**Alarming Silence**

**The Informer “lights a fire” under the administration with investigation, leading to changes for fire alarms in dormitories**

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In the wee morning hours of September 9, an unknown group of people set off a fire extinguisher, which in turn set off the fire alarm in Gooch Hall. Minutes later, an estimated 70 residents huddled on the grass of Dupont Triangle. About 90 students reside in Gooch. The absent students were still in bed, unaware that the alarm had gone off.

“I didn’t even realize that something had happened until the next day,” said Adam Maryczyn, a freshman resident of Gooch. The problem was in the placement of the alarms. On each floor, there is only one alarm in the hallways, which are split, unfortunately, the hallways are split, preventing three or four rooms on each hall from receiving a noise loud enough to wake the average resident.

I contacted Chris Durden, Assistant Director of Residence Life, as part of my investigation. He was also contacted by concerned parents, and promises were made look into the matter. Although stating that the alarms “are tested annually and meet all pertinent state fire codes,” Durden agreed that additional alarms were needed, and the parents received assurance that these alarms would be installed in the next week. After a week had passed, the parents received assurance that these alarms would be installed over fall break. The alarms were not installed over fall break, nor were they installed in the month that has passed since then. Last week, after contacting Durden again, the parents were told that Simples, the company that installs the alarms, was on campus, and the alarms would be installed within the week.

On November 2, the alarms were, in fact, installed. However, Durden reported that the new alarms only “offered a slight improvement over the single horn,” but they have found an alarm with a more distinctive sound, and are working on finding a way to get the current power systems to accommodate them.

The delay seems to have been caused by a lack of parts. In the first two weeks that the alarms were supposed to have been installed, Simples did not have the necessary parts on campus. After that, the order for the new alarms seems to have gotten lost somewhere in the bureaucracy.

Regardless of the installation of the new fire alarms

NICHOL LECTURE

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“Professor in the House,” the Dupont/Botetourt Hall Councils’ self-proclaimed attempt to “bridge the gap between the Administration and the student body here at the College of William & Mary,” took an important step forward when they featured President Gene R. Nichol in the Dupont Pit on Wednesday, October 26. For approximately half an hour, Nichol spoke mostly about Constitutional law and former Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O’Connor, William & Mary’s newest chancellor, and then, for an additional thirty minutes, answered student questions. The topics Nichol discussed, while very revealing in terms of his own personal political ideologies, threatened to cross the invisible line between students and their professors.

Nichol began by commending Justice O’Connor and expressing his great admiration for her. He admitted to seeing her as a role model, despite her overall “record as a fairly conservative justice,” because of her “courageous and sort of selfless decision-making in a way that’s rare in American Constitutional law and American politics.” He went on to talk about her decisions concerning what he jokingly referred to as, “two non-controversial issues for presidents of universities to talk about: abortion and affirmative action.” Despite O’Connor’s conservative views, she made liberal decisions on both of these issues, upholding a woman’s right to abortion and maintaining the need for affirmative action. Nichol claimed, though, that it was not her liberal rulings that impressed him, but rather her apparent mentality that, “my friends don’t want it, my colleagues don’t want it, I don’t even necessarily think this is the way I wish the world was, but I’m going to do what I believe is in the nation’s best interest even at some personal cost.”

Later on in the evening, President Nichol, in light of all of the discussion concerning O’Connor, was asked what the chancellor of the College actually does, he answered, chuckling, “That’s a little flexible.” He explained that, in the past, the

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Testing the waters of the Crim Dell and the history of the triathlon

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Kaine elected governor: GOP leads in other top spots

Benjamin Beiter

Democratic Lieutenant Governor Tim Kaine was elected to succeed the outgoing Governor Mark Warner as Virginia’s chief executive. Voters favored Kaine over his Republican opponent, Attorney General Jerry Kilgore, 52% to 46%. Republican state Senator Richard S. Herring, running as an independent, garnered 2% of the vote.

Pledging to address the state’s transportation, education, and economic needs, Kaine struck a conciliatory note in his victory speech. “We can do this by coming together as Virginians, by pulling together,” he said.

Kilgore congratulated Kaine on his victory and lauded his opponent’s long career in public service, but sought to rally his supporters for future political battles. “Over the course of this campaign, we fought hard,” Kilgore said. “We fought diligently for lower taxes, for limited government, for trusting the people, for the values and the vision that defines our Republic, and folks, that fight is not over.”

Despite garnering more votes, Kaine, who was elected in 2001, carried a total of 21 delegates, 12 more than in the previous legislative session. Virginia’s constitutional election a referendum on Kaine, attempting to cast Kaine as a tax-raising liberal, fundamentally out of touch with Virginia voters. Kilgore assaulted Kaine’s opposition to’ the death penalty in a number of controversial television ads. Polls showed Kilgore leading Kaine for much of the campaign. It was only in late October that Kaine took the lead in the race.

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To Be the “Tribe,” or Not to Be the “Tribe”

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On November 1, the College completed its self-evaluation of the use of the Tribe nickname, as mandated by the National Collegiate Athletic Association’s (NCAA) ongoing investigation of university nicknames and mascots with ties to racial, ethnic or national origin groups. In a letter accompanying the self-evaluation, President Gene Nichol asserted that the “Tribe” powerfully and poetically describes the remarkable sense of attachment and commitment that William and Mary students, staff, and faculty feel toward one another and their institution. “Many students are pleased that the College will remain the Tribe; but many students have expressed concern over the dismissal of Colonel Ebirt as the school’s mascot, although the athletic department claims that Ebirt was never the official school mascot. William and Mary is one of 35 schools under investigation by the NCAA. If a NCAA-affiliated school’s mascot, nickname, or image is found to violate the organization’s ideals of “cultural diversity and gender equity, the principle of sportsmanship and ethical conduct, and the principle of nondiscrimination,” the school will be prohibited from displaying the offensive material at any of the eighty-eight NCAA sponsored and controlled championships. The investigation has been targeted solely at schools using American Indian names, symbols, images or references.

Each school was instructed to conduct an internal investigation to determine the effect of the mascots or nicknames on the College students, athletes, administrators, communities, and local American Indian tribes. The College’s self-evaluation committee consisted of Provost Geoffrey Feiss (Chair), Vice-President for Public Affairs Stewart Gamage, Assistant Director for Diversity and Multicultural Affairs Chon Glover, Director of Athletics Terry Driscoll, Executive Vice President of the Alumni Association Karen Becken, Faculty Representative to the Board of Visitors Bob Archibald, and Student Assembly President Ryan Scalif. The committee sought the opinion and input of the Board of Visitors, alumni, faculty and students. Student feedback was solicited through the Student Assembly and student multicultural organizations. Students and graduates of American Indian heritage along with Virginia Indian tribal leaders were approached as well. The committee found the use of the Tribe nickname to be consistent with NCAA ideals and that the name should be retained. (See box: Self-Evaluation Results)

The College awaits the NCAA’s decision, while the other 32 schools under investigation and after we finish our report, they will find the “Tribe” to be inoffensive because of the historical background of the College.

The College has always had positive relations with surrounding American Indian tribes. President Nichol stated, “Nearby Virginia Indian tribes have affirmed their acceptance of the nickname, which highlights, of course, the historical connection between the College and its role in educating Native Americans.” In 1697, the College established a school to educate male Indians in reading and writing English, arithmetic and religion. The Brafferton, today the offices of the President and Provost, was constructed in 1723 to house the school, which closed during the American Revolution for lack of funds.

A group of alumni visiting for Homecoming was heard reflecting fondly upon their years at the College when the team was known as the Indians. During World War II, the school adopted the nickname “Indians” along with a person in an Indian costume as a mascot. The mascot was eliminated in the late 1970s and replaced with two feathers in the William and Mary logo. The nickname was switched during the 1980s because of the College’s considered it to be inappropriate. Tribe was selected as its successor because of its inclusive qualities.

The current NCAA investigation is completely unrelated to Ebirt and its removal. The athletic department decided to discontinue the use of Ebirt, which was never the official mascot of the College, because it did not sufficiently represent the character of the Tribe. There have been several other mascot-like creatures roaming around Zable Stadium during football games. Common sightings are of a pig or a bear. These characters are simply walking advertisements for companies, such as Smithfield, Camelot Bears, the Daily Press, and Chico-fill-A that donate money to athletic programs. In exchange for their generosity, the athletic department agrees to have someone dress in their costume to advertise their products.

There also has been discussion about the Business School having their own mascot. A character called “Tribe Guy” is unofficial, and is simply someone dressed in a large green hand holding up a #1 sign. Its first appearance was supposed to be at the Homecoming game, but it became too intoxicated at the MBA tailgate and was unable to attend the game.

There is currently no official Administration or Athletic Department speculation about a new mascot. The rumor of Tribe becoming the Royals or Ebirt becoming the Kings is unfounded. King William came from an unnamed student organization’s speculation. No Tribe Cheerleading captain, Sam Hazell, said

Results of William & Mary’s Self-Evaluation of the name, “Tribe”

We find the use of our nickname and logo to be consistent with our long and venerable history as an institution that has educated and honored Native American peoples. Both the contemporary and historic visibility of the Native American community in our region has been supportive of our use of the nickname and logo. Our actions are fully in keeping with our deep commitment to build an inclusive community characterized by human equality, pluralism, and mutual respect.

(View the rest of the self-evaluation at www.wm.edu/NCAA)

Move over Ebirt, here comes Tribe Guy: Students celebrate Homecoming with the Business School’s unofficial mascot

“This whole Ebirt controversy is ridiculous. Last year at the games, everyone was making fun of Ebirt. Now, we hear them wanting Ebirt back. It’s quite embarrassing. People need to forget about it and just move on. Students should start paying more attention to how well the team is doing this year, rather than our lack of a mascot.”

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Top union boss visits campus

AFL-CIO head Sweeney confused on point of visit

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On October 4, the Tidewater Labor Committee of the College hosted one of the most influential names in organized labor, John Sweeney, the head of the American Federation of Labor-Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO). According to announcements of the event, Sweeney was supposed to speak on the campus move against sweatshops and the state of the labor union in general. However, he ended up using his platform to go beyond his scheduled topics.

While the crowd of about 20 waited for Sweeney, junior Andrew Shoffner, a member of the Sweat Free Campus Campaign, gave a short speech. This organization is affiliated with the Worker's Rights Consortium, an organization committed to the nationwide effort to create and enforce codes of conduct to regulate the working conditions of those who make college apparel. Shoffner spoke on the need for the College to invoke a policy to regulate the production of Tribe apparel. Currently, the College has no such policy and the conditions of workers are unknown.

Shoffner's speech conveniently ended as John Sweeney arrived. The audience witnessed the head of the largest labor union in America speak about the working conditions in licensed collegiate apparel factories, which he did for three minutes. After those three minutes, Sweeney diverged into precisely the same political rhetoric that caused the loss of 25% of his union earlier this year.

Sweeney spoke about the evils of conservatives, specifically of President George W. Bush and his administration of “cronies.” Even after the Teamsters Union and the Service Employees International Union both left the AFL-CIO in July of this year because of Sweeney's reduction as president, Sweeney continues to try to politicize the union. Sweeney used his podium at the College to denigrate Bush's Social Security plan, promote nationalized health care, and endorse Tim Kaine, the Democratic candidate for governor of Virginia.

During his speech, Sweeney told a story wherein two young conservatives on most other issues threatened to leave the College, the chancellor would direct the general goals of William and Mary. George Washington was chosen for the position in 1788, heading a long list of international university.

Since his official installation on Charter Day of 2001, Dr. Kissing has dealt with many student protests regarding his role in world politics. Despite this constant badgering, Dr. Kissing still says that he enjoyed his tenure as Chancellor and was happy to interact with all the students at William and Mary. Dr. Kissing’s list of accomplishments on the global stage include his 1973 Nobel Peace Prize for his work in ending the Vietnam conflict, negotiating an end to the Yom Kippur War in the same year, and many other victories for American foreign policy.

The College will now be accepting another highly successful individual into the ranks of the chancellorship. Sandra Day O'Connor was the first woman to be appointed to the Supreme Court of the United States. In 1981, she was appointed by the President Ronald Reagan and has served until this year when she resigned from the court.

College Republicans host husband and wife: Congressmen and State Senator

Prominent Virginia couple discuss steroids in baseball and student voting rights in Williamsburg

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On October 13, two elected officials spoke at the meeting of the William & Mary College Republicans. Congressman Tom Davis, whose 11th District includes the rapidly expanding and densely populated area of Northern Virginia, was the keynote speaker.

Representatives Davis answered students’ questions on a wide range of issues, and, specifically, addressed the U.S. budget and the economy in general. The congressman said that prosperity is coming out of the “shortest and most shallow recession in American history.”

Earlier this year, Rep. Davis chaired the Congressional committee investigating steroid use in Major League Baseball. When asked about his position regarding the intrusion of performance-enhancing narcotics into the national pastime, Rep. Davis expressed disappointment with Baltimore Orioles first baseman Rafael Palmeiro, one of the players who was suspended for steroid use, and explained that San Francisco Giants outfielder Barry Bonds did not testify because he is under criminal investigation.

Rep. Davis is well known as a moderate Republican with views that span both sides of the political spectrum. He supports funding for stem cell research, but not the harvesting of stem cells. He has also spoken against President George W. Bush’s Social Security plan.

Rep. Davis also spoke about Virginia's two senate seats; when a student said he had heard rumors about the possibility of Ben Affleck running against Senator George Allen (R-VA) in 2006, Rep. Davis joked that Affleck “followed John Kerry around like a lapdog” during Kerry's presidential campaign. When Rep. Davis was asked if he had any comments about the possibility of himself running for Senate should a seat open up, he said that it was a possibility.

At the meeting was Virginia State Sen. Jeannemarie Devolites Davis (R-34th District), the wife of Rep. Davis. She represents many students at the College, her district includes much of Fairfax County. Before she was elected to the State Senate, Sen. Devolites Davis served six years as a member of the House of Delegates, described the Senate as the more moderate of the two bodies. In light of the Williamsburg registrar’s controversial decision to prohibit on-campus William & Mary students from voting in local elections, Sen. Devolites Davis said she was very interested in forming uniform registration and voting policies for all college students in the state. The issue had not been brought to her attention before, but Sen. Devolites Davis seemed eager to hear all sides of the issue.

The Leslie Byrne connection

Representative Tom Davis was elected to United States Congress in 1994, unseating Democratic Leslie Byrne, who ran unsuccessfully in the election on Tuesday in the position of Virginia lieutenant governor.

After losing her seat in Congress, Byrne was elected to Virginia State Senate, and was then unseated by Jeannemarie Devolites Davis in 2003.
Student Assembly wrapping up semester with a bang (and a squirt!)

Student media banned from Executive Cabinet meetings

Right to vote in Williamsburg for students a Senate priority

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The Student Assembly (SA) Executive, headed by President Ryan Scofield (’07) and Vice President Amanda Norris (’07), has banned the press from weekly cabinet meetings, leaving some students puzzled and angry.

The Virginia Informer was the first paper on campus to report on the policy, which was held on September 25. When an Informer reporter sought access to the cabinet meeting on October 16, one week later, communications director Tom Moyer declared the meeting closed and asked him to leave the SA office.

When asked why the meetings were suddenly and unexpectedly closed to the press, Moyer stated that “students do not want to hear every little thing that the Executive is doing.” He also claimed that previous administrations have had similar policies, and that the exclusion of the press was a “long-standing precedent.”

A source close to the Scofield Administration speculated that Moyer may have other reasons for the press ban. A recent article in the Informer infuriated the press secretary, because a senior Administration official was accurately quoted as questioning donating to a charity for victims of domestic violence.

In stark contrast to the excessive secrecy of the Executive, the other two elected branches of the student government, the Senate and the Undergraduate Council, both hold all of their meetings in public. The Undergraduate Council advertises the dates of its meetings on its Web site, and encourages the public to attend: “These meetings are open to the public and visitors are welcome!”

Senator Mart Beato (’09) commented on the disparity between the openness of the Senate and the secrecy of the Executive, saying, “The Senate opens its meetings to the public because it’s both the legal thing to do and the right thing to do. Virginia Freedom of Information Act regulations and the Student Assembly constitution require Senate meetings to be public, and even if there was no law requiring it, I believe we would still open meetings because students have a right to know how their representatives are acting.”

When asked why they would step forward or backwards for greater transparency for the student government, Beato said that “keeping the cabinet meetings closed to press clearly does not fit in with this progress.”

The Administration’s retreat to a cloak of secrecy may be expected, however, if Tom Moyer’s obsessive press management is any indication. In fact, two sources speaking on background that were present at the November 6 cabinet meeting independently confirmed for the Informer that Moyer explicitly forbade cabinet members from speaking to members of this paper specifically.

Several students reacted with hostility towards the Executive when they heard about the press ban.

Freshman Matthew Dinan commented on the controversy saying, “I think this is an absurd, even criminal affront to the students’ right to participate in their government. This is a poor reflection of President Scofield and Vice President Norris and makes it very difficult for me to consider voting for them when they run for re-election.”

Junior Chris Matupala stated, “I think that is ridiculous and I think they are just scared.”

Alex Harris (’09) said, “that shows that they [President Scofield and Vice President Norris] may not be in touch with what the student body wants.”

Entertain the motion: Vice President Amanda Norris and Senate Chairman Luther Lowe are the leaders of their branches of the Student Assembly at this Senate meeting which is open to the public, unlike the Executive.

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During the month of October, several opinion bills from the Student Assembly Senate were proposed, many of which favored increased student freedoms on and off campus. Sophomore senators Joe Luppino-Esposito, Brett Phillips, and Shariff Tanious sponsored significant bills, as did Sean Barker (’07), Scott Fitzgerald (’07), and Harry Godfrey (’06). If other SA institutions can be persuaded to cooperate with these proposals, College and city officials could be compelled to make serious positive changes. Many students even vaguely familiar with SA politics are aware of the present issue of gun control on campus—watergun control, that is. The subject of banning water guns on campus has been addressed through several mediums, including via a referendum last semester, a Facebook group, and in many of the campaigns for offices of the Class of 2009. Senator Matt Beato (’09) made the repeal of the watergun ban a central theme of his platform, and was one of a dozen senators to vote in favor of the Aquatic Weapons Ban Repeal Act, which was introduced by Luppino-Esposito and Tanious. Three senators—Senate Chair Luther Lowe (’06) and two graduate school senators—were in opposition, and five abstained. Controversy surrounding this issue arose when the exiting members of the previous Senate rejected, by an extremely narrow margin, a similar bill in the wake of a referendum indicating approximately two-thirds of the student body supported a repeal of the ban. As an opinion bill, this proposal alone does not change College policy, but represents a first step in the direction of allowing toy guns. Provisions are expected to be included in any more official attempts, outlawing “harassment” with guns, with a concern raised by Senator Stephanie Glass (’09). In an official comment, Senator Greg Teich (’07) praised the bill, saying it represented “the sentiments of the student body at large,” and called the ban “illogical” in light of students “reasonable judgement.”

Another opinion bill, the Declaration for Student Enfranchisement, advocated the issue of students’ voting rights in the city of Williamsburg. The bill, sponsored by Senator Phillips, was in support of allowing College students specifically those who reside in dorms on campus, the ability to vote in local Williamsburg elections. Phillips argued that at every other Virginia school, with the exception of Radford University, students have the right to vote in the local elections of their respective cities and towns. Before the vote, Phillips called for all national elections to be conducted unanimatorily in favor of the bill, in the interest of sending a clear and unambiguous message to the city of Williamsburg—more specifically, to the city council, who made the official decision to prevent on-campus students from voting in this context.

The last major opinion bill was the Extended Library Hours Act, sponsored by Senator Fitzgerald. The bill was a formal recommendation to extend Swem Library’s operating hours to 2:00 AM on regular weekdays. Library staff had opposed such a change in the past on the grounds that additional security would have to be paid for those hours. Representatives wrote that William & Mary Campus Police have hired a new few officers, and have already agreed to have one stationed at Swem during the hours in question. Recently eliminating Swem staff’s argument. The bill passed with 19 senators supporting and two abstaining; it will, most likely, be the first proposal on the floor to tangible results, as committees are already discussing such an extension.

Senator Godfrey also sponsored a bill concentrating the International Relations club and Model United Nations for some recent and past competition successes; it passed 16-3-1. The three senators who voted in opposition to the bill saw it as unnecessary and somewhat biased, given Godfrey’s personal association with the club. Senator Phillips presented two bills on behalf of the Department of Diversity Initiatives for international disaster relief. In the first bill the SA donated $250 for an iPod Nano to be raffled off to raise funds, as well as awareness. Another bill put up at the last meeting by Barker that voiced the SA would match fundraising up to $1800 failed because of senators’ opposition and sudden shift to be more conservative with the consolidated reserve funds.

In that same vein, Senator Fitzgerald sponsored the Fiscal Responsibility Act which limited the spending ability of the consolidated reserve funds of the Office of Student Activities. A yearly cap was set so that the fund would maintain a healthy balance from year to year.

Editor’s note: Senators Joe Luppino-Esposito and Shariff Tanious are both members of The Virginia Informer. Joe is our Assistant Editor-in-Chief and Shariff is our accountant.

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College Republicans, Young Democrats meetings boast notably different atmospheres

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Strange happenings have been occurring in Blair 205, and politically motivated students rather than ghosts are to blame. The room, which hosts both the College Republicans and Young Democrats, has been known to shake with ferocious chants of “Kilgore!” and “Kinslow!” Perhaps that is exaggerated, but in any case, both groups are composed of students who actively participate in local, regional, and national campaign activities. However, despite the shared ideals of phone-banking, canvassing and flashing (trying to increase turnout for heavily Democratic areas), the groups’ meetings are as different as night and day. On Thursday at 7 p.m. I made my way over to James Blair Hall to sample what the College Republicans had to offer. Upon entering, I made a quick scan of the room sitting in a semi-circle was a group of about 25 members quietly chatting. The members were predominantly white male students with a handful of females, including the chairman. I took a seat next to the back of the room among this homogeneous crowd. After issuing the usual list of announcements (cocktail at a candidate’s house, “Operation Pumpkin”, and block walks), one of the club officers presented the speaker. Mr. Chris Gildea, a student at the Federal Policy Group, a conservative lobbying firm based in Washington D.C. His speech, although somewhat dry at times, was incredibly informative for any student wishing to work in the D.C. area after law school. After a couple of surprisingly germane questions (one being if collegiate financial aid would decrease to budget cuts) the meeting wrapped up with a member yet please-pleading to drop off at the phone-banks and other last-minute campaigning activities. As a neutral observer, it seemed like the College Republicans were extremely well-organized. After the meeting adjourned, a member approached me and spoke briefly about the club. He informed me that they usually have a speaker every week for roughly an hour along with the usual laundry list of activities. Additionally, from what I gleaned from my one visit, the members like the club very seriously; almost everyone was motivated to work hard. As jokes and innuendoes were continually slung around, I almost forgot that this was a politically motivated club.

Young Democrats

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