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Stewart Gamage Leaves College for UVA Foundation

Stewart Gamage, who spent the last 15 years as the College’s vice president of public affairs, is leaving to become director of the University of Virginia’s Morven Project. According to a College press release, she will oversee a plan to create an academic center at Morven. “The past 15 years of service to the College have been among the most rewarding and challenging of my career,” Gamage said in the release. “I leave with the satisfaction that comes from friendships forged during times of great celebration and periods of real sorrow — and the valuable lessons these experiences teach.” Gamage has served the College in a variety of capacities, including as a member of the Board of Visitors from 1985-90. In 1990, she received the William and Mary Alumni Medal. In 2005, former Governor John Warner bestowed upon her the Governor’s Award for Community Service. In a recent e-mail to the College community, Interim President W. Taylor Reveley III wrote, “We will miss her enormously at William & Mary” and joked that UVA would “teach her to say ‘grounds’ rather than ‘campus’ to prepare her for life among Wahoos.”

Newly Accepted Class Most Diverse Yet

According to College stats, next year’s entering class will be the College’s most diverse ever. About 3,800 students were accepted out of over 11,600 applications. Approximately 1,207 students of color were admitted — a 16.7 percent increase from last year. Over the last three years, the number of students of color admitted to the College has increased steadily with efforts made toward diversification. The number of first-generation college students is also up by 400. The Gateway Program has pushed for increased diversity. “We knew that this year’s record applicant pool would enable us to admit the best and brightest and most diverse class we’ve ever seen at the College,” Earl T. Granger, associate provost for enrollment, said in a press release. “This is a talented group of students who have distinguished themselves inside and outside the classroom. We look forward to welcoming them to the William and Mary family.”

Law Professor Advises Creation of Kosovo Constitution

A Marshall-Wythe Law School senior lecturer, Christie Warren, served as one of three U.S. advisors in the drafting of Kosovo’s constitution and participated in the official signing ceremony in early April. “All three [advisors] have spent many months in Kosovo over the past year, providing technical advice and conducting training programs on substantive constitutional issues to assist the drafters in making the best possible choices for their new constitution,” Warren said. Warren, whose focus is on international law, has advised rule of law programs worldwide on four different continents. The Kosovo constitution will take effect June 15.

Senator Warner Visits Campus

Senator John Warner, R-Va., visited the College April 4 to deliver the year’s Andrews Lecture on subjects ranging from public service to the College itself. Associate Professor Sarah Stafford also moderated a Q&A session with the senator, which covered topics from special interest groups to global climate change. One topic Warner focused on was the necessity of fund-raising for policies. “It translates into less and less time to sit down and work through these incredibly hard issues facing our country,” Warner said in a College press release. The senator credited his visit to Susan Magill, a former College rector, who once served as his chief of staff. The senator spoke eloquently of his growing admiration for the College. “I’ve developed a deep, abiding respect and fondness for the College of William and Mary. It’s an extraordinary institution,” Warner said.

myNotebook to Offer Mac Option

No longer featuring the IBM ThinkPad package, the College will offer the incoming Class of 2012 special deals on Dells and, for the first time, the Macbook or Macbook Pro. The new Macbook option does not provide a discount on the Macbook but a free 3-year extended warranty. The IT website advises students that on-campus repair is possible for PCs but not for Macs and that Dell offers four years of Dell CompleteCare whereas the Mac only offers three years.

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**In Brief**

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With police cars rolling down Jamestown Road, guards patrolling the Swem stacks after hours and an officer on rounds 24-7, campus police are omnipresent at the College, even if students have not fully grasped their role. While it is true that the police serve to protect the community, they also offer several relatively unknown, and, consequently, untapped resources. There is indeed more to the job than enforcing the liquor laws.

According to the police department’s mission statement, “The primary purpose of the William and Mary Police Department is to support the academics through maintenance of a peaceful and orderly community... This protection is manifested in around-the-clock patrol of the College campus, crime prevention, personal safety awareness programs and constant attention to the correction of potentially hazardous conditions.”

As the mission statement implies, campus police handles more than follow-up reports. The disparity between their job and their perceived job arises many times from students’ understanding of their role.

“I have no idea what the police do,” Hebbatoallah Youssef (‘11) said, “except maybe stopping drunk people.”

The department’s chief priority is to address criminal reports, which happens less often than many people think. For example, during the week of March 18, at the most two crimes were reported on any given night and some nights passed completely uneventfully.

Larceny dominated the crimes during that week, with reports of multiple missing bicycles as well as such items stolen as a laptop and wallet. Vandalism and under-age possession of alcohol followed larceny in number of reported cases.

Most crimes at the College are what are legally considered “petty.” From the year 1998 until 2006, the College has had no on-campus hate crimes, which include crimes such as manslaughter and sexual offense. Burglary occurred most frequently, with 17 documented cases during 2006. Consequently, burglary has been the most severe documented crime that the College has seen within the past 10 years.

Still, even with the relative non-existence of reported crime on campus, the police do not sit idly with nothing to do. Within the past few years, arrests have been made on campus, although perhaps not to the extent perceived. In 2006, nine arrests were made for liquor law violations and 13 arrests were made for drug use violations. These two categories comprise the majority of the arrests, with liquor law violations prevailing overall as the most common misdemeanor.

Arrests are not frequent occurrences on campus because the department utilizes “disciplinary actions,” or “judicial referrals,” instead. For example, in 2006 there were 315 disciplinary actions for liquor-law violations.

Although crime may not be widespread, a police force is still obviously a necessity, to provide the security blanket. However, the crime rates may be biased due to the possibility that some crimes go unreported.

There are several options for members of the College community to involve the police in an incident. Anyone on campus can make reports directly to the department over the phone. In case of emergency, students can dial 911 from any campus telephone and campus police will be contacted directly. There are also outdoor telephones for emergency purposes.

The College community can also report to the police by physically visiting the department headquarters, located in the office...
After receiving a new report, the police are immediately sent to investigate the crime, prepared to make any necessary arrests. The department files reports on all calls, which can be easily accessed upon request and free of charge.

Although the campus police focus on attending to the reports and concerns of students, they also carry out other tasks, such as the implementation of “safety awareness programs.” These programs serve the department as an extension of the College’s teaching mission and include topics ranging from bicycle safety education and bike registration to drug awareness. The programs are offered to all students, faculty and staff and the only requirement is an R.S.V.P. one week in advance.

In conjunction with the programs, the police department offers various ID services, such as fingerprinting. The department deals with special scheduling requests for rooms that require vacancy regularly. They also handle the mandatory bike registration that is necessary for tracking down and retrieving stolen bikes.

Nearly 40 people work in the department, each assigned to a different branch. The members are not all police officers – the College staffs several lieutenants, sergeants and even one investigator, in addition to the guards and patrol officers. The department protects the campus as a full police force, an interesting fact considering that Williamsburg’s city police department is virtually next door.

Each member of the department must be accredited before being hired, whether from an outside force or through the College’s police academy. This training ensures officers and supervisors can safely arm themselves in case of emergency.

Some may question the need for such a force, however, when looking at the low crime rates and feeling of security.

The department’s Web site offers tips for students to protect themselves and their property on campus.

The police department was contacted with an interview request for this story but declined to comment.

Have a great summer!

Best of Luck and Congratulations to the CLASS OF 2008

FROM THE DOG STREET JOURNAL
Anthropologist Montgomery McFate came to campus April 1 for the 2008 Swain-Walker lecture, an annual event put on by the Reves Center for International Studies. She also participated in a panel with Anthropology Professor William Fisher, Psychology Professor Harvey Langholtz and Sociology Professor Timmons Roberts on the subject of "Scholarship in Practice & Policy Making."

McFate earned a doctorate in anthropology from Yale with research on the Irish Republican Army and is best known for the controversy surrounding her current work as social science advisor for the U.S. military’s Human Terrain System.

HTS is designed to provide information to the military about the cultural landscape of Iraq and Afghanistan. HTS sends in a translator and a team of analysts, typically doctorate holders or dissertation-writing social scientists, collectively known as a Human Terrain Team. There are currently six HTT deployed with military brigades in Afghanistan and Iraq.

According to Army General Anthony C. Zinni, quoted by McFate, “What we need is cultural intelligence. What I need to understand is how these societies function.”

According to McFate, the idea of HTS is that a cultural map is far more valuable than a map of the physical landscape, particularly in a region of reconstruction.

Yet a resolution passed last October by the American Anthropological Association strongly condemns the ideas of the Human Terrain System. It concludes that the program places anthropologists in positions that violate the AAA code of ethics and that it poses a danger to anthropologists and the people the study.

History Professor Laurie Koloski, who is also the director of the Reves Center, said that she asked McFate to come to the College because McFate’s work raises the “question of how a scholar should engage with the real world.”

In introducing McFate before her lecture, Koloski called her potential answers “contentious and important.”

According to the AAA Code of Ethics, "anthropological researchers have primary ethical obligations to the people, species, and materials they study and to the people with whom they work."

The first ethical obligation listed is “to avoid harm or wrong, understanding that the development of knowledge can lead to change which may be positive or negative for the people or animals worked with or studied.”

In its executive board statement on HTS, the AAA expressed a concern that “HTS anthropologists may have responsibilities to their U.S. military units in war zones that conflict with their obligations to the persons they study or consult, specifically the obligation... to do no harm to those they study.”

McFate argued that "this provision would preclude any study of anyone anywhere.”

She suggested that “do less harm” would make more sense than “do no harm.” She admitted that the HTTs do not follow the scripted, written consent protocol that is a staple of anthropological studies. However, she said that no informers are forced to agree with the military anthropologists and that most people are “very eager to talk to U.S. governmental representatives.”

So far the program includes six teams, with plans to expand to 22 by the end of the year.

Several teams have been offered the chance to participate in choosing individuals in local anti-American groups for
The referendum for Green Fees passed with 85 percent of the student vote on March 20. Green Fees Bill passed in the Student Assembly. Fifteen dollars will be added per student per semester to general fees in support of green efforts. Distribution and management of the $250,000 is still under debate.

The Environmental Science and Policy Program’s Campus Sustainability Seminar (ENSP 250) produces a proposal for an Office of Sustainability. Professors are currently deliberating over the appropriate course of action, including whether to send it to the BOV for review.

GreeningWM.com, the College’s website for sustainability information and updates, is looking at undertaking a make-over.

McFate said that “even a bad war can be made better” by reducing casualties and becoming more efficient and less bloody.

For many anthropologists, McFate’s explanations do not go far enough.Anthropology Professor Brad Weiss commented that he “was struck by the fact that the HTS are—by McFate’s acknowledged reporting at her talk—not employing any social scientists who have any expertise, experience, or language skills that are relevant to either Iraq or Afghanistan.”

Most of Weiss’ criticism centers on McFate’s comments about ethics. According to Weiss, anthropological ethics “are integral to the practices through which anthropologists acquire anthropological knowledge.”

“If we [anthropologists] lie to the members of the community we work with, or put them at risk, or acquire confidential information about them on behalf of those who are working to impose a political agenda—such as stabilizing the Iraqi government, or strengthening Afghan national leaders—we make it all but impossible for these same communities to trust us, to have confidence that our research won’t undermine their own efforts to improve their lives, or advance their own causes,” Weiss said.

Shannon Mahoney, a graduate student in anthropology at the College, also criticized McFate. She said she found McFate’s “language to be particularly dehumanizing” and believes McFate “has lost sight of the long-term consequences, and reality, of war.” Mahoney mentioned another audience member’s comment that McFate “has no data to prove that she is saving lives and there is no measure for efficiency.”

However, Mahoney did agree “that anthropologists can play a role in public policy and diplomacy” but distinguishes between “policy and diplomacy” and war, and she said “there is no room for anthropology in the objectives of a war.”

Psychology Professor Harvey Langholtz, who participated in a roundtable with McFate, took a slightly different stance, acknowledging that he was perhaps not as qualified on the topic as anthropologists.

Langholtz believes McFate and others like her can “provide the army with a tool other than simply the projection of force.” He said that he believes anthropologists like McFate must find a way to play a beneficial and useful “role in foreign policy without professional condemnation.”

McFate is certainly one of the most controversial figures in anthropology today, controversial enough that many no longer consider her an anthropologist. In her speech, she described the criticism and reactions she has faced as a “witch-hunt,” and articulated her concerns that social science graduate students considering the program were being told it was “academic career suicide.”

The debate over “military anthropology” rages on. In the end, according to Koloski, the question “gets at the heart of a profoundly important issue: the role that scholars and scholarly work play, or choose not to play, in addressing ‘real-world’ problems and challenges.”
As the end of the year approaches, three-fourths of the College’s undergraduate population plans to head home, find a job or internship or stay on campus and study—something to pass the time before beginning another year. But one quarter, the graduating class of 2008, is about to be thrust into the “real world.”

According to the Career Center, “historically and consistently, approximately one-third of William and Mary grads go straight to graduate school.”

For the other two-thirds, most will eventually get an advanced degree but life next year isn’t quite so assured. Many have firm plans, such as joining the Peace Corps or working for Teach for America, and some already have jobs with non-profits or think tanks.

However, the Career Center reports that most students do not have a job before to graduation for two main reasons.

First, most employers do not know in advance about openings. They only know of positions that need to be filled right away. Secondly, job searches take time and effort, typically three to six months of full-time searching, time that many students don’t have.

For many graduating seniors, life is up in the air—right now, main concerns include finding housing, figuring out how to pay for food over the next few months, and, in many cases, deciding what it is exactly they want to do.

The Career Center has on its website a database comprised of survey results from the past four years of graduating seniors. The database, known as “Outcome Information,” contains information on about 52 percent of the graduated students. Despite the small percentage, the information demonstrates the broad range of occupations College graduates hold.

Fourty-two recently-graduated biology majors who told the Career Center about their employment demonstrate this variety. Their salaries range from $13,000 to $42,000 per year with the average salary at $25,779. Jobs range from leading zookeeper at the Reston Zoo to lab chemist at Bio-Cat, Inc., to post-baccalaureate fellow at the National Institute of Environmental Health Science.

The biology majors who reported their graduate school admissions were accepted in dozens of schools and rejected at nearly as many. The acceptances include programs for a Master’s degree in public health, medical and doctorate programs and even a Master’s program in fine arts.

On the humanities end of the spectrum, 79 graduated English majors reported their information. Their salaries range from $12,000 to $45,000, with the average at $28,967 per year. Many are teachers, either for a national program or in an elementary school. Other jobs range from an actor for Encore! theater to a paralegal at Kaufman and Canoles in Washington, D.C., to a copy-editor for Caliper.

The graduate school acceptance list for the English majors is as long—longer than that for the biology majors. However, both the waitlists and rejection lists are considerably shorter. The acceptances present a fairly even mix of Master of Fine Arts programs, law programs and Master’s programs, with a slight emphasis on law programs.

The degrees pursued across all categories show an even wider range—from a Master’s in Genetic Counseling to a rabbinical degree, with quite a few doctorates, Master’s, law degrees and dental medicine degrees in between.

The database also includes results from alumni from the last 15 years, sorted by majors. Biology majors have careers ranging from a doctor in the U.S. Army to the owner of the Totally Toys Company to a special agent for the FBI to a licensed clinical psychologist at Newman Avenue Associates.

English majors now work in many places, including as a pastor at Williamsburg Community Chapel. Others work as a re-
porter for Gateway News or a librarian at Nottoway City Correctional Facility. Another College alum is a chemist at Solvay Pharmaceuticals.

Ashwin Rastogi ('08) is headed to graduate school at Harvard to pursue a doctorate in physics. He chose Harvard the day before the deadline because it attracts “the most productive professors and students, which makes it a great environment for graduate work.” The city of Boston also appealed to him.

Rastogi won the College’s 2008 Jefferson prize, awarded for academic achievement in the sciences. According to a press release, he maintained a 4.0 GPA in his math-physics double major.

Rastogi plans to study theoretical particle physics and mathematical physics and wants to pursue a career in scientific research. His biggest concern is that “a very large number of physicists end up leaving science for a variety of reasons to do much more profitable work in finance and other industries.”

He said he would prefer to be “able to stay in physics and continue working on scientific research.” Rastogi’s fiancée Lauren Merrill ('08) will also be attending Harvard for a doctorate in economics.

Constance Sisk ('08), a music major, is one of the majority of graduating students whose future is, as she puts it, “not very solid right now.”

Sisk’s senior lecture hall recital is titled “I was drunk the day my mom got out of prison: Convention, Parody and Stereotype in Southern Rock Music.”

It features her band, Scrawnytown Revival, with Constance on vocals, bass, guitar and cello, and three other band members utilizing a wide variety of instruments.

Sisk is well known on campus for her involvement with the Sex Worker’s Art Show, as she campaigned diligently to get them permission to perform on campus.

Sisk plans to move to Richmond and wants to do “some tutoring, substitute teaching, teaching music lessons and probably some part-time landscaping work and farm work” over the summer. Generally, she’s “hoping to find some more time to do gardening, and to go to all the great music and drag shows that Richmond has to offer.”

Sisk’s ideal career would involve being paid to play music all the time. Her other plans include learning about sustainable agriculture and biodiesel fuel or working in community or labor organizing.

Sisk’s biggest concern is that, because she’s graduating, she can no longer stay on her parent’s health insurance. Her occupation in the near future will probably be an eclectic collection of part-time jobs, none of which will likely provide benefits.

Rastogi and Sisk are only two of the thousands of graduating seniors, each with their own unique plans and goals. Some, like Rastogi, have definite plans. Others, like Sisk, are figuring it out as they go. Many more exist somewhere in between—the hint of a job, a commitment here or there, a year’s deferment before graduate school. We may be able to guess what these graduating seniors will write on next November’s survey, but it’s impossible to know where any will be 15 years from now.

…”Most students do not have a job prior to graduation, for two main reasons. “First, most employers do not know well in advance that they have an opening, and they usually need someone to fill that opening right away...[they] cannot wait months to have it filled. Secondy, a proper job search takes a lot of time and effort, typically 3-6 months full-time.”
Beyond Graduation: What Now?


But now the class of 2008 must now set their sights on the future, even if their feet are still firmly planted in the present. It’s time for them to take their first steps in the world after college—the world outside Williamsburg.

Some are eager to walk through the Wren building for their last time, completing their journey through our storied school walls. Others tear up at the thought of leaving their alma mater, whether from sadness at leaving this stage of life or apprehension for the future. But all seniors have one thing in common—the looming question, “What now?”

The Peace Corps

We’ve all heard about the Peace Corps since our high school days—a tour helping the world right out of school. However, many write it off as merely an ideal. Some, however, have found ways to make that ideal into reality. Kristin Corcoran (’08) plans to spend the next two years serving as a Peace Corps member.

Formed in 1964, the Peace Corps chooses volunteers of all ages through a rigorous and highly selective process. They serve for two years in over 74 countries world-wide. The process starts early and has a lengthy wait. “The hardest part has been all the waiting, as it’s a really long application process. I received a nomination to serve in October but still don’t have an invite to a specific country,” Corcoran said.

Despite the uncertainty of the waiting process, Corcoran is sure that this path will lead her places. She is also optimistic about the future of the Peace Corps and service after graduation. “I think the idea of doing a year or two of service after graduation is becoming increasingly popular and the Peace Corps is one of many options for that,” she said.

The Military

Graduates who choose to go into the military after graduation, especially those who were in ROTC, walk a fine line between academia and duty. It’s a hard balance to strike, with ROTC training and exercises rousing them at the early hours of the morning.

However, it is nothing compared to what they will face after graduation. Kelvin Spearman (’08) one of a few College graduates that will be heading into military service, emphasizes the high level of commitment that choosing this path requires. ”Choosing to join the military is a momentous decision to make, and each person has to decide if it fits with their goals,” he said.

Spearman will be a second lieutenant in the United States Army after graduation. One thing he notes is how few people choose the same path as his. “I think that less that one percent of the population in the United States chooses to join the military... so I definitely think that I’m in the minority,” he said. But for Spearman, this decision was a formality. “I have always known that I wanted to serve my country in some capacity, but I committed to being an officer in the Army at the beginning of my junior year.”
The Business World

The world of business, corporations, firms and offices are a popular choice for graduates. As early as October of this year, it became more and more common to see seniors dressed in their most professional attire, carrying resumes and slick black folders, their credentials and ambitions at the front of their mind and the tip of their tongue. Securing a job in the business world is a grueling process, one that requires research, networking and determination. Rashmi Joshi ('08) knows this all too well. “I started the whole process right as senior year started,” she said.

Joshi recalls the weeks of interview after interview, waiting patiently to hear feedback and results. There were weeks when she would have three or four interviews in as many different locations, flying from Washington to New York while balancing schoolwork and extra-curricular activities.

But her hard work paid off. Joshi ended the semester with many offers and finally settled on a consultant position at Deloitte in Washington, D.C. But, as an Operations and Information Systems and English double major, Joshi finds herself torn even now. “I’m a little ambivalent about my post-grad plans because I know that I want to pursue graduate school,” she said. “I have to really think about what direction I want to go in for grad school, so my time at Deloitte will help direct me, hopefully.”

Teaching Fellowship/Working Abroad

After four years at a rigorous college like William and Mary, it’s no surprise that students need to take some time to re-group. But for students at the College, there is no such thing as relaxing without a purpose. Many students choose to take a gap year after graduation and experience potential careers in the meantime.

Kathleen Brasington ('08) is hoping to experience something just as unique next year. “I’ve applied for a teaching fellowship at a high school boarding school in England through the Charles Center. If I get the job, I’ll be working as a resident tutor in the dorms there,” she said.

Through this opportunity, Brasington would be exploring her future as well as experiencing England. ”I want to go into youth development, so this seems like a great opportunity to do what I’m interested in and go abroad. I never studied abroad during my undergrad career, but it’s something I’d like to do.”

Brasington emphasizes avoiding burn-out this way, an option that is appealing to many students. “I think a lot of students choose gap years. School can kill you, you know. One has to take time off.” As for what she would do if this opportunity does not come to fruition, Brasington is not worried. “There are plenty of jobs I can get at home: make some money, take some time off,” she said.

“Living with my mother, however, is a little terrifying. Let’s hope that doesn’t happen.”

Graduate School

For many seniors, graduating from the College does not mark the end of their formal education as many pursue graduate degrees. However, this means that students must spend the better part of their senior year finding the perfect graduate school and settling on the specifics of their desired degree.

Trollete Doe-Williams ('08) plans to enroll in the Masters of Accounting Program here at the College. The Masters of Accounting Program allows students to obtain the 150 credits needed to become a Certified Public Accountant (CPA). An accounting major with a finance concentration, Doe-Williams said that the hardest part of the process was finding the right school. “[The] faculty has been very supportive—especially my business school professors, which is one of the reasons I choose to stay,” she said.

Doe-Williams has had to balance senior year pressures with securing post-graduation plans. “The process has been difficult: I had to study for the GMAT, apply to graduate schools, in addition to all of the activities that I am involved in and school work,” she said.

Ending their College career

So now these students and hundreds of their classmates take their final walks through the Sunken Garden, walk by the sundial a few more times and buy their last frappe or latte. What will they miss about our beloved College?

>“The sense of community,” Corcoran said.
>“William & Mary has a very distinct vibe about it, and I love being here. I strongly believe that if you surround yourself with good people and place yourself in a good environment that you are setting yourself up for success—there is plenty of both at this school,” Spearman said.
>“Everyone here has really pushed me to think about what I wanted, and to go after it without reservations. The most difficult part has been putting that to the test, because it’s easier said than done,” Joshi said.

The rest of the College has no doubt that the Class of 2008 will succeed with flying colors, whatever they do.
A Random Assortment of Five Best Things

FIVE BEST BOARD GAMES FOR BONDING

Cranium
The ultimate game of skill. Only the truly talented can master all four categories and claim the title of “Brain Master.” But don't attempt it alone—a reliable partner is vital for victory.

Catch Phrase
No props, no rhyming, but so much fun. The more players, the better. As a blend between hot potato, charades and Taboo, C.P. will reinforce your team's bond. Just be sure to spit out your clues before the beeping stops.

Apples to Apples
How well does your BFF know you or vice versa? A2A will uncover the truth. Although Apples to Apples may not the best game to play with strangers, playing with friends reveals your secret opinions. And with the Create-Your-Own-Category cards, the possibilities for laughs are endless.

Scattegories

Pictionary
Can’t draw? Neither can I. Luckily, no talent is required for this game of artistic charades. You’ll have no trouble... as long as your team can differentiate between your scribbles.

FIVE BEST REASONS TO GO BACK TO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Your Hardest Assignment was a Book Report
Name? Title? Author? Summary? The simple days were when books were under 150 pages. How much would I rather summarize Babysitter's Club Book #154 than write a ten-page essay about the pseudo-sexual implications of the short stories of Nathaniel Hawthorne? About as much as Mary-Anne wanted Logan Bruno. Yes they seem simple now, but don’t you remember how much their drama stressed you out then?

Recess
Kickball, Wall-ball, Red-rover, tag—no matter which game we played, recess was awesome. Growing kids are not the only people who need sunshine and fresh air. Once we get into high school, free times are sentenced to study hall. And in college, breaks between classes are known as "naptime."

Bag Lunches
Whether you had Lunchables or went old school with PB&J, Mom's bag lunches are sorely missed by those on the college meal plan. Elementary school lunches had all the classics: string cheese, cheese and crackers, apple slices and fruit roll-ups all in a rockin’ Spiderman lunch box. And if you don’t like what’s in your bag, you can always trade...

Shoes with Lights in Them
If you didn’t rock them, you wish you could have. Everyone envied the lucky girl or boy who could light up dark elementary corridors with his or her light-up shoes. Forget today’s wheelie shoes.

Romance
Relationships were much simpler way back then. Deep conversations followed this pattern: “Does Little Tommy like me?” “Well, does he pull your pigtails and call you a butt face?” “Do you like me? Check yes or no.” Then, Susie and Tommy were the power couple for two weeks until Joey kicked Susie in the shins...
FIVE BEST WAYS TO ID A 
STUDENT AT THE COLLEGE

» FRANCESCA CHILCOTE, DSJ BUSINESS EDITOR

Bags Under Eyes
It is an unsupported fact that students at the College get approximately 4.2 hours of sleep per night. Students here don’t sleep, even when they don’t have anything to do. Therefore, the simplest way to ID a College student is to look below their peepers.

Procrastinating
This time-honored tradition at The College is rumored to have been established by Thomas Jefferson himself. (It is a little known fact that he did not start the Declaration of Independence until 11:59pm, July 3, 1776.) The look is unmistakable: the overall panic but with a bit of glaze over the eyes that hide the immediacy of the problem. Such conditions are also related to the complicated feat of multi-tasking: Facebooking your friends (who are sitting next to you), watching videos on YouTube, emailing your mom and drinking coffee at 1:45am, all when you are one page into the seven-pager due tomorrow.

Talking about Controversies
Globalization, the presidential primaries, gender, Middle-East conflicts, the Board of Visitors—if it is controversial, students at the College are discussing it, openly, in very loud voices for all to hear. You are annoyed by these conversations, yet you also know very well you will participate in one by the end of the day.

Pre-gaming by Studying
“Let me finish this chapter before we go out.” You know you have said this before. Weekends are short and you have to get work done when you can. Friday nights are the perfect time to get a jump-start on the weekend. Nothing says “party on” like Organic Chemistry…

Awkward
Only at the College do the awkward kids of high school unite to revel in their awkwardness. There are types of awkward for every student in high school: science club, math club, drama club, chess club, debate club… and here, there is a major for each. The good news? You are guaranteed to find a group of friends that exactly complements your awkward factor.

FIVE BEST WAYS TO STALK YOUR FAVORITE CELEBRITIES

» KATE MOSCONY, DSJ STAFF REPORTER

Gossip Blogs
As a longtime purveyor of all that is tawdry and Hollywood-oriented online, I can recommend TMZ.com for the best videos, justjared.com for the most pictures, and perezhilton.com to get the latest scoop.

Tabloids
Magazines such as People and US Weekly can be surprisingly accurate on the subject of your favorite star’s latest shenanigans. But let’s keep it classy people—don’t lower yourself to supporting those charlatans down at the Enquirer.

Imbd.com
Check out the actor page of your chosen celebrity for biographical and trivia info, as well as what new films are in the works.

Word of Mouth
You never know whose mother’s sister’s veterinarian went to elementary school with Brad Pitt. Alternatively, if you happen to have some juicy insider knowledge, share the wealth!

E! News
Fair warning, gossip aficionados: you may find yourself throwing small objects at the screen during this show, shouting, “I know that already!” However, if you don’t have time to search out the latest and greatest online, E! News does a pretty good job collecting it for you on their show… albeit a day or two after the news breaks the blogs.
Remember stepping onto the College campus as a new student and seeing nothing but unknown young faces? Imagine the same experience, except you’ve already had two kids and held a full-time job for 20 years. Members of the campus organization Prime Tribe are non-traditional students that have all gone through this unique experience.

“Prime Tribe originally started as a group of older students two years ago that had a desire to meet each other,” Marilyn MacDonald (’10) said. MacDonald was welcomed into the group when she first arrived at the College. “I was so proud to be a member of the organization,” she said. Being a non-traditional student does have unique difficulties. The same week MacDonald found out she was accepted to the College, her husband lost his job. She still decided to enroll, but he has still not found employment a year later.

“We decided this was a big thing to be accepted. I wouldn’t miss the opportunity. We were very positive and thought he would find another job by now,” MacDonald said.

Some students living off-campus complain about a 15 minute drive to campus, but MacDonald drives one and a half hours from her home in Chesapeake, just five minutes from the North Carolina border.

“The drive is not a burden because I’m doing what I love to do,” MacDonald said.

Other Prime Tribers find that their age and background at the College present a difficulty that most students do not need to deal with.

“I’ve had one person in all my classes in a year that was not 20,” Jessica O’Brien (’10) said. “My first semester none of my teachers were over 40 and two were in their twenties.”

As the oldest full-time undergraduate at age 60, O’Brien describes the different learning styles for some non-traditional students.

“One of the things students don’t know is how some of us [non-traditions] like to participate in school a lot,” O’Brien said. “Out-of-school discussions are two-way. I don’t feel intimidated by my teachers when they have questions.”

She also describes the different comfort level that some non-traditional students have in classrooms.

“The only thing that has been painful is that [for us], it is normal to respond what you think [to teachers] and students don’t like that at all,” O’Brien said. “[Students] think it is rude and disrespectful. [But] in the world, you learn when they ask you a question, you respond. Although many Prime Tribers feel that students do not want to interact with “parent-like figures,” others, such as Art Burdick (’07), find that students have been very accepting.

“When I started class, [traditional students] were unsure of me,” he said. “They might ask themselves ‘Who is this guy?’ or ‘What’s he doing in our class?’ However, when they see that I’m working just as hard and the grades mean just as much to me, they accept me as a student.”

Burdick works with Prime Tribe and organizes informal meetings for non-traditional students. “He would have coffee hours,” she said. “He wanted to have an official student organization, but he couldn’t...
find enough people [to join].” Before Prime Tribe became a chartered club in fall 2007, non-traditional students only met informally as a support group.

“Until recently the only meetings were during orientation,” Burdick said. “There would be a social just to let the non-traditionals know that there are other non-traditionals on campus—not many, but there are [some].”

In fact, it took many years before Prime Tribe became an official student organization. Burdick describes the difficulties of finding the minimum amount of people to join. “I had tried the three previous years [to draft a constitution],” he said. “The first time I tried, no one was really willing and take initiative to step up [and] I didn’t even try the last year.”

“I challenged this class of new non-traditionals to take the initiative to develop it into a group to do some more organized activities to raise awareness,” Burdick said. “Kathy Eggers is the president. She got enough support to draft a constitution.”

O’Brien would like to see Prime Tribe organize more social events. “We’ve really talked a lot about wanting to do more events together,” she said. “Our problems are different and it helps to know other older people.”

Prime Tribers have varied reasons for wanting to join the College. Burdick attended because he wanted to change careers. “Since I wanted to be a teacher, I needed to have a bachelor’s [degree],” Burdick said. “I’ve always been a history person even though I spent 20 years as a weather forecaster.”

After his company shut down, he felt it was time to follow his passion. “I was in my middle-forties. Unemployed. No degree. No significant skill set,” Burdick said. “That’s when I decided that I needed to do something about following this dream I have of becoming a teacher.”

He decided that the College was the ideal institution to pursue a history degree. “What better place to study history than a place where history happened,” Burdick said. His experience at the College was exemplary, from his interactions with his teachers to the talks he had with the students. “I have nothing but praise for all aspects of the College,” Burdick said. “The students were absolutely fabulous and the faculty and staff were even better.”
Several notable critics have asserted that our Generation Q – W, L, X, whatever the appellation – is an egocentric one. We’ve become too cynical about the nature of things, of government, of life.

The cult of Me looms over every American generation; it’s the same pride that built this country. The most common American demographic is the large majority of Me-Americans. Why, I think every one of my friends is a Me-American. While not a generation of saints, its members aspire to empathize with humanity more than its detractors admit.

In fact, the criticism weighed against our generation reflects the egotism not of the so-called Generation Q, or Quiet Generation – as Thomas Friedman of The New York Times labels us – but of Friedman himself and the rest of likeminded critics who inveigh against the apathy of the youth.

Holding to the perhaps spurious assumption that each generation thinks ill of their progeny, I’m wary of accepting the egregious honor of “egocentrism.” No one group is entirely innocent and many of those in our generation are culpable. But what of those who came before us?

Let Friedman answer for his generation’s sins before they ridicule a generation that has barely passed the age of majority. We hardly invented the fairytale corruption and moral delusion of modern-day America, and, if anything, our social engagement aims to make right of their wrongs.

I’m inclined to agree with Eddie Smith’s retort to Friedman in The Daily Mississippian: “The America we’ve come to know is paranoid, but all the Paxil in the world won’t help us solve the problems our parents have left us.”

Yes, we’re a medicated and media-saturated age, but this is not our exclusive domain. We’re aware of society’s myopia and the present downhill course of America’s stature in the world. The only resignation, however, seems to be on the part of the cynics who critique rather than lead.

We are at the very least the generation of hope – as much an understatement as it is an imperative for us to fulfill. Our generation’s capacity to grow in its political activism. Recent studies have shown a marked increase in young voters’ participation, especially since the 2000 election. Marks concludes her exposé on young voters with a predication that if current trends continue, our generation will leave an historic mark of participation in the 2008 election.

Nevertheless, the naysayer will maintain that our generation is impotent, nurtured by a self-reverential nature that blinds us to the greater good. To be honest, there is plenty that is rotten in this modern age, but we are no more beholden to that than any average Joe.

To all naysayers then, I ask that each one looks into a mirror to reveal the true pessimist, the ego that feeds on the disease of luxury and a comfortable station in life. This is the demon every American fights.

This serves in part as a plea to the graduating Class of 2008, as we depart on different walks of life, whether as the humanitarian, the businessperson or the government elite. Do not forget the immense potential for progress that education and wealth has allotted our generation.

Can we overcome the latent fears of our elders that we are an age of hyper-cynicism and egocentrism? I believe this is imminently possible and most likely happening right now.

We cannot let the egocentrics win. They can only prevail by the inaction of a generation that has the means to steer the course of world history in the wake of a multi-polar and global society. This is not blind optimism; instead, it’s pragmatism with idealism.

You can change the world, and if that’s egotistical, let it go to your head.

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In the United States, it seems that protest is always an action against the Man – whether the Man is the President’s administration, Congress’s polemical law du jour or those monopolizing business corporations.

Even on campus, recent protests against the Board of Visitors in the wake of former President Gene Nichol’s resignation had an air of youthful defiance. While this was more or less avoided by the majority’s desire for organized sit-ins and town hall meetings, the hue and cry exemplified by chants of “F**K THE BOV” and graffiti on the doors of the Wren Building gave a different impression.

The overwhelming feeling is that the struggle comes down to us against them; that grassroots mobilization must occur to send a message to those who refuse to hear the vox populi otherwise.

Not surprisingly, I was intrigued when I learned about the response of the French mass public to the ever-worsening hostage situation in Columbia. On April 6, upwards of 35,000 protesters marched through the streets of Paris in a massive marche blanche (“white march”), as well as thousands more in Nice and Dijon. These marches occurred with the full support of French President Nicolas Sarkozy. He made a televised address directly to the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (Fuerzas Armadas Revolucionarias de Colombia - FARC) about the situation. Additionally, his son Jean and wife Carla Bruni marched in the streets alongside the tens of thousands of picketing Parisians.

Also among the protesters were French State Secretary for Human Rights Rama Yade, French Minister of Foreign Affairs Bernard Kouchner, French centrist politician François Bayrou and Argentine President Cristina Kirchner.

France’s involvement in this situation stems from a personal connection. While traveling in Colombia on her presidential campaign in 2002, Franco-Colombian politician Ingrid Betancourt was captured by the FARC, a Marxist guerrilla group. She has been held hostage in a Colombian jungle since 2002, slowly getting sicker and sicker, while her husband and children wait in France.

Regardless of this vested interest, the responses of both the French populace and its government elites are startling, at least to divided America. They show that matters of human rights violations are not ideological, political or religious in nature.

With such a crisis occurring, the unity of France’s government and its people sends the strongest possible message to the world. It provides legitimacy for any actions taken, such as France’s desire to send a plane full of medical equipment to Colombia or its demand that Colombian President Alvaro Uribe engage in a dialogue with the FARC.

It does not give the impression that an autocratic head of state is acting against the will of the public – a notion that can applied to the United States, as popular support for President Bush remains stagnant at about 30 percent.

As I milled through dozens of articles in French newspapers, I was surprised that I had never heard about Betancourt or the other 700 hostages being held by the FARC in the jungles of Colombia.

What surprised me even more, however, was that I had never heard of three American defense contractors who have been held hostage for five years. Newsweek, which calls the three men “America’s forgotten hostages,” reported in Feb. 2008 that President Bush has only ever publicly mentioned the hostages once, and then only in response to a specific question.

He said, “I’m deeply concerned about their fate.”

The U.S. is comfortable sitting on its living room couch watching syndicated sitcoms while letting other countries deal with any problem that cannot be solved with brute militarism.

President Sarkozy and Venezuela’s President Hugo Chávez – a notorious critic of President Bush – have both pushed for the FARC to engage in a deal with the Colombian government that would include a prisoner exchange. However, the U.S. Department of Justice refuses to enter into negotiations for such an exchange.

Still, Betancourt wrote in a letter to her mother in Oct. 2007, “I think of the generosity of the United States... With President Chávez, President Bush and the solidarity of the whole continent, we may be able to witness a miracle.”

Such a miracle, the freedom of Betancourt and the hundreds of other hostages, will only occur with prudent diplomacy from a variety of sources. The United States cannot sit idly by while its citizens are being held captive in a South American jungle.

More information and a petition for the hostages’ release can be found at: http://agirpouringrid.com/La-petition.html.

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Preview and Predictions

JOHN HILL, DSJ SPORTS EDITOR

It’s that time again: the NFL Draft is just around the corner, and here are my predictions for 2008. While no Tribe players were invited to the NFL Combine in Indianapolis, Drew Atchison (’08), the Tribe’s standout tight end, is receiving some attention and could end up drafted in the later rounds. Scouns.com projects Atchison as either a seventh rounder or an undrafted free agent, but regardless, Atchison will likely at least try out for a NFL team this fall. As for the all-important big name talents of the first round, my predictions for the draft will hopefully prove better than last month’s NCAA tournament bracket. Just as in March, I’m drafting my picks a few days prior to the fateful draft day, so we again either laugh at my failures or revel in my scouting guru status. And with that, I present to you my official DSJ NFL 2008 draft picks.

1) Miami Dolphins: Jake Long OT, Michigan—Early reports are that Miami is negotiating almost exclusively with Long prior to the draft in hopes of having a contract in place before the draft occurs. Long is the epitome of a bookend left tackle and has the size and mean streak to play on the right side as well. If not Jake Long, the pick will be Vernon Gholston or Chris Long, both DE/OLB tweener who can help the Dolphins’ aging pass rush.

2) St. Louis Rams: Chris Long DE, Virginia—Long is the ideal type of prospect for teams. Not only does he possess an excellent catalogue of stats racked up at UVA and the blessing of ex-NFL head coach (and current UVA coach) Al Groh, but he has the best NFL pedigree possible as the son of ex-Raider Hall of Famer Howie Long. Long is a lock to be off the board in the top six; my bet is that he goes either first or second, depending on Miami’s ability to have a contract in place with either of the two Longs they are considering.

3) Atlanta Falcons: Glenn Dorsey DT, Louisiana State—Up until today, I would have had Boston College QB Matt Ryan in this spot because the Falcons have no starting quality QB on their roster. But because the New York Times broke that Dorsey’s injury was a smokescreen, he belongs in the top three. He had an impressive pro day and can start immediately on the interior line.

4) Oakland Raiders: Darren McFadden RB, Arkansas—Al Davis loves talent, is incredibly unpredictable and especially loves speed. There is no denying that McFadden has speed, and should he add size to his legs and upper body, he could be an elite back in the NFL. Some questions do exist regarding McFadden’s character, as he has at least two children already and has been involved in several scuffles at clubs. However, the Raiders have never shied from big talent with big baggage, so I don’t expect them to now.

5) Kansas City Chiefs: Brandon Albert OG/OT, Virginia—I think that LT Ryan Clady could fall a little after his below-average Wonderlic intelligence test results. Clady’s slide, and the fact that Albert’s athletic prowess may allow him to play multiple positions on the line, has vaulted Albert into the top five with teammate Chris Long.
6) New York Jets: Vernon Gholston OLB, Ohio State—While the Jets spent a considerable amount of money on OLB Calvin Pace among other big-name free agents, the Giants proved in the Super Bowl that a team can never have too many pass rushers. Gholston is a freakishly well-built athlete: not only is he fast, but one could say that “he has two of the best tickets to the gun show” in the draft. A cornerback to compliment star rookie Darelle Revis is another possibility here, but I doubt the Jets can pass on Gholston or let him fall to the rival Patriots.

7) New England Patriots: Leodis McKelvin CB, Troy—While nothing is ever a guarantee with Bill Belichick at the helm for the Patriots, the departures of All-Pro cornerbacks Asante Samuel, Randall Gay and Eugene Wilson have left the Pats secondary in need of help. McKelvin is arguably the top rated CB in the draft, and his ability to return kicks and punts will vault him to the top of the class.

8) Baltimore Ravens: Matt Ryan QB, Boston College—Ryan could tumble after passing Miami and Atlanta, but I think Baltimore is ready to grab the heir apparent to Steve McNair. They know Louisville QB Brian Brohm won’t pass the Falcons in round two, so they will get their guy while he’s available rather than dealing with later trades and intrigue.

9) Cincinnati Bengals: Sedrick Ellis DT, Southern California—The pick is either Ellis or his USC teammate Keith Rivers here, but the fact that the Bengals actively sought and failed to secure any defensive tackles in free agency makes me think that a value as great as Ellis won’t fall any further, should he land here. He is an ideal fit in their 4-3 defense and can help stop the bleeding on a line that allowed almost 120 yards per game last year.

10) New Orleans Saints: Dominique Rodgers-Cromartie CB, Tennessee State—Rodgers-Cromartie is climbing up draft boards and may end up higher than this, but he still possesses a certain rawness. His relation to Antonio Cromartie, who emerged with nine picks this year for San Diego, certainly won’t hurt him and neither will his blazing 40-yard dash time from the combine.

11) Buffalo Bills: Devin Thomas WR, Michigan State—With both of the top two cornerbacks off the board, I really think the Bills could try and trade down further. They have a need at WR, but all of the WRs except for Thomas have fallen, from either injury concerns or general lack of elite talent. Thomas’ combination of size and speed make him worth the slight reach here.

12) Denver Broncos: Ryan Clady LT, Boise State—Clady slipped a tad, but is a worthy left tackle to help the Broncos run game and give Jay Cutler more time on the blind side. Keith Rivers also garners serious consideration here, but I think Clady offers better value.

13) Carolina Panthers: Chris Williams LT, Vanderbilt—Chris Williams has seen a general rise among most competitors, as his measureables prove that he is in fact the real deal. He is quick and a mauler, and he can help protect Jake Delhomme, who will struggle to recover from injury if the line does not improve this year.

14) Chicago Bears: Jeff Otah OT, Pittsburgh—The Bears need to build a line in front of “Sexy Rexy” before they can replace him and Otah has immense potential as the best player available right now on the line. While he may be raw in his talent, his elite size and strength and enormous upside seem to make him the likely choice.

15) Detroit Lions: Rashard Mendenhall RB, Illinois—Mendenhall is too tempting here for GM Matt Millen to pass up. With the elite offensive linemen off the board, the Lions will decide to wait on a DE and grab the RB of the future. Mendenhall is predicted by many to be a better rounded prospect than Darren McFadden and I personally feel that his career will outshine that of McFadden.
16) Arizona Cardinals: Keith Rivers LB, Southern California—While I had originally had the Cards getting the hometown cornerback Antoine Cason (a University of Arizona product), Rivers is too great of a value for a team that has lost one of their top linebackers (Calvin Pace) this off-season. Rivers posted incredible statistics in his USC workout, particularly his vertical leap of 42 inches.

17) Minnesota Vikings: Derrick Harvey DE, Florida—Harvey is the best available 4-3 DE. His versatility as a pass rusher and his size to stop the run make him the perfect fit here. He can stop the run with his added bulk, but still has the top end speed to get off the edge and rush the quarterback.

18) Houston Texans: Mike Jenkins CB, South Florida—The Texans need help at cornerback and Jenkins has actually been ranked by some as the top CB in this class. Antoine Cason and Aqib Talib warrant consideration as well, but Jenkins is the best option in pure man coverage, as he can match up physically with almost any wide receiver.

19) Philadelphia Eagles: Limas Sweed WR, Texas—Much like Roy Williams before him, I see great things in the future for Sweed. He is extremely tall at over 6’4” but still runs incredibly well and is a good run blocker. He has great hands and has proved that he can play in the big game. The only knock on Sweed, and the reason he is still available now at 19, is that he missed his whole senior year due to a wrist injury. However, he is apparently healthy now and should be completely ready for training camp next year.

20) Tampa Bay Buccaneers: DeSean Jackson WR, California—Despite being under 5’10”, Jackson is as elusive as any player in this draft. The Bucs are in desperate need of playmakers on offense, and he can play as both a KR and WR and can make a Devin Hester-esque impact at this point.

21) Washington Redskins: Phillip Merling DE, Clemson—Some experts actually like Merling more than his former teammate Gaines Adams, who was selected fourth overall by the Buccaneers last year. Merling is one of the last of the 4-3 defensive ends, and the ‘Skins would be lucky to snag him after the likes of Minnesota, Carolina, Houston and several others who could all use a solid upgrade at DE.

22) Dallas Cowboys: Jonathon Stewart RB, Oregon—Stewart’s toe injury is a concern but he is a great value this low, and the ‘Boys could use someone to compliment Marion Barber III after losing Julius Jones in free agency. All indications are that Stewart will make a full recovery from the injury, and the Cowboys have the luxury of taking the best available player here.

Going Pro:
Drew Atchison

2007 Stats with Tribe Football

Position: Tight End
Receptions: 34
Yards: 475
Touchdowns: 6

At right, Atchison scores a touchdown during the Tribe’s 2007 game against U-Mass. Photo courtesy of Tribe Athletics.
23) Pittsburgh Steelers: Gosder Cherilus OT, Boston College—As much as I would love to say that he will be there for the Jets in Round two, I think this team needs offensive line help and he has the mean streak and the talent to bring it. Cherilus is a mauler in the trenches and the Steelers could use help at several spots on the line. He brings an immediate impact capability to the right tackle spot.

24) Tennessee Titans: Malcolm Kelly WR, Oklahoma—Kelly is the biggest question mark for me in the entire draft. I have seen projections of him going as high as 11th overall to the Bills, but have heard rumors that his recent 40-yard dash woes (no times below 4.6) could land him as low as the fourth round. However, the Titans need WR badly and the only addition they made this off-season was Justin McCareins from the Jets. I watched all 16 Jets games last year, and it wouldn’t be unfair to characterize McCareins’ play as—at best—crappy. Kelly is a good talent who has hurt himself with a bad attitude and excuses, but he can make an impact on the next level.

25) Seattle Seahawks: Kentwan Balmer DT, North Carolina—Balmer’s good combination of size, quickness and strength will help to fortify the interior of the Hawks’ line, which needs improvement. Without any of the three top RBs left, the Seahawks are forced to decide whether they reach for McFadden’s teammate Felix Jones, who probably can’t carry a full load his rookie year or address a different need. Balmer is a much safer pick and a bit of a steal this late.

26) Jacksonville Jaguars: Calais Campbell DE, Miami—The last of the first round 4-3 defensive ends, Campbell had a monstrous sophomore year but a lackluster junior campaign. However, sheer need and a lot of potential make this a worthy pick. Campbell is as talented a player as any on the defensive line, but he was plagued by double teams and a bad defensive around him and did not post impressive combine numbers. Nonetheless, the Jags would help cement their future line here.

27) San Diego Chargers: Carl Nicks OT, Nebraska—The Chargers need a new RT and Nicks is the best prospect on the board. With Nicks marking the end of the premier RTs, he seems like a likely candidate to get the call and replace Shane Olivea.

28) Dallas Cowboys: Aqib Talib CB, Kansas State—A great tackler who also is a ball hawk, Talib is the full package and brings good versatility to the secondary. He has great size at 6’2” and is also a threat to play free safety at the next level. He is as good a cornerback, particularly in man coverage, as anyone in the draft, but character concerns have dropped him to the end of the first round.

29) San Francisco 49ers: Quentin Groves DE, Auburn—A perfect fit at 3-4 OLB, he is a specimen with good size and speed will be better than Calvin Pace would have been in their system. Groves did have heart surgery recently, but reports from within the 49ers organization suggest that they are unconcerned.

30) Green Bay Packers: Antoine Cason CB, Arizona—The last of the elite cornerbacks, Cason is a zone player who can read quarterbacks better than any other in the draft. He will increase their already prominent ball hawking secondary and learn from the aging but still great Al Harris and Charles Woodson.


32) New York Giants: Kenny Phillips S, Miami—This is a little late for the first true safety to come off the board, but Phillips has slid after slow numbers at the combine and his pro day. Nonetheless, he can help ease the loss of Gibril Wilson in New York.
Tribe Re-Takes the Field in Spring Scrimmage

JOHN HILL, DSJ SPORTS EDITOR

For those of you who, like myself, feel that football is your athletic lifeblood, I have good news. The Tribe has re-taken the field in preparations for next year’s season. Additionally, the Tribe’s 2008 schedule is now posted both online and outside of Zable. When I became aware of this fact as I walked back from the College Delly, my night reached a new plateau of excitement (as sad as that may be), as I tried to instantly decide if the Tribe had any chance of improvement on last season’s mediocre record.

The Tribe recently took the field in their annual spring scrimmage. About 1,000 fans and families poured into Zable Stadium on April 12 to watch the immensely improved Tribe defensive unit run the show. Backup quarterback R.J. Archer (’09) was under constant pressure, and after being generally hounded with sacks and defensive players constantly in the backfield, this led to several turnovers. Projected starter Jake Phillips took only two series of play.

The offense was held to only one score, on a three-yard drive by Jimmy Hobson, which capped off a 12-play, 65-yard drive. Otherwise, the offensive unit was generally solid but unimpressive. Archer completed 9 of 18 passes for 131 yards and hooked up All-Conference wide receiver Elliot Mack for a 50-yard catch—the offense will rely heavily on Mack’s big play ability this coming season.

Head Coach Jimmye Laycock did show concern for the offense’s performance. “The offense was somewhat inconsistent out there this afternoon,” he said. “We didn’t catch the ball well. We tried to get a number of different receivers involved today. R.J. and Jake are doing fine, but we need to be more consistent catching the ball. Our running backs are young and still learning.”

The Tribe faithful shouldn’t worry about the QB situation as Phillips played fairly well and should show improvement. Additionally, I personally have a lot of faith in the young RB corps. They have a lot of talent, which should flash big play capability. The major question marks are at WR, which will struggle besides Mack, especially with the loss of graduating TE Drew Atchison.

Defensively, the unit looks solid and should help keep the Tribe in more contests next year. I do not expect more games like the Delaware shellacking; rather, lower scoring contests seem more likely for the College.

At the conclusion of the scrimmage, the Tribe named its 2008 captains: the aforementioned Phillips and Mack, All-Conference cornerback Derek Cox and linebacker Josh Rutter.

Tribe Schedule: Fall 2008

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The Tribe’s captains for the 2008 season were named at their spring scrimmage. From left, Jake Phillips (’09), Josh Rutter (’09), Elliot Mack (’09), Derek Cox (’09). Photo courtesy of Tribe Athletics.
The Promise of Spring

It’s springtime at the College. As usual, this means flowers in the sundial, trips to Jamestown Beach and long, sunny days studying for exams with the windows open. But this year, spring carries new meaning for our campus, one of renewal.

Decisions will be made next year that will change the College. We look forward to finding out about a new mascot, new buildings and a new president. It’s clear we’ve survived controversy, but the focus now is on renewal.

With such a time of transformation ahead of us, we must keep in mind that a reputation precedes us outside of Williamsburg. Whether we’re leaving for the summer or for the rest of our lives, that reputation isn’t affected by the controversy of the day. Our reputation is about what we have to offer. It’s about our passions and our skills, and the College’s extended community knows that. Alumni are working in offices and departments in private and public service all around the world, and they’re cheering us on.

In the end, our small town and our College are just the training grounds for the more important role we are expected to take on once we enter that “real” world beyond our brick walls. The Student Assembly, President Valerie Hopkins and Vice President Zach Pilchen have all proven their dedication to this vision in their efforts to expand student voting and involvement in Williamsburg. There is nothing more valiant than encouraging participation in the political decision-making process. We applaud these efforts.

But, that’s not to say there is not work left to do.

Seniors Brad Potter and Brett Philips, both involved in starting the Student Chamber of Commerce (SCC), were working towards bringing a car service to campus that could potentially prove to be both environmentally friendly and economically smart. We hope the SCC will not back down on these kinds of options and creative brainstorming, and we commend their successful efforts thus far in bringing students and the business community together. Students are just as well served by a proactive student government as they are by a chamber that seeks to achieve these goals.

We also have three successful student-run newspapers here on campus. The DSJ will strive in the coming year, as we have in years previous, to foster vigorous competition in news and opinions among these publications. We respect our fellow student journalists and believe in each of our missions to advance the ideas and communication of our town and our College.

The view from here says next year is going to be fantastic.

We are eager to welcome the class of 2012, which will be the most diverse in College history. A record 11,622 students applied, which was an increase of 777 from last year.

Of those admitted, 1,207 are students of color. This is a 16.7 percent increase from last year’s admitted class. Additionally, the number of admitted first-generation college students is 400, up by 17 students from last year’s record, 383.

For all they have done, we salute the class of 2008. Then, in the promise of spring, we look with optimism and enthusiasm to what the next year on this great campus will bring.

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