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A course on sexuality and spirituality designed for eighteen to twenty-two year olds will be taught this fall by Episcopal Chaplain Father John Maxwell Kerr, Unitarian Universalist Director of Lifespan Faith Development Margaret Sequeira, and Presbyterian Director of Campus Ministry Gini Campbell. The chaplains wish to teach students the truth about sexuality without the societal stigma attached to it.

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The William and Mary Board of Visitors met in mid-September for the first time this academic year. During their meetings, they discussed many issues that affect the College, including the relationship between William and Mary and the state government.

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One of the hardest attitudes to hold when looking at the future of William and Mary is optimism. Despite the 17 percent worries about the governor’s proposed one day in May, which would force employees of the college to take a day off with the College's best returns since 2003, it also prevents the furlough from mitigating potential risks.

“We’re a public university with declining enrollment because of the budget cuts,” said Rector Wolff on the subject of state funding. “We have happened in the last couple of years has stripped away any illusions of state support.”

Jones then presented several vague but reasonable options to balance William and Mary’s budget, including a reduction in tuition revenue, limiting hiring, expanding alternative work schedules, and reducing operating support.

Following this presentation Resolu- tion 2 was presented to the Board, which denied any new faculty hiring requests as the fact that 1,395 new freshmen are expected to join the Tribe next year, but many issues still need to be addressed.

The Board of Visitors begins their September 2009 meeting. All photos by Kenneth Qiu.
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Rector Henry C. Wolf

Crunching the numbers, the Board of Visitor tries to adjust the budget for the next fiscal year.

“We have to realize that the old world is gone,” said BOV Secretary Janet M. Braseah (82). A point emphasized throughout the meeting was that the action in planning should not be delayed for a significant time or even until the next round of meetings, implying that planning and work should begin immediately.

“I don’t want the priority of the problem to be lost in detail,” said Board Member Robert E. Scott (J.D. 68).

Following these comments was the unveiling of the most eagerly awaited plan of all the meetings—the preliminary draft of the William and Mary Dashboard. Dashboard is a grid chart which details 20 economic measures included in the College’s current predicaments representing several economic groups. A BOV member referred to the William and Mary did not receive support from all endowments.

“A point emphasized throughout the meeting was that the action in planning should not be delayed for a significant time or even until the next round of meetings, implying that planning and work should begin immediately. The dashboard chart is a preliminary plan that needs to be modified upon discussion, yet the faculty is now able to see the directions and focuses the administration intends to take in the next several years,” said Braseah.

Dr. Brashear made clear a point of welcoming feedback on Dashboard, emphasizing that the scope of the committee is broader than merely the strategic planning. A great emphasis on communication was in place for the rest of the meeting, enunciating new possibilities for communication in the most effective ways. The final piece of the presentation was several excerpts from several major newspapers and news websites highlighting the accomplishments and news-worthy activities of the College’s students and faculty.

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The Committee on Strategic Initiatives, the final meeting of the day, was closed. As there was only a small meeting of the entire BOV on Friday morning, this signified the end of the major work of the BOV’s September round of meetings. With a full plate to delve into at the start of the meeting and an entire banquet to deal with at the meeting’s close, the consensus of the meetings was that a lot of work and a lot of change have to happen for the College to stay on top. 

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“Last week we partnered with the Student Health Center and the Student Assembly to run a flu clinic that vaccinated over 800 students from seasonal flu,” said Menefee. “Although we ran a similar clinic last year, the increased awareness in flu prevention this year probably contributed to more students coming to this year’s annual flu prevention campaign. A link at the front page of the William and Mary website, entitled ‘Flu Update,’ takes students to several major newspapers and news websites highlighting the accomplishments and news-worthy activities of the College’s students and faculty.

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One important aspect of the dashboard is the ability to get information out to students before an outbreak of the flu occurs. Menefee assures that the OHE is not simply “riding the hype machine” with the flu information and has a broader focus on student health.

“The OHE [has] programs in three main areas of health topics that affect our students the most: drug abuse, mental health, and sexual health. In addition, the OHE will program in any relevant health topic that could impact our campus. We have developed a slogan and video that describes many of the Healthy Tribe Choices that WM students engage in that we also try to promote.”

The saying is “What is a Tribe Choice?” and the YouTube channel, entitled “Tribe Choices,” contains many student-produced videos which detail choices students should make in common situations to stay physically and mentally healthy. The channel can be found at http://www.youtube.com/tribechoices. The campaign seems to be a successful one so far. Not only has the Uncle Sam Revell poster been staked by many students, but there seems to be a much greater awareness for the prevention of influenza infections.

While early tall is typically the period in which influenza outbreaks are the most common (referred to as the flu season), the flu has become particularly relevant due to the highly publicized outbreak of the H1N1 strain of the virus (the Swine Flu). Since its outbreak in April 2009, the H1N1 strain has claimed 4,013 lives worldwide and has gained media attention due to its novelty. As the virus has been known to disproportionate affect young people between ages 5 and 14 years of age, and because universities are high population centers with close proximities of this age group, many universities have begun similar campaigns about the size of the College’s to prevent the infection and spread of H1N1.

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“What you can do to prevent the flu is available on the OHE website: www.wm.edu/about/administration/emergency/health/index.php and www.wm.edu/flu.”
While there are a number of decisions made by the City of Williamsburg that directly affect the lives of students, current issues in city-student relationships involve the new noise ordinance and some of the proposals for changing the infamous three-person rule.

Over the summer, the City of Williamsburg enacted a new noise ordinance. “Our old ordinance was found to be unconstitutional,” said City Councillor Joel Knudson. “It was very similar to the ordinance in Virginia Beach. Someone had protested against that one, and it was found to be not constitutional. We were left with a new ordinance because we didn’t have one at all.”

The ordinance specifies that sound levels must not be found to be above 65 decibels from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m., and 55 decibels the rest of the time, measured by the edge of the residential property’s boundary. The average conversation is about 60 decibels. There are a number of other ways to violate the noise ordinance. One is called “large party nuisance,” and is defined as a “plainly audible sound that continues unabated for thirty minutes or more, and emanates from a gathering of ten or more people where the gathering is not completely contained within a structure, but spills outdoors.” It further specifies that it must be “plainly audible across a property line.” This is according to a memorandum by the City of Williamsburg. According to the same document, the first violation is punishable by a fine of a minimum of $300. The second violation within a 12 month period is punishable by a $500 fine. The first violation by William and Mary students occurred about 24 hours after the ordinance took effect.

“When I first heard about the new noise ordinance, I immediately thought it was going to be problematic,” said Joey Douglas. “I’m sure the first response of any police officer is going to be the situation without warning a summons.”

One example is the requirement for air conditioning units. One of your neighbors can complain about your air conditioning unit, and your air conditioner will be exempted from the rule if you can get a note from the manufacturer saying that it’s working properly, and there’s nothing that can be done to mute it beyond what’s already being done. That means you have to bring a technician out, which costs money. A lot of folks, not just students, don’t have much of that. “It is a better noise ordinance in some ways, in that it is less arbitrary on its face, but it is extraordinarily restrictive,” said Douglas.

Students for a Better Williamsburg is a political action committee that was founded in June of 2008 by three students, Douglas, Josh Karp (‘11) and Nick Fitzgerald (‘09). Its function, says Douglas, is to “make sure we are multifaceted, as a student body,” especially with regard to local issues. The PAC has raised a total of approximately $3,500 dollars, including many in-kind donations.

Another big issue facing Williamsburg—College relations is the infamous three-person rule, which states that no more than three unrelated persons may live in the same house together. As a result of some last year’s controversy, changes to the rule have recently been proposed, although as of yet there’s nothing final.

Brenson added “parking’s a more difficult issue. We understand that residents around parking, parking are legitimate. We’d be a little bit more open to restriction, but we haven’t talked about specifics.”

On many issues, the College and Williamsburg’s government agree. For example, many students are excited about the creation of a new restaurant, whose zoning permits were approved last spring. “It’s hoped full and optimistic, that as we re-examine the policies, the City can be in terms of engaging in a dialogue with the city, and just civic participation in general, we really can do quite a bit,” said Class of 2010 Senator Ross Gillingham. “We just have to get our Delegates really affect William and Mary’s budget. They’re the body that decides how much money we have.”

“I personally would hope that if students vote in the city election, they’re interested in the city, not just one thing,” said Councilor Knudson. “It’s no small thing to vote in a local election. I don’t think it’s something you should do frivolously.”

Since students make up approximately half of the population of Williamsburg, local elections are a major part of the Student Assembly’s platform every year. In recent years, two William and Mary students have run for the City Council. The current council president was Matt Beath, who ran in 2008 and lost, winning only 15.6 percent of the vote. The next city elections will be held in the spring of 2011.

“I think there absolutely will be either a student candidate or someone who lives in the city who is a candidate to student viewpoints,” said Douglas. “I have spoken with several people who’ve expressed interest in it, and I am very certain that we will have a candidate, and that Students for a Better Williamsburg will weigh in on this election, will donate at least a thousand dollars to somebody, and that we will very actively work to get a somebody elected to city council.”
crossroads

The People and the Vision
Behind the Comedy

To Park, crossroads are those instants wherein individual lives intersect, and in touching, even if only for a moment, achieve depth and unity.

This concept, explained by Professor Tracy Arwani of HEPF 207 class last semester, sparked an idea in Park’s mind that grew into a grand vision. The undertaking forced Kim to assemble a team of enthusiastic fellow students, heightening his time management skills and even then take only 12 credits this semester to secure enough hours for sleep.

Thus the College’s first comedy news show, Crossroads, came into being. The profound concept from which Park drew his initial inspiration hints at a depth beneath the comedy, and this hint proves correct. Yet, more impressive and fascinating than the serious news and messages between jokes are the people who have made it all possible. And so, before delving into the details of the show, an introduction of the staff seems appropriate.

First, the one who started it all: Arwani’s ubiquitous and personable presence in the Hispanics Studies department is now skill, and mind traits of a Holy Trinity of sorts. Eamonn Cummings (‘12) deems himself the Father. He hosts a segment entitled Cummings and Goings, and writes for the show. Stephen Dachet (‘13) controls the visual aspects of the production as editor, designer, and flyer camerawork.

One of the talented young roofs involved in Crossroads are Eric Rydin (‘10) of Texas, who hosts a segment examining the romantic side of life at the College; tentatively titled Love Bridge. Next comes the newest member of the team, Austin Wise (‘10) of South Dakota, one of about three students in the College hailing from that state.

These ambitious students recently let me sit in on one of their group meetings, 15 days before Crossroads premiere. There I got to observe Wise explain to the others his vision for how he fits into the show. Already heavily involved on campus, but enthusiastic about this project nonetheless, he volunteered himself as a writer and occasional guest anchor. Based upon the segments mentioned, it seems obvious that The Daily Show and The Colbert Report powerfully influenced the show’s format.

“We should go back and watch the first episode of The Daily Show for inspiration,” said Park as he and his teammates deliberated on what skills should go into their own first episode. “We’re going to try to keep it insightful [and] get the school talking about the way it runs itself.”

—Findlay Park (‘11)
Tired of consumer culture? Then Halloween is the day for Gift Free there are still great rollercoasters.

A Random Assortment of Five Best Things

FIVE BEST HALLOWEEN PERKS
» MORGAN BARKER, DSLJ STAFF REPORTER

Costumes
On what other holiday is it appropriate to adopt an alter-ego for the night? Take advantage of this costing tradition and become someone else for Hollow’s Eve. But around campus, you will see people aren’t the only ones who dress up; swing by the Thomas Jefferson statue and the statues in the Tyler Garden. Who knows, Thomas Jefferson may be Captain Kirk this year!

Trick or Treating
Everyone’s favorite Halloween pastime: being rewarded with candy simply for knocking on someone’s door. Share the sugary goodness with your friends and trick or treat around your dorm. I would advise you to hit the houses on Richmond Road, but the City of Williamsburg says you must be 12 or under to participate... so stay on campus with your candy bags.

Busch Gardens
Take advantage of Busch Gardens Howl-O-Scream! It runs through November 1 and features six mazes, a haunted house, seven scare zones and six shows. This is a must if you enjoy being scared; if not, it’s a great way to have a frightfully day to start off any day.

Wren Ten’s
There’s nothing better than grabbing some friends and going to cheer on your favorite a capella group on the Wren Porclios every Wednesday night at 10 p.m. Not only do you get to hear some good music, but it’s a great break from studying. All shows are guaranteed to be lively and full of entertainment!

Busch Gardens Day
Another one of my favorite parts of fall is when Colonial Williamsburg starts serving apple cider. It’s a lot of fun to take a walk down DoG Street on a Saturday morning to grab a cup of cider and a cookie from Christina Campbell’s bakery. It’s better than Wawa coffee and a delightful way to start the day.

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» NEGAN CRAVAT, DSLJ STAFF REPORTER

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Change in Weather
Not only does it feel nice to cool off (although we’ve gotten pretty lucky this year), but it’s fun to watch the campus transform into a beautiful array of red, gold and orange. Hang out and study on the Sunken Gardens one of the cool fall afternoons after the leaves change color the most beautiful times of year here at the College.

Fewer Tourists
The population of tourists is significantly lower than the remaining seasons. Kids are back in school, so the only people around are visitors or retired folks. What does this mean for College students? Fewer people randomly wandering up to you on campus to ask for directions, less traffic in the library and a lower likelihood of getting hit around Confusion Corner! It also means fewer people crowding favorites like the Cheese Shop or Aroma’s.

FIVE BEST WOODLAND CREATURES OF WILLIAM AND MARY
» CARRIE CROW, DSLJ STAFF REPORTER

Toads
Always wear lipstick, just in case. They’re easy to catch and squishy—two traits never formerly attributed to Prince Charmming, but he also didn’t squash under shoe soles. The whole warts gig is a myth anyway. But please, protect our precious toad population—they’re the only thing keeping the squirrels from running this place.

Turtles
First day of class, I walked past the Crim Dell and thought “I don’t remember there being seven turtle statues by the drain!” By the time I did a full double take and popped my eyes out of their sockets, most people nearby were probably convinced those turtles had magical properties. The turtle population is booming, and their patient demeanor is quite charming. But still waters run deep—although one of Williamsburg’s milder residents, you never know what they’re thinking when they give you a slow, long gaze.

Ducks
With the coming and going of Williamsburg’s “monsoon season” brings another thing: terrific weather for ducks! They only come out in torrential downpours, slapping their webbed feet as they strut along the Sadler Center Terrace like they own the place, students jumping in surprise to realize there’s a duck within a foot of their ankles. They don’t come out often, but when they do, they remind us of the overconfidence of Williamsburg’s wildlife!

Hawks
Is there a better way to release stress and anxiety than by watching a hawk snatch the life of another creature on your way to class? I’ll never forget the students’ faces when a beautifully executed dive-and-lift tactic seized a squirrel right in front of Tucker—and fifteen pedestrians. Harmless (to those other a foot tall), the hawks bring a surprisingly beautiful way to start the day.

Squirrels
Let’s face it; why did the squirrel cross the road? To organize crime syndicates. The signs are everywhere. These aren’t your average fluffy-go-lucky squirrels here, so never underestimate them. They suck easily and are no fear. However, they are also good for hours of fun, watching them leap out of trashcans at unsuspecting students, scurry across the lawn. They can get their paws on and complete death defying feats up in the tops of trees.

FIVE BEST WEBSITES TO KILL TIME... INSTEAD OF WRITING THAT PAPER
» KELLI O’MALLEY, DSLJ MANAGING EDITOR

Cute Overload
Let’s be honest, who doesn’t love to look at adorable animals? You would have to be pretty heartless to watch the Puppy cam and not smile at the crazy antics of those puppies. This is the perfect website when you need your fix of precious. 

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**Easy Peasy Caprese Salad**

**Insalata Caprese: A Summer Salad Staple**

**Isabelle Thibau, Staff Reporter**

**Basic Ingredients:**
- 1 large red tomato
- About 4 ounces fresh mozzarella (not the dry block for shredding – the package should include a mozzarella ball with whey liquid)
- About 2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
- 7 leaves fresh basil

**Directions:**
Slice the tomato into round, ¼ inch slices.
Slice the mozzarella into very thin slices (this will be difficult because the mozzarella does not easily let a knife pass through it).
On a plate, alternate laying tomato and mozzarella slices.
Next, make a basil chiffonade, which is simply slicing the basil into long, thin strips. Sprinkle basil chiffonade over the salad.
Drizzle with extra virgin olive oil, and add salt and pepper (preferable ground) to taste.

**Comments:**
This classic Italian dish is my summer favorite. It is simple, fresh and delicious. The success of this dish, however, depends largely on the quality and freshness of your ingredients, so buy fresh! Use mozzarella packaged in whey or salt water, use fresh basil leaves and freshly-ground pepper. You will love your Caprese creation!

Bored of just tomato and mozzarella? Add shredded romaine or salad mix, whole kernel corn, sliced scallions, olives and/or even tuna! I love playing around with this basic salad to liven up my summer meals. It is so healthy and fresh-tasting. This is perfect for a student always on the move who still wants to eat healthily.

**Serving Size:** 1

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**Grace’s Food Finds**

**artcafé26: Europe comes to New Town**

**Grace Reynolds, Staff Reporter**

Is the Williamsburg dining scene getting a bit stale? Are you fed up with the predictability or in search of something new? Well, look no further. From the constantly changing art displays to the European-inspired seasonal cuisine, the New Town restaurant artcafé26 is about as fresh and funky as it gets.

The restaurant’s catch phrase—“A Touch of Europe in Williamsburg”—couldn’t be more accurate. Upon first setting foot in this mysterious New Town nook, I feel like I’m walking into a mix between a modern Parisian café and a chic art gallery. The restaurant’s patrons are seated at café tables throughout the large, rectangular, naturally lit room. Classical music plays gently, and modern art adorns the walls. I feel utterly relaxed, transported: am I still in Williamsburg?

artcafé26, owned by Sibilla Dengs, an art historian from Aachen, Germany, has a truly unique presence on the Williamsburg restaurant scene. The food and art alike are fresh, stimulating, and elegantly displayed—a true delight to the senses. The food, prepared by visiting European chefs, showcases a modern spin on traditional European fair. The menu features traditional European breakfasts (served through lunch), including croissants with gourmet Brie, homemade Belgian waffles, and eggs anyway you like. The menu also features non-traditional omelets with unique names such as “Franz Lauter” (broccoli, tomato, spinach, and cheddar cheese), and my personal favorite, “Lotti Adami” (goat cheese, olives, tomatoes and spinach). The omelets are baked open-faced and emerge from the kitchen looking like artfully crafted breakfast pizzas.

But the culinary experience extends far beyond breakfast. Lunch at artcafé26 features delicious homemade soups, entrees such as filet of cod roasted in herbs with lemon and sun-dried tomato risotto, and a fabulous array of ever-changing desserts. Dinner is served on Friday and Saturday nights.

Price Range: $5–13 for breakfast; $12–$15 for lunch; $30–$60 for dinner

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The restaurant’s catch phrase—“A Touch of Europe in Williamsburg”—couldn’t be more accurate. Upon first setting foot in this mysterious New Town nook, I feel like I’m walking into a mix between a modern Parisian café and a chic art gallery. The restaurant’s patrons are seated at café tables throughout the large, rectangular, naturally lit room. Classical music plays gently, and modern art adorns the walls. I feel utterly relaxed, transported: am I still in Williamsburg?

artcafé26, owned by Sibilla Dengs, an art historian from Aachen, Germany, has a truly unique presence on the Williamsburg restaurant scene. The food and art alike are fresh, stimulating, and elegantly displayed—a true delight to the senses. The food, prepared by visiting European chefs, showcases a modern spin on traditional European fair. The menu features traditional European breakfasts (served through lunch), including croissants with gourmet Brie, homemade Belgian waffles, and eggs anyway you like. The menu also features non-traditional omelets with unique names such as “Franz Lauter” (broccoli, tomato, spinach, and cheddar cheese), and my personal favorite, “Lotti Adami” (goat cheese, olives, tomatoes and spinach). The omelets are baked open-faced and emerge from the kitchen looking like artfully crafted breakfast pizzas.

But the culinary experience extends far beyond breakfast. Lunch at artcafé26 features delicious homemade soups, entrees such as filet of cod roasted in herbs with lemon and sun-dried tomato risotto, and a fabulous array of ever-changing desserts. Dinner is served on Friday and Saturday nights.

Price Range: $5–13 for breakfast; $12–$15 for lunch; $30–$60 for dinner

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THE BILL

In June the House approved the Waxman-Markey Bill, otherwise known as the American Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009 (H.R. 2454), with the intention to “create clean energy jobs, achieve energy independence, and reduce the regulation and transition to a clean energy economy.”

One of the most significant components of the bill is its “cap and trade” provision, which involves the sale of “carbon credits” that cap, or limit, the levels of carbon business operations may emit. Over time these caps are progressively lowered so that reduction goals are met. Businesses operate above or below the level dictated by the number of carbon credits they possess, they may buy or sell extra credits from other businesses in order to accommodate their production needs. The ostensible aim of this system is to reduce overall greenhouse gas emissions and in turn suppress the deleterious effects of global warming.

WHAT CAP AND TRADE IS NOT

The Waxman-Markey Bill, despite claims to the contrary, is not an environmental measure. An easy way to see that is to look at instances where cap and trade has actually been put into effect, such as in Europe. According to numbers produced by the European Commission, which is a branch of the European Union, emissions actually rose 1.9 percent in the three years after enacting cap and trade legislation in 2005.

However, even if Europe had met its goals, it is certainly not the case that more global advancement would have ensued. This becomes evident once you look to the science behind the propaganda.

Scientists on both sides of the debate agree that even rigid conformity with an extremely aggressive cap and trade program would produce no more than a 0.07 degrees Celsius reduction in the Earth’s temperature by 2050. The insignificance of this number is thrown into sharp relief when you consider that we cannot even estimate the mean surface temperature of the Earth to within 0.07 degrees Celsius. Furthermore, EPA administrator Lisa Jackson has stated publicly that “U.S. action alone will not impact CO2 levels.”

What this statement implies, of course, is that bringing other industrial nations on board would improve the effectiveness of our own efforts. However, there is no indication that the rest of the world will cooperate. China, the world’s largest carbon dioxide producer, has furthered its plans for 2020 and, if possible, a carbon cap. India, the world’s fourth largest emitter, has stated that the West has “no case” to pressure India to reduce emissions.

All reasonable analyses, then, suggest the Waxman-Markey Bill is utterly useless. But to remove any trace of doubt, consider: Greenpeace, one of the world’s largest environmental activist groups, rejects the legislation on the grounds that the proposed programs would totally ineffective.

WHAT CAP AND TRADE IS

The Waxman-Markey Bill, which as we have seen is not an environmental measure, is actually the biggest tax increase in American history. The Congressional Budget Office (CBO) claims that the legislation would cost the average household “only” $175 a year by 2020. But this number, shockingly, includes only the strict operation of the program.

What this deceptive number fails to include is the potential effect of energy restriction on the national economy. A footnote to the CBO report reads: “The resource cost does not indicate the potential decrease in gross domestic products that could result from the cap.” Businesses that currently emit high levels of carbon will be forced to pay for billions of dollars worth of government-issued carbon credits. Production and growth will slow and this effect will be especially harmful given the recessionary environment.

Analyses of a cap and trade approach suggest that its costs will be approximately 1 to 4 percent of GDP of participating nations, which in the case of the U.S. is between $140 billion and $560 billion annually.

According to documents recently obtained under the Freedom of Information Act by free market think tank Competitive Enterprise Institute the Treasury Department estimates that the government will raise up to $200 billion a year from the sale of carbon credits if a cap and trade program is enacted. These costs will be passed on to consumers in the form of higher energy prices. According to the Treasury Department analysis, the cost to the average household would be $1,761 per year, equivalent to a 15 percent increase in personal income taxes. Taxing private industry on this scale will inevitably undermine the fragile pro- cess of economic recovery in addition to causing long term damage. The Heritage Foundation recently estimated that a cap and trade program operated in 2010 would cost nearly 2.5 million in 2035. Total American GDP loss by this time would be $94 trillion. The Obama administration’s facilitic repetition of “$175 per household” is, as we have seen, grossly incomplete and deceptive.

The Grand Deception

The Waxman-Markey Bill masquerades as an environmental measure but is in reality no more than a massive tax increase cloaked in green language, intended merely to fund President Obama’s expansion of government. Its passage would be economically ruinous and environmentally useless—two things we can little afford at this moment in history.

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THE MEANING OF LIFE

Max Cunningham, DSJ Staff Columnist

In my experience, one can never underestimate the power of a question. Wheth- er in a classroom or further along on life’s great path, a simple “why” or “how” can completely change the direction of a con- versation or the nature of an idea.

That being said, I would love to see one classroom-specific question disappear for- ever.

We’ve all heard it at one point or an- other. What’s more is that nine times out of ten, I have the same question running through my head: “Is this going to be on the test?”

If you ever need to kill a classroom dis- cussion of great substance, just ask that. Of course we’ll never live to see that question die—it’s far too important in our world. As students we need to know what to expect for the exam. What makes me feel far more unsettled lies with why we care to ask it time and again.

That reason: grades.

Grades are a quantitative measure of academic success, statistics that prove our intellectual advancement. Anyone with aspirations to attend graduate school, impress potential employers or (perhaps most importantly) make Mom and Dad proud must study and work hard to earn the highest possible grade.

Personally, I can’t remember a time when I didn’t care about my grades, and that beat lives on to this day.

But every man reaches a point in his life where he needs to take a look at his motivations and goals. I have finally reached that point.

Since my recent arrival at William and Mary, I have asked myself these questions every day: why do I come to class, study through the night and put up with the pain and inconvenience to better understand the nature of the world, or is it for more basic reasons?

My short answer is that I need quantita- tive proof of my academic advancement as much as the next guy. Grades motivate me to study, to work hard and to apply myself. I listen when professors talk about exam material because I want, albeit need, to score highly on exams.

However, when I look at my life and how I am using (and have used) my previously short time on this earth, I sometimes feel incomplete. I would go as far as to say that on some days I feel wasted.

For so many years I cared so much about learning specific facts and mastering spe- cific skills in order to do well on tests and assignments that the proverbial big picture flew right by me along the way, tossed into oblivion to make room for academic minu- tiae.

I have no one to blame but myself. At the same time, only I can change that per- sonal behavior.

Preoccupation with quantitative mea- sure goes far beyond the academic world. We have a problem as a society, one of which I am a part. We have created a world that lacks wonder and instead craves results and hard data.

Ironically enough, it is difficult to make a serious argument about my proposed problem because no statistical evidence exists to say that our world lacks wonder.

What bothers me is the way I see people act on a broad scale. The preference of city and suburban development to the natural environment, 20 second new- bites in place of thoughtful conversations, thousands of Americans sitting through hours of traffic on a daily basis to work jobs they generally do not like—“all in order to earn little scraps of paper.”

I am not completely delusional, but I see the world in that light. More to the point, I see our educational system as the foundation of that world.

As an academic community, we are lucky. Some of our world’s greatest minds in all fields gather together here every year to share their experiences with the upcoming generation. Yes, they pass out evaluations of our abilities, but why can we not forget about scores and merely soak in the experiences of the experts be- fore us?

With the future being our inheritance, members of the academic community have the unparalleled ability to change the nature of the world.

While I still care about the grades I receive, I have come to the resonate con- clusion that they will no longer moti- vate me. I, as a person, and we, as a community, must be driven by a more basic motive, by wonder, fascination and pure passion for the world in which we live.

The next time I am in class and feel compelled to ask about a test, I plan to hold my tongue. There are far too many better ques- tions to ask. 

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Some Predictions for the NFL:

1) New York Giants—The other team from New York (okay, so maybe they have more championships and star power than the Jets) has looked great during the early goings of the season. With the emergence of Mario Manningham as a go-to receiver for Plaxico-less Eli Manning (Plaxico’s jail sentence is currently void), the Giants may have found their sole missing link.

2) Baltimore Ravens—The Ravens have been looking fantastic in their first two weeks, with a devastating defense, a good passing game, and an improved offense.

3) Minnesota Vikings—For the record, as a Jets fan, I want to give as little credit to the man who torpedoed my 2008: the ageless wonder Ray Lewis leading a defense that I write this, the Giants may have no answer.

4) New York Jets—I would love to put any number of teams ahead of the Jets, because, once again, I am sure than any praise I bestow on them this early in the season will lead to tears and ruination later in the year. But after the Jets lost Tom Brady and Bill Belichick looking more unhappy than Taylor Swift at the VMAs, I can’t possibly rank them any lower than fourth.

5) Indianapolis Colts—I hesitate to put the Colts above the Jets because of their recent performance against the Dolphins.

6) Pittsburgh Steelers—The first team that I am ranking that has a loss—again, I am making these rankings after Week Two—but I am willing to give the Steelers offense a pass, despite their pedestrian running game. Rashard Mendenhall should see increased carries, and the Steelers defense will get Samson warrior Troy Polamalu back sooner than expected, because he is just that, a warrior. Assuming those two things happen, I see no reason for the Steelers to fail to make a deep playoff run.

7) New Orleans Saints—The first team on the list who I haven’t seen play in a game from this season, the Saints defense has been nothing short of explosive. In week one, Drew Brees threw for a whopping six touchdowns, setting the NFL record for most passing TDs in a contest.

8) Atlanta Falcons—Another team from the NFC South, the Falcons have no knock on Matty Ice, also known as Matt Ryan. He goes down smooth, has no calories, and, in conjunction with rule 76, is playing like a champion, excuse me. This battle for the NFC South is going to be a shootout between Ryan and Brees, two of the best gun-slingers in the business right now.

9) New England Patriots—I hate them. But they are still the Patriots. And they are going to win a lot of games. Jerks.

10) Dallas Cowboys—Most of the talk out of Dallas has been about the new stadium, which debuted against the Giants on September 20. With the biggest investment in sports and the highest capacity stadium in the NFL, Jerry Jones has certainly proven that everything’s bigger in Texas. But unless Tony Romo can put together a playoff season, the only things that will be big in Dallas are the questions.

11) San Diego Chargers—It appears to be the end of the line for the most dominant running back in the NFL this decade, as Ladainian Tomlinson has clearly lost a step and is suffering from constant injury woes. Pinstriped backs had a tough time watching, but can he really carry the load? And without a really, really scary running back keeping defenses back in the box, will Phillip Rivers light a fire under someone to throw the ball to amongst his bland and interchangeable receiving corp?

12) San Francisco 49ers—The next to last of the undefeated teams. Someone is going to have to win the NFC West, and the Niners, behind second string coach/tough guy Mike Singletary and improbable winner quarterback Shaun Hill look poised to do just that. While Arizona worries every time Kurt Warner is going to break a hip, Hill is quietly putting together an impressive winning trend: he is 9-3 career as a starter. Oh, yeah, and Frank Gore is in 2006 shape. Watch out.

13) Philadelphia Eagles—Until Donovan McNabb can stay healthy, off of the bench or out of some ways, the controversy of who is going to play QB for an entire game. And the Eagles still have a secondary. This team isn’t going to go anywhere but downhill. Not unless they get to play the Redskins a few more times.

14) Green Bay Packers—The Packers beat the Bears, and thus they are ranked slightly ahead of the inventors of the Super Bowl shuffle. But if the Pack can’t beat a turnover prone team, they have nothing. The Pack is going to struggle in the surprisingly solid NFC North (Lions excluded). Something worth watching: after losing LT Chad Clifton, Bengie Antwan Odom went off on the Packers, recording five sacks and an addition tackle. Is that a real issue? If opposing teams’ defensive ends push the Pack around like that all year, Aaron Rodgers won’t see the locker room.

15) Houston Texans—Talk about a tale of two teams: the Texans couldn’t score an offensive touchdown against the Jets, then they went off on Tennessee for 34. And Andre Johnson looked like a man possessed, and who wouldn’t be, after facing my boy Darrelle Revis, in Week One? If Matt Schaub can stay healthy and Steve Slaton can rebound from a puzzling first two weeks, Houston could still sneak up on some people in the AFC South, namely the Colts.

16) Denver Broncos—Clowns on the left, jokes on their right, the Broncos are stuck solidly in the middle. Despite stalling the year 2.0, neither a last second freak win over Cincinnati nor a slight blowout of awful Cleveland is going to garner a ton of respect. Despite the loss—perhaps expulsion is a more accurate word—of Jay Cutler, Kyle Orton has been an adequate replacement. He has yet to turn the ball over and has thrown for 500 yards thus far. If the Broncos can find a running back and if Brandon Stokely keeps finding himself in the right place at the right time—see the Cincy game this year and the Cleveland game last year—the Broncos could contend.

17) Chicago Bears—Jay Cutler leaves Denver and is ranked exactly one spot lower than his former team. I am not sure if that makes him the clown or the joker, but he is certainly one of the two. In Week One, he welcomed himself to da Bears poorly, as he threw away the game against the division rival Packers. The Bears still have a lot of potential, and their defense, even without Brian Urlacher, is formidable. But if Cutler is going to give games away, he is going to have to do it out of Chicago just like he was dumped from Denver.

18) Arizona Cardinals—Last year’s Super Bowl runners-up have been unimpressive this year. The running game has struggled perhaps because rookie Chris Wells has a troublingly low number of carries. Kurt Warner, despite being older than Moses, has thrown for 500 yards in his first week. But he was “rested” in the third quarter in Week Two once the team had a comfortable lead, which begs the question: your hands team blocking for you? Really? And then, after a good fashion show of whomst from Tampa Bay, safety Darrelle Whitner has $400,000 of jewelery stolen from his house? That is not a misprint. The dude had nearly half a mill in jewelery in one place, and someone took it. Between McKeilv and Whitner, that secondary is a rough start to the year.

19) Tennessee Titans—I don’t care if they are 0-2, any time a team has a running back like Chris Johnson, who can go for 197 yards in a single game, they are going to command some respect. Don’t forget that last year they finished with the best record in football. Albert Haynesworth left for, I hesitate to say greener pastures because Washington is terrible, but other pastures. Even still, this team should rebound in the coming weeks. Just not really against the Jets.

20) Oakland Raiders—JaMarcus Russell has played exceedingly poorly and yet the Raiders are 1-1 and were two and a half minutes away from being 2-0 and beating the well-hyped San Diego Chargers. The tandem backfield, centered around Darren McFadden, has looked strong and the Raiders defense, anchored by shutdown corner Nnamdi Asomugha (Scrabble for the feint of pronunciation) has as well. The Raiders aren’t ready to compete every week, but they will give trouble to someone down the stretch that’s playing for the postseason.

21) Cincinnati Bengals—the Bengals were one freak play—a tipped ball for a >>>story continues on page 20

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Gymnastics Club: The Ultimate Workout

During a typical practice, the athletes practice as individuals but show teamwork by helping each other correct and enhance their routines and workouts. This is contrary to popular media depictions of cutthroat gymnasts who hope to sabotage other gymnasts until the age of 18. Even if you’ve never even seen a gymnastics meet before, there is something you can gain from this program. For example, you may just be learning that the basic form of gymnastics varies by style and gender. Women’s events include vault, uneven parallel, beam and floor, while the men’s events are comprised of vault, floor, pommel horse, single bar, parallel bar and rings. Gymnasts can choose to specialize in just one area or more. Overall, De Benedictis-Kessner notes that there are many talented freshmen on the club team this year, many of whom will compete in the Hokie Classic at Virginia Tech on November 7. At events like this, the club team competes against other college clubs that are a part of the National Association of Intercollegiate Gymnastics Clubs (NAIGC).

Overflow is the time to explore,” said De Benedictis-Kessner. The club team allows the competitive outlet for those who want it, the therapeutic session for those needing stress relief, and the flexibility that all William and Mary students need to balance with their many other activities and daily life.

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Tribe Edges Out Delaware, 30-20

For the first time since 1994, Tribe football started the season 4-0. And, if that wasn’t enough, they did it in front of a sold out crowd, laden with a sweet mixture of parents, enthusiastic alumni and of course, the all-encompassing student population of Tribe fans.

Leading the way for the Tribe has been QB RJ Archer. After serving—very effectively—as more of a game manager against UVA to start the season, Archer has posted an impressive 134.9 passer rating, thrown for 8 TDs and been the difference maker for the Tribe defense held Delaware to -2 rushing yards. That's right, the only direction the Blue Hens' running game went was backwards.

While the Tribe will have already faced the William and Mary defense has been everywhere. Tracy has recorded a couple of sacks, but his real asset is the pressure he brings even when he doesn't get the quarterback and his ability, even as down lineman, to seek out the ball-carrier wherever he is on the field. Led by Tracy, the Tribe defense held Delaware to -2 rushing yards. That’s right, the only direction the Blue Hens' running game went was backwards.

While the Tribe will have already faced second-ranked Villanova by the time you've read this, I can say right now that the Tribe's defense will face an arduous task in stifling the Wildcat offense. But if the College’s defense can confuse ‘Nova like they did UVA, they will find themselves in the driver's seat in the CAA and in good shape for an FCS playoff birth.

So, to recap, Tribe sells out, beats up on Delaware, turns some heads. Stay tuned, fans, things are going to be interesting. All of us will be saddled with student loans for med and law school. We need to be realistic about our pledges. Give as much as you can back to our beloved alma mater, but make sure you’ll be able to actually make that commitment.

Class of 2010, let’s break the record set last year. There’s no doubt that we’ll be able to get 77 percent or more of our class to pledge to Senior Class Gift. But at the same time, let’s make sure that we’re actually able to make good on our promises. William and Mary has given us all a lot, and we owe it to our lovely College to give back.

And I’ll see you at the next Senior Wine and Cheese.