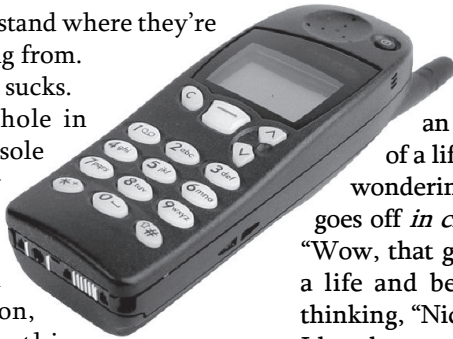
Technology sucks.

There is a hole in the front console of my computer where there used to be a "power" button, so the damn thing won't turn on. I swear I didn't kick it.

Not that it really matters — the thousand dollar-plus machine has essentially served me as an oversized, lumbering MP3 player for the past few months. In my early college years (okay, last year), I used it to talk to friends on AIM, but that's about as efficient as discussing economics with a toddler. I guess I also used it to check my e-mail, a once incessant habit that I now avoid because there's never anything good in the old inbox.

And I hate my cell phone. I get calls, but they're usually from a) people I don't want to talk to (family, my parole officer, etc., etc.) or b) people who want something out of me (seventeen-year-olds needing alcohol, demands for child support, etc., etc.) or c) a combination of the aforementioned. I've come to call the hateful little device my "digital chastity belt." That's not a term of endearment. I hate my cell phone.

For that matter, I hate your cell phone. You're always on it. It's your crutch. If Freud were around today, he'd psychoanalyze you so badly that you'd realize your cell phone is a subliminal replacement for when your mother abandoned you at day-care when you were three and this is your way of returning to her womb. And who in God's name are you talking to while you're walking to and from class at 9:50 in the morning? In the circle of people that I run with, we don't answer the phone before 2 in the



>MARK HILLINGER, DSJ STAFF REPORTER

afternoon. To answer a call at 11 a.m. would be quite the social blunder, an admittance of your lack of a life. And, in case you were wondering, when your cell phone goes off *in class*, nobody is thinking, "Wow, that guy/girl must really have a life and be popular in it". We're thinking, "Nice 90210 ring tone, loser. I bet that was your mom."

Let's move along to the Microsoft Word thesaurus. Literature isn't literature any more. When one is at a loss for a synonym

because I wrote it on Microsoft Word. My words are mitigated (thanks again, "Shift+F7") and exploited by this machine in the name of progress. Or better writing.

But I want instant gratification. I want tangible retribution. So I'm proposing a solution. Here goes:

My solution — not that it's at all viable, it's just to make you think — is similar to the absurd proposal of Tyler Durden, the sexy, self-righteous little anarchist from the novel/film *Fight Club*: get rid of it all. Fry the servers, de-activate the cell towers,

and nuke my hometown of Redmond, WA (Microsoft headquarters). What choice will we have then?

We'll stop using cell phones. We'll stop using computers. We'll learn how to carry on face-to-face conversation again. We'll start writing original literature. Being an English major might actually be worth something in this brilliant, progressive new world.

Just food for thought. Now if you'll excuse me, I'm going to go and

drop my computer monitor off of the roof of my apartment complex. And I hope you all get tumors from your cell phones.



or just a better word, one presses "Shift+F7" and gets instantaneous vocabulary steroids from our friends at Microsoft. Do you think I could really come up with words like "aforementioned," "subliminal" or "psychoanalyze" on my own? No. This, in fact, is an entirely synthetic article

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# Lean Pockets, Politicians, and the Business of Ignorance

> DENNIS KIHM, DSJ STAFF COLUMNIST



The other day I was perusing a box of Lean Pockets. On the back of the box there was an informational yellow square labeled “Tales from the Scales.” It depicted a young adult male who claimed to have lost weight on a “Lean Pocket” diet. There was a quote of him describing how much he enjoys Lean Pockets, and how they are not only healthy, but delicious. Included were before and after photos to visually verify his claim.

I noticed a small asterisk on the bottom of the information and directed my eyes towards the unwelcoming fine print. It read:

*\*Individuals lost weight by exercising and eating a balanced, reduced-calorie diet that included LEAN POCKETS® brand stuffed sandwiches with 7 grams of fat. Their results are not typical. Your loss if any will vary. Nestlé does not endorse the diet Anthony created and cautions anyone embarking on a weight-loss plan to consult their physician.*

I was nonplussed. This sort of disclaimer isn’t uncommon and would have passed by with only a chuckle were it not for the one line, “Nestlé does not endorse [this] diet.” Clearly they do endorse the diet. They fully intend for people to look on the back of the box and then associate their product with weight loss.

They believe that the average person will see before and after photos, the cartoon images of a scale and a tape measurer, and the highlighted quotes and be sold on the product without reading the disclaimer. Or, should they

read it, wishful thinking will cause them to overlook it.

They are engaged in the business of ignorance.

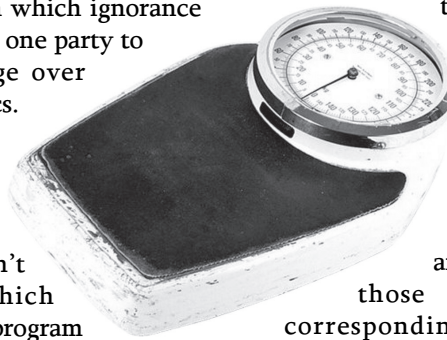
One of the most effective forms of the dissemination of ignorance is an association of something untrue with something people already believe. For the Nestlé Corporation, it is a fusion of the ideas that certain food products help you lose weight and that Lean Pockets are such a product.

Another form of this dissemination is to attach emotionally-laden content to something untrue. How “Tales from the Scales” qualifies ought to be clear enough: Nestlé is making a profit off of poor self-image.

I don’t intend to imply that Nestlé alone is guilty of this; it is endemic in American business. Nor do I wish to make Nestlé the lightning rod for this kind of criticism, so I wish to discuss another area in which ignorance is employed by one party to gain advantage over another: politics.

I was watching Bill O’Reilly the other day, (in truth, it doesn’t matter which “talking head” program

I was watching; they all serve as media through which ignorance is advanced). There is a general formula to all such shows. A question is posed to one guest by the moderator. The guest begins to respond in the form of a sound byte, but is then interrupted by the opposition, who reels off a more fervent and emotional sound byte. They both vie to spout the loudest and most memorable sound byte until the moderator decides to move on. The process repeats itself.



The media have learned to act as political conduits instead of critics because they too are engaged in the business of ignorance, and they know that politicians are the paragons of ignorance propagation.

I will give two examples:

I heard a Democratic politician – I’ve forgotten which one – the other day discussing the President’s response to Hurricane Katrina. He stated that “The American People no longer trust this President.” This is a lie. More of the American People may distrust the President, but they all don’t. However, this politician was unconcerned with semantics. Rather, he was concerned with associating his beliefs with a positive emotional experience (trust) and his opponent’s with a negative one (gross incompetence). He appealed to the “American People” so that those who are careful to ally themselves with the majority safely know what to believe.

However, even the President himself is guilty of employing ignorance as a political tool. He refers to his war as “spreading freedom”, and he aligns himself and those against him with corresponding moral absolutes (America = Perfect, Islamic fundamentalists = Evil), when neither is so readily defined.

Whether emblazoned across my Lean Pockets or spouted from the mouths of politicians, I suspect ignorance is here to stay. I, however, have done my part towards defeating it: I have thrown away my TV.

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# William & Mary Tribe Mascot Bites the Dust

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After four long years, the terrible experiment that was Colonel Ebirt is finally over. Ebirt was the mascot that can most effectively be described as a disgusting green blob with a colonial hat on its head. Students campus-wide are asking the simple question: "What took so long?"

Let me preface this column by stating that I hate all mascots to some degree, not just our oversized green friend. Mascots are nothing more than fat, furry cheerleaders without the acrobatic skills. While Ebirt may be useful for entertaining 6-year-olds, I don't need him coming around to give me high fives while I am trying to

watch one of our players shoot a crucial free throw late in a game. Not to mention the fact that mascots smell. The guys in those suits are running around in full fur in 90-degree heat. There is bound to be sweat and I guarantee you that it is not a high priority of the athletic department to have those suits laundered on a regular basis.

While I still don't want to hug them, I will admit that there are some mascots that at least serve a purpose on college campuses. The Stanford

Cardinal, the Florida Gator, and Southern California's Trojan are all the faces of their respective programs. If a fat green blob is the first thing that someone thinks of when the words "William and Mary Tribe" are mentioned, then we need to rethink having sports at this university.

This leads me to my next point, which is the overall incompetence of

and fans. Ebirt's idea of getting a crowd excited is waving to them a couple of times a game.

At the very least, Ebirt could have taken a note from the Stanford Cardinal and shown some toughness. During the JMU game last year, the JMU dog was parading around our sideline in front of Ebirt. Did Ebirt try to tackle him? Nope, he tried to give him a hug

instead. The Stanford Cardinal would've tackled him, punched him, and then insulted his mother.

When the e-mail was sent out last week effectively killing Ebirt, those three students who donned that



fat green suit may have been outraged, but the rest of the campus was saying "Good riddance." Maybe one day the College will find a symbol to better represent the school and a few students can act foolish in sweaty fur suits. Until then, here is a novel idea: go out to matches, support the Tribe on the field, and pay attention to the game.

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# INTERVIEW With Colonel Ebirt: The Men Underneath the Tricorner Hat

> BRADLEY JUSTUS, DSJ SPORTS EDITOR

*I recently had the privilege of interviewing one of the former athletics institutions at this school, Colonel Ebirt. Although we frequently take Ebirt for granted, given his removal as our loyal mascot I thought it was about time that the campus meets the men behind the mask. In this interview I sat down with Ebirt himself, or rather, two of the three people that took turns donning the fuzzy green costume during football games and other sporting events: Bryan Marchant and Owen Gentry. They gave me their perspective on everything from some of Ebirt's best memories to the end of his career as the Tribe's mascot.*



going to get to like eight more to go and collapse. I did it, and I gave the suit to Owen and went home and took a nap.

Owen: After a basketball game once I was bear hugged at the knees by a little kid when I was trying to cross the street. I couldn't see him and didn't know he was there until too late. Anyhow, my knees went out from me and I fell into the middle of the street, little kid at the knees, and twist my ankle something awful, rolling around in traffic, trying to keep from swearing, and I still have a little kid that loves me for being green – it doesn't get better than that.

DSJ: What mascot would you most like to fight?

Bryan: I don't like the Chick-Fil-A cows.

Owen: Well, I've already been in a fight with YouDee, the University of Delaware Blue Hen. He went

down like a log, but I'd be up for a rematch.

DSJ: What is your best memory of being Ebirt?

Bryan: All of it. Right after a game, I would be tired and drenched. It is like that runner's high, you never felt better. Especially if we won. Like last season, we won everything except that last game. It was great. Just every bit of it. You think

DSJ: How did you get to be Ebirt?

Bryan Marchant: Two of the guys who lived across the hall from me were cheerleaders. One day I just kind of said, "Hey I would kind of like to be the mascot, how do you do it?" They said come to their next practice and tell the coach that you want to do it. So I did, and I was Ebirt. That was it. I think it is like one of the best kept secrets on campus.

Owen Gentry: Well, I had about four years of mascot experience already, but I found that all you needed to do was show up at the interest meeting and you were in.

DSJ: What's it like to be in the suit?

Bryan: At first you are kind of self-conscious; Owen [Gentry] created this walk that I wouldn't do ordinarily, but in the suit it is no big deal. It is hot in the suit; you get really sweaty really quick.

I have a funny story about that. I was up at the top of the stadium, and when I got up there it was a hot day. My bandana got wet, and it fell into my eyes. I couldn't see a bloody thing. So I was like, "How do I get down the stairs?" There was no way to do it. "I am going to take the head off and scare a whole bunch of kids. This isn't going to work out really well." [I thought]. I bumped into one person and said, "Hey, can you help me get back," and it turned out to be him [in reference to Gentry].

Owen: More fun than you can imagine. You can be someone new and do all the stuff you couldn't do without a giant head – doesn't sound cool, but there's a lot of stuff.

DSJ: Any other funny stories?

Bryan: A chicken hit Owen at an away game. It turned around, and Owen dives and tackles him, like grabs him at the knees and throws him down, steps on his back, and walks off. It was well done on his part.



My favorite story is before the JMU game, when they still had the cameras here, but it wasn't a big hoopla. ESPN2 was still here. At the beginning of the game I decided I was going to do pushups for every point we got. I am doing them, and we are getting really up there in points. It was hot outside, and it was even hotter in the suit. I got about ten away, and I felt like I was going to collapse. I knew I was

about how many people you were in pictures with. How many little kids smiled.

**Owen:** The smiles on the grown ups faces. Kids always love you, and they always will, but when grown ups decide they're not too old to cut loose and enjoy themselves, that's happiness for the kid inside of everyone.

**DSJ:** Now let's talk about the end of Ebirt. How did you find out Ebirt was being eliminated?

**Bryan:** I got an email from the cheerleading coach [Corinne Picataggi] toward the end of the summer asking when I would be coming back to school and if I would still be interested in being Ebirt. I said that I was. Following this, I didn't hear anything. I didn't think anything of it because I normally don't go to away games. Finally I got an email from the cheerleading coach, and she said that they were retiring Ebirt and we will keep you in mind if we get a new mascot.

I read the Flat Hat article, and it said that Ebirt was never an official part of Tribe cheerleading, which is, I am almost certain, false because we got money from the cheerleading or athletic department. We were under the authority of the cheerleading coach, we went to away games with the team (on the plane with them and everything), I would think that you would have to be an official part – either that or it is a gross mismanagement of money. I am fairly certain we are part of the team. We even made \$200 of our own money for dressing up for the daily press as Chester E. Crab. We never saw any of that money, so I am assuming it went to the cheerleading or athletic department.

**Owen:** I had heard rumors from the cheerleading team, but I found out in an abrupt email from our coach, Corinne.

**DSJ:** Did they give you a rationale for why they were getting rid of it?

**Bryan:** No one told me anything. I still don't know why. I am hoping you

[in reference to interviewer] will tell me, or I'll just walk into the athletics department and ask them what the deal is. The two feathers, maybe? It is on the bumper stickers on my car, we see that everywhere. As I recall they talked to Native American chiefs around here and they said they were happy that we picked the name Tribe because they felt that it wasn't making fun of them, it is kind of honoring their memory. At least that's what I heard, I am not sure if that is true or not. I don't see if there was a political reason that it was taken out or what it is.

**Owen:** Well, she said that Ebirt was retired, but didn't give a reason. She only said that after our NCAA mascot survey, the school might move in a new direction.



**DSJ:** What was your reaction? Did it upset you?

**Bryan:** It was kind like a whatever thing. It was a good run. I liked it while it happened. I am a senior, I am getting up there. Personally, I have never been an activist, but this boils me to the point that I want to do something about it. The second we start getting school spirit they get rid of the school mascot. I am not trying to be self-centered here, but isn't the school mascot like the center of attention for school

pride? To take it [Ebirt] away and replace it with something, fine, but to take it away and not have anything – why, what's the point?

**Owen:** Very much! Suddenly our mascot got the axe and the students didn't even get a chance to hear about it. What's Tribe Pride if the Tribe doesn't have a say in it?

**DSJ:** How do you think people will react to the absence of Ebirt?

**Bryan:** I don't think people will go to the game like, "Where's the mascot?" I think to start off with people aren't going to notice. He is in the crowd, and you only see him once or twice a game. I think after a couple of games people are going to wonder, "Where did the mascot go?" It is really like the personal touch if you are sitting there enjoying the game [and] Ebirt does something playful. Kids are going to be the ones who notice.

**Owen:** I think that a lot of people didn't really get behind Ebirt 100 percent. However, I think that they really enjoyed having a big green blob at the games – whether they knew what it was or not. He'll be missed, and I don't think people will let it slide, especially if this is a sign of bigger change.

**DSJ:** Do you think that it will be easy to replace Ebirt?

**Bryan:** With the incoming freshman class, no problem. I guess in four years it will be phased out to the point where no one will remember Ebirt. It would depend on what the mascot is. [Ebirt] was something you could identify with because I don't think William and Mary students, by and large, are universally loved – we all have that dorkiness aspect to us. That is why Ebirt kind of fit us, I think. He was kind of a dorky mascot [...] The transition will be hard, like *what's that? Where's Ebirt?*

**Owen:** I think Ebirt will have a place in our heart – nobody was as fun and cartoony as him. But I think that the student body would be able to put their faith in a new face, too – there's room for more Tribe Pride.

**DSJ:** Anything I didn't ask that you would like to add?

**Bryan:** I think it is really important to have a mascot. If you are going to have any sports team you need a mascot. I think for the students that do have school spirit there is going to be a sense of loss there. Nothing major or anything, just a little thing like we just lost something here. We don't have that special interaction.

# NFL UPDATE

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With about a quarter of the 2005 season under our belts, it's time to take a glance at the NFL teams. Everyone knows that the Patriots are the team to beat this year in the NFL. They have won three Super Bowls in the last four years and, despite the losses of both coordinators, are expected to return this year. While I have nothing but respect for the Patriots and their accomplishments, I think they get too much media publicity. Seriously, how sick are you of seeing Stephen A. Smith in that ESPN2 commercial say, "Last I checked they still had Tom Brady... Quite frankly, that's all they need"? Only time will tell if he's right. Here's a look at the teams (\*team win-loss records as of DSJ Print):

## AFC

### East

#### New England Patriots 2-1\*

The Patriots will win the division behind QB Tom Brady's leadership (I know...), RB Corey Dillon's legs, and solid team defense. They will be hurt by the losses of LB Tedy Bruschi, CB Ty Law, LB Ted Johnson, and likely S Rodney Harrison. Look for WR Deion Branch to have a spectacular season.

#### Miami Dolphins 2-1

The Dolphins should be improved from last year with the additions of rookie RB Ronnie Brown and Head Coach Nick Saban, as well as the return of the much-maligned RB Ricky Williams. If WR David Boston can return to 2001 form (98 rec, 1598 yds, 8 TDs), the Dolphins' offense could be decent.

#### New York Jets 1-2

The Jets made some significant personnel changes in the off-season, trading for WR Laveranues Coles, signing CB Ty Law, and signing RB Derrick Blaylock. They should challenge for a wild-card spot this year.

#### Buffalo Bills 1-2

Last year the Bills finished strong at 9-7 behind the electrifying running of RB Willis McGahee. QB J.P. Losman takes over as the starter, replacing QB Drew Bledsoe. The Bills' season and possibility for the playoffs both rest on Losman.

### North

#### Cincinnati Bengals 3-0

The Bengals boast one of the more talented offenses in the NFL. QB Carson Palmer, RB Rudi Johnson, and WRs Chad Johnson and T.J. Houshmandzadeh headline the attack. Cincinnati's defense leaves a lot to be desired, but maybe this is the year that Head Coach Marvin Lewis can finally turn things around.

#### Pittsburgh Steelers 2-1

Last year the Steelers took most people by surprise and dominated the division at a 15-1 clip behind the play of rookie QB Ben Roethlisberger. Although RBs Duce Staley and Jerome Bettis are banged up, the Steelers' rushing

attack appears to be in good hands with Willie Parker. The Steelers should once again challenge for the North crown.

#### Cleveland Browns 1-2

The Browns were downright terrible last year, and they made some major changes in the off-season. New GM Phil Savage brought in Head Coach Romeo Crennel, QB Trent Dilfer, RB Reuben Droughns, CB Gary Baxter, and FS Brian Russell. First round pick WR Braylon Edwards hopes to bring life to an anemic passing attack.

#### Baltimore Ravens 0-2

For the past few years, the Baltimore Ravens have had the talent to make a Super Bowl run, but they have not put all of the pieces together. WR Derrick Mason, CB Samari Rolle, LB Tommy Polley, and rookie WR Mark Clayton were brought in to improve the offense. RB Jamal Lewis and the defense (led by LB Ray Lewis and SS Ed Reed) will certainly perform well enough to get the Ravens to the playoffs, but will the passing game be up for the challenge?

### South

#### Indianapolis Colts 3-0

Peyton Manning's record-breaking 49 TDs led the Colts to a 12-4 season, but even he could not get them to the Super Bowl. WRs Marvin Harrison, Reggie Wayne, and Brandon Stokley all put up ridiculous numbers, each posting a 1,000 yard, 10 TD season. RB Edgerrin James continues to be one of the league's best, and TE Dallas Clark is set to have a big year.

#### Jacksonville Jaguars 2-1

The Jaguars are a very dangerous team. QB Byron Leftwich has a rocket for a right arm. RB Fred Taylor appears to be almost up to full strength after off-season knee surgery and WRs Jimmy Smith and Reggie Williams are solid. Several improvements were made to the defense, and if they can improve their pass rush they will be very, very good.

#### Tennessee Titans 1-2

This off-season, the Titans were forced to have a salary-cap purge and released WR Derrick Mason, DE Kevin Carter, CB Samari Rolle, and K Joe Nedney. Even if QB Steve McNair can stay

healthy this year, the Titans won't win many games, despite the talented duo of RBs in Chris Brown and Travis Henry.

#### Houston Texans 0-2

QB David Carr has loads of raw talent but throws way too many interceptions. RB Domanick Davis is a stud and WR Andre Johnson extremely gifted. The defense was Houston's downfall in 2004, and will likely be so again.

### West

#### Kansas City Chiefs 2-0

Kansas City fans have reasons to be excited this year. First round pick LB Derrick Johnson expects to contend for Defensive Rookie of the Year, and CB Patrick Surtain and S Sammy Knight bring lots of experience to the table. As for the offense, RBs Priest Holmes and Larry Johnson may help the Chiefs make some noise in the playoffs this year.

#### Denver Broncos 1-1

The Broncos will again have one of the best defenses in the AFC, even though they seemed to add the entire Browns D-Line in the off-season. Experienced WRs Rod Smith and Ashley Lelie are both downfield threats, and if QB Jake Plummer can limit the turnovers, the Broncos have a chance of doing something in the postseason.

#### San Diego Chargers 1-2

The Chargers should also compete for a playoff spot this year. RB LaDainian Tomlinson is the best player in the NFL, and QB Drew Brees is coming off an excellent 2004 campaign and a solid summer. Rookie LB Shawne Merriman should improve the pass rush on an already above-average defense.

#### Oakland Raiders 0-3

The Raiders picked up WR Randy Moss this off-season to join returning WR Jerry Porter, further improving an already dynamic passing game led by QB Kerry Collins. RB LaMont Jordan should thrive in this offense. If the Raiders could ever put a decent defense on the field, they might have a chance of challenging for the top spot in the West.

**NFC**

**East**

**Washington Redskins 2-0**

The Redskins were supposed to make big strides last year with the return of Joe Gibbs, but their pathetic offense wasted many strong defensive efforts en route to a 6-10 season. But despite the loss of CB Fred Smoot, the defense remains strong. If the offense can manage a pulse, the 'Skins could have a decent year.

**New York Giants 2-1**

QB Eli Manning begins his first full year as the Giants' starter this season. RB Tiki Barber is underrated and newly-signed WR Plaxico Burress will give Manning a reliable downfield threat. LB Antonio Pierce joins an already strong defense. If Manning can avoid turnovers and effectively manage the offense, the Giants will compete in the East.

**Dallas Cowboys 2-1**

Bill Parcells and the rest of the Cowboys hope QB Drew Bledsoe can find the fountain of youth in Dallas. Bledsoe can rely on RB Julius Jones to chew up yardage and open up the field for the passing game. Dallas' defense should be improved thanks to the acquisition of CB Anthony Henry and the drafting of DE/LB Demarcus Ware and DE Chris Canty, but they don't have enough talent to push Philly for the division title.

**Philadelphia Eagles 2-1**

The Eagles are good. Really good. No other team could afford to jettison DT Corey Simon and DE Hugh Douglas right before the season. QB Donovan McNabb is extremely classy as well as a premier QB. Philly will withstand season-ending injuries to backup RB Correll Buckhalter and WR Todd Pinkston to yet again win the East and likely the entire NFC.

**North**

**Detroit Lions 1-1**

The Lions are the trendy sleeper pick in 2005. They have a stocked offense, led by RB Kevin Jones, TE Marcus Pollard, and WRs Charles Rogers, Roy Williams and rookie Mike Williams. The defense is average and is essentially unchanged from last year. If QB Joey Harrington to control the offense and find his open receivers, the Lions could be dangerous this year.

**Minnesota Vikings 1-2**

The Vikings have struggled early this year, but they have too much talent not to make noise in the North. Although star WR Randy Moss is now in Oakland, the receiving corps is far from weak. Nate Burleson, Marcus Robinson, Travis Taylor, Koren Robinson, and rookie Troy Williamson will give QB Daunte Culpepper plenty of options. The RB situation is unclear, but Mewelde Moore has the skills to get the job done. Minnesota's defense is vastly improved. LB Napoleon Harris, FS Darren Sharper (W&M Alum), DT Pat Williams, and CB Fred Smoot were key additions, and LB E.J. Henderson is a monster. The Vikings should rebound and win the North.

**Chicago Bears 1-2**

The Bears were hoping that QB Rex Grossman would lead their offense to the next level, but those hopes shattered when his left ankle did. Rookie QB Kyle Orton is now the starter. Orton is not going to be asked to win many games, but rather to manage the offense (a la Trent Dilfer in the 2000 Ravens) and allow RBs Thomas Jones and rookie Cedric Benson to move the chains. LB Brian Urlacher is highly overrated, and although the Chicago defense is strong, the Bears still won't make the playoffs.

**Green Bay Packers 0-3**

The Packers are in trouble. QB Brett Favre continues to be a first class gentleman and can make any throw on the field, but losing WR Javon Walker to a torn ACL for the year really hurts their passing game. Their offensive line has a few holes as well. RB Ahman Green seems to be wearing down, but backup Najeh Davenport has the skills to become a feature back very soon. As for the Packers' defense, the loss of FS Darren Sharper really hurt, and they have had trouble keeping their CBs healthy in camp. This could be a long year in Green Bay.

**South**

**Tampa Bay Buccaneers 3-0**

The Bucs still have a great defense. DE Simeon Rice, LB Derrick Brooks, and CB Ronde Barber are among the best at their positions. The lack of a solid offense has kept Tampa Bay from being a contender over the last few years, but rookie RB Carnell "Cadillac" Williams and returning WR Michael Clayton will shake things up a bit.

**Atlanta Falcons 2-1**

QB Michael Vick looks to lead the Falcons deep into the postseason again this year. The combination of RBs Warrick Dunn and T. J. Duckett is

tough to stop, and rookie WR Michael Jenkins could become Vick's go-to receiver. Atlanta's defense is fantastic, headed by LB Keith Brooking, DE Patrick Kerney, and CB DeAngelo Hall. Signing LB Ed Hartwell was a great move. The Falcons should once again challenge the Eagles for NFC dominance.

**Carolina Panthers 1-2**

The Panthers have all the makings of a very good team. RB Stephen Davis has recovered from his knee surgery and now teams up with DeShaun Foster in the backfield. WR Steve Smith is back from a broken leg and will take up his place as QB Jake Delhomme's favorite receiver. Carolina's defense is spectacular, with powerhouses such as DE Julius Peppers. The Panthers will surely contend for the South crown this year.

**New Orleans Saints 1-2**

Hurricane Katrina devastated the Gulf Coast, and the Saints represent a chance for victims to find some sort of joy amidst tragedy. RB Deuce McAllister, WR Joe Horn, and QB Aaron Brooks lead a balanced offense. The addition of S Dwight Smith will help the defense. Look for the Saints to use their extra motivation to propel themselves into the playoffs.

**West**

**The Seattle Seahawks 2-1**

Seattle struggled on defense last year, finishing 26th in the NFL, but brought in several key players including LB Jamie Sharper, DE Bryce Fisher, and CBs Andre Dyson and Kelly Herndon with hopes of improvement. The loss of WR Koren Robinson hurts as WR Bobby Engram is forced to leave the slot position to fill his spot at split-end. RB Shaun Alexander is a force in the red-zone and QB Matt Hasselbeck is decent.

**St. Louis Rams 2-1**

The Rams still have a very prolific offense. QB Marc Bulger directs an attack featuring RBs Steven Jackson and Marshall Faulk, and WRs Torry Holt, Isaac Bruce, and Kevin Curtis. The defense is less impressive, despite strong players such as DT Jimmy Kennedy and SS Adam Archuleta. Regardless, this team will likely win the West.

**San Francisco 49ers 1-2**

This once-proud franchise would be thrilled to finish 6-10 this year. First round pick QB Alex Smith is not ready to start yet, so QB Tim Rattay again gets the call. RB Kevan Barlow is a quality back, but he won't get many carries because the Niners will often trail early in games. The only bright spots on the team are LBs Julian Peterson and Andre Carter.

**Arizona Cardinals 0-3**

Despite a slow beginning, look for Arizona to pick up this season. DE Chike Okeafor and rookie CB Antrel Rolle will give opposing offensive coordinators all sorts of trouble. On the Cardinals' offense, skilled WRs Anquan Boldin, Larry Fitzgerald, and Bryant Johnson make a very formidable 1-2-3 combination. While the offensive line is sub-par, QB Kurt Warner might still have some magic, and rookie RB J.J. Arrington is a popular sleeper pick.

# From Games to Greatness

## Tribe Excellence Within Our Reach

>JIM KENNEDY  
DSJ STAFF REPORTER

We have what it takes; it's just a matter of wanting it. It's time for Tribe football to move into the next tier of I-AA excellence.

I don't think this is going to come as a shock to any of you, but William and Mary was recently named America's hottest small state school. I know the administration tried to keep this a secret, but the word has apparently gotten out. Aside from being one of the most specific awards ever presented, this honor bestowed on us by *Newsweek* shows us how close we are to tapping a previously unknown potential. No, it does not involve an oversized magnet or an incoming freshman class with an average GPA of 9. Rather, it feeds off of a lesser-known sphere of College life.

I have seen the future and the future is clear: it is time for us to be a big-time college football school.

Fellow Tribesmen/Tribeswomen/Tribespeople (we need a new mascot) - we're *this* close. Maybe not that close, but we're getting sort of close. This would be a defining change, a monumental change, a turn in a completely new direction. This could bring millions upon millions of dollars into our school and make our incoming student pool even more qualified. The pieces are in place for a permanent revolution in Zable Stadium.

We have one of the most admired programs in college football. We field

good-to-great teams, maintain impossibly high academic standards, and manage to keep focus in front of a crowd that has the

Unfortunately, in years past, we have endured playing in substandard facilities, a sometimes apathetic student body, and a lack of desire to change either of the aforementioned circumstances. Despite this, here we are, ready to take on the big guys. It seems like we finally have the support to move up the proverbial food chain.

The groundwork is already here. In August, the College's athletic department announced plans for a \$10 million football complex to be named after long-time head coach Jimmye Laycock. At over 300,000 square feet, it will house offices, training facilities, conference rooms and locker rooms. The unique part is that every penny of the bill is being footed by private donations earmarked for football spending. Currently, we are spending \$650,000 on a set of long-overdue permanent lights. This leap from the 1930's is also being paid for with private donations. We have the infrastructure. We have the personnel. We're just missing the intangibles. Fortunately, we've got 5,700 undergrads to take care of those.

I spent my freshman year at Virginia Tech. I've seen, firsthand, the overwhelming student benefits a big-league football school brings. Games aren't just games - they're full-blown social events. The campus is electric and the pre-game environment is unmatched. In

short, the students have the time of their lives. You know this if you were present at last year's national semifinal game against JMU. Everyone I've talked to has said it was one of the most fun nights of his or her college career. Most expressed remorse that they probably would not get to experience



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audacity to bring their homework to the stands.

Don't worry; this isn't just another article complaining about the Tribe unfaithful. This isn't a call to arms. This is merely a nudge in what I believe is the right direction.



that again. Here's a little secret: you absolutely can! You can experience that every week, home or away, day or night. It's symbiotic, really. The energy you provide the team will surely spawn athletic feats never previously imagined. These moments will, in turn, provide you with even more energy to give them. Rest assured this is possible here.

I am completely aware that we have neither the resources nor the national recruiting reputation required for such grandeur. But if you look at it proportionally, there isn't a problem. We don't need to fill almost 70,000 seats for a game; we need to fill 13,000. Despite its comparatively small size, we all know that Zable can get loud. Big-time college football requires a big-time coach. We've already got that, too. Jimmye Laycock is our Steve Spurrier, our Frank Beamer. His dedication to this program is peerless, and we owe him some return on his dedication.

One school that has embraced its newfound football status is that of our friends on I-81, James Madison University. With incredibly active student support organizations, effective marketing of their name and logo, and unprecedented press coverage, JMU is trying to fit itself into the mold of a big-time college football program. It is impossible to pick up a Richmond Times-Dispatch Thursday through Sunday without reading an article or feature on the James Madison football team. They are no more or less worthy than we are to be the unofficial titan of Virginia Division I-AA football, but they are more eager to have the title. Their students want the title. The college leadership wants the title. Their team got the title.

It's time for us to get our own title. We have a pretty short home schedule this year of only five games. Come to all of them and be excited for all of them. This is not too much to ask. The JMU game is, believe it or not, not the only game on our schedule. By the time that nighttime contest takes place, I expect the buzz for Tribe football to be at a fever pitch. Remember, decisions are made by those who show up. It's time for us to show up.

# tribe SPORTS in brief

## KISIELIUS LEADS LITHUANIAN TEAM TO SECOND PLACE



Tribe basketball player Laimus Kisielius helped his under 20 Lithuanian national team finish second place in the Under-20 European Championships. Laimus averaged 4.3 points and 2.6 minutes in moderate playing time for the national team. He played in every game, starting in three. He also dropped thirteen points on Italy in his best game of the tournament.



## THOMAS NAMED DIRECTOR OF TRIBE BASKETBALL OPERATIONS



Chuck Thomas has been hired as the new Tribe basketball director of operations. This hiring is subject to approval by the board of visitors. Thomas' prior basketball experience includes coaching at the St. Christopher's School in Richmond. While coaching at St. Christopher's, Thomas earned four district coach of the year honors, a Virginia Group A Region A Coach of the Year Award, and he was also named the Virginia Prep League Coach of the Year.

## TESHAWNE JACKSON NAMED TRIBE GYMNASTICS ASST. COACH



TeShawne Jackson has joined the Tribe Women's Gymnastics team as an assistant coach. She has prior experience both competing at a high level and coaching. Jackson competed for West Virginia University in gymnastics where she still holds records, including the record for perfect-10 scores in all events. While competing in College she captured the EAGL vault and all-around championship in 2001 and 2002. She also won the NCAA North Central Regional Championship in the Floor exercise.

Jackson made a couple coaching stops prior to landing with the Tribe. She was an instructor at the City of Charleston Gymnastics Training Center. Jackson also worked as an assistant coach at Ball State during last year's college gymnastics season.

## FORMER TRIBE PLAYER REJOINS PROFESSIONAL RANKS



Todd Cauthorn, who is a 1993 graduate of the College, signed a contract with the Sheffield Sharks this summer. He will act as both a player and an assistant coach. Cauthorn had left the professional game after the 2002-2003 season. In 2002-2003 Cauthorn was both named MVP of the British Basketball League as he led his team, the Chester Jets, to the league championship. Cauthorn will gain valuable experience both playing for and coaching with Peter Scantlebury, described as a "legend in British Basketball" by Cauthorn.

Cauthorn joins an ever growing list of former Tribe players who now play professionally overseas. In addition to Cauthorn, Jim Moran, Zeb Cope, Sherman Rivers, and Adam Hess all play professional basketball in foreign leagues.

## W&M ADDS THREE MORE ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICANS



Tribe gymnasts Chris Renjilian, Ben Carter, and Aaron Ingram were given the honor of being an Academic All-Americans. Renjilian, who recently graduated from the College received the honor for the third straight time. Carter and Ingram were both new additions to the list of Academic All-Americans. This helps the College's Men's Gymnastics team continue its NCAA-wide lead in individual All-Americans.

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