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up close & personal:
getting to know Scott Foster

Most students at the College know of Scott Foster, if not from personal interactions, then from his flyers. Since announcing that he will run for a seat on Williamsburg’s City Council, Foster has been busy campaigning for votes. The DoG Street Journal had the opportunity to talk to Foster about everything from politics to his favorite local restaurants.

Hometown: Highland County, Va.
Major: Government
Extracurricular Activities: Student Conduct Council—Senior Co-Chair, IntramuralSports

The DoG Street Journal: Why do you want to serve on Williamsburg’s City Council?
Scott Foster: I love being in Williamsburg. There are many reasons for this, but the biggest reason is quality of life. Increased connectivity between all segments of Williamsburg, especially the College and the city government, cannot only maintain this quality of life but enhance it.

DSJ: When did you first become interested in politics?
SF: I became interested in local politics early on, especially once I had seventh grade civics. Where I grew up, all local government had a familiar face, so it was easy to become engaged.

DSJ: What is your favorite type of food?
SF: I’d have to say deep-fried soft shell crabs.

DSJ: What is your favorite food?
SF: I have several favorites. The Blue Talon is my go-to for a real nice dinner out. I think it is the best overall restaurant in Williamsburg. When I want a good wholesome meal, maybe a good burger or good breakfast food, I go to Five Forks Diner. When I need a milkshake or some soft-serve and maybe some French fries, nothing can beat Queen Anne Dari Snack [on Merrimac Trail].

DSJ: Do you have any role models?
SF: I do. I have several professors that I really admire: [Government professors] Clay Clemens, John McGlenon and John Baltes.

DSJ: Where is your favorite place to hang out on campus?
SF: I’ve lived in a lodge for two years now, so I’d have to say the front porch of the lodge in the fall and the spring.

DSJ: What has been your best memory of The College?
SF: Any King and Queen’s Ball—that is my favorite day of the year, second only to Christmas.

DSJ: If you could give new students at the College one piece of advice, what would it be?
SF: Meet as many people here as you can. There are so many different and amazing people; getting out there and getting to know them has been one of my best experiences here.

DSJ: What is your favorite way to procrastinate?
SF: I’m interested in, like fishing, and go check them out and read for a while. I guess that is pretty TWAMP-y [from the acronym meaning “Typical William and Mary Person”].

DSJ: Do you think this team can defeat the Terrapins?
SF: I do. I have several flyers and I’m interested in, like fishing, and go check them out and read for a while. I guess that is pretty TWAMP-y [from the acronym meaning “Typical William and Mary Person”].

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“Great Day,” to which Reveley said, “That is a day that we all remember.” The celebration began with the William and Mary Choir singing The William and Mary Hymn. The audience then joined in singing the National Anthem before the Reverend John Kerr from the local Episcopal Church gave the invocation.

The College’s history, the people in charge maintained an almost perfect GPA while facing and triumphed throughout its 317 years. It has faced some of the most significant challenges in its history, including the brink of insolvency, which professor William McDonnell described as “the one who stood by us.”

The next award presented was the Alumni Medal, which was awarded to Nik Belanger, who earned the James Small Award. Belanger stressed, “Belanger was marvelous, as always. It gets the blood stirring.”

The next portion of the ceremony was dedicated to the story of the Charter Day Awards. The first of these awards was the Thomas Jefferson Award, the recognition for “exemplifies through his or her life, character, and influence, the principles and the ideals of Thomas Jefferson.” Reveley introduced the winner, Robert Archibald, a professor of economics with more than three decades of service to the College. Archibald is the only faculty member to be elected twice to be Provost of the Faculty Assembly. “You are dedicated to students, both under-graduate and graduate,” Reveley said, “and rigorous in your expectations of them.”

In his speech, Archibald spoke of how The College’s history, the people in charge were not afraid to shake things up. “They weren’t afraid to do something different,” he said. “They weren’t afraid of change. The next award presented was the Thomas Jefferson Teaching Award, which is annually given to a younger teaching faculty member of The College community who has demonstrated the inspiration and stimulation of learning to the benefit of both the individual and society as observed by Thomas Jefferson.” This year’s recipient was Mark Forsyth, Associate Professor of Biology. After making a brief introductory joke in his acceptance speech, Forsyth stated his view that the award should be viewed as more than just any other award. “Research is the single greatest weapon we have in our educational arsenal,” said Forsyth. After a few exceptional faculty members were recognized, two students in the class of 2010 received awards.

The first, the Thomas Jefferson Prize in Natural Philosophy, which “recognizes excellence in the sciences and honors the relationship that Mr. Jefferson enjoyed with Professor William Small,” was awarded to Lauren Miller. In her time at William and Mary, Miller has maintained an almost perfect GPA while spending twenty hours a week in the lab. She also took the Medical College Admissions Test (MCAT) in her sophomore year and scored in the 97th percentile. “Here we don’t just learn about lab techniques,” said Miller. “We have the unique opportunity [to practice them].” The other student to receive an award was Nick Belanger, who earned the James Monroe Prize in Civic Leadership. This prize “recognizes the William and Mary student who best demonstrates leadership combined with initiative, character, and a commitment to leveraging the assets of the William and Mary community to address the needs of our society.” Belanger completed over two hundred hours of community service in 2008 and received the Wesley Foundation Service Award in 2009. After graduating in December, Belanger has been working in Danville, Va.

“William and Mary, we don’t do impossible,” said Reveley as he quoted Belanger. “We do community. And through that community, we do change.”

“This award” doesn’t reflect anything unique about me,” Belanger said. “It wasn’t something unique about William and Mary,” said Belanger. Proving his “unfailing commitment” to service that won him the prize, Belanger spent most of his speech describing what he had witnessed in Danville and the importance of taking action against injustices.

“This is no time to engage in the luxury of cooling off and accepting the mantra of gradual change,” Belanger stressed. Once the awards had been presented, Reveley then recognized the Alumni Medal recipients. The four men recognized were deemed as representing the ideals of The College’s founder, the service to society and charity—and have distinguished themselves in their respective careers, communities while remaining dedicated to their alma mater.”

The four recipients included Wal- verly Cole (’50), W. Samuel Kernodle (’64, M.Ed ’71), Nicholas St. George (’60, J.D. ’65) and Earl Young (’39). “Unfortunately, [Cole] died before his medal could reach him,” said Reveley. “We mourn his loss.” With three of the recipients present, Reveley invited them to stand and “back in our applause.”

Next, Honorary Degrees were bestowed on Professors Kati Nussbaum, Wayne Kernodle and Robert McDonnell. Nussbaum was the first female recipient of a junior fellowship of the Society of Fellows at Har- vard University, and is currently a professor at the University of Chicago, as well as a prolific writer. “For the lessons you have taught and continued to teach, we honor you,” said Reveley as he conferred a smiling Nuss- baum with the degree of Doctor of Hu- man Letters. Kernodle was the next recipient to make his way to the podium to receive his degree. Kernodle served the College for 42 years, beginning his work teaching a small group of students in 1945. He helped to form the Sociology Department into what it is today. “We would be creating you a prince of the College today,” said Reveley of Ker- nodle, “but instead we will be giving you an honorary degree.” Virginia Governor Bob McDonnell was the last to receive his honorary degree. His deserving merits included his services [that have made the Commonwealth a safer place to live.” McDonnell was also the last to receive his honorary degree. His deserving merits included his services [that have made the Commonwealth a safer place to live.” McDonnell was also the last to receive his honorary degree.

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Attending a three-day event sponsored by the Earl Gregg Swem Library, professor and literary activist E. Ethelbert Miller delivered a lecture on February 4, 2010, to discuss the current exhibit Swem Library has on the late poet Reetika Vazirani. Miller, who frequently documents literary movements and communicates with emerging writers, also requires that any interested browsers can review and create a display of the collected works. Browsing through a series of Miller’s thousands of folders containing letters from literary correspondents, after her suicide and a subsequent article in the Washington Post Magazine, Miller felt that she had encouraged her accommodation of Vazirani-related material and donate it into a collection. Many of the materials in the collection have enlightened scholars about the conflicts she had with her bicultural heritage and her intercultural marriage. In particular, a period in which the amount of Vazirani’s letter writing was significant- ly reduced gives clues to a period in which her personal life took a downward turn and her writing began to get fractured. Miller hopes that the availability of this collection will help to honor her memory through her story, make her works more well-known and possibly save some other lives.

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Alphonso C. Miller, professor and literary activist, E. Ethelbert Miller, discusses his writings, his inspiration, and those whom he has helped throughout his illustrious career. For his first memoir, “Fathering Words,” which he wrote as a way of dealing with personal grief surrounding death in his family, “I would not have written this book if I hadn’t lost my father and my brother,” said Miller. Miller then read samples from both “Fathering Words” and “The Fifth Inning” before reading several poems, including “Mountains,” “Cell Phone” and “To My Memory Eddie.”

He then answered several questions from the audience, and discussed how one might become a literary critic and how his family responded to depictions of them in his memoirs. “You should never get back or try to hurt someone during a memoir,” said Miller. “You need to keep in mind that it’s still a writing.”

On February 4, Miller spoke at his third and final lecture of his week. This lecture also took place during Braxton’s ENGLISH 2003 course. He was joined by Beatrisa B. Har- dy, Director of the Special Collections Research Center at the Earl Gregg Swem Library, to discuss the current exhibit Swem Library has on the late poet Reetika Vazirani.

Miller, who frequently documents lit- erary movements and communicates with emerging writers, has saved his correspond- ence with Vazirani and donated them to Swem Library following her death in July 2003.

“One reason people put papers in ar- chives is because we care for [the materi- als].” Miller said, “and we want to make them available for the public.”

Hardy then explained the process be- hind the collecting, organizing and ar- chiving of the documents. “We place them in acid-free folders and boxes and storing them in climate con- trolled rooms. Browsing through a series in the Special Collections Research Center also requires that any interested browsers register. “We are filmed at all times while in the Center.”

Hardy stated the importance of these collections. He explained that he had to wonder what readers were thinking as they started working on a certain piece. For this rea- son, items which might seem rather un- usual, including books, acceptance and rejection letters and telephone tran- scripts are included in Vazirani’s collec- tion.

Miller described the origins of his re- lationship with Vazirani, stating that his career took off immediately and that he was very interested in her writing. “I always looked out for her,” said Mill- er. “I always recommended her for poetry readings.”

The relationship between them grew, and Vazirani soon became one of the many emerging female writers Miller helped during that period. He described the rela- tionship as himself being a medium for her drive and talent. He admits, however, that he might not have been the best critic for Vazirani, due to his unfamiliarity with the Indian culture in which her writing was deeply embedded. Vazirani then became a file in one of Miller’s thousands of folders containing letters from literary correspondents. After her suicide and a subsequent article in The Washington Post Magazine, Miller felt that she had encouraged her accommodation of Vazirani-related material and donate it into a collection. Many of the materials in the collection have enlightened scholars about the conflicts she had with her bicultural heritage and her intercultural marriage. In particular, a period in which the amount of Vazirani’s letter writing was significant- ly reduced gives clues to a period in which her personal life took a downward turn and her writing began to get fractured. Miller hopes that the availability of this collection will help to honor her memory through her story, make her works more well-known and possibly save some other lives.

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Jonna Knappenberger (’09) was in the street when the earthquake hit. “I almost stayed behind to read,” said Knappenberger, “Now the book that I was reading is under a house.”

According to Knappenberger, one of the Haitian workers at the restaurant on the first floor of the building where she stayed with Landon Yarrington (M.A. ’09, Ph.D. ’15) was there when the building fell. “It sounds bad,” said Knappenberger, “but I didn’t want to look at it.”

Knappenberger, who last year served as Co-Editor in Chief of The DoG Street Journal, was, along with Yarrington and Danny Yates (’13), one of three William and Mary students in Haiti during the devastating January 12 earthquake that has left more than 200,000 dead and has affected millions more. All three of the William and Mary students were physically unharmed and returned safely to the United States.

Knappenberger was in Haiti with the charitable group Haiti 2015, a Haitian-run school which, according to its Facebook page, “to serve as a grassroots campaign that collaborates with Landon Yarrington and Danny Yates who had traveled from Miami to Haiti on the same flight. The pair began assisting an American doctor who had traveled from Miami to care for those wounded in the quake. “It was hard to be in that room,” said Knappenberger. After a few days, Knappenberger and Yarrington boarded a plane donated by a Miami millionaire to transport medical supplies on its return trip to the United States. Understandable and practical as it was, both were conflicted about leaving.

“In a situation like that, it felt absurd to be okay and getting help,” said Knappenberger. She related the story of how an American on the plane claimed that the earthquake might serve a positive function by eliminating class distinctions. “He’s saying that when he’s living in a place that there are still class distinctions.”

“I felt kind of futile,” said Knappenberger. “It was a feeling of, ‘Who in this city can possibly help?’” — Jonna Knappenberger (’09)

According to Kaveh Sadeghian (’12), a member of the William and Mary Supports Haiti steering committee, William and Mary Supports Haiti was formed under the guidance of Dr. Drew Stelljes, Director of Community Engagement and Co-Director Office of Community Engagement and Scholarship here at The College, after several students independently contacted the office. The organization initially drew interest with its Facebook group, which as of February 15 had nearly fourteen hundred members. About two hundred people attended the group’s first interest meeting shortly after the start of classes in January. WMHS has also received funds from The Reves Center for International Studies and a private donor to hold educational events in the future, including film screenings, lectures and possibly even the staging of Haitian plays.

Knappenberger said that the American media often portrays a false and harmful image of Haiti, giving as an example The Washington Post’s claim that “looting” took place in the quake’s aftermath. “On the ground, the word ‘looting’ is absolutely ridiculous,” she said. “In a situation like that, it’s not for survival.”

WMHS hopes that these educational and awareness raising efforts will help maintain interest in the College’s relationship with Haiti and the University of Fonadwa even after the tragedy has mostly faded from the American public’s consciousness. “This will blow over as soon as more people expected,” Shambley said.

According to Sadeghian, the best way for a student who wants to help to get involved is to “be pro-active and take the initiative.” He gave as an example a student who, by selling her chocolate in Boreatour, raised $150 for WMHS. “If anybody at all wants to do something, get in touch with us,” he said. But the organization can probably find ways for the less creative to get involved.

“We want to make sure anyone and everyone who wants to do something has an opportunity,” Sadeghian said.

Those interested in contacting the group can do so by contacting one of its leaders individually, through its Facebook page or at its email address at wmsupportshaiti@gmail.com.

As for Knappenberger, how will her relationship with Haiti affect her future? “I’m going back,” she said.
Tribe Enters Preseason Competition with High Hopes
A DSJ Staff Editorial

Tenure Process Ensures Teaching Excellence

The recent granting of tenure to sixteen sixth-year faculty members showcases the devotion to teaching excellence at the College. Both the structure and the vigor with which this process is undertaken reflect a serious, honest review that seeks to establish only the best faculty at the College.

The College’s unique devotion to teaching is shown by the heavy emphasis on student evaluations in awarding tenure. Teaching performance carries the same amount of weight as a professor’s research, meaning that no matter how brilliant the study of an academic may be, the hiring of permanent professors never strays far from a focus on educating students.

Classroom performance and the other criteria considered in tenure decisions—quality of research and service to the College—are evaluated on a variety of levels in a way that ensures sound decisions. Rather than merely one body having control of the choice to grant tenure, the division of power across various levels of administration ensures that only the most deserving of candidates who receive universal support are granted this promotion.

Through this process, the College has been able to build a nationally renowned faculty with an emphasis on teaching that truly makes the William and Mary academic experience unique. Experts in their field of study, leaders of thought, routinely teach undergraduates in a setting that emphasizes faculty-student interaction. Office hours, professor-taught review sessions and even class dinners at professors’ homes are standard practice.

While questions of funding, political controversy and state oversight constantly loom, the College has continued to move forward in its goal of providing a public education of the highest quality. Improvement has been continuous and unrelenting, largely due to the caliber of the College’s faculty.

Our professors hold an essential role in moving William and Mary forward, and our selection process ensures that those professors who define the College are of the high-

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A New, But Not-So-Temporary Organization

William & Mary Supports Haiti

Fondwa University, however, is funding Haiti’s recovery process. Right now, the country is in need of relief efforts. There is an immediate need for help there. Once this clears out, the country will need to start rebuilding its infrastructure.

According to Sadeghain, WMHS has considered giving the money they raise to a number of organizations, including Sustainable Organic Integrated Livelihoods (SOIL) and Partners in Health.

“Our primary focus, however, is funding Fonfond University,” he said. “The university specifically emphasizes service learning in its curriculum. But the recent earthquake has only amped up awareness of the university’s future. We’d eventually like to create a partnership with the university.”

Fondwa University, founded in 2004, has worked specifically to help Haiti’s rural poor, and their work is needier, now more than ever.

“The benefit of a partnership is that it creates a crossroads that students, us and our faculty, will be able to take a great deal from,” said Sadeghain. “We’re not asking students solely to direct their aid here, but it seems like an opportunity that would allow William and Mary to initiate a lasting and significant relationship while still making a difference.”

WMHS began as soon as students returned from break. Drew Steljes, the Co-Director of the Office of Community Engagement and Scholarship, coordinated a meeting to organize a central effort.

“We knew it was important to let organizations plan their own events and use their own imagination,” Student Assembly President Sarah Rojas (’10) said, “but we wanted to make sure groups weren’t hosting competing events on the same night or similar events that were one after another.”

February saw the immense work put into Haiti Week, which included t-shirt sales, a Benefit Concert and other events, such as the Aroma’s Profit Share and the “Haiti @ the Caf” dinner. The Kaplan Course Auction, as well as Paper Cranes for Haiti also took place.

More events are planned for March, including a fashion show fundraiser.

Individuals who want to get involved are encouraged to take the initiative and organize their own efforts; WMHS will be happy to assist in any possible capacity.

“We would ideally like to think that William and Mary Supports Haiti is in it for the long run, so our student body can help Haitians in tackling these questions, offer whatever resources we may have and learn and develop a great deal about sustainable development in the process,” said Sadeghain.

For more information on William and Mary Supports Haiti, visit http://go.wm.edu/wmsh.

“We’d like William and Mary Supports Haiti to stay active for years to come.”

—Kaveh Sadeghain (’12)

“Global Village Project is a trip focused on an introductory international experience and making it available and appealing to us a wide a portion of the William and Mary community as possible.” Purvis said. “I went on the trip my freshman year, and, through that experience, I was able to become a national trip leader.”

“The diversity of both the organization and the events that they’ve coordinated is just a testament to the community mantra that the campus upholds,” said Sadeghain.

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FIVE BEST CLASS-Y MIDTERM LOOKS

DYLAN McCANN, DSJ STAFF REPORTER

Paper writing + partying = blood-shot eyes. Have you ever noticed how all of those celebrities who are drug addicts wear sunglasses in most of their pictures? While I’m definitely not promoting substance abuse at The College, I think Lindsay Lohan and Nicole Richie are onto something. Hide the evidence of both your partying and/or studying behind sunglasses. You will be instantly chic.

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Add jewelry and accessories for style without compromising comfort. Take your look. It adds that extra sparkle, even if you did wake up bootylicious bubblegum. Pull together your look. It adds that extra sparkle, even if you did wake up.

Accessories

FIVE BEST CLOUD FORMATIONS

CARRIE CROWN, DSJ STAFF REPORTER

In Soviet Russia, the clouds watch you. That said, some people feel that someone’s head is in the clouds, and that someone is Vladimir Putin. No meteorological phenomenon is more unusual, inexplicable or just plain weird, than the presence of the Russian Prime Minister in every display of white in the sky.

Genitalia

What’s more unusual to see, the occasional R-rated cloud is inappropriately hanging around someone’s labia. Like your grandmother, sure. If it were just you and your friends, it would be perhaps the funniest since “that’s what she said,” but it never seems to happen unless you’re out in a field with your eight-year-old niece and she’s seeing unicorns and dolphins and you’re seeing the great phallus of the sky.

Go Dark and Green to be Lean

Dark and green vegetables are the way to go. Say yes to spinach and lettuce and try getting a salad with a meal at least once every day. Also take a look at the steamed vegetables, like broccoli and green beans. If either choice is for you, consider mixing in other vegetables with your food. Make a dish with mushrooms or sliced tomatoes and cut out that extra cheese or chicken. Get half the pasta and mix in your favorite vegetables, or get a couple of tomatoes and cucumbers on the side instead of French fries. For breakfast, try an omelet or if you’re in a rush, get scrambled eggs and season with fresh veggies instead of salt and pepper. Take advantage of the salad bar and the emote toppings.

FIVE BEST WAYS TO EAT HEALTHY

ANN KIRK, DSJ STAFF REPORTER

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Pets Cheer Up Dreary Dorm Rooms

Adventures in Keeping Bettas, Goldfish and Hermit Crabs

Keeping a pet at college can be a challenge, but it can also spice up the dreariness of a dorm room. Dorm pets are the perfect companions. For those of you who are used to having animals around at home, leaving them behind can obviously be tough.

“I grew up with pets all my life, and not having an animal in the room makes me lonely,” said Abby Acio (’13).

A pet brings some of the comfort of home to campus. “I thought he would make my room a little more homey,” said Clara Bergeron (’13) of her blue betta fish, Fernando. The most common dorm pet is probably the betta fish. Its shades of electric blue, red and purple and its need for little space make it an attractive choice. “Fernando” comes home with me in the car’s cup-holder,” said Bergeron, referring to his small size.

Furthermore, while usually placid, the betta can also be attractively spunky. “It seems like Pierre recognizes my boyfriend (I’m going to attribute this to some form of classical conditioning) and gets really excited when he walks by his bowl,” said Amanda Mounce (’10), whose boyfriend spoils Pierre with food. Bergeron’s betta, Fernando, dances when she plays music by The Fratellis.

Yet another aquatic buddy, the goldfish, is easy to care for and is endearing with its gulping mouth and bulging eyes. Katelyn Power (’13) has two fancy big-eyed goldfish, Gerry and Holly, who are newcomers to her dorm.

“They make me happy every time I come back to my dorm, which helps me deal with the stress of my classes and the fact that I miss my dogs so much,” said Power. “Also, they’re just adorable.”

Gerry and Holly certainly have their own personalities which make them interesting. Power said that every time she feeds them, “Gerry goes insane and scars down all the food, and Holly just looks confused. Gerry’s kind of fat.”

For those who don’t want to deal with a tank full of water, there’s always the hermit crab. Acio also owns two hermit crabs, Hamlet (named so because he is a reclus) and Al Pacino.

“They have their own quirks too,” she said. “Seeing something other than fish, especially in a dorm, makes people think they require special care, but they don’t. In fact, they require even less.”

Hermit crabs have their own quirks too, though. Being nocturnal creatures, they can keep night owls company. “It’s not uncommon to see that everything in their tank is moved around or toppled over in the morning,” said Acio. Having a dorm pet will give you guaranteed renown around your dorm, and they are easily the best way to add a little life and color to your collegiate dungeon.

“He’s a fun conversation piece; my friends love to say hi to him when they come over, and they all think he’s very cute,” said Mounce of her betta fish.

“Everybody I know who has met the fish loves them,” Power added.

Directions:

Add the stock, bay leaf and thyme. Cover partially and simmer until the flavors are well blended, about 15 minutes. Add salt and pepper to taste. Discard the bay leaf.

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- A soup for all occasions -

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- Pinch teaspoon of dry thyme
- Salt and pepper
- Croutons
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Tenure Process Ensures Teaching Excellence

A DSJ Staff Editorial

The recent granting of tenure to sixteen sixth-year faculty members showcases the devotion to teaching excellence at the College. Both the structure and the vigor with which this process is undertaken reflect a serious, honest review that seeks to establish only the best faculty at the College.

The College’s unique devotion to teaching is shown by the heavy emphasis on student evaluations in awarding tenure. Teaching performance carries the same amount of weight as a professor’s research, meaning that no matter how brilliant the study of an academic may be, the hiring of permanent professors never strays far from a focus on educating students.

Classroom performance and the other criteria considered in tenure decisions—quality of research and service to the College—are evaluated on a variety of levels in a way that ensures sound decisions. Rather than merely one body having control of the choice to grant tenure, the division of power across various levels of administration ensures that only the most deserving of candidates who receive universal support are granted this promotion.

Through this process, the College has been able to build a nationally renowned faculty with an emphasis on teaching that truly makes the William and Mary academic experience unique. Experts in their field of study, leaders of thought, routinely teach undergraduates in a setting that emphasizes faculty-student interaction. Office hours, professor-taught review sessions and even class dinners at professors’ homes are standard practice.

While questions of funding, political controversy and state oversight constantly loom, the College has continued to move forward in its goal of providing a public education of the highest quality. Improvement has been continuous and unrelenting, largely due to the caliber of the College’s faculty.

Our professors hold an essential role in moving William and Mary forward, and our selection process ensures that those professors who define the College are of the high-
American Petroleum Institute (API) estimates suggest that Virginia could double its energy production if it allowed offshore drilling. Virginia Governor Bob McDonnell addressed the nation after the State of the Union speech. He specified that he and the other 49 states that prohibit offshore drilling in their waters want the federal government to allow drilling in Virginia. Governor McDonnell clearly said that Virginia has the capacity to be the first state on the East Coast to explore for and produce oil and natural gas offshore.

The angry response of Virginia environmentalists was inevitable, as was the excised agreement of big oil corporations and Virginia businessmen.

The Governor's declaration reawakened a debate that has been rumbling ever since John A. Kelly, Sarah Palin and their supporters shouted the phrase “Drill, Baby, Drill!” during the 2008 election and deponents shouted the phrase “Drill, Baby, Drill!” during the 2008 election and deformation compensation for stolen services.

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Men’s basketball has been on a rollercoaster ride this year, but will it eventually lead to their first ever NCAA tournament?

4.35 mark in the second half, the Tribe only trailed by five. And, perhaps even more significant, the opener in Connecti- cut marked the arrival of McDowell as one of the most dangerous scorers in the CAA. McDowell dropped a career high 20 on UConn—a career high that he would surpass five more times this season.

McDowell, through the loss at Iona, leads the Tribe in three-point percent- age—shooting 43 percent, is second among starters in field-goal percentage—trailing Marcus Kearns (12) by one thousandth of a point—with 50.3 percent, and is second in points per game only to Schneider. As far as rollercoaster rides go, the emergence of McDowell and the surprising closeness of the game got the season started leaning on the throttle.

If the UConn game was what some would call a “good” loss, because of how close the game was, the second game of the season, a loss to Harvard, was as tough a loss as you can find. Ironically, the same trait that made the UConn loss “good” made the Harvard defeat even harder to swallow: its closeness.

Anytime you lose in triple-overtime on an opposing team’s court is going to sting a little bit. Any time you lose in triple-overtime to a pseudo-rival—after all, Harvard is the only College in the country older than William and Mary—on a buzzer beater, it’s going to go down like a horse pill.

McDowell led the Tribe in that contest, dropping his second consecutive career- high with 23 points. And while the Tribe trailed by 13 with just over 13 minutes to go in regulation, that resiliency that has gone much better. While the Tribe ultimately succumbed to the perennial Big East powerhouse, they played the Huskies close for the entire game. As late as the 28-foot 3-pointer with goose eggs on the clock to end the contest.

The season didn’t look to be getting any easier for the Tribe as they returned back home to Virginia. The tough losses in New England were still stinging when the Richmond Spiders made the trip down 64 to Kaplan Arena. The Spiders are perhaps the best team in the state this year, and early in the game, they dominated a stunned-looking Tribe. Maybe the Tribe was still shaking off the Massachusetts cold from the Harvard loss in the first half, or maybe they were just trying to lure the Spiders into a false sense of security, but whatever it was, it worked. The Tribe lept to life in the second half, shooting 51 percent from the floor and 45.5 percent from three-point range in stomping the spid- ers. The win was David Schneider’s “introduction” to the season, as he led the team with 29 and set the Tribe off on its quick ascent into the early season.

Over the nine games following the Richmond win, the Tribe scaled anything and everything in their path. Nine days—and two wins—after besting NCAA contender Rich- mond, the Tribe set their sights on the ACC path. Nine days—and two wins—at- ter besting NCAA contender Rich- mond, the Tribe set their sights on the Wake Forest Demon Deacons. And, led by seniors David Schneider and Danny Sumner, the Tribe performed an ACC exorcism.

The win versus Wake was the Tribe’s first over a marquee oppo- nent—Wake is currently ranked in the AP and Coaches Top 25 polls—and was Wake’s first loss to a team like the Tribe: unranked, no on - BCS and unin- spired by the faith- ful of Joel Coliseum. The loss was Wake’s first ever in the month of Novem- ber at the Coliseum, and it was the Tribe’s first win against an ACC oppo- nent in nearly a decade. The victory over Wake began a

Sports in Brief

Derek Cox shocked many last year when he was se- lected by the Jacksonville Jaguars at the beginning of the third round of the NFL Draft. Cox had flown largely under the radar of Draft “Gurus” like Mel Kiper Jr. and Todd McShay, mostly because he had not been in- vited to the NFL scouting combine for NCAA players.

Adrian Tracy will fly under no such radar. He has been extended an invite, and he will work out in Indiana- polis for all 32 pro-teams. He is ranked among the top 15 OLB prospects for teams that run 3-4 defenses. He would be a splendid pick for my New York Jets, if I do say so myself. Take note, Rex Ryan. The last time I told the Jets to draft someone, it was at a New York Drag- ons Arena Football game. I sat behind then coach Herm Edwards (You play to win the game), and tapped him on the shoulder, be- ing the boisterous pre-teen that I was, and told him to draft Anquan Bolden. He opted not to listen to me. You decide who the better judge of NFL talent is.
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stream of national coverage for the Tribe, as likes of ESPN reporters Joe Lunardi and various other NCAA talking heads took notice of the upstart Tribe. With wins against Richmond and Wake Forest, and both of the Tribe’s losses coming on the road against respectable teams, some were beginning to think the team could be the top dog in the CAA.

Fast forward past four thrilling wins against in-state rivals Radford and VCU—both of whom have made trips to the NCAA in recent years—and the Tribe was set to hit the apex of its early season. Already with one win against an ACC oppo- nent under its belt, the Tribe headed north to College Park to face a second ACC foe.

The Maryland Terrapins hadn’t lost to the Tribe in over half of a century, were 8-3 in the season, and were playing in Comcast Arena, where they have only lost to seven non-conference opponents.

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The win was the Tribe’s ninth straight at the time, the second longest in College history. They were poised to lengthen its winning streak in WM basketball history slip away. If nothing else, the win over Hofstra had proven that it wasn’t going to come easy.

“The roller coaster had its high point. Fans had their hands in the air, their eyes were full of wonderment.”

Fouls proved to be the Tribe’s undoing.

As they gave ODU too many opportunities from the charity stripe. After, falling behind by five from the free throw line early, the Tribe looked over-matched and simply were outplayed in nearly every re- spect. The Rams shot 52.7 percent from the field—over 20 percentage points higher than the Tribe’s 31.4 percent. Danny Sum- mer led all scorers with 20 points, but the Tribe couldn’t get anything going around him.

The loss to ODU was really the punc- tuating blow to the Tribe’s NCAA at-large bid crumble, and their dreams of an at-large bid to the NCAA tournament at-large bid to the NCAA tournament.

Following the blow-out loss at VCU, the Tribe’s struggles continued at home against ODU. Playing in front of the largest crowd in Kaplan Arena history, the Tribe fell inches short of tying the Monarchs on a desperation 3-pointer as time expired.

The contest was back and forth for the duration, with the WM commu- nity proving it could in fact rally for the basketball team just as it had for the football team last season.

With the student section literally overwhelmed by the noise, Tribe fans were displaced throughout the arena, even a few in the ODU fan section.

Despite the huge attendance and big-confer- ence atmosphere, the Tribe could not find a way to win. David Sch-neider continued to prove that ice runs in his veins, as he dropped two enormous 3-pointers back-to-back pos- sessions to pull the Tribe within one with about four minutes to play.

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Like so many of the sports writers I idolize, when I think about my Tribe—and the fact that for me, like David Schneider, I am facing the prospect of my last CAA tournament—I feel the need to wax poetic. And so, I leave you with this “revolutionary” anecdote. In the War of American Independence, which I think someone once mentioned, I am paraphrasing John Paul Jones, His response, which I am paraphrasing because I’m on a train to Washington which is sans internet, was to the effect of “Surrender? Why I think that this team is ready to surrender, the British sent a messenger to Jones offering him the option of surrender. His response, which I am paraphrasing because I’m on a train to Washington which is sans internet, was to the effect of “Surrender? Why I have not yet begun to fight.” Hours later, it was Jones who sailed away victorious, in spite of insurmountable odds. So for you Tribe fans who think that this team is ready to surrender, I implore you, David Schneider and Co., like John Paul Jones, they have not yet begun to fight.