With many students on campus focused on their studies, it became hard for some to find time to get away from working on their academic requirements. But students found the selection of over 400 interest groups to be an escape from scholastic life or a chance to experience something new they wouldn’t have otherwise had a chance to try. From the Classical Movies Club to the Free Thought Alliance to Colorblind, students donated their time to their passions or to help other people.

For example, a particular favorite of many students was the many service trips offered. Throughout the year, students collected money through bake sales, reverse trick-or-treating, fundraisers with local business, or other methods. The money raised was used when students traveled over Winter, Spring or Summer Break to locations which ranged from domestic to foreign to help out communities in need.

Many clubs were based on mutual interests and held events celebrating these passions. Skiffy, the Science Fiction Club, held a large event each year in which members dressed up like characters from The Rocky Horror Picture Show and watched the movie together.

To form a new club, a group of interested potential members drafted a Constitution which was submitted to the Office of Student Activities for approval. From there, the new club would strive to recruit members through the semi-weekly sounding board of Student Happenings or put up flyers in the most traveled places on campus.

The varied interest groups on campus provided opportunities for students to break away from their studies and do something new. Whether students were looking for group membership that would deeply involve them or just a way to get a bit of relaxation each week, interest groups were the solution.

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Students for a Better Williamsburg. Actually a registered PAC, the group raised awareness about student-relevant issues in the community and collected funds for supporting future student candidates for Williamsburg City Council.