Dance Groups

To an outsider it may have looked like a lot of complicated twists and twirls, but to members of William & Mary's numerous dance clubs, dancing was another way to relax and have fun after long hours of studying. Clubs offered lessons from beginner to advanced, and were open to all who were ready to take up the challenge.

"I love to dance because it's great exercise," sophomore Ballroom and Swing club member JT White said. "Dances like a man who can dance, and it means I don’t have to dance like a high schooler to every song I hear." William & Mary dance clubs offered a wide variety of styles, from Swing and Rhythm to Taps and Ballroom.

Ballroom dance members participated in competitions such as the Triangle Open Championship, where 34 members danced and competed in finals in every style of dance. But dancing was about more than competition to many members. "Ballroom is all about loving to dance and sharing that appreciation with other people," Ballroom treasurer Missy Montagna said. "It's a really fun group of people that are extraordinarily silly, but also have an incredible competitive drive."

William & Mary Heritage Dancers also enjoyed learning English country dancing since the club restarted in 2006. Members participated in Williamsburg's George Washington Ball where they were able to show off the historic dancing style so closely tied to the area's roots. Other club dance performances included the Swing club's fall Moon dance and Family Weekend dance and the belly-dancing club Releli's Fall and Spring Haflas.

With so many options, it was easy to find dance styles to fit every taste at William & Mary. "We're one giant group of friends, and we do all kinds of dancing," said Montagna.

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