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A Glimpse from H-SC's Complicated Past

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Imagine a time of tumult and stunted promise, when progress was interrupted by the murder of America's most prominent black voice and the ensuing furor. Imagine a school on the brink of dramatic change, where obligatory chapel is held twice a week, female dormitory guests are strictly forbidden, and "finals" refer to parties held to celebrate the end of the semester. The school is Hampden-Sydney, and the year is 1968; Alphonso "Pat" White, Hampden-Sydney's first black student, is about to matriculate.

Although the subject of integration had been discussed by both faculty and staff during the early 1960s, the College decided to steer clear of the controversy. The push for integration at H-SC began only shortly after the passage of the 1964 Civil Rights Act. The H-SC science department was a recipient of several research grants from the federal government, and pursuant to Title VI of the act, the College would now have to comply with the act's non-discrimination terms. Dr. Taylor Reveley, the current president of the College, delegated a

committee to deal with the dilemma; the committee had to choose between integrating the campus and accepting the financial burden of raising more money for the science department. As Professor John Brinkley notes in *On This Hill: A Narrative History of Hampden-Sydney College*, the Board had never established any discriminatory admissions policies; it had simply avoided the issue altogether. Brinkley quotes the Director of Admissions in 1964 as suggesting that, "since we have no place on our application form for the designation of race, we should prepare for the possibility that at any time we might accept a Negro without knowing we had done so."

Four years later, that is exactly what happened.

The April 19th issue of *The Tiger* contained a special feature on race following the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr. and began with a letter from the editor: "[a] Negro has been accepted this year, but at press time he had not acted on this acceptance...It seems that Hampden-Sydney will inevitably, and perhaps somewhat belatedly, become integrated in the near future." The issue (on display at the Bortz Library Circulation Desk display case) featured articles written by students and professors with diverse opinions on integration. More telling of the atmosphere at the College, however, was the survey printed at the bottom of the first page. Of roughly 250 stu-

dents surveyed, 91 objected to admitting blacks to H-SC, and interestingly, while only 63 favored total segregation in public education, 144 opposed total integration in public education. Further, 59 students self-identified as Segregationists, 59 as Integrationists, 6 as Civil Rights Activists, and

15 as Racists. The last question on the survey was, "Would you room with a Negro at H-SC?" to which 95 responded yes and 145 responded no.

In some ways, the late 1960s was a period of rapid transition for Hampden-Sydney. During an interview, Dr. Ronald Heinemann, professor emeritus

of History at H-SC pointed out the stark contrast between the 1968 and 1972 yearbooks; where as the 1968 yearbook featured student organizations and fraternities well-dressed and formally posing for yearbook photos, the 1972 one featured an abstract painting as the cover, caricatures of the deans, and students dressed in t-shirts and khakis casually leaning against their frat houses. Chemistry professor Dr. Herb Sipe noted that both the social atmosphere and religious demeanor at H-SC have declined in his 50 years at the college, also noting that the administration's in loco parentis attitude began to wane in the early 1970s when the Board and faculty opened up to new ideas like "Dormitory Autonomy," the permission of students to have overnight female visitors. In addition to the opening of dorms, the student government had pressed the administration to eliminate compulsory chapel, establish a five-day class-week, allow students to complete course evaluations, and eventually establish the College Council. Progressive Board and Faculty members like Dr. Reveley and broadminded students were swiftly altering the culture of Hampden-Sydney. Hampden-Sydney was not isolated from the revolution in higher education at the time.

The changes made to the College were not unique instances of cultural shifts. The atmosphere of the United



Alphonso O'Neil-White (Photo: <http://capitalbusinessblog.bcny.org>)

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Why I'm Already Getting Ready for Another Trump Term

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While some of the passionately anti-Trumpers have taken the recent midterm elections as a tentative sign that Trump's support is beginning to fail, I'm getting ready for Trump's second term. Rather than face a massive rebellion from his grassroots coalition of white, conservative voters, Trump saw expected attrition in the House of Representatives that in many cases came where it was expected. In my district in New Jersey, for instance, we elected a Democrat for the first time since the days of Clinton. Yet it isn't unexpected that such an unpopular president has suffered some losses in the most massively liberal states and dangerous swing states; presidents often lose seats in the house in midterm elections no matter what.

What concerns me about these most recent elections is the way that the Democrats campaigned against Trump. The most major takeaway that I had from this election was that Democrats have doubled down on identity politics as the core issue of their party. This is a policy is one which inherently alienates a lot of voters needlessly because when one appeals directly to the needs and concerns of one group of people, they are inherently implying that they don't care about other groups regardless of whether they actually do or don't. It's a dumb strategy that cost them the election to Donald Trump, a man regarded as a pariah and a bit of an idiot before he won the 2016

election. Instead of learning their lesson, the Democrats have apparently decided to go all in on it in 2020.

Don't get me wrong, it's great when minority voters and groups see their interests represented, and people who constituents identify with get into office. It's a fantastic thing for the future of the country that there were a historic number of women candidates this year. Muslim women won office for the first time. Minorities have swept

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into power in a way that has never happened before, something that is a good thing because it means that more people have a say in our great republic. But to rely on that strategy continuing to work is stupid, because it's

America. We are generally conservative, and to continue appealing towards more and more focused groups of people is a suicidal strategy because you run the risk of alienating more and more moderate white (or even non-white) voters. Why not champion getting more people in college instead of increasing minority college enrollment? Why not champion raising the average median American income and bring more people above the poverty

line instead of focusing of black poverty? There is unifying rhetoric which can be used while also tackling issues that mostly or almost entirely affect minorities, but for some reason the Democrats have decided not to do that and to appeal towards people's identities; a tactic probably adopted because minority voters overwhelming vote Democrat and the Democratic Party is betting that this method will bring them increasing rewards as time goes on and America becomes a more and more diverse country.

Except that strategy won't always work, either. For one, just because of champion a racial cause does not mean you necessary appeal to someone. Purely because Democrats champion the cause of minorities doesn't mean that their values will always line up with those of voters, no matter what those voters' identities are. Hispanic immigrants are deeply religious and conservative because of that, and Democrats need to realize that there's a potential for a huge defection in their voting base because of that. Democrats would be better suited looking back at the rhetoric of FDR, even if they plan on continuing to champion the policies of Hillary Clinton and modern liberals. Yet it seems that they did not learn their lesson in 2016, and for that reason I am getting ready for another term of Trump in 2020.

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OPINIONS

The Advantages of Visiting the Ferguson Career Center

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The Ferguson Career Center (FCC) provides a wealth of resources for students to help integrate professionalism, career advice, and self-discovery into their college experience, but many resources remain underutilized—particularly the CliftonStrengths test.

Developed by Gallup, a business focused on providing analytics and advice to leaders and organizations, the CliftonStrengths test seeks to improve the college experience of students by providing them with their top five strengths out of 34 archetypes. During the test, students take approximately 45 minutes to select how closely they associate with 177 different paired phrases. After completing the test, students gain access to in-depth insight, action plans, and advice based off their five strengths. The CliftonStrengths test is a valuable exercise in self-awareness, allowing students to reflect on their abilities and understand their direction.

However, few students are taking advantage of this great resource. Why?

Some may find it redundant or fear it to be overly cliché like one of those BuzzFeed “What Kind of Junk Food Am I?” quizzes. Others may criticize how it rarely reveals anything new about themselves. On the other hand, students may simply remain unaware about the test and its benefits.

In either case, according to Gal-

lup, over 19 million people are indeed aware of the benefits, and have used the CliftonStrengths test, including individuals, career centers, colleges, and the corporate world alike—including some staff at Hampden-Sydney. The test’s status as somewhat of an industry standard (like the well-known Myer-Briggs Test) is rooted in its ability to help individuals understand their natural skills, especially within a group setting. When individuals understand their strengths and values, they can better engage their goals and work cohesively within a team.

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Students particularly benefit from the CliftonStrengths test. They must frequently work in groups that require practical application of skills. Students must also formulate career plans, in which understanding their skills and values greatly assists.

To support the college experience of students, CliftonStrengths offers a comprehensive guide to applying one’s abilities. The provided information includes a series of self-reflective questions, personalized insights to one’s signature themes, and an action-planning guide. The guide splits the process squarely into three sections: Awareness, Application, and Achievement.

In the Awareness step, students are encouraged to analyze and increase understanding of their talents. The Application step includes a series of actions students can take to make

use of their talents. The Achievement step helps students identify signs of successful application.

Essentially, CliftonStrengths provides an accessible, step-by-step process for students to improve their self-understanding and apply their strengths efficiently. That alone makes appointments at the FCC more productive.

“It helps me get at who students are faster by helping me understand things that are not quickly perceived. It’s a starting point to work with students” comments Andrea Jones, Associate Director of Career Education at the FCC.

Jones encourages students of all stages of scholastic and career development to take the test and make appointments with her, especially those in the exploratory phase.

“You don’t have to know exactly what you want

to do or who you are to come to the FCC. In fact, it can be a benefit to not know who you are. Though some people understand themselves to the point where they may not need the test, the goal is to meet you where you are and focus on what you want to focus on.”

Jones loves discussing students’ results and how to move forward, but understands that the test itself is not the answer, rather a starting point for conversation and perspective shifts.

“It’s a powerful tool. You get out of it what you are willing to put into it.”

When students take the test, they naturally answer the questions based on their current perspectives. Overtime, a student’s values, abilities, and potential for growth in various areas shift. The results are not permanent, but rather an organic

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Everyone Needs to Calm Down

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Today, it seems like the world is constantly ending. We turn on the news in Trump’s America and it seems like there is always an impending disaster. Many people in the government, the media, and academia would have you believe that we live in extraordinary times. They would have you believe our very democracy is in death throes, that, like Weimar before the Nazi’s took over, this election is the last election to save our democracy. Every new controversy, outrage, and boycott fuels the growing feeling of anxiety in America.

Modern literature, television, and movies reflect this feeling of anxiety, and it predates the Trump era. The popularity of apocalyptic and dystopian media are evidence of this. The Hunger Games and The Walking Dead are some of the most popular and profitable features of the past decades. This ‘anxiety media’ is a major feature of the modern media and can be felt by both men and women.

Some people have found comfort from anxiety in radical beliefs. Revolutionary sentiments are flourishing on both sides of the aisle; the rise of both Antifa and the Alt-Right are evidence of this. Although the issues are different, the feeling of anxiety is often the same. People of all political views feel the system has failed them; they feel they have been left behind. If the

system has failed them, then they conclude that it ought to be torn down to allow a better system to take its place.

This is nonsense. On the world stage, violence is at an all-time low, literacy is at an all-time high, starvation has almost been eradicated, worldwide life expectancy is the highest it has ever been, there are fewer oppressed and fewer impoverished people than almost any time previous in history. The genders have never been more equal, religious acceptance has never been more prevalent, not to mention

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the general world peace. Barring a few notable exceptions, like in Myanmar, Venezuela, Yemen, and Syria, the world is a significantly better place than it was twenty years ago.

In the United States, a similar trend can be observed. Violent crime is at an all-time low.

Unemployment, especially in minority communities, is at an all-time low. Never in our history has our population been so educated. Scientific advancements have given us longer lives and more painless deaths. Americans today live in comfort and have opportunities that Americans in the 1950s could not imagine. We have infinite information, infinite entertainment, and inordinately comfortable lives.

If we do live in extraordinary times, it is not because a businessman got elected president. The extraordinarily good times we live in are extraordinarily good. We should not focus on tearing ‘the system’ down, it has brought us the longest peace, the longest lives, and greatest prosperity. Our feelings about society are just feelings.

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A Glimpse Continued

States was changing, which unfortunately meant a tempestuous transition for both the College and Pat White, who now goes by O'Neill-White. A 1969 article in *The Tiger* said that “[a]s a Negro Pat finds several problems concerning his social life, such as week-ends and parties, but these are problems that he expected to find.” White was the subject of prejudice among students and even had food

invest in me. They obviously wanted me to come. That’s why I selected it.” He also credited President Reveley and the administration at the time for dealing with integration properly: “They decided they were going to diversify the campus, take this risk, and then support it. This positive attitude was sent to the faculty, the staff, and ultimately, the students.” President Reveley, determined to integrate the

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thrown at him in the dining hall. The article adds that “Pat feels there is a superficial concern for him and that his identity is constantly being challenged.” Additionally, in a 2006 alumni profile, O'Neill-White recalls that “a student who lived down the hall in my dorm admitted to me later, ‘I came in, saw you here, and told my parents I was leaving.’”

The same 1969 article said of O'Neill-White that “he felt that the dominant idea is that he must have been a genius to be accepted. He does not feel as if he has been accepted academically.” Heinemann, who knew and taught White in several classes, commented that the scholarship he received was a large contributing factor in the decision to attend. O'Neill-White was later quoted as saying that “Hampden-Sydney was willing to

College, ensured that H-SC could accommodate O'Neill-White. Heinemann also said that after graduation, O'Neill White “dropped out of sight, and no one knew anything about him, where he went, what he was doing,” until he returned to campus in 2008 to speak at the Black Alumni Mentorship Reunion Weekend.

Despite the prejudice levelled against him, O'Neill-White generally appreciated all that Hampden-Sydney did for him, and upon returning to campus in 2008, he said: “I was—without question—embraced by the Hampden-Sydney Community, and I was nurtured by it.” O'Neill-White retired from a successful career as the president and CEO of HealthNow, a New York-based health insurance and service company.

Advantages of the Career Center Continued

analysis of how specific strengths can be applied. This ultimately and ideally leads to meaningful conversation.

“What does it mean in your life?” Jones poses the question to students who analyze their results with her. “It’s all about gaining skills, testing it out, applying, and reflecting. It becomes a snowball effect of self-awareness and growth.”

Most frequently, the test provides students with validation of what they already know about themselves. However, Jones believes that this validation helps to affirm one’s talents rather than merely reiterate them. Affirmation of one’s abilities can help students approach their talents with greater confidence and awareness.

Sometimes, however, students may not identify with their top five

strengths. In this case, Jones questions why they do not identify with their results. In both cases, whether the student identifies or does not with the results, discussion over the test results fosters better understanding of the self and encourages the development of one’s abilities, regardless of whether the results affirm or contradict.

Despite the practicality and simplicity of the test, it remains underutilized. For those who remain reluctant to try it out, consider this: you already paid for it with your tuition, so you might as well give it a whirl and discover what journey it will open for you.

Students may request a meeting with Jones via email, handshake, or in person.

Calm Down Continued

While we may be tempted by radicals to tear down the system because of these feelings, we must resist this impulse. Constantly believing that our society is one election from collapse helps no one, and only numbs us to the extremities that emerge when truly extraordinary times arise.

It’s not sexy but everyone, right or left, needs to calm down. Our collective anxiety can be relieved with the true understanding of how good the times are.

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An Update on the New Rhetoric Center

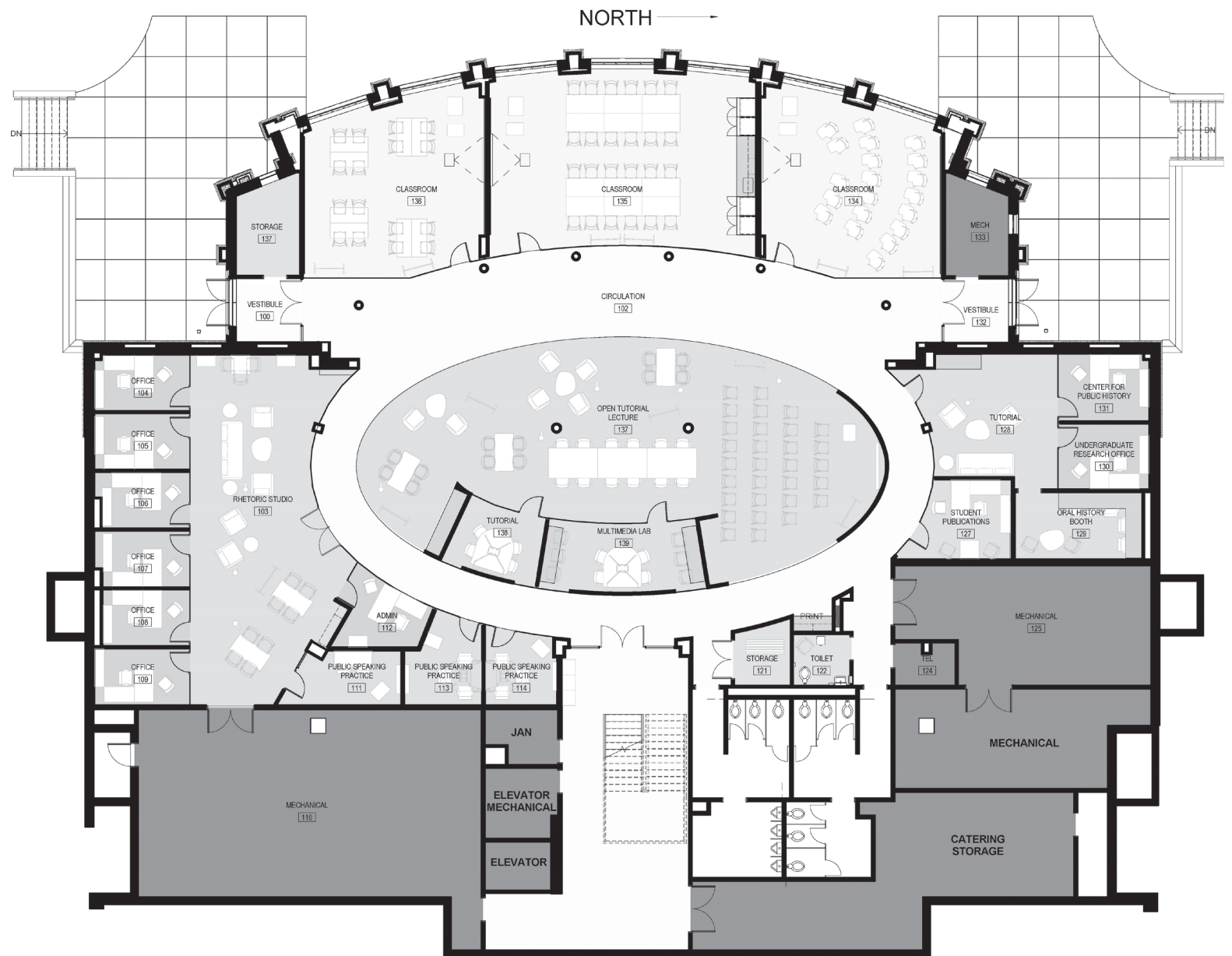
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Dr. Evan Davis, Professor of English and Assistant Dean of the Faculty, also serves as the administration liaison for the new “Center for Rhetoric and Communication” being constructed in and around the old Tiger Inn on the ground floor of Settle Hall. Dr. Davis facilitates the interactions between the Rhetoric, Undergraduate Research, and Public History departments of the College on one side and the architects and administration of the College on the other. Since he is in such a role, he is the ideal source for an update on the new Center for Rhetoric and Communication, made possible by the generous gifts of Trustees specifically set aside for the advancement of the Rhetoric program.

Anyone eating in Settle Hall can hear the construction taking place below. By Spring Break, Dr. Davis says, the Center for Rhetoric and Communication will be open for business in the area formerly used as the Tiger Inn. In addition to that space, the College is constructing an extra wing that will jut out of Settle Hall towards Lake Chalgrove. This extra wing will have enormous windows that reach almost to the ceiling to provide a large amount of natural light for the new Center, as well as what are sure to be beautiful lake views. Three classrooms will inhabit this new wing, pictured here. On top of that new wing will be a patio which is sure to be a popular spot for students and faculty alike.

The new Center for Rhetoric and Communication will house both the Writing and Speaking Centers, Student Publications (The Tiger), the Center for Public History, and the

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A diagram of what the completed center will look like (Photo: Professor Evan Davis)



Rhetoric Center Continued

Center for Undergraduate Research. An open Lecture Hall and rooms for tutoring and speaking practice will also live on the ground floor of Settle Hall. Dr. Davis hopes that the new, soundproof speaking rooms will become popular with students practicing for presentations or speeches. Students are encouraged to use the open spaces for group study, tutoring, and study.

With so many spaces for different activities the new Center for Rhetoric and Communication is aiming to become a major academic hub on campus. The Center for Rhetoric and Communication has been designed with student use in mind, focusing on openness and shared spaces in order to increase foot traffic and ensure that the space is well used.

The design is very modern, with large LED ceiling lights and a style similar to the inside of the new Brinkley Hall. Posters from student presentations will adorn most of the walls, serving to both inspire current students in their own research and to remember students who have come before.

The first ever advertisement for the College, posted in a 1775 newspaper ad, persuades students to come to "Hampden-Sidney" in order to gain an instruction in Rhetoric that was unlike any other College could offer. With this spirit in mind, the new Center for Rhetoric and Communication is aimed at creating a space for Sydney students to improve all aspects of their communication skills. Soundproof rooms for presentation practice, new and visible offices for Student Communication and Public History, and a new lecture space are all physical upgrades which the College hopes will result in mental upgrades in the communication skills of the students.

In a time when the importance of communication skills is increasing, the goal behind the new Center for Rhetoric and Communication is to continue form new generations of good men, good citizens, and excellent communicators. This new construction marks a large step in keeping that process



An image of what the center will look like from the outside (Photo: Professor Evan Davis)



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alive and well in the modern era. wrote the bill, said, "A compromise is not needed" and "The people that are having problems with it are not a part of the legislative system." Francis stated that he offered to both meet with Eads and meet with the collective of

the court to explain his bill; however, he was not taken up on either account.

As of now a meeting to clarify the standing of the bill will likely occur within the next week. Dean Robert Sabbatini, Eads, and Francis will all be in that meeting. President Good

and Senate Chairman Larry Pullen are potential attendees as well. This meeting is not likely to change anything as there is no precedent standing, that I know of, for the court to overturn legislation from the Senate.

Stop Complaining About the Price of the Meal Plan

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In my previous article, I defended what I still believe to be one of the most hardworking and unappreciated institutions in the college: the Pannill Commons. Previously, I responded (rather vehemently) to the complaints about the quality of the food and service, and this issue I intend to address another grievance made by students desperate to find something to complain about: the cost of the food service. I have had people give me varying estimates, from fifteen to twenty-five dollars per meal. A bit of rough math puts the average meal on the fifteen meal plan at around twenty dollars. This is still below what some restaurant buffets charge for a meal.

I spoke with both Michael Smith, the Controller of the Business Office, and Cathie Shelton, the Director of Food Service of the Dining Hall, about how much of the Board Fee goes to Thompson Hospitality, and how much the College itself takes, for building and facility fees. Neither of them could give me a solid answer, stating instead that the details of payment were handled under a contract, the details of which were confidential.

The biggest disappointment in my search was that I was unable to get any concrete proof of how much of the Board Fee the College takes. The best I could find was rumors and hearsay suggesting that it's over

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SPORTS

Evaluating Duke Basketball and Their Season Opener

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The Duke Blue Devils looked unbeatable after they downed Kentucky on Tuesday night, November 6th. The 118-84 victory for the Blue Devils was a convincing one, with their stellar freshman leading the way. R.J. Barrett, Zion Williamson, and Cam Reddish spearheaded the offense with 33, 28, and 22 points respectively, and the fourth of the freshman, Tre Jones facilitated the offense with 7 assists. The game was filled with highlights, excellent passing, and Zion Williamson playing almost exclusively above the rim. This Duke team is incredibly talented at attacking the basket, their athleticism and length make them almost impossible to guard when doing so.

Duke's ball movement is top tier, with Tre Jones leading the way. Jones is the younger brother of former Duke guard Tyus Jones, who now plays for the Timberwolves, and fortunately for Duke, Tre is bringing the same playing style and intensity his brother did when Duke won the NCAA tournament in 2015. Jones is facilitating a high-powered offense, a task made easier with the help of Zion Williamson, a walking mismatch. Williamson is listed at 6 foot 6 inches and 280 pounds and is built like an NFL defensive lineman. Yet the scariest thing that Zion displayed in the game versus Kentucky was his jump shot. Zion's ability to shoot the ball from both inside and outside the three-point line makes him almost impossible to guard. The combination of his size, strength and athletic ability makes driving the ball effortless for him, but

a jump shot makes his game multi-dimensional. Zion was 11-13 on shooting from the field, proving to be incredibly efficient, a terrifying prospect as the season progresses if he can keep it up. Even with Zion's improving jump shot, he is, perhaps, not even the best player on the Blue Devils roster. That title belongs to R.J. Barrett, who led all scorers with 33 points. The 6'7" guard is an elite ball handler, excellent passer, a good shooter, and an incredible athlete. Barrett shot 12-36

"Duke's talent and stellar performance against Kentucky has many fans... predicting an undefeated season"

from the field and 3-7 from the three-point line. He grabbed 4 rebounds and tallied 7 assists in the game, proving to be a well-rounded player. Barrett is projected to be the number one overall pick in the NBA draft, and showed why in the first game of the year. Then there is Cam Reddish, who scored a quiet and effortless 22, and shares some of the characteristics of both Barrett and Williamson. With Tre Jones adding six points, the four Duke freshman single handedly outsourced Kentucky, 89-84.

However, this freshman heavy Duke team is different than the ones in recent years because this year they can play defense. Instead of shifting to a 2-3 zone Duke can return to man to man defense, which they had been known for prior to the one and done era of college basketball. Duke's length and athleticism gives them the potential to be an elite defensive team if they can be fundamentally sound. As the defensive effort has increased, so has Duke's transition offense.

In total, the Blue Devils can play

a Golden State brand of basketball. They can play small ball with five position-less players moving the ball and creating offense. Duke's talent and stellar performance against Kentucky has many fans and sports writers calling for an undefeated season and a national championship, but they may be getting ahead of themselves.

As always, the Blue Devils will have a tough road ahead in conference play. They will have to face a talented Clemson team, that has a

perfect balance of both senior and freshman talent. Duke will also have to take on Virginia, one of the most elite defensive teams in the country who have solved some of the offensive issues they have faced in years past.

The biggest challenge for Duke this year outside of Virginia is the two games against Carolina, as Carolina has enough athletes to try and keep pace with Duke. Duke may split games with Carolina this year, as they often do, and it could be argued this would be good for them. No one likes to lose, but it is an important part of sports. Duke needs to lose in the regular season, to learn from the experience and grow as a team. They run a great risk entering the tournament undefeated, especially if their wins are dominant. Losing humbles a team, it brings them back to earth, and shows a team that there is still work to be done, and these freshman need that experience. This Duke team needs to be challenged in the regular season if they want to win a national title.

Fantasy Football Weekly Picks

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Sports Editor

Panthers were smacked by Pittsburgh last week, and should bounce back in a huge way against Detroit this week.

UP:

Aaron Jones, RB, Green Bay Packers

This season, there are not one but two Aarons tearing up opposing defenses. After missing the first two games of the season, Jones beat out Jamaal Williams and Ty Montgomery for the role of starting running back. After the Packers' bye in week 7, Jones burst onto the scene. Since Week 8, he has averaged 102 rushing yards and 12 carries per game since. This week, the Packers offense should fare well against a Seattle defense that has accrued negative-five fantasy points through the past two weeks. Jones is a must-start.

Christian McCaffrey, RB, Carolina Panthers

McCaffrey came into the league a season ago with high expectations and even higher potential. However, he failed to meet either in his rookie year, likely because the Panthers struggle to incorporate McCaffrey's unique skill set. This year, it seems as though they have figured it out in Carolina, because Cam Newton has finally found a sidekick in their potent offense. McCaffrey has been on fire this season, averaging 4.7 yards per carry. The Panthers have also been able utilize his skills in the passing game, as he has caught 54 passes this year and scored 4 touchdowns, adding to his total of 8 on the year. McCaffrey has been especially dangerous in the last three weeks, averaging an impressive 25.7 fantasy points per game in that stretch. The

DOWN:

Russell Wilson, QB, Seattle Seahawks

Wilson started the season as a player most owners would even keep on their fantasy bench. However, he has regained his mojo recently and has put up top-ten numbers in the past four games. The question is: is this hot start sustainable? I have him on the 'down' list because of his floor, but keep in mind that the ceiling is pretty high for Wilson as well. Seattle is playing the Packers at home and it could be a shootout, but I predict Wilson to struggle against the Green Bay Defense.

Kerryon Johnson, RB, Detroit Lions

Johnson has had a solid rookie season so far, as he has claimed the lead role in a Lions offense that has hardly ever utilized a tailback. He has the 20th most fantasy points in the league this year among running backs, and get lots of looks in the passing game. While he gets plenty of usage, Johnson doesn't amass very many yards per carry, and frankly, his fantasy success has been largely dependent on his ability to score touchdowns. The Lions face a formidable front seven in Carolina this week; I expect the Lions to be down early and stay away from running the ball. Johnson is a low-tier RB2.0

Note: Predictions are based on ESPN's Standard Scoring System.



Band Review: C2 and The Brothers Reed

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October 20th, the Saturday of Homecoming weekend, was the host of countless students, families, friends, and bands. One of the loudest bands that played on Fraternity Circle that day was, "C2 & The Brothers Reed." Immediately following the late Tiger win over Guilford, these guys were set up and jamming in front of the Kappa Sigma fraternity house. They were set up just to the left of the front entrance. At 4 o'clock they had people rocking out to their own songs and singing along with their covers of Led Zeppelin and others. After their set at Kappa Sigma, they broke down and went over to the Kappa Alpha house. The Kappa Alpha venue was indoors and soon flooded with people.

Their sound is led by their singer, Cameron Clark, who is fearless about performing strong vocal parts that intensify the instruments behind him. Behind him are brothers Kody (drums) and Kelly (guitar) Reed. Kelly's solos kept everyone pressing toward the front of the crowd in order to see his fingers work their magic. His constant interaction with both the fans and Clark added to the showmanship of the performance, engaging everyone at the show. Kody Reed did his part, not only keeping rhythm, but many times pushing his bandmembers to jam harder and match the smooth violence of his gut busting solos. What sets these guys apart from the rest is their inclusion of a man referred to as, "Milk." Milk is their keyboardist and adds an element to this Louisville-based band that is not seen in many others. Milk's playing gives depth to the already deep sound being pumped out of the

speakers. I encourage everyone to try and listen to these guys' studio recordings on Spotify or Youtube. The keyboard is invaluable on these records and it would be hard to imagine their sound without it. Their sound is best described as heavy southern-rock, but it is more intricate than that. I cannot help but mention that the impressive two set day was not possible without their road manager who was always doing something and seemed to do his part flawlessly. I apologize to him for not getting his name.

Their visit to campus was almost a tragedy for them, as it was not all fun and games. The band had to stop playing mid-song when they realized that their mannequin, "Paul," was missing. They called on the audience to help find him, threatening to pack up and leave. Fortunately, Paul was found, and the music went on. The band commented on the heist by saying that "He has been on stage with us every single show since the beginning- he's one of us. People frequently like to take him off stage, and we've had too many close encounters with losing him. We really appreciated the help of some of the fraternity brothers finding him. We went straight back to playing and the crowd seemed to get even more pumped after that. Glad we didn't lose him!" As a reward to the crowd for finding Paul, the band closed with a jam-heavy version of their hit song, "Be Alright," off of their new album, "Weigh Station Tour: Exit B."

C2 & the Brothers Reed can be found online at c2andthebrothersreed.com, as well as Facebook, Youtube, Spotify, etc. The band tours "religiously," and frequents the Southeast, including Roanoke, Charlottesville, Raleigh, and DC. I had the privilege of hanging out with these guys after their second show and they are some of the most interesting, humorous, and real people you will ever talk to. I encourage everyone to go out and see them.

Stop Complaining About the Meal Plan Continued

50% of the total. While this estimate cannot be validated, it likely wouldn't surprise many students.

Mr. Smith also informed me that the cost of tuition had gone up 2.3% since last year due to inflation and was expected to go up an additional 2.5% before next year. As total tuition (before scholarships, grants and loans) has reached \$60,000, this yearly increase adds about \$1,500 a year, which increases 3 times for the average 8 semester student, for a cumulative total of around \$9,000 more than what a student might have assumed they would pay, based on his freshman year.

You may be wondering what that has to do with the Dining Hall. Well, it is the catering service alone that does not increase their fees in this manner. Mr. Smith informed me that the board charge had not increased since Thompson Hospitality took the contract mentioned before, which caps the amount of money that can be charged for these services.

Ms. Shelton helped me understand what both sides, Thompson Hospitality and the College itself, provide to make this arrangement work. The College supplies the location, the building maintenance, the power, the internet services and the initial machinery for the kitchen, while Thompson Hospitality supplies the food, the cleaning supplies, the dishware, the cleaning, the disposables (napkins, carry-out boxes, etc.) the service and they take over the maintenance for the machines in the kitchens.

I feel like I should mention a few of Thompson Hospitality's credentials. We aren't the only college that they cater to (though probably the whiniest). They also provide service to several others, including Norfolk State, Virginia Union, and West Virginia

State. They supply a few restaurants as well, such as the American Tap Room in DC, and let's not forget the Tiger Inn, of which I have never heard complaints for the quality of food. If nothing else, this serves to show that TH has experience in providing food to students and citizens alike.

Many people demand immediate change to prices, food quality, and service regardless of the efforts that Thompson Hospitality has made to increase student satisfaction about all

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of these issues. To these individuals, what Thompson Hospitality has done in the past and what they're doing in other places are moot. They demand the "here and now" satisfaction to their many and often unreasonable requests. Yet they fail to acknowledge that Thompson Hospitality is one of the few services not increasing the cost of living on Hampden-Sydney's campus.

To wrap up, no Dining Hall article of mine would be complete without a few comments on events to look forward to for the student body. Suring the interview with Ms. Shelton, we discussed a few of the past and future dining events. The immensely successful sushi-making table that appeared during fall break was one such point (to those of you who complain about "the 'Moans' seafood": you were wrong and I was smug), may, with a little luck, make a single night return, although that was not set in stone. We can, of course, expect a fantastic and fancy Thanksgiving dinner this week, and we should be in for a delicious Christmas dinner come December. Other than that, we can look forward to the good daily selection and exciting Thursday night meal every week.

Thank you all for reading. Remember, we've got it far better than you think.

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If you have limited financial resources and need a car, this installment is for you. I say, buy an "old person car!" Now, this may sound unappealing, but if you do it right, you will be a lot better off than if you had bought a new or slightly used economy car.

First, a decent economy car costs at least 15k and some are as cheap as 11k, but in most cases their so horrifically under equipped you're getting ripped off despite the reliability for which you just paid. You can do so much better with eight thousand dollars and an hour to browse Craigslist. For example, you can get an old used Buick with relatively low miles (no more than 150k) that will be a superior car to whatever base model civic you have your eye on. Yes, I'm talking about a soft sedan that's at least 15 years old, but 8000 will get you a supercharged 3800 series V6 and almost every option available (including safety features like traction control). Someone could point out it doesn't have Bluetooth (not hard to fix) or its ugly (impossible to fix). To that person I would say, well have fun in your slower noisier rougher riding rapidly depreciating throw away car, while I enjoy a smooth comfortable machine.

So how do you go about finding an old person car if you want one? For starters, stay away from bad paint and any other signs of dilapidation. You want perfect condition, and an apparent history of consistent maintenance. If it shows any signs of a decay, don't buy it. Don't be picky about aesthetic, because you should be looking for a bargain on comfort and reliability. Don't be afraid to buy a pudgy looking Lexus or a bloated boat. Have a mechanic look at it before you buy – not your buddy, but a qualified professional. They'll usually do it for a hundred bucks. Yeah, you won't have the coolest car in the world, but you will be better off than if you had taken a loan out on something that will depreciate significantly the minute you drive it off the lot.