With his wife by his side, Gene R. Nichol is sworn into office at a ceremony in the Great Hall of the Wren Building.
Beyond the ‘Burg

**TEXTBOOK PRICES RISE AT DOUBLE RATE OF INFLATION**

(UTC-2) BOULDER, Colo. — University of Colorado-Boulder students who feel they are plugging deeper into their bank accounts for school textbooks might be right.

A report released Tuesday by the U.S. Government Accountability Office found the price of textbooks increased 8 percent on average each year over the last two decades, twice the rate of U.S. inflation.

The report estimates a student at a four-year institution — paid $498 for textbooks during the 2003 to 2004 academic year. College textbook prices nearly tripled from 1986 to 2004, the GAO report concluded. But during the same span, tuition and fees rose even higher, 240 percent, according to the report.

The GAO report said textbooks are increasingly bundled with supplemental materials such as workbooks and CDs-ROM, accounting for much of the cost increase.

Publishers are also releasing new editions of textbooks more frequently, according to the GAO.

Patrick Schroeder, president and chief executive officer of the Association of American Publishers, said the association endorses the GAO’s findings, though it contends how much students are really paying for books.

“Our key concern with GAO’s report is that they rely on data that do not reflect the true cost of books to students,” Schroeder said in a statement Tuesday. “Two independently derived estimates, based on actual sales data from the National Association of College Stores and the Association of American Publishers, confirmed that the average, full-time equivalent student actually spends about $510 per year on textbooks, far less than the $589 figure used repeatedly in GAO’s report.”

NACS, a trade group of 3,300 college store owners, estimates students spent a combined $6.5 billion on textbooks and course materials in 2003-2004.

The College estimates an average student spends $483 for books in 2003-2004. ... by Matt Williams, Colorado Daily (U. Colorado) & Danielle Espino, Online Editor  

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The College reviewed inspection reports of all residential housing but was forced to request that people stop making donations of goods because there were too many. Each student was provided $200 for repairs, including some that were brought to the attention of the police. According to Vice President for Administration Anna Martin, projects completed over the summer included renovation of the fraternity complex, a comprehensive fire alarm system in the fraternity houses, an update of the electrical wiring in some fraternity houses and a new basketball court in William and Mary Hall. The new basketball court is now open to the public for use.
Under the MICROSCOPE

Researchers designate gossip as vital survival tool

By William Angley

The scourge of gossip is something that almost all high school students need to worry about, either by keeping up on the latest dirt about all one’s classmates or by avoiding becoming the focus of it. Unfortunately, when one enters college, one finds that not much has changed; maybe it is even worse now that people literally live at school. But according to a new report in the Aug. 18 online edition of The New York Times, this may actually be a good thing because gossip is a vital component of the school environment.

According to the Times, despite the extremely captivating nature of gossip in everyday human interactions, researchers have generally neglected studying it, presuming that it was mere “back- ground noise,” entertaining but serving no actual purpose. But new research seems to be turning this view around, suggesting that gossip is an integral part of group interaction that may even promote survival.

Professor of biology and anthropology David Sloan Wilson, who works at the State University of New York at Binghamton, is one researcher leading this change.

“There has been a tendency to designate gossip as sloppy and unreliable,” Sloan told the Times. “But gossip appears to be a very sophisticated, multi-functional interaction, which is important in policing behaviors in a group and defining group membership.”

As anyone who has ever played a game of telephone knows, gossip can be both truthful and entirely self-interested. But this does not preclude its vital role in human interaction. According to the Times, the roots of gossip lie in ancient grooming rituals. Individuals form a mutually reinforcing relationship by sharing important information.

Two studies by Knox College Professor of Psychology Frank McAndrew and his former student Megan Bellavance, that were published in the Journal of Applied Social Psychology indicate that gossiping in regard to status is closely related to an individual’s survival.

“People actively seek out and make use of information that will be useful in competition for social status with other individuals,” McAndrew said, and reported the Knox College website Jan. 21, 2001.

The stereotype of gossip as the realm of high school gossips and snobs may not be entirely unfounded, say the authors of a separate study, “Informational warfare,” by Nickle C. Hoss of the University of California at Santa Barbara and Edward H. Hogan of Humboldt University in Berlin. These researchers found similar results to McAndrew, particularly among women, where the authors claimed “gossip is more ‘specialized’ for gossip than men. The authors speculated that gossip may have evolved as a product of high ‘rules in gossip’ competition among women relative to men.

But gossip does not only destroy reputations. According to the Times, gossip can also help to protect the group by promoting socially responsible behavior. A study by Wilson of 195 men and women about situations in which it is appropriate to talk behind a neighbor’s back found that people believed gossiping to be necessary in certain situations. For example, if a cattle rancher neglected to repair his fence and allows his cattle to graze in other people’s fields, other people would gossip about it as a way of warning them, so long as they objected.

“[Sometimes] you’re obligated to tell, like an informed version of the honor code at colleges,” Wilson said.

In a study of a minority college town, anthropologist Kevin Kifflin of the University of Wisconsin found that when a newTOTAL, the faculty and the students of the College, say- ing that they were disappointed that they had done, and what they were bringing to the table,” Magill said, asking them to remember of reexcitement that they would be the last time he would not know all the words to the College’s alma mater. “I am going to hold you to that,” Magill said, reminding the students of the announcement of Nichol as president-elect, when he said that would be the last time he would not know all the words to the College’s alma mater.

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Early Refinancing

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Advisers

By Jay Hershey

The new ruling by the Supreme Court that allows consumers to begin repaying their student loans, and student loan servicers to begin collecting payments, will be a welcome change for many consumers. But it will also bring some challenges for those who are already repaying their loans, as well as for those who are new to the process.

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Evil twins and "pharming"

Phishing and email fraud are still a problem, but they're not the only threats to online security. New threats like "evil twins" and "pharming" are emerging, and they're becoming more sophisticated.

Evil twins are wireless networks that are set up by hackers to look like legitimate networks, but are actually designed to steal information. "Pharming" is a technique where hackers redirect someone's browser to a fake website that looks like the real thing, but is actually controlled by the hacker.

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Welcome, one and all to the College of William & Mary. We appreciate that you found our editorial, the only place in our paper where The Flat Hat’s editorial board expresses its collective opinion each week. Take some time and look over our entire paper; there are all kinds of great writing on the pages, in the columns and crannies of our pages. Now that we’ve thoroughly bored you with our self-serving commentary, let’s talk a little more about you, the incoming Freshman class.

As we reported on page one, your class is the most diverse and, academically speaking, one of the strongest classes ever to attend the College. While we are always proud of our fellow students’ educational achievements, the future belongs far beyond the SAT scores and GPAs of yesterday. Learning as much as you can from each other and our world-class faculty is by far the best way to grow as a person, a citizen and an intellectual. Make no mistake, at the College you are among some of the finest students and dedicated members of academia.

Given all this, our suggestion then is to make the most of those resources, your fellow classmates, professors and administrators. As news from around the world constantly pops up, it is becoming increasingly obvious that the world is a much smaller place than it used to be. We must recognize, therefore, that those with different backgrounds and traditions are not just皇上, but also our brothers and sisters.

This increased diversity and connection with others is a useful and practical situation. On this campus, our diverse yet compatible interests translate into a plethora of activities from which new students can choose. The Activities Fair Tuesday is an excellent source for exploring the many organizations on campus, as nearly all will be there in William & Mary Hall. We strongly encourage you to attend every club, sports or Greek organization meeting you can; as a freshman, it’s very easy to quickly slip into a rut, and if the activity turns out not be your cup of tea. Either way, the best way to find your niche (like, I don’t know, journalism) is to test everything and hold fast to what is great.

An important difference between high school, you will quickly notice, is that you aren’t going to do things just to build a resume as you perhaps used to. Our advice is to go ahead and try it, even if it seems outside your comfort zone. Try it! Like in every social group feasible and don’t worry so much about regular staying hours. Stay late, enjoy your independence and adjust to the more open atmosphere of the college lifestyle.

Finally, don’t feel intimidated by the matter of roommate. Doing business with roommates, roommates of a certain institution, no doubt, but getting a “B” isn’t the end of the world. Don’t worry. It’s not happening. Students don’t have to get along with their roommates and it will be nearly impossible to do anything else, so make that your top priority. As you go through college, we know that you will enjoy yourself, but it’s always best to remember that your fellow students, your professors and your win are your best assets. Take care of them and they will take care of you. Have a great year.

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Communication 101:

Freshman, one of the most difficult things that you’ll have to face here at the College will probably be living alone. Is this something you’ve in question – in that case you’ll prob- ably be a freshman. Campus along with a roommate can be difficult, but you both need to work to keep things going. It is unlikely that many of you have lived in a close quarters with someone you actually know for a long period of time, so the transition can be tough. There are some things that both of you (or ‘all of you’ if you have two roommates or sometimes in the case of the co-op) can do to keep things running smoothly. First of all, try to follow the roommate guidelines that are pro- vided by the College. The best thing my roommate and I ever did was sit down and make sure that we both had rules and that we stuck to them. It was helpful. We grew to like each other, but it didn’t happen overnight. There’s that saying - ‘Roommates are like third parents’ - and it’s true. Don’t assume. Be patient.

Dan Schumacher

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Six spots guaranteed to make the 'Burg fun

Jamestown Beach

Everyday from the beach and until cold weather hits we would all do well to spend some time relaxing on the sand. Virginia Beach is beautiful but hardly worth spending half the day on. It’s been noted that this will be the coldest winter in years, so there is no time like the present to enjoy the warm sun and sand.

Free Parking

Don’t miss the annual Jefferson Day celebration held each year in May. It attracts people from all over the country. The highlight of the event is the fireworks display. The best place to watch the fireworks is from the beach.

The Bookseller

There’s more to the College bookstore than forcing your parents into a third mortgage to pay for your first semester textbooks. While the store’s main attraction is its huge selection of books, they also sell a wide variety of William and Mary-themed items, perfect gifts for gradma or Aunt Petunia this Christmas.

Rainfield Theatre

If your feel like you’re up for something a little more upscale, Rainfield Theatre is a great venue to enjoy live music and art. It’s a small theatre, but the performances are always top-notch.

The Daily Grind

Located on Duke of Gloucester Street, The Daily Grind is a great place to grab a cup of coffee and a sandwich. They also have a selection of pastries and baked goods.

Scoop on legal, free and un-ticketed parking in Williamsburg. Tucked away parallel parking is a prerequisite skill. As for that long and dreary walk back to the medical complex are yours to park in. Be warned, spots fill up quickly and slow past the houses until you reach Mt. Vernon Avenue. Turn right here slowly, and the parking spot is yours.

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• Concurrently running 45-minute interest sessions are being offered from 2 to 5 p.m. in the University Center. Whether you’re interested or not, be sure to miss the sessions on student-friendly financial advice and study abroad programs. Both offer information with lifelong benefits. Skip the library tour.

Wednesday

• Looking for letter clues, drama spoofed by bigger drunks, and maybe even a little music, but don’t want to make the monetary commitment to a bigger divas, and maybe even a little music, but don’t want to make the monetary commitment to a

Thursday

• Sano-To-Go is still open for the warm months. Located down Richmond Road just past the 7- Eleven, they serve delicious, gourmet coffee and include a free bag of pumpkin spice coffee!

Friday

• Hypnotist extraordinary Tom Deluca will be up to his usual tricks at Phi Beta Kappa Hall at 8 p.m. Whether you fall into his spell or not, audience participation usually makes this show worth watching. Besides, it’s not like there’s anything else going on.

Saturday

• Most marathon routes are dull, but don’t miss the West Building Tour. You haven’t stopped hearing about it (yes, it’s still on) since you first signed up, get a good look at Colosseum for The Mars Volta. The radio-friendly prog rock group will be touring it as usual. Go to galleries. System of a Down are opening. Tickets are $30 to $43, the show is at 7 p.m. Morining is required and smiling is discouraged.

Sunday

• Come to the only job event all year where you won’t be challenged to a fight or have to worry about drinking from an open container. Food, games and the company of the fraternity and sorority community will all free at the “Meet the Greeks” function from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at Yazo field.

Horoscopes

Taurus: April 20 - May 20
You’re running for SA, but know that in innumerable wayward marinations. Unless you own a website entitled “If 101 ways I’m the best” leave your name off the ballot.

Gemini: May 21 - June 21
College is a sea of potential hook-ups. Your bright career as a social deviant last but only four years, but the STB will be with you for a lifetime

Cancer: June 21 - July 22
You’re on your own in a new place and have no one to turn to except a long-over looking R.A. Scary, right? Rest easy. The Flat Hat is here to help you through it all.

Leo: July 23 - Aug. 22
Moving into a new dorm is hard work, especially if all the hell. Save yourself the trouble and don’t speak – you’ll be expelled by the end of the week, anyway.

Virgo: Aug. 23 - Sept. 22
It’s your time to play doctor. Your new friends are your patients. Sell your books for more money.

Libra: Sept. 23 - Oct. 22
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Scorpio: Oct. 23 - Nov. 21
After this tough year in high school, you’re one-person party is finally here. Time to really RAGE IT, college style. Don’t be shy, you’re the best, whatever that is.

Sagittarius: Nov. 22 - Dec. 21
So, you’re living in Bonfire. See those dorms like building down the road? Get used to those; they’re about to be the beginning and end of your social life.

Capricorn: Dec. 22 - Jan. 19
You may call philosophy the pursuit of truth and wisdom, but here in the real world we call it “somenous studies.” Consider switching to government.

Aquarius: Jan. 20 - Feb. 18
Orientation may be the dullest week of your life, but it’s also a chance to show how cool you are. Play a sweet prank on your RA and win the respect of your hall mates. 

Pisces: Feb. 19 - March 20
Looks like you’ve got The Roommate from Hell. Learn how to cope with irritating habits and unusual odors, or just crash in the library every night.

Aries: March 21 - April 19
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We Liked Freshmen!

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Interested?

Fall Recruitment Meetings Are Sunday, August 21 and Sunday, August 28 From 4-5 P.M. In The Campus Center Basement. Don’t Get Lost.

Variety Calendar

August 20 - August 26

Crossword Puzzle

Across
1. “Romero” sports
5. Bottom of a boat
9. Yankee Stadium
14. Jump (out), as from a plane
15. Woodwind
16. Main artery
17. Theodore Roosevelt
18. Theodore Roosevelt’s moniker
19. Take to jail
20. Suffix with Gator
21. “___ Man Answers” (Sandra Dee’s film)
22. “___ Onions” (dubious term)
23. Jump (out), as from a plane
24. Overly common
25. Book Aristotle’s Ethics
27. Black-dressed animal
30. Parole commercially
31. Not silently
32. Fred Astaire’s sister
33. Kind of candle
34. ___ Park, Colo.
35. Not silently
36. Depth charge target
37. Mid-month date
38. Machine cylinders
39. ___ bourgeois
40. Arthur Fiedler, e.g.
41. Word before “that” or “out”
42. Praise
43. Word before “that” or “out”
44. Two five-spots
45. Numerous
46. Drinking spree
47. “Waterloo” pop group
48. World’s largest menorah
49. Theodore Roosevelt’s group
50. Arthur Fiedler, e.g.
51. Tennis score after setting
52. Singer with Gator
53. Elevator man
54. Jet Propulsion Lab
55. Basic belief
56. Jet Propulsion Lab
57. The “L” of L.A.
58. Popular jeans
59. September’s birthstone
60. WSW’s reverse grp.
61. School transport
62. Fire for all
63. Praise
64. Word before “that” or “out”
65. Edgar Bergen’s ___
66. Tea leaves reader

Down
1. “Exodus” author
2. Paul Astor’s sister
3. Basic belief
4. ___, Porky, Oka
5. Wood before “that” or “out”
6. Depth charge target
7. The “L” of L.A.
8. Popular jeans
9. September’s birthstone
10. Theodore Roosevelt’s group
11. “Rule Britannia” songwriter
12. Color paint
13. Lacking
14. Block
15. Theodore Roosevelt’s munster
16. High农副
17. Aspect
18. Third to spiders
19. Kind of candle
20. “Waterloo” pop group
21. Piano
22. Main artery
23. Theodore Roosevelt
24. Theodore Roosevelt’s moniker
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Variety

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compiled by max fisher
Tell me about your summer.

Any fun freshman year anecdotes?

What are you majoring in and why?

What drove you to get involved with student government?

What are some of your goals as SA president?

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**The Good, The Bad, and The Pretty:**
Ellis adaptations from "American" to "Zero"

By Kyle Menua

Bret Easton Ellis has never been particularly concerned with beginnings or endings. That's why an el en's novel is just rambling and endless. As a result, the author hasn't a clue what follows Ellis on his way to "Lunar Park" seems wary of an earlier novel, "The Rules of Attraction," that by the time the author believes is his father. Meanwhile Peter and Lois coach a cross-country trip to meet a man he erroneously believes is his father. Meanwhile Peter and Lois coach a

"A "Family Guy" is only as good as its throw-

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distances the reader from the life
dominating a book so rife with self-

donning sportswear, UGGs lat ee fashion class

**Figures of Speech**

We are not exactly what we might call "sporty". We probably only own these pairs of gym shoes and two sport bras because

Ellen DeGeneres is a diva and through her TV talk show "The Ellen DeGeneres Show," she is also a role model for women who aspire to be like her. Her influence is significant and has affected many people's views on beauty and fashion. She is known for her quirky and often silly manner of speaking, which has become a staple of her show. Her fashion choices are also notable, as she often wears bright and colorful outfits, which have become a hallmark of her style. She is also a strong advocate for various causes, including animal rights, and has used her platform to raise awareness for these issues. Her impact on the fashion industry is undeniable, and she continues to be a source of inspiration for many women around the world. **Lazy students donning sportswear, UGGs late to fashion class**

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**Off the Rack**

Jess Novak and Lauren Oglesby

We are not exactly what we might call "sporty." We probably only own these pairs of gym shoes and two spport bras because although we care, on occasion, be found at the gym, we work out to keep ourselves in shape, not because we like being in shape. This is a common issue among women, who often struggle with body image and self-esteem. As a result, they may feel the need to constantly change their bodies to meet societal standards of beauty. However, this can lead to a cycle of disordered eating, exercise addiction, and low self-esteem. It is important to remember that there is no one "perfect" body type, and that everyone's definition of beauty is different. It is essential to focus on a healthy and balanced lifestyle that prioritizes physical and mental well-being. **Lazy students donning sportswear, UGGs late to fashion class**

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Charlee and the Chocolate Factory (PG)
Desperate Housewives (PG-13)
Eva Longoria, Grease (PG)
Desperate Land (PG-13)
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Four Brothers (PG)
Lose Control (PG-13)
2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 7:40, 10:40, 10:00
Hustle & Flow (R)
Weirdos (PG-13)
1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:20
London is planning to launch its own hot tub at the end of the month. The so-called "Avenue Of The Stars" has been created by the very people who gave us the Ugg Boot. Much like the gym shoe, however, Cross Fusion has been perverted. Initially, they were revered in Colorado for people who summate out of doors (we're not sure we have any), and that is where they ought to stay. There is a time and a place for everything — the time and the place for Cross is far away from our delicate sensibilities. There are also the troubling problem of those charming, striped, polka-dotted, brightly colored rainboots. The problem being that we think they are adorable, but absolutely horridly overrated. They were great when a few girls were wearing them around campus. But have become absolutely grotesque now that every scantily-clad pair of them wears them not only when it is raining, but when it looks like it might rain, or when it rains, or when it turns a shade grey. We also find it galling that these girls actually roll their pants up to show off their stinky rainboots, much do their UGGS.

It strikes us as so rather pathetic that Williamshere has so little to offer in terms of fashion moods that when one occurs like this, everyone insists on crossing the bridge anyway and rid it in rain. However, we appreciate that these girls manage to actually find something appropriate to wear in the rain. We would like to leave a good percentage of Williamsburg females with one more reason to inappropriate footwear: high heels in the rain on cobbles don't necessarily mix. We know you were all excited about that outfit, but we are living in a swamp, and you should expect to have to change your plans to match weather conditions by now. We're sorry, but you should have expected for an appropriate time so bring these back. They would look extremely "appropriate." Then again, at the end of the season they may be used in the football game.

Uggs are a form of footwear that began as a sheepskin slippers worn mostly by the wealthy farmers in the Western United States. The name "Uggs" is derived from the British term for "ugly". These shoes are typically made of sheepskin, with a wool lining and rubber or leather soles. They are popular in the cold weather because they provide excellent insulation and comfort.

Today

Now it's your turn to be the critic. E-mail fhrws@wm.edu or come to one of our weekly meetings, Sundays at 5:30 in the Campus Center basement.
in future seasons. For fans.

and the idea that cooler nighttime temperatures of 2001 in order to draw more football recruits was considering purchasing lights in the fall. The College confirmed for this coming season or not, I don’t know,” said Head Coach James Laycock said after the JMU game.

"Wasn’t much money," Clawson said. "I was just on the outside of it. I knew the injuries were coming. The other thing was, we had a young team, so the novelty of having the lights in the fall was something that I was looking forward to." He added that the College has been discussing the possibility of future night games.

"It’s been a real positive for us," Clawson said. "We’ve had a few good games in the dark, and we’ve had a lot of good feedback from the fans." He also said that the College is planning to purchase lights for the stadium in time for the Nov. 5 home game against James Madison University that will be played under the lights.

Celebrating its 70th anniversary, Zable Stadium gets a facelift. The track is being replaced, and lights will be added in time for the Nov. 5 home game.

The College hopes to use the lights to increase enthusiasm and fan support for the future programs.

"Because of last year’s success and the strong leadership of Head Coach James Laycock, there is a great deal of enthusiasm for the Tribe football," Athletic Director Terry Driscoll said. "The generosity of the donor, for which we are most appreciative, will enable us to build that enthusiasm with the excitement of night football."

Night games have become a topic of concern between the College and Williamsburg residents, somewhat reminiscent of the controversy sparked by the new dorms on Backdale Field. Concerns include light pollution as well as possible safety and security issues.

However, Sports Information Director Pete Clawson expressed that discussions between the College and city and community representatives have been productive.

We have also used this project to open a greater dialogue between the College and the neighborhoods regarding the impact of home football games on the community.

The project is expected to take place in time for the Tribe to take on JMU Nov. 5. The College expects an average of two night games per year in future seasons.

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The lights will be on for the first time in 2006, and the College is planning to use them for future night games. The first night game will be against James Madison University.

"I think this is a major step forward for our football program," said Laycock. "We’ve been working on this for a long time, and I’m excited to see it come to fruition."
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Some find Lake Manuka to be one of the most picturesque spots on campus, despite its name. The lake is closed to swimming in the 1980s, but don't let the toxic sludge scare you away. Students love to have you, too, as members are more than willing to help new players.

SPORTS CALENDAR

**SUNDAY**
- It's BYOB! Bring Your Own Body — alone, please! At the Late Night at the Rec event from 9 p.m. to midnight you can take advantage of the Rec Center's gym or pool. Outside activities will be available on Beach Tuff. A band will also be playing, so you can have a good time getting down with your bean bag self. The event is completely free and open to all students, faculty and staff.

**MONDAY**
- Men's soccer will play an exhibition match against the Ghana Under-17 National Team at 7 p.m. at Albert Daily Field. Admission for the game is $6 for adults and $4 for youth.

**TUESDAY**
- If you are feeling up to a particularly arduous journey, you can travel to Cincinnati, Ohio to watch the women's soccer team play the University of Cincinnati Bearcats at 7 p.m. By then you are probably sick of studying, so you can work up a sweat getting down with your inner bad self. The event is completely free and open to all students, faculty and staff.

**WEDNESDAY**
- Do you need to relieve some stress even though it's only the second day of classes? The Recreation Center opens at 6 a.m. and closes at 11 a.m. The pool is open from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

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**SATURDAY**
- Women's soccer begins an exhibition game against North Carolina State University at 2 p.m. Don't miss this! Mark your calendars, the Fullwell Studios can provide the Midfielders of the United States National Academy.

**WEEKLY SPORTS CALENDAR**
- The Sports Calendar, which occasionally refers to itself in the third person, always reserves this space to discuss the joys of playing basketball. Once classes begin, the basketball team meets every Monday and Tuesday night from 9:15 to 11 p.m. in Adair Gymnasium. The basketball club would love to have you. If you have never heard of basketball, the club would love to have you, too, as members are more than willing to help new players.
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