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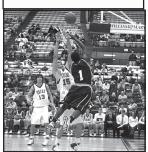
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### COVER

Millions of people are members of mySpace, a website that allows people to "friend" one another from all over the world. Anyone, from college students to old men, can join this site, peruse other members, and even attempt to contact others on the site.

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# WORDS

#### NEW ELECTION LAW PROGRAM STARTING AT THE COLLEGE



The College's Law School and the National Center for State Courts (NCSC) recently started the Election Law Program to offer advice and resources to state judges on cases involving election laws. Led by Mary McOueen of the NCSC and Davison Douglas of the law school, the Election Law Program not only offers help to judges but allows law students the opportunity to do more research in the ever-changing field of election law. The program's first initiative is to create a manual for state judges about election law issues and it will later add educational workshops about election issues

#### WARNER APPROVES SIX-YEAR PLAN PROPOSED BY COLLEGE

Governor Mark Warner approved the College's Six Year Financial Plan that will allow the College to participate in the Higher Education Restructuring Act. The 18page document outlines how the College's finances will be managed over the next six years and includes details on building projects, hiring of staff, and tuition increases. The Six Year Plan was a mandatory part of the Restructuring Act which the College along with the University of Virginia and Virginia Tech proposed in early 2004 in response to fluctuating levels of state support.

#### SWEM GETS PROOF OF BOTETOURT MEDALLION

An 18th century proof of the Lord Botetourt Medallion was recently given to the College by Christopher Fildes, an award-winning financial journalist and benefactor of the College. The proof is one of three proofs known to exist in the world and will be housed in Swem Library's Special Collections. There are only eight known copies of the actual medallion known to exist. The medallion was meant to be the second award in the United States for scholarship, but because of Governor Botetourt's untimely death the award was never given. The College began giving the Lord Botetourt medal in 1941 at Commencement to an outstanding undergraduate.

#### RESIDENCE LIFE TO IMPLEMENT ONLINE LOTTERY THIS YEAR



Students will not have to stand in Trinkle Hall to complete the housing lottery process next year. The Office of Residence Life has been working with Information Technology and the Student Assembly to create an online lottery system for students to select their dorm rooms for the upcoming year. Though the project has not yet been completed, all parties involved expect it to be finished in time for this year's housing lottery in April 2006. Along with the changes in the lottery system, Residence Life has also announced gender and social class changes to dorms for the upcoming year and has released a layout plan for the new dorms being built on Barksdale Field.

#### IR CLUB TEAM TRIUMPHS AT WORLD QUEST COMPETITION



The International Relations Club World Quest team came in first place for the fourth year in a row. World Quest is a trivia contest about international relations, and the collegiate tournament was sponsored by the Hampton Roads World Affairs Council. Shamus Brennan, Nick Metheny, Mike Reed, Rob Vernon and Will Herman were the team members at the competition.

#### STUDY OF COLLEGE'S FIRE ALAR SYSTEMS RELEASED



An independent commission studying the College's fire alarms and sprinkler systems found the College's practices to be safe and in compliance with the Virginia Fire Code. The study called for the College to undertake a three-phase plan to upgrade existing fire alarm systems all over campus. The College is now starting on Phase I of the upgrades and plans to finish that part of the project in the next three years. After the Preston Dormitory fire in May 2005, the College called for the study to see how its fire safety systems could improve. The full report can be found online.

CORRECTION: The story on tuition and fees in our October edition was co-written by Abigail Fine.

## savethedate

#### december I - 16

who: everyone what: clothing/food/ supplies drives when: all day where: anywhere there's a donation box why: get into the holiday spirit and give back

#### december 10

who: students what: yule log ceremony when: 6 - 8 p.m. where: wren courtyard why: watch President Nichol become St. Nick

#### december 16

who: on campus students what: residence halls close when: noon where: wherever you live on campus why: it's holiday time

#### january 14

who: on campus students what: residence halls open when: 9 a.m. where: wherever you live why: holiday time is over

#### january 18

who: students what: classes start when: hopefully not before noon where: hopefully not **Morton Hall** why: youv'e got to graduate somehow

Staying in the Burg. Trotting the globe. Relaxing.

> LEA BRUMFIELD, DSJ STAFF REPORTER

The time of exams befalls the College. Of course students are busy making practice flashcards, rereading every chapter in their texts, writing twentypage papers, and downing espresso shots to stay up to finish that one last hour of studying. Students will find themselves meeting for study groups at 3 a.m., pitching tents and unrolling sleeping bags in the library, and being the studious pupils that this

institution is famous for. There will be tears, plea-bargin emails to professors, and hysterical pre-8 a.m. exam mobs at the Student Exchange as test-takers grapple over the last Blue Book. But students would do well to remember the fresh promise beyond the last exam, the sweet release of freedom: Winter Break.

Plans vary among students at the College. Some intend to laze and catch up on pleasure reading (an unknown phenomenon among most students), some reluctantly schedule to have their wisdom teeth removed, some have internships and job shadowing, some will travel, and many plan to pick up a few extra dollars.

One group of students with their winter break plans laid out are those working on a medical mission trip to the Dominican Republic. Students at the College are already active in volunteerism, but this trip involves setting up a clinic in Villa Mella, an impoverished area outside of Santo Domingo, the capital of the Dominican Republic.

Dr. Mark Ryan, a College alumnus, along with two other doctors, will be helping the nine students, although the trip is almost



Colonial Williamsburg's Grand Illumination, a favorite among College student and touristss, will occur 4 January.

entirely planned and run by the students. The Dominican Republic trip was organized and in part created by senior Jason Starr who also ran a similar trip to the Dominican Republic last winter break with the help of College alumnus and then senior Diego Vicente, in addition to four other students and Dr. Ryan.

Traveling this year will be Starr, Matthew Imm, Ellie Pitz, Jannick Taboada, Ramon Jackson, Chris Lemon, Laura Olsen, Jim Donecker, and Katie Ball, as well as recent graduate Katie Sprinkel.

In addition to the trip itself, the students participating are taking a three-credit course with Dr. David Aday from the sociology department. Each student chose a topic to research in-depth, and chose to receive credits in either Sociology, American Studies, or International Relations.

The clinic will be open from 1 to 6 January, and the volunteers expect to see a minimum of 600 patients, twice the number helped last year.

This clinic will be run in a very poor area where most people have no access to medical care, and the volunteer team will bring in all of their supplies, own including bandages, antiseptics, antibiotics, over-thecounter drugs and The vitamins. students will greet patients, taking vital signs and medical histories, then the doctors will treat the patients and prescribe the medicine that the group has brought, if necessary. They also hope to teach the residents of the village a few forms of preventative medicine.

"The focus now is

turning to what we can do in a week that will be sustainable, so we're working on

education projects while we're there, [such as] how to teach villagers how to boil drinking water or use bleach to purify it,

or anything" said Starr.

To fund the trip and pay for the medical supplies needed, the students involved have been fundraising all semester, including activities like letter-writing to family and friends, petitioning local organizations, and asking Hall Councils for donations. Part of the trip was funded by the Office of Student Volunteer Services, but a large portion was donated from Hall Councils' hall budgets, with some students voting to donate money to the trip rather than buy a copy of "Underworld" or "Old School."

Most of the medicines distributed are simple antibiotic creams, vitamins, antacids and painkillers, items readily available in most American homes, but unobtainable to the extremely poor in countries like the Dominican Republic.

The project is expected to continue and grow each year, with students from the College helping more and more impoverished people with basic medical care they could otherwise not afford.

"I followed through with making [the trip] an official College-sponsored student activity, and the goal for next semester is getting it federally recognized as a nonprofit organization. The long-term goal is to set up an endowment fund through the Development Office to be able to substantially subsidize the trip, but for now it is working, step by step," said Starr.

Even if students won't be traveling abroad on mission trips, they can easily add to their list of business contacts without even having to leave their hometowns. For the first time, the Alumni Association, Career Center, and BBA Business Partners Board will be teaming up to offer a student/ alum networking program designed to give students a closer look at possible careers.

The program will involve pairing students with alums from the student's home area who work in career fields that a student is interested in. Participants will be given the opportunity to meet the alumnus and talk about college preparation and career experiences. Students can sign up for the program at the College's Career Center website under the Undergraduates option or at <a href="http://www.wm.edu/career/">http://www.wm.edu/career/</a> Events/AlumniMatch/ AlumniMatchEntry.cfm.

For those students staying in Williamsburg over the break, either for a job, research, relaxation, or a lack of elsewhere to go, Colonial Williamsburg will offer a number of events, starting the holiday season with a bang on 4 December with Grand Illumination, a celebration that includes fireworks, public performances, and a number of other events, like a free wine tasting at the Williamsburg Winery from 12 - 4 p.m. An educational program, which allows

participants

to learn about and make their own toy, will be held at the DeWitt Wallace Museum on Saturdays in December at 12 p.m.

The lighting of the DoG Street Christmas Tree on Christmas Eve at 5:30 p.m., with an interpretive storytelling, is free to the public and an event that most students do not get to enjoy.

Information about other seasonal events is available on the Colonial Williamsburg website, at <a href="http://">http://</a> www.history.org/ christmas/ programs.html.



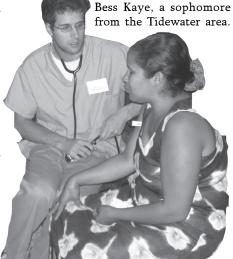
Above: The Wythe House is one of the many buildings that becomes decorated for the holiday season and the many programs that Colonial Williamsburg offers before and during Winter Break, such as the DoG Street Christmas Tree lighting on Christmas Eve. Photo by Rebecca Bacon

For those students who do go home over break, many plan to make the rounds and find a job, but most winter break employment is carried over from summer jobs, avoiding the hassle of applications and interviews.

Jess Mackow, a senior, is one such student. She has held a job at the Companion Animal Clinic and Kennel in Fairfax Station, working mostly with animals being boarded.

"I work at the vet clinic over all my breaks and I really enjoy it because we get to go outside and walk all the dogs," said Mackow. "We've got lots of repeat customers so I've gotten to know some of the animals pretty well."

Another student who will be working during the winter break is



This busy young woman worked four different jobs this summer and is planning on working at least three of those jobs over winter break. Her employment ranged from waitressing at the Suffolk restaurant Art's Kitchen, answering telephones and directing calls at Amadas Coach, (which designs and builds custom tour busses for rock stars, celebrities, and politicians on tour), as a customer service representative at Blockbuster Video, and working on call for the Blackwater Wildlife Taxidermy Studio.

"I don't sleep," said Kaye.

Many businesses do hire just for the winter holiday season, and students looking for jobs should head to malls and apply around college areas, where students may be leaving their jobs for the season.

No matter their plans over the Break, students deserve a rest from the flurry of tests, papers, presentations, and research. And whether traveling, enjoying the company of friends and family, waitressing, or working in a taxidermist's office, students might even find they have time to read a book not assigned for class.

Left: For the second year in a row, a small group of students will be traveling to the Dominican Republic over Winter Break to run a medical clinic for the impoverished. Participants greet patients and take vital signs as former student Mark Hillinger and current senior Jason Star are seen doing here during last year's clinic. Participants this year will head to Villa Mella outside of Santo Domingo, from 1-6 January. Photo courtesy of Jason Starr

# MySpace:

# Fun Pastime or Freakfest?

>GRETCHEN HANNES, DS| STAFF REPORTER

At the beginning of September, signs started appearing around campus with the picture of a missing VCU student, 17-year-old Taylor Behl, who disappeared the night of 5 September. On 5 October, her dead body was found on a Mathews County farm. An investigation of her death is currently underway, and one of the main suspects is 38-year-old Benjamin Fawley, an amateur photographer with whom Behl may have had a sexual relationship.

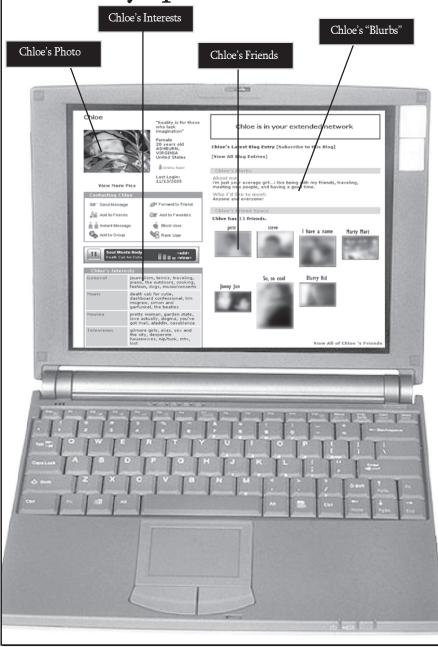
Rumors have circulated concerning how Behl and Fawley became involved, but most sources say they did not meet online. However, Behl did use MySpace, a free service similar to Facebook that lets users post profiles, pictures and blogs, and view the profiles of all other MySpace members. It is unclear whether her online activities had anything to do with her death, but it appears that she and Fawley did communicate online. In any case, her death has prompted VCU to develop new guidelines for student Internet usage. It has also raised concern over the number of teens who are using services like MySpace, LiveJournal and Xanga.com to post a great deal of information about themselves for anyone to see, making them potential targets for harassers, cyberbullies, predators, scam artists and the like.

These "social networking websites" are not a minor phenomenon – MySpace has 13 million users and LiveJournal has 7 million. As of July 2005, Facebook had expanded to include 835 institutions across the United States and had 2.5 million users. Teens and college students can use these services to connect with friends, share ideas, and express their creativity.

An article on CNET.com, however, also says that teens are using the forums to "post provocative pictures, discuss real or imagined sex lives, berate and threaten one another, and recount drinking and drug use." That last activity has been given a lot of attention lately. Students at N.C. State

In light of recent events in the news, one DSJ reporter decided to try MySpace on for size. After setting up a fake account under the name "Chloe," she joined the ranks of 13 million MySpace users in the often alarming realm of online friendship.

The MySpace Breakdown:



and Northern Kentucky University are facing various punishments because of pictures found on Facebook that showed them violating their schools' alcohol policies. The University of Santa Barbara has also warned students that they can be disciplined for the content of their Facebook profiles.

To really get a sense of what these social networking sites are like, writers for the Dog Street Journal Style Section decided to go undercover—we created a fake MySpace account and monitored it for about a week to see what, if anything, would happen.

The creation of the profile was a group effort. We decided on a name (Chloe), her

interests (traveling, piano, the outdoors, cooking, fashion), her favorite movies (Dogma, Pretty Woman, Casablanca), music (Death Cab for Cutie, Dashboard Confessional. The Beatles) books (The Great Gatsby, The Fountainhead, Harry Potter) and TV shows (Nip/Tuck, Gilmore Girls, Alias).

In her "About me" section, "Chloe" writes: "I'm just your average girl...I like being with my friends, traveling, meeting new people, and having a good time." To keep our options open, under "Who I'd like to meet," we wrote, "Anyone and everyone!" It was left up to me to monitor the site, and as I did, it became apparent that maybe we shouldn't have kept our options that open...

For a while the profile was set up without a picture, so of course during that time I received no friend requests or messages. Once we put a picture up (it was of one of our writers, with her face slightly obscured by the leaves of a tree), and I joined a few groups, Chloe's profile got a little more action.

I received two messages, both from guys. One was a 25-year-old from Centreville, Virginia with a 16-month-old daughter

who liked Chloe's profile and wanted to get to know her better because he was new to the area. The other was from a cute 26year-old from northern Virginia named T.J. He was trying to meet new people, thought Chloe looked cute, and wanted to chat. His profile seemed relatively normal, so I decided to go for it.

I created a screen name, classychloe85, and the minute I signed on T.J. IMed me. About 30 seconds into the conversation he wanted to know what I was doing "tonight," meaning 12:30 a.m. on a Thursday. He wanted to meet and do something because he was bored and all his friends were sleeping.

I thought, "Are you kidding? Do you really think a 20-year-old girl would actually meet up with a 26-year-old guy she just met two minutes ago online at 12:30 a.m.?" But, thinking of my article, I decided to be polite and said I was a little hesitant, but "maybe another time."

I found out that T.J. was a car salesman who works long hours and lives with his roommate. I told him that I commuted to George Mason and interned at a local newspaper. At this point my roommate decided she wanted to try being Chloe, so

I let her jump in on the conversation. She decided I was being too boring and started outright flirting with T.J. He asked her if she (Chloe) was single, to which she responded "Hell yes!!!" Then he started asking if she had any more pictures other than the one on her MySpace profile, and my roommate answered "You bet," followed by a winking smiley face.

Of course T.J. interpreted this to mean she had Playboy-worthy shots she was withholding from him, and started bugging classychloe to upload them from her digital camera. My roommate told him she was too lazy, and I decided it was time for me to be Chloe again.

After finding out about the pictures, T.J. started pestering me once more to "do something spontaneous" and meet up with him. I kept making excuses, saying I was tired, and I eventually signed off after promising him that we would meet soon and have dinner. Yeah, right.

I signed on one more time as classychloe85 the next day, and T.J. IMed me. His IM went something like, "Hey, what's up, where are your photos?" I clicked out right away. The only other messages I got on Chloe's MySpace account

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# Theatre

WILLIAMSBURG VIRGINIA

#### MOVIES **DECEMBER 2005**

Constant Gardener (R) Tues., Nov. 29-Mon., Dec. 5 6:45 and 9:15 p.m. Nov. 30, Dec. 1, 5 screening room (35 seats)

Grizzly Man (R) Thurs., Dec. 8-Wed., Dec. 14 6:45 and 8:45 p.m. Dec. 8-10, 12-14 screening room (35 seats) Senarate Lies (R) Wed., Dec. 14-Wed., Dec. 21 Dec. 15-20 screening room (35 seats)

It's a Wonderful Life not rated Sun., Dec. 18 at 3 and 6 p.m. Admission is free-Tickets required

Balzac and the Little Chinese Seamstress not rated Thurs., Dec. 22-Fri., Dec. 30 6:45 and 9 p.m. Sat., Dec. 24 6:45 p.m. only All shows in the screening room (35 seats)

#### LIVE PERFORMANCES DECEMBER 2005

The Williamsburg Symphonia Holiday Concert Sat., Dec. 3 at 2 p.m. Sun., Dec. 4 at 1:30 and 3 p.m. All seats \$18

Dean Shostak presents Crystal Christmas With Benjamin Franklin Mon., Dec. 5 and Fri., Dec. 23 at 7 and 9 p.m. All seats \$10

The Kimball Theatre presents The American Boychoir Tues., Dec. 6 and Wed., Dec. 7 at 7:30 p.m. General admission \$30, Seniors/Students \$27

Robert Hodge in Concert: Pianist, Vocalist, Raconteur The Victorian Christmas Magic-Lantern Show Fri., Dec. 9 at 7:30 p.m. All seats \$20

Sat., Dec. 10 at 7:30 p.m.

The Chesapeake Bay Wind Ensemble

General admission \$10, Seniors/Students \$7

Preservation and Exploration in the Shadow of John Smith 2005 Jamestown Lecture Series Tues., Dec. 13 at 7 p.m.

"The New World," Who is Captain X?, and Other Mysteries of The 2005 Field Season Revealed - Dr. William Kelso, director of archaeology All seats \$9

Celebrate The Season Don Irwin in Concert Sat., Dec. 17 at 7:30 p.m. All seats \$20

The Kimball Theatre presents Tues., Dec. 20 at 3:30 and 7:30 p.m. General admission \$12, Seniors/Students \$10

The Kimball Theatre presents Featuring Rainbow Puppet Productions Thurs., Dec. 22 and Fri., Dec. 23 at 10:30 a.m. General admission \$10, Seniors/Students \$7

Chapter Two Bu Neil Simon Mon., Dec. 26, Wed., Dec. 28, and Fri., Dec. 30 at 8 p.m. All seats \$16.50

## A Random Assortment of Five Best Things

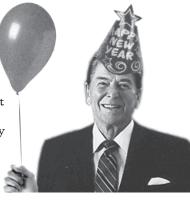
#### FIVE BEST PRESIDENTS TO INVITE TO YOUR

#### **PARTY**

By Kelsey Jones

#### 1. Ronald Reagan

There's nothing like an actor to liven up your scene. He's notable, yet not unapproachable, with a laidback view of life. "They say hard work never hurt anybody," he says, "but I figure; why take the chance?"



#### 2. Ulysses S. Grant

This guy is great for you younger partiers. His advanced age gives your party a shield of respectability, while his lack of backbone will leave you free to rampage like a pack of his unruly cabinet members.

#### 3. Calvin Coolidge:

This aptly-named fellow is quite literally the coolest president ever. He doesn't say much, but that just adds some class to your little get-together. Sit him in an important-looking corner, but don't try to talk to him directly. The last person to bet they could get more than three words out of him merely received the reply, "you lose."

#### 4. FDR

This freewheeling dealer is always ready to lend a hand. Short on party supplies? This man is the king of freebies. You'll be fixed up in no time.

#### 5. Teddy Roosevelt

There's no better partier than a party starter. When Teddy got bored with his old gang, he started up with the Bull Moose for some crazy times that completely trashed the elections that year. Nothing stops this guy. Why, you could shoot him and he'd keep going. In fact, that's just what he did.



## FIVE BEST WAYS TO COVER THAT AWFUL SMELL IN YOUR ROOM

By Kelsey Jones

#### 1. Febreeze

This is the most obvious choice. It acts fast, but it does have a tough time with the more belligerent smells. If you have a raging case of mold somewhere, chances are the combination of Febreeze and mold will only make things worse. Also, you'll have to re-spray every few hours if you want to keep it

#### 2. Dryer sheets

fresh.

This will quickly become a popular fix on any hall. Simply jury-rig your fan or air conditioning unit with a few of these, and you'll save yourself a trip to the store for air fresheners.

#### 3. Air freshener

This fixes the replenishment problem that comes with sprayed odor-killers. You can also choose from some interesting scents. However, like the previous option, this method is vulnerable to stronger smells, and the combination can sometimes be downright sickening.

#### 4. Microwave some buttery popcorn

You weren't expecting that, were you? Ever notice how you used your microwave to cook some very buttery popcorn a few days ago, and your room still smells like butter? Depending on your personal taste, that may be a good or bad odor, but you definitely won't be able to smell anything else.

#### 5. Bleach

This is the gung-ho solution. If covering up the smell won't work, you can launch a mold crusade to kill the smell at the source. Look for damp and concealed places along the walls and floor. Let the bleach sit for a bit (consult the internet for more detailed instructions) then clean it off. Be sure to air the room out: bleach isn't much better for humans than it is for mold.

#### PASSIVE AGGRESSIVE BEST FIVE BEST BREAK-UP SONGS

#### MANEUVERS

by Christina Tucker

#### 1. The Flip and Moan

This is a classic roommate move. When all you want to do is fall asleep but your obnoxious roommate insists on doing something that keeps you awake - whether talking on the phone, typing loudly, watching TV, refusing to turn the light out, or just existing - this is



the ultimate way of showing him or her who's boss. Here's what you do: every time your roommate makes the slightest movement, thrash violently in bed for a few moments, while simultaneously letting out a long, agonizing moan. Yeah, you could just jump out of bed and scream, "GET OUT OF MY ROOM NOW BEFORE I BASH YOUR HEAD INTO THE WALL," but why be confrontational when you can be passive aggressive and have so much more fun?

#### 2. The Pushing of Buttoms

Everyone has buttons. The key to passive aggression is learning what your opponent's buttons are and mastering the art of pushing them. For example, if your roommate passionately hates U2, the next time you are feeling annoyed at him or her, put "Sunday Bloody Sunday" on repeat. Or if they hate the smell of tuna, make twelve tuna sandwiches on their side of the room.

#### 3. The Away Message

This turns up every day in a million different forms, but it always serves the same purpose. Someone oftentimes an ex-lover or nearly-ex-lover - has pissed you off. Rather than calling the person up and getting confrontational, you put up a



not-so-cryptic away message, many times relying on emo song lyrics or some modernist poem to express your anguished soul. A favorite among college students are the classic lyrics from Wilco's "Via Chicago": "I dreamed about killing you again last night/ And it felt alright to me."

#### 4. The Blog

This is similar to the away message, but allows you the space to vent your anger in more detail. The irony is that most people who have blogs post the link to it on their AIM profile or on facebook, so the people they are bashing are bound to end up reading it. While this may seem problematic, it is actually precisely what the blog authors want.

#### 5. The Silent Treatment

Though it has been around forever, the silent treatment is still a favorite, largely because of its unfaltering power to provoke whomever it is being used on. And, let's face it, the ultimate purpose of passive aggression is provocation.

by Christina Tucker

#### 1. "Song for the Dumped" - Ben Folds Five

This is a great song from their album Whatever and Ever Amen, but what really cements its place on this list are the lyrics "Give me back my money, vou bitch." This line sums up many relationships, and there is hardly anything more



satisfying - when you're in the right mood - than screaming along with Ben Folds as he sings that phrase.

#### 2. "You're So Vain" - Carly Simon

You can't have a list of breakup songs without Carly Simon. When she wrote the song, Simon was speaking not just for herself but for the millions of women (and men?) across the globe who have suffered through relationships with egomaniacs.

#### 3. "I Know It's Over" -The Smiths

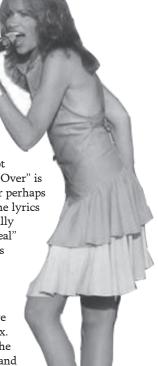
Not all breakups are angry, and not all exes are the devil. "I Know It's Over" is a poignant eulogy for lost love – or perhaps a love that never really existed. The lyrics "I know it's over/ And it never really began/ But in my heart it was so real" sum up the bittersweet tone of this classic song.

#### 4. "Train in Vain" - The Clash

This is a good one to play if you are trying to put a guilt-trip on your ex. It has an easy, laidback beat, but the lyrics are unrelenting: "Did you stand by me/ No, not at all/ Did you stand by me/ No way."

#### 5. "Ain't No Sunshine (When She's Gone)" -**Bill Withers**

This is another sad lament for love. If you hate your ex, it's not the best song to fire up on your iPod. But if you just can't get over him or her, "Ain't No Sunshine" will speak right to your soul. It did to Hugh Grant in Notting Hill, at any rate.









MySpace is not particularly secure -- nobody can know who might be sitting at a computer checking out their profile.

were from a random guy I had friended who wanted to know what had led me to his profile, and the creepiest of creepy messages from a 35-year-old named John with no picture. He wanted to know, (and this is no joke), if he could pay me to kick him or just to put my feet in his face. Freaked out completely, I looked at his profile. The heading at the top was "Slave For Woman To Use," and his "About me" section read, "I am an easy going guy that enjoys being humiliated by women."

Now, I realize that some people are into that sort of thing, and I suppose that's their prerogative. But what I want to know is what about Chloe's generic profile and sweet picture screamed "into S&M?" Needless to say, I was not impressed with the quality of guys I encountered on MySpace. I know that some people really do use it for dating purposes, but with 13 million users and freaks out there like "John," how can you ever hope to find someone normal? And even if you think you've found a normal guy or girl, how can you ever be sure that they're even who they claim to be in their profile?

The problem with MySpace is that people can include or leave out whatever they want in their profile, in effect creating an image of a person that may not even exist. And who wants to date someone who may or may not be real, or who may or may not like to be kicked in the face?

Cristina Martinez, a junior at the College and a fellow Style writer, is a MySpace user that has encountered some of the creepiness as well. She said, "At first MySpace was so exciting because I found people from high school that I haven't talked to in years. But after the initial excitement, I found that MySpace is almost

like a creepy Internet dating site. I kept getting messages from weird guys that were definitely interested in more than being my friend."

Clearly, these sorts of social networking sites are not going to die out any time soon. After my experience as Chloe, however, I think I'll stick to Facebook, where at least I know that the freaky people who can view my profile are limited to those at the College. The moral of the MySpace story seems to be that if you want to use those types of sites, proceed with caution. Do not disclose any identifying information such as your name, address or phone number, where you go to school or where you work. You can still have fun, but just remember that revealing too much could have serious consequences.

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# The Nominations Are In

#### Who will be TIME's Person of the Year? One DSJ columnist gives her pick.

>ERIN GRADY, DSJ STAFF COLUMNIST

s I was procrastinating last night, I found myself once again on the *Time Magazine* website. The site was advertising a reader poll to determine who should become the Person of the Year for 2005. The responses were varied and interesting, and sometimes funny and heartwarming. A few of them stuck with me, however, and I'd like to make an argument for who I think should be the Person of the Year for 2005.

One of the possible candidates for this position is Mother Nature. Overlooking the fact that she is not really a person, this, I think, is a poor choice. Certainly 2005 was a record year for Mother Nature. The devastation of the hurricane season attests to that. The active hurricane season, however, is exactly why I think that this is a poor nomination.

Yes, 2005 may have been a boon year for Mother Nature, but the devastation that she has caused for thousands, perhaps millions of people this year should disqualify her. Those who lost loved ones to Mother Nature's wrath are facing their first holiday season without those people there. Why should a national news magazine glorify this tragedy by essentially electing natural disasters to the year's hall of fame?

J.K. Rowling is another possible candidate. 2005 has seen "Potter" mania peaking again with the release of the sixth book in the *Harry Potter* series and the recent film version of *Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire*. I really have few negative remarks about this nomination, since Rowling has inspired an entire generation of young people to turn off the television and pick up a book. However, let's save her Person of the Year award for when the final book in the *Harry Potter* series is released. I feel that there are more qualified nominees than Rowling this year.

Also up for the award is Lance Armstrong, another pop culture icon who has seen a peak year in 2005. He won his record-breaking seventh Tour de France, and he became engaged to rocker Sheryl Crow. While Armstrong is a very strong candidate for Person of the Year, he faces the problem of people being tired of his success. Every July for the

past seven years we have heard about Lance's miraculous recovery

from cancer, his fighting spirit and his super-human physique. Overexposure, I think, would be the greatest obstacle to Lance cinching this title.

George W. Bush's name caught me off guard when I saw it on the list of nominees. Not only was Bush last year's Person of the Year, he faces his lowest approval ratings ever this year, and public support continues to diminish amid his failing political policies. Excuse me for saying this, but *Time*, you are crazy for even including him on this list.

> A similarly ridiculous nomination was posted by a reader on the Time website: Terrell Owens. The nominator, Ben from Columbia, South Carolina, called Owens the personification of "our 21st century American gluttony." But why would we want to glorify something that our nation is already criticized heavily for? We are a nation of consumers, and the world sees us as wasteful and greedy already. Additionally, Terrell Owens personifies everything that is bad about professional sports: inflated salaries, inflated egos and an individual instead of a team mentality. No, Owens is clearly up for a different award, one for which George W. Bush is nominated as well: The Biggest Goof of 2005. Instead, I don't think that

> > award more than the American Armed Forces. As a protestor of the war and of our policies abroad, it would be easy for me to automatically turn against the military as just another gear in the machine of Bush's misguided foreign policy. However, these people are serving their country faithfully, risking everything to defend freedom. Every day reports come in that more members of the armed forces have died in our 'Fight Against Terror.' These people are sacrificing not only their lives, but often times the comfort and happiness of those closest

anyone nominated on the Time

website could deserve this

Congratulations to you, American Armed Forces. No matter what *Time* decides, you are my People of the Year for 2005.

to them for a country that they love.

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### No Child Held Behind: Education Falls Short for Smarter Students

>ELIJAH KELLEY, DSJ STAFF REPORTER

ducation is the most important problem in America. Over the years, the interpretation of the purpose of education has been expanded to include more than reading, writing and arithmetic. Such qualities as social ability, physical development and personal growth have been incorporated, and, in most cases, given an equal part in education.

We've woken up early each morning for at least thirteen years in order to be educated in the school system. Surely most of us look back on those thirteen years as pointless. We are now in college to start the real work.

Remember the high school guidance counselor? He or she was probably either the most helpful or the most ridiculous person in the entire known world. You would walk into their office, which was about the size of a large shopping cart, and they'd have their massive books of colleges, career options, scholarships, real estate ventures, 401ks, retirement plans and cemetery plots all at the ready. You would sit down with them and design the most important years you may ever have. The years before were just preparation.

But what is a college degree worth nowadays? We sit in our mighty William and Mary dorms, pressed by the specter of the ever-approaching due date, working our way through neverending piles of busy work. We eat our lousy dining hall food, fight for the right to have lights on our football field and avoid the sound-hating police on the weekends. But why? Why are we in college? Couldn't much of the work we are doing now have been taken care of years ago when we were lounging in wooden desks six hours of the day because the law made us?

Take the newly elected governor of Virginia, Tim Kaine, as an example of current efforts concerning education. His

educational promises focus on building a new four-year college in Southside Virginia, beginning pre-K education for all four-year-olds whose parents wish to enroll them, and making higher education available to all Virginians. Kaine also clings to the SOL tests, standardized tests employed in various grades that evaluate the academic performance of students and teachers - a bare minimum of education in most cases.

All of these are noble ventures and I don't intend to demean Mr. Kaine's efforts. But it seems to me that pre-college, and to a large extent collegiate education throughout the nation, is directly focused on those of lower aptitude. I don't want to pass over these people - if you struggle in school you should not be forgotten. However, the bright minds in high school are being forgotten themselves. So many students are oh-so-smart and left to their own ventures if they want to try some more challenging material,

or are taken under by one or two particularly caring teachers. Or in other cases, the social theory that very intelligent students need to be kept together with the lower-ability students prevails, tying smart students to lesser work under the guise of helping other students. This is a terrible failure.

The initiatives Kaine wants to tackle, and the opposition to the same, fail to take hold of the necessary issues for the intelligent student. Building another college and making college education available to all Virginians doesn't raise the bar for anyone. Another degree from "Going Into Business" State is superfluous. And beginning education in the pre-K? Kindergarten then is first grade, and school is an even more time-depriving marathon.

Which brings us to the question: with so many people going to college, and so many colleges - online, community or four year - popping up, what is the point? Everyone is getting a degree.

I am not saying that education is unnecessary. Education may be the most important undertaking of a person's life. But the fact is that much of what we learn now could have been taught to us earlier. In fact, what is taught in lower level colleges could also be learned in high school.

We need to construct an education system that simultaneously allows for the less intelligent and the more intelligent to be educated on their appropriate levels.

By restructuring the high school system, it would be

By restructuring the high school system, it would be possible to raise the level of class intellectuality. Adding teachers and developing three tracks of

classes would allow for proper education of all children. These tracks could accommodate the particular intellectual needs of the lower, average and higher intellect students respectively and separately.

The money intended for the new four-year school, the pre-K education initiatives and college for all Virginians could very easily be transferred to the high school system. If we downsize the college scene by removing public schools that teach what could be taught in high school, funds would be made available for

higher teacher salaries, better facilities and teaching materials and a more efficient education. With higher teacher salaries, job competition would increase and teacher quality would rise, thus improving the quality of education.

Special considerations for the smart student are just as necessary as those for the other students. For them, four years of high school has become a waste of time, money and mind. While politicians are trying to rise to the challenge of improving a failing education system by developing new policies, they are missing the solution. We cannot balk at the problems in America concerning education nothing is more central to the future.

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# SPORTS



#### Tribe Baseball Signs Impressive **Prospects**

The Tribe baseball team just added four promising young recruits. All four of these players recently inked letters of intent to come to William and Mary to play baseball in 2007. The first of these is Matt Blow, a right-handed pitcher who doubles as an infielder, can play first or third base, and shows the potential to become a quality power pitcher. This is in addition to his fastball that has been clocked as high as the upper eighties. Cory Broderick, another of the recruits, is from Pennsylvania and has an eighties speed fastball. Also, Kevin Landry and Carl Kleinhenn were part of this platoon of players to sign with the Tribe, both who can be counted on to deliver a fastball in the high eighties.

#### Tribe Men's XC Finishes Impressively in Final Poll

The Tribe Men's Cross Country team finished the season with an impressive showing in the final poll. In the year's final MONDO National Poll conducted by the U.S. Cross Country Coaches' Association, the Tribe ranked an impressive fifteenth. It has been at least five years since the Tribe have finished this high in the final poll, and their highest overall position in four years.

in brief

The Tribe was propelled to this high ranking in part due to their impressive win in the Southeast Region championship. The top ten in the ranking were Wisconsin, Arkansas, Colorado, Arizona, Notre Dame, Stanford, UTEP, BYU, Georgetown and Texas, respectively.

#### Tribe Field Hockey Players Named to All-Region Teams



Anna Davis, Diana Esposito, and Carly Falgowski were all recently named to the Dartfish/NFHCA Division I All-South Region teams. Davis was named first team. Espositio and Falgowski were a pair of second-team selections. All three players are seniors.

Davis was also the CAA Defensive Player of the Year in women's field hockey. She ends her career as number two all-time at the College in defensive saves in addition to leading the CAA in that category this season.



#### Former Tribe Football Player Sharper Receives NFL Honor

Former Tribe football player Darren Sharper was recently named the NFC Defensive Player of the Week. Shaper is a 1997 graduate of the College, and was named an All-American during his time at the College. Currently Sharper players safety for the Minnesota Vikings.

Sharper formerly played for the Green Bay Packers, where he spent his NFL career prior to moving to the Vikings. Sharper continues to be very productive for the Vikings, in his ninth season in the NFL. He registered three interceptions against the NY Giants in the week that he was named the NFC Defensive Player of the Week. Sharper has also been named to two NFL Pro-Bowls in his NFL career.



#### Swimming Teams Ranked in Mid-Major Polls



The Tribe Men's and Women's swimming teams both enter the first poll released by CollegeSwimming.com ranked in the Mid-Major Top 25. The women's team is ranked number ten in their respective poll, while the men are ranked number twenty-two in their poll. To be eligible to be included in this poll, a school cannot be part of a BCS conference. This isolates the strongest team, allowing teams with similar student populations and funding to compete on a more equal plane.

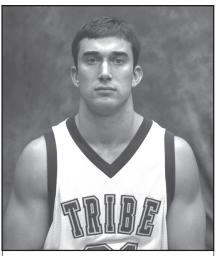
The top ten in the women's poll included Denver, Toledo, UMBC, California-Irvine, UNC-W, Western Kentucky, Missouri State, New Hampshire, Saint Louis, and William and Mary respectively. The overall top ten in the women's bracket is a very close competition. The men's top ten included Missouri State, the U.S. Naval Academy, Denver, Western Kentucky, UNC-Wilmington, Oakland University, UMBC, Wisconsin-Milwaukee, California-Irvine, and Massachusetts, respectively.



Tribe Freshman Alex Smith goes up for a shot against Maine in the first game of the season at the 2005 W&M Tip-Off Classic. Smith scored ten points in this game, helping the Tribe to a 89-55 win.

>BRADLEY JUSTUS, DSJ SPORTS EDITOR

Last year the only word that could adequately characterize the Tribe's season was dismal. They were a lowly 3-15 in CAA play, and 8-21 overall. They finished eighth in the CAA and never came close



Tribe forward Hawley Smith

to their early season potential. The Tribe won the W&M Tip-Off Classic to open the season last year raising expectations in the hope of making a serious run of the NCAA playoffs. The Tribe, however, never lived up to this potential. This year, however,, could be the year.

In Coach Tony Shaver's third season as Tribe head coach, all the pieces appear to have fallen into place for the Tribe to meet the potential they never quite reached last year. The Tribe returns its top four scores and its top five rebounders. Add to this the best recurring class in recent memory, and Coach Shaver has not only his best Tribe basketball team but possibly the best team in the CAA.

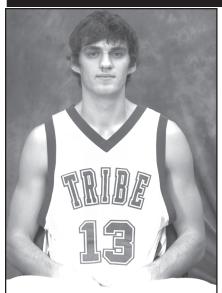
The foundation of this team begins with senior co-captain, forward Hawley Smith. Smith transferred to W&M from Temple, where he earned the Temple Sixth Man award twice. Since he has been eligible to step on the court for the Tribe he has been a clear team leader. Last season, while also serving as co-captain, he played in all of the Tribe's 29 games, making starts in 28 of those contests. He also paced the team



Tribe forward Corey Cofield

in rebounding and scoring, placing second and third respectively.

Corey Cofield is another important returning part to this Tribe team. Cofield also plays forward and last year led the



Tribe forward Laimus Kisielius

Tribe in scoring, field goal percentage, free throw percentage, and rebounding. Last year, Coefield averaged 13.2 points per game. Cofield must continue and improve his already impressive statistics if the Tribe are to really compete in the CAA. Cofield's inside scoring and rebounding are an important key to this team's success.

Additionally, Nathan Mann, who last year led the team in assists at the guard position is crucial to the development of this team. Coach Shaver's preferred fastpaced play is deeply reliant on having quality players at the guard positions. This puts a lot of emphasis on the continued improvement of Nathan Mann, whom buzz surrounded his off-season improvement. Mann is already the top returning guard and will surely shoulder a large role in this offense. He started 18 games last season, and he finished with an average of 2.62 assists per game.

Lastly, Laimus Kisielius is also expected to contribute big things this season. Kisielius is coming off a CAA all-rookie team selection last season. He averaged 8.7 ppg as the Tribe's second leading scorer. During the summer Kisielius practiced by competing on the Lithuanian Junior National team. This team fared very well in international play, finishing second at the European Under-20 Championships. If Laimus can continue to improve as a scorer, as his progression throughout the season last year promises, he will prove to be one of the main offensive pillars of the Tribe playing at the small forward position.

To add to this impressive crop of returning players, the Tribe has added the

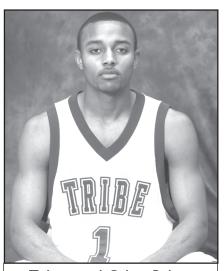
most impressive recruiting class in Shaver's time with the team, and within recent memory. The Tribe add five impressive recruits who all have legitimate college basketball abilities.

The first of these recruits joins the Tribe as a junior. Adam Payton is a transfer from Vanderbilt who after sitting out a year will see action at the guard position for the Tribe. In a clear reflection Payton's character he was elected to serve as a captain of this team before he scored a point or played a second in uniform. Payton is a definite athlete who will bring a strong athletic presence to the court.

Next, the Tribe added high school recruit Chris Darnell from North Stafford High School. Darnell will play the forward position for the Tribe. Darnell was named to the Virginia AAA all-state second team, played in the Virginia High School Coaches' association all-star game, and he holds his schools career scoring record with 1,464 points in his career. strength can be seen in his ability to play strong defense with his lanky quick frame.

Calvin Baker from Woodside High School in nearby Newport News is one of the Tribe's most impressive recruits. He was named the Virginia High School Player of the Year in AAA by the Virginia High School Coaches' association and was named the co-player of the year by the Associated Press. He also led Woodside to two AAA state championships. Baker averaged 20.9 points per game as a senior at Woodside and looks to figure prominently at the guard position.

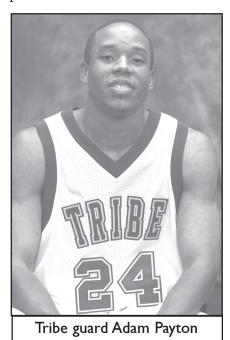
Peter Stein also joins the Tribe as a high school recruit from Westbury Christian School in Bellaire, Texas. He was selected



Tribe guard Calvin Baker

to the all-state team twice, and he was a part of three Texas Private School state championships. Additionally, he was nominated to be on the McDonald's All-American Team. Stein is expected to contribute significantly to the team, particularly with his quality defense on the blocks.

Lastly, but certainly not least the Tribe signed Alex Smith from the prestigious Oak Hill Academy. Smith, a 6-5, 250 forward will certainly bring an intimidating presence down low for the Tribe. Smith is



expected to immediately contribute the team with his imposing interior presence.

It's easy to see with this impressive roster of returning players and the outstanding recruiting class why hopes are high among the Tribe faithful. Recently the center of CAA basketball has been at Richmond and Norfolk. The VCU Rams and Old Dominion University Monarchs have come to dominate conference play recently. This year, however, it could be different.

The Tribe post a squad that is talented both inside and outside. This team should be very talented defensively in addition to having a dynamic offense. They should be able to both run in an up-temp style that Shaver prefers and slow the ball down in half-court offense. The team looks to be able to win in many ways, and may be the most dynamic in all of the CAA. Hopes are very high in Williamsburg. The Tribe could win the CAA. This could be the year.

Player photos courtesy of Tribe Athletics.





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