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Hampden-Sydney Remembers Dr. Martin Luther King; Some Question Having Class

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Each year, we celebrate the inspiring life and legacy of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on the third Monday in January. Legislation was signed in 1983 to mark the birthday of Dr. King as a federal holiday in order to honor his legacy. In 1994, Congress took the day a step further and called upon the Corporation for National Community Service to designate the holiday as a national day of service for the purpose of promoting his teachings of both service and community. In an effort by the CNCS to do just that, they declared MLK Day to be the MLK Day of Service, saying that it should be a "day on, not off." The goal was to promote citizens to volunteer and participate in community service as opposed to a regular three-day weekend.

As we very well know, our school tends to do things differently. In the case of Martin Luther King Day, H-SC does not stop classes in remembrance of Dr. King as many other schools do nationwide. Hampden-Sydney's Office of Equity and Inclusion sponsored a reading of Dr.

King's famous speech, "I've Been to the Mountaintop" that was originally delivered in Memphis, Tennessee, on April 3, 1968. This is not only one of Dr. King's most famous and impactful speeches, but it is also his last recorded public speaking. Dr. King was assassinated less than twenty-four hours after giving this moving discourse by James Earl Ray in 1968. Dr. King was not planning to speak that evening due to illness and had Ralph Abernathy

take his place. Abernathy sensed the disappointment in the room when the crowd learned of the situation. Abernathy called Dr. King's hotel in order to plead to Dr. King to come and speak.

On January 21, the Rev. Dr. King's powerful words were heard once more—this time, on the first floor of the Brown Student Center. Students and staff lined up by the wall and took turns reading the speech to an audience that had braved the bitter cold

in order to be a part of the event. As King's words were read by members of our community, those in the audience or merely passing by both heard and felt the passion that was first delivered in April of 1968. Each speaker spoke clearly and eloquently to deliver the passion that Dr. King exuded in Memphis to the crowd of faithful followers.

I spoke with Mike Harris '22, who read a section of the speech, in order to

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H-SC Alumnus Leading Historic Virginia Beach Project

Ian Lichacz '22
Staff Writer

John Gibson '82 is laying the groundwork for a 328 million dollar development in Virginia Beach. The project, which was originally called "The Wave," has now been rebranded by Pharrell Williams, one of the project's investors. Pharrell rebranded the project recently as "Atlantic Park" in hopes of making the development seem more for the community than just tourists.

Previously the site for this project was a concert venue called "The Dome," but that structure was demolished in 1994. Now, the mixed-use development of the site consisting of a Wavegarden Surf Park, a 3,500-seat live entertainment venue, retail spaces, as well as hundreds of residential units will bring a whole new feel to the Virginia Beach oceanfront—all thanks to one outstanding Hampden Sydney Alum.

Mr. Gibson was a dedicated lacrosse player while at Hamp-

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Trump is at Fault for the Government Shutdown

Chad Pisano '19
Editor-in-Chief

Since I've been back at school, I've been able to have plenty of political discussions both with my friends that I usually talk politics with and some that I don't usually talk politics with. Something that I've repeatedly heard from my Trump-supporting friends is that the government shutdown is a re-

“Ultimately, this issue is not about border security, illegal immigration, or terrorism.”

sult of the Democrats refusing to work with our President. According to his supporters and him, President Trump is willing to compromise and work with Democrats on a variety of issues—so long as they give him border wall funding. But because the Democrats refuse to cave to this simple demand, they are holding the country hostage. Holding democracy itself hostage.

The idea that the Democrats are holding the country hostage because they refuse to work with Trump on his border wall is flat-out ridiculous. Though I conducted only a cursory search, an article written in early December by *The Washington Post* stated that Trump had spent about 1.6 billion dollars on border wall related ventures during his tenure. My question is one that I feel should be obvious—why is it that Trump waited until Democrats

gained control of a house of Congress before asking the government to triple its spending on the border wall? Why wait for the party that for more than two years has been ubiquitous in its rejection of a border wall and then decide to move forward with these plans?

President Trump has no excuse for this government shutdown. It is explicitly related to the border wall, a concept that congressional Republicans were quick to support and a campaign promise that Trump made central to his platform. It seems like outright stupid politics, at best, to wait until your party no longer controls the Senate, House of Representatives, Su-

preme Court, and Presidency to start your major, polarizing, and expensive campaign promise. It seems like manipulative and dirty politics, at worst, to use his position to try to either reduce the standing of the Democratic Party or force them to acquiesce to his wall. And this is a wall which many new Democrats campaigned against, which makes me think that this is some sort of weird, *The Art of the Deal* power move.

Ultimately, this issue is not about border security, illegal immigration, or terrorism. If those issues were truly so pressing to Trump and to the nation, there would have been some form of action on the southern border immediately after the election. Instead, Trump allowed the border wall debate to fester and sour; now the whole country has to pay a crippling, at least for the time being, price for that early inaction.

Missionary John Chau: The Modern Hero

Wade Bredin '20
News Editor

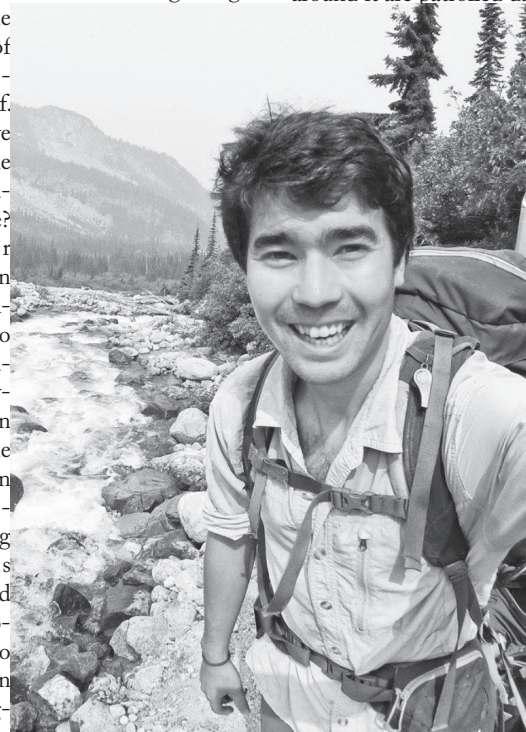
What makes a hero in our modern society? In our “postmodern world”, where are the heroes for young men to look up to? Professional athletes, celebrities, and politicians have proven time and time again to be unworthy of the adoration our young people give them. These “heroes” are almost inevitably unmasked by scandal and controversy. A young man looking to be “on the right side of history” in our society will find himself standing in the Women’s March holding a sign

decrying the very idea of masculinity itself. Where have our male role models gone?

Our culture is in danger. Hollywood is no help: modern movies often glorify the alienation of youth and offer no solution to the poison of meaning-

lessness and moral subjectivity that too much of our country’s youth are raised to accept. Deaths of depression: suicide, alcoholism, and drug overdoses, kill more young men than ever. Young celebrities are those who make massive amounts of money playing video games or making music that becomes obscene and more offensive by the day. Something is very wrong with all of this, and the figures in our society we are trusting to be role models are not living up to that mission.

Enter John Chau. A 26-year-old college graduate who I call a modern American hero. Chau, last November, was killed while attempting to make contact with an isolated tribe (one of the last in the world) living on the North Sentinel islands off the coast of India. Chau had learned about the island as a child and had spent years planning his trip there. The island was not open to tourists; in fact, the waters around it are patrolled daily by the In-



John Chau (Photo: *The Washington Post*)

Indian Coast Guard and onto the island. The first time he landed on the island he was shot and wounded by the tribe’s arrows.

Why was this young man so intent on going to this island? His goal was an old one: to introduce the natives on the island to Jesus Christ. As a missionary John Chau believed fully in Jesus’ command to “go into the world and preach the good news to all creation” (Mark 16:15). As a Christian, Chau believed fully that he was attempting to save these people’s souls, and to introduce them to God. He believed in his mission so much that he was willing to die for it. Like any hero, Chau faced up the dangers and risks associated with his mission and had the courage to follow through on it.

As news of Chau’s death spread around the globe, many were quick to condemn him. News journalists wrote that he was bringing back colonization, that Christians had no right to spread their religion to others that clearly did not want it. From their perspective, this is true. From Chau’s, however, he was doing what God commanded him to do, arriving among the wolves with nothing but a Bible in his hand and love of God and his fellow man in his heart.

What else is required in the definition of a hero to call John Chau one? He left home in pursuit of a noble goal, had courage in the face of immense danger, and had an unwavering faith in God that allowed him to stare down even death. We know that Chau was able to tell the natives that his name was John, that he loved them, and that Jesus loved them. What we do not know yet is when these natives will finally learn about Jesus. When they do, may they also learn of John Chau, the American hero who died trying to save them.

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th Teaches Fortune Cookies
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Ping Pong Tournament
at the Tiger Inn // 9:00pm–10:00pm
Chicken Tenders with Fries, and a Fountain Beverage \$6.00

FEBRUARY 6

Corn Hole Tournament
at the Tiger Inn // 9:00pm–10:00pm

Man Up Burger with Fries, and a Fountain Beverage \$7.99

FEBRUARY 7

Pig Roast Premium Meal
in the Dining Hall // 5:00pm–7:30pm

Trivia Night
at the Tiger Inn // 9:00pm–11:00pm
A Free Fountain Beverage for Participants

FEBRUARY 12

February Birthday at Lunch
in the Dining Hall // 11:00am–1:30pm
Crepes

Ping Pong Tournament
at the Tiger Inn // 9:00pm–10:00pm
Chicken Tenders with Fries, and a Fountain Beverage \$6.00

FEBRUARY 13

Corn Hole Tournament
at the Tiger Inn // 9:00pm–10:00pm
Man Up Burger with Fries, and a Fountain Beverage \$7.99

FEBRUARY 14

Copy Cat Recipe Premium Meal
in the Dining Hall // 5:00pm–7:30pm

Trivia Night
at the Tiger Inn // 9:00pm–11:00pm
A Free Fountain Beverage for Participants

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in the Dining Hall // 11:00am–1:30pm

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at the Tiger Inn // 9:00pm–10:00pm
Chicken Tenders with Fries, and a Fountain Beverage \$6.00

FEBRUARY 20

Corn Hole Tournament
at the Tiger Inn // 9:00pm–10:00pm
Man Up Burger with Fries, and a Fountain Beverage \$7.99

FEBRUARY 21

International Day Premium Meal
in the Dining Hall // 5:00pm–7:30pm

Trivia Night
at the Tiger Inn // 9:00pm–11:00pm
A Free Fountain Beverage for Participants

FEBRUARY 26

Ping Pong Tournament
at the Tiger Inn // 9:00pm–10:00pm
Chicken Tenders with Fries, and a Fountain Beverage \$6.00

FEBRUARY 27

Corn Hole Tournament
at the Tiger Inn // 9:00pm–10:00pm
Man Up Burger with Fries, and a Fountain Beverage \$7.99

FEBRUARY 28

March Madness Premium Meal
in the Dining Hall // 5:00pm–7:30pm

Trivia Night
at the Tiger Inn // 9:00pm–11:00pm
A Free Fountain Beverage for Participants



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Bring Cigarettes Back to the TI

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Layout Editor

At the beginning of last semester, the school made the decision to discontinue the sale of tobacco products on campus. Many have speculated why the decision was made; nonetheless, there is one thing that all accounts agree on: the decision was recommended by the office of the president. Whether this decision was made to change the school's image, or over concerns about student health, there seems to be a near unanimous opinion among the student body that it was the wrong decision. With a whole semester between the policy change and allowing students to see the effects of the ban, The Tiger decided to gather some opinions.

One big point of contention over the nicotine ban is that students were neither consulted nor notified of the change. Although the Tiger Inn staff warned many students as early as the spring of 2017 that tobacco sales were unpopular with President Stimper, most students believed that they would still be able to purchase tobacco products during their time here. Many of those who use tobacco and many of those who don't had a similar take on the issue of campus tobacco sales. Noah Cook '19 is a non-smoker and said, "We're adults and don't pay \$60,000 a year to be nannied."

Tobacco-related health concerns are certainly valid, but many students are upset at the loss of choice in the matter. The college's mission is to form good men and good citizens, but aren't good citizens responsible for their own actions? For many students, taking away the option to buy tobacco products due to health concerns seemed

hypocritical. Jason Guzauskas '19 pointed out the school is concerned about students developing lung cancer, "But they let us live in mold." At the beginning of this semester, around the same time that many students were finding out that they no longer had the option to buy nicotine products on campus, every student received emails from the school informing us that the school was aware of a rampant black mold problem in almost every dormitory. As written on page 49 of The Key under "Housing Policy", "All students are required to live on campus unless they have received a formal exemption from the college's housing policy." While some accommodations were made to those who had challenges handling mold issues on campus, nobody had much choice in the matter, despite its direct effects on student health. On the other hand, the negative health effects of tobacco are entirely up to personal choice.

Although those who don't use tobacco products were never forced to buy them on campus, those who do are now forced to leave campus to purchase them. Craig Cantley '19 claimed that banning the sale of nicotine on campus, "Promotes drunk driving," as he shared the story of a friend who considered driving to a gas station in order to buy cigarettes after drinking. Although most off-campus options for tobacco were always cheaper than tobacco sold by the school, students felt that it was well worth the extra \$2 to avoid an unsafe situation. There is nothing illegal about an adult choosing to use tobacco products, so why eliminate the option?

As a reflection of the unpopularity of the new tobacco sale policy on campus, Student Senator Isaiah Faecmire '21 introduced a bill to the senate on Monday that would reopen the sale of tobacco on campus. "Hopefully [the bill] will unanimously pass," Senator Faecmire commented.

The Meteoric Rise of Barstool Sports

Garrett Barton III '21
Sports Editor

There's a new sheriff in town in the world of sports media, yet many would argue that they more appropriately fit the role of an outlaw. Barstool Sports, founded as a black-and-white Boston newspaper in 2003, has mastered the modern internet platform. Most casual sports fans are now fully aware of their presence as an authority on pop culture, sports, politics, and anything else deemed worthy of their attention. Their unique and innovative approach to sports reporting, as well as their unabashed attitude, have made them a serious threat to ESPN as the "Worldwide Leader in Sports."

What has separated Barstool from their competitors, especially ESPN, is the fact that they refuse to conform to society's standards of political correctness. This is exemplified by their outspoken founder and CEO, Dave Portnoy. Affectionately named, "El Presidente," Portnoy controls 100% of the company's editorial process, per Forbes.com. This has preserved their authenticity while allowing for some controversial content to surface. His most notable incidents include, but are not limited to: storming into Twitter's headquarters demanding that his account be verified, casting remarks against ESPN's Samantha Ponder that many viewed as misogynistic, and filming a male employee, against his will, while in the shower.

One may wonder how a man with such allegations can keep his job in the social climate of 2019, let alone continue to foster the growth of his multi-million-dollar company. This can be partially accredited to the unwavering loyalty of Barstool's fans, better known as "Stoolies." However, this is also due largely in part to the growing consumer desire for a counter-culture to the 'PC,' or politically correct, America that we currently

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live in. Many Americans are growing tired of the systematic nerfing of mainstream media, and Barstool provides the opposite of a "safe space." People love this company because it is, above all things, honest. Its employees are humorous, confident, and extremely passionate about the fields they cover. They feel no pressure to abide by the rapidly-changing rules of

what is and is not okay to say or write.

Another reason for the growing popularity of Barstool Sports is that they reach their audience through numerous platforms and cater to fields of interest that go far beyond your typical sports-talk. Like any current sports media platform, the core of their content lies within recurring blogs from the company's brightest personalities. Additionally, Barstool is a social media juggernaut, as several of their pages and employees have over a million followers. Barstool's main account posts viral images and videos to Twitter and Instagram as they happen in real time, which attracts all consumers, not just Stoolies. There are hundreds of

Barstool accounts with more specific content, such as Portnoy's daily pizza review show or "5th Year," a page dedicated to fraternity life. This pool is vastly deepened by countless factions of affiliated accounts from Universities around the country, which target fans and students with school-exclu-

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H-SC Remembers MLK Cont.

get his opinion of the event and how H-SC honored Dr. King's legacy. Harris had heard of the event in December and gladly agreed to help. Harris explained that Mr. Alexander Abbott '17 had organized the event, chosen the speech, and broke it down in order

When asked his opinion on honoring Dr. King, Coston advocated for a day off from class in order to make time for a march by saying: "Honestly, on a national holiday such as today, there shouldn't be school in order to provide students time to commemo-

Dr. King left his mark on our society today and it shows. I'm in the midst of the civil rights movement, society may have never thought there would be an African-American president, but Dr. King saw the promise land and led us hand in hand. This day is not just

"Harris said that 'reading was a good start' and expressed that he was glad that the event was lowkey, intimate, and inclusive."

to share the speaking among the other volunteers. Alexander Abbott '17 is the Area Coordinator for Equity, Inclusion, and Programming. Harris said that "reading was a good start" and expressed that he was glad that the event was lowkey, intimate, and inclusive. Harris also hoped that the next year would be bigger, better, and perhaps even include other presenters to showcase poetry, art, and other displays of honoring the work of Dr. King. Finally, Harris addressed the notion of a day off. His view was that even though many other institutes take the day off from work and school, he thought that a day off of class would be useful if that day was used to honor Dr. King in a worthwhile day. Montrae Coston '19, President of the Minority Student Union, shared a similar opinion.

rate Dr. King's life and legacy. If there were no school, events like marches and other activities other could be done in his honor." Coston thought that the event held on the 21st was very important in honoring Dr. King because it is vital to our community that we get together in order to recognize Dr. King's efforts that "have gotten us where we are today." Maurice 'Moe' Garrison '22 shared the importance of celebrating MLK Day to him by saying, "To me, MLK Day celebrates the accomplishments and life of Dr. MLK Jr, while more importantly shining light on what the African American community has had to overcome as a whole. The day reminds me that things like myself attending H-SC, is what Dr. King fought for. The fight is not completely over but

for us African-Americans, but for everyone to realize that Dr. King and his messages were so strong, it put fear in people's hearts. Fear that everyone is equal and should be treated as such."

The event held at the Student Center on the 21st may very well be the start of what will soon become a larger and more revered tradition at our school, one in which the whole campus will honor Dr. King in order to strengthen our community and brotherhood. The original speech, delivered by the Rev. Dr. King Jr, can be found on Youtube for anyone who missed the event—and I would like to quote the end of the Rev. Dr. King Jr's speech here, in the hopes that "we will get to the Promised Land!"

Join our staff!

Writers, photographers, cartoonists and critics are all welcome to join *The Tiger*. Shoot us an email at newspaper@hsc.edu, or drop in on our next biweekly meeting held Monday, the 26th at 5:30pm. No experience necessary.

Letters to the Editor welcomed and encouraged!

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Barstool Continued

sive content. They currently produce 34 active podcasts that respectively include topics like city-specific sports talk for NYC, Boston, Chicago, and Philadelphia; movie discussion; tabloid news; and even the latest trends in streetwear fashion, among many others. They employ dozens of intelligent and headstrong female content creators; these professionals provide top-quality shows and blogs for women, all while preserving the modus operandi of Barstool: strongly opinionated while reporting with a brashly shameless attitude. Despite being a company that is obviously geared toward the 'white male ages 18-35' demographic, Barstool has successfully branded itself so that it can target different markets.

All of these sects give Barstool a nationwide presence that is far more personalized than ESPN. While this diversity of content has been crucial to the company's success, Barstool Sports would not be where it is today without the help of one of the most popular podcasts on iTunes: "Pardon My Take." Hosted by Dan 'Big Cat' Katz and the pseudonymous PFTcommenter, the podcast has rapidly gained popularity since its creation in February 2016. This podcast takes a comedic approach to the now-redundant style of sports talk radio. The hosts provide honest analysis of the week's most pertinent news in sports, all while maintaining a rapport that keeps listeners laughing for the full 90-minute show.

On each of their thrice-weekly shows, Big Cat and PFT go through a number of hysterical segments such as "Football Guy of the Week", a weekly award given to the grittiest man in the football world, and "Guys on Chicks", in which they field relationship advice from female listeners. In addition to their recurring gags, they always interview a guest: an athlete, celeb-

rity, or sports talk personality. This is common for a premier podcast, but the unique interview style of Pardon My Take is, for lack of a better term, refreshing. The hosts do not concern themselves with professionalism, but rather they aim to have a more informal conversation with guests. Some examples of this include asking Mark Wahlberg about his third nipple and prodding Los Angeles Rams quarterback Jared Goff about why teenagers in California are "intimidatingly cool."

As an avid listener of about a year, I can confidently say that the reason behind their unrivaled success is the fact that these guys do not take themselves too seriously. Big Cat and PFT are two naturally funny bloggers who possess an elite understanding of sports and a genuine friendship that makes for great banter. This epitomizes the appeal of Barstool Sports; it truly feels as though you are listening to two friends who are belted-up at a bar, cracking jokes and debating the biggest topics in sports. Barstool sports has risen to prominence because they are reinventing the world of sports media by closing the gap between reporter and fan; Whether it is a Twitter account that features submissions from your own classmates, a podcast that caters directly to your interests, or the inclusive attitudes of their staff that makes you feel like you're simply having a beer with them. They ruffle feathers in the media because they refuse to conform to the constantly-changing standards of professionalism, and the result is a brand that is authentic and refreshing. As long as this continues, we can all expect the Barstool empire to grow exponentially. Perhaps ESPN could learn a thing or two from them.



SPORTS

Tiger Basketball Fails to Kill Losing Streak

*John Donohue '22
Staff Writer*

The Hampden-Sydney Tigers are gearing up for the last few games in their 2018-2019 season. With seven games remaining, the Tigers are hoping for a strong finish to what has been a difficult season. The Tigers are sixteen games into their twenty-three game season with an overall record of 4-12 and a conference record of 1-7 with wins against Averett, Gallaudet, Regent University, and Shenandoah. At the conclusion of the 2017-18 season, the Tigers were 6-20 overall and

3-13 in their conference. The Tigers are currently on a ten game losing streak.

Forward Drew Scott '21 expressed that this year's team is young compared to other teams in the ODAC, with nine freshmen on the roster. Scott expressed confidence in his team's ability and remarked that, "We know we can play with anyone in the ODAC." Currently ranked dead last at 13th in the ODAC, the Tigers must finish in at least 10th in order to make the ODAC tournament. The ODAC tournament is set to take place in the last week of February and the championship is scheduled for Sunday, February 24th, at the Salem Civic Center in Salem, Va. Scott also went on to say that they have yet to piece a complete game together, but he is confident in his team's ability to do so.

Forward and team captain, Justin Reid '19, shared a similar view of his team's performance thus far and going forward. Reid mentioned that the morale in the locker room does not reflect their record. Reid went on to say, "We have faced adversity, but the team has stayed together and continues to focus on the little things that will get us back on track." Like Scott, Reid agrees that this is a young team with both plenty of potential and talent. Finally, Reid said, "Although we haven't experienced as much success as we hoped, I have enjoyed seeing the team continue to fight and grow together. I am confident that if we keep up a positive attitude success is not far behind." The Tigers' next game will be home against conference foe Bridgewater on Saturday, January 26th.

Player spotlight: Kevin Quinn

*John Donohue '22
Staff Writer*

The Junior forward and guard from the Virginia Episcopal School is taking full advantage of his 2018-19 season. In fifteen games, Quinn is averaging 10.3pts/g, 41%fg, and 34.8 3pt%. I spoke with Quinn about his accomplishments and success this season in an interview before his game on Wed. the 23rd at Ferrum.

What were your takeaways from your team's performance in the 2017-2018 season?

"My takeaways from last season were that we were a young team

trying to find a way to gel on the court. We have a great group of guys each one of us is and has been trying to define our roles in order to be a more successful team."

What were your goals at the beginning of this season? How did you set out to achieve those goals? Was there any particular focus in training?

"My goals from the beginning of this season were to mainly expand my game and not solely rely on my three-point shooting ability. I worked on ball handling and my mid-range game the most."

How do you feel about the season thus far, both as a team and as an individual?

"My feelings regarding this season are mixed. We've had a few games slip away which makes our record look worse than it should be. How-

ever, we've grown a lot this year as a team and are optimistic for finishing the end of play on a high note."

What do you hope to accomplish in the remaining games?

"With the remaining games my hope is for us to trust the system, stick together and trust the process. We're a very young team again this year and if we stay strong and grind good things will happen for us."

What can we expect from you and from your teammates as we near the end of the season?

"I think you could expect us to finish strong these last few games and create solid momentum for next season. The season has had its ups and downs but as long as we finish strong, it will give myself and my teammates fuel to work harder in the offseason."

Swimming Faces Last Regular Season Meet

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Swimming's final meet before the ODAC Championship will take place on campus at the Leggett Swimming Pool this Saturday January 26th at 2 p.m. The Tigers will swim against both Ferrum and Roanoke, two teams they last competed against back in October at the ODAC Relays. Six seniors will be honored for their last home meet this weekend. Of those six seniors, two, Jack Dickerson and Hudson Elmore, are current all-time record holders in multiple events while four of the seniors, Dickerson, Elmore, Robert Brown, and Brady Updike, are either current or former all-ODAC honorees. This senior class has never finished worse than third overall in ODAC play and will look to maintain that consistency during the ODAC Championship in February.

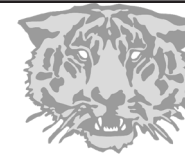
It has been a rocky start to the second half of the season for the Tigers so far. A home meet planned for January 13th against Guilford and Randolph was cancelled due to

weather and the Tigers lost a tightly contested meet against Randolph on January 18th by a score of 101-96. At the meet against Randolph, Woody Parsons '22 and Hudson Elmore '19 finished first and second respectively in the 100 meter Butterfly, both posting season-best times. A number of Tigers finished second in multiple events, including the 50, 100, and 200 meter Freestyles, 100 meter Backstroke, 100 meter Breaststroke, and 400 meter Medley relay.

However, the Tigers followed up that close loss the next day with a dominating 148-46 victory over Emory & Henry at Sweet Briar College. In Amherst, Zach Stephan '21 set a school-record in the 50 meter and 200 meter Freestyles while also winning the 100 meter Backstroke. Complementing Stephan's performance, Parsons won both the 100 meter Butterfly and 800 meter Freestyle as well. In addition, the Tigers were also victorious in the 50 and 400 meter Freestyles and the 200 meter IM, Medley, and Freestyle relays. It was the Tigers' third victory in their last four meets. The swim team will look to carry that momentum into this weekend and the ODAC Championship in February.



Brady Updike swims (Photo: hscathletics)



Super Bowl LIII Preview

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It's that time of the year again. In two weeks, millions of Americans will participate in one of our country's most storied pastimes: watching the New England Patriots play for a Super Bowl. This is their ninth Super Bowl appearance since Bill Belichick became the head coach in 2000, and their third in a row. After accumulating a regular season record of 11-5, New England got to the Super Bowl by dismantling the L.A. Chargers in the divisional round and edging out the Kansas City Chiefs in overtime for the AFC championship. The game will be played at Mercedes-Benz stadium in Atlanta at 6:30 EST on Sunday, February 3rd.

This year, the Patriots' challenger is a young Los Angeles Rams team led by coaching prodigy Sean McVay. He is in his second year as a head coach, and is nine years younger than Patri-

ots quarterback Tom Brady. Thanks to the brilliant offensive mind of McVay, the Rams have been an offensive juggernaut this season. They ranked second in total yards per game (425.6), fifth in passing yards per game (281.7), and third in rushing yards per game (139.4). Second-year quarterback Jared Goff and MVP candidate running back Todd Gurley have proved to be the perfect tandem for McVay's innovative scheme. Their defense is filled with stars: Aaron Donald, Ndomakong Suh, Marcus Peters, and Aqib Talib all have been

here—and they are more than worthy of the chance to win a championship.

Schematically, there have been hardly any changes in the Patriots' camp. The defense may not have been remarkable in any statistical category, but they are a product of preparation, as they have been for the past two decades. Bill Belichick is perhaps the most successful defensive mastermind in the history of football, and he has two weeks to design the perfect game plan to combat the Rams' attack. The offense still runs through arguably the greatest quarterback of all time,

Tom Brady. They still rely on quick passes and check downs to Julian Edelman, Rob Gronkowski, and James White. It seems as though this team is on

autopilot, as they are somehow equal parts predictable and dominant. However, a rookie running back has added a new dimension to the attack, making it all the more deadly. The former Georgia Bulldog Sony Michel had a solid regular season, but has been crucial to the Patriots' success in the playoffs. In two games, Michel has carried the ball 53 times for 242 yards and five touchdowns, which for

a rookie is nothing short of absurd.

There is a very clear path for the Patriots to tie the Steelers for the most Super Bowl wins by a franchise (6). If New England can keep the Rams' rushing attack in check, it should be a cake walk for them. The Rams have a dynamic inside/outside attack with running backs Todd Gurley and CJ Anderson, and it has been the driving force behind their playoff success. Goff and the passing attack rely heavily on play-action and crossing routes in bunch formations, and they will be in major trouble if they are forced into a shootout.

In my opinion, there is one definite key to the Rams' success in Super Bowl 53. His name is Aaron Donald. Since joining the league five years ago, the defensive end has terrorized every backfield he has faced. He has averaged 12 sacks per season in his career thus far, which is almost unheard of. Additionally, he led the league in sacks this season in 20.5, four and a half more than runner-up JJ Watt. As has been proven in by last year's Eagles team and the 2007 and 2012 Giants, the only way to beat the Patriots in a Super Bowl is to put Brady on the ground early and often. Luckily for Los Angeles, they have one of the most prolific quarterback-harassers since Lawrence Taylor.

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considered the best at their position at some point in their careers. Despite this, the unit has underperformed this season, ranking just 19th in total defense. They made it to the Super Bowl by beating the Cowboys in L.A. and pulling off an overtime upset of the Saints in New Orleans thanks to a blatant blown call by the refereeing crew. Regardless of how they got to this point in the season, they are

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This past spring, Ford announced that it would be cutting five models from its lineup: the Fiesta, Taurus, C-Max hybrid, Fusion, and the current Focus. Most of the cars being cut are lackluster transportation that take lackluster people to their lackluster jobs, so the majority of Ford's sedan holocaust will not be missed. There are, however, some lamentable nameplate deaths on this list. For this installment, I drove one. I usually try to avoid sports cars for this column, but the 2018 Ford Focus ST (Benjamin Arrington) is a 252hp hot hatch exception that met every expectation I had for it. The Eco-Boost turbo 4 cylinder paired with the superb 6-speed gearbox made for a car that was truly wonderful to drive. The suspension was stiff and without body roll, but slightly spongy—granted, most people won't notice or care. Regardless, it still wins in the fun department; it handles well and is super easy to control. That said, it's a bit heavy on torque steer, but fighting the steering wheel is part of the fun of driving FWD hot hatch. The interior was typical Ford plastic, and the seats were well bolstered and comfortable. Adding to the ST's sports car pedigree is a vague gauge cluster in the center of the dashboard with boost, oil temp, and oil pressure gauges. They're good enough, and will let you know if something is broken or not working correctly. If you want a fun car that is drivable on a daily basis, I highly recommend looking into a Focus ST. Some of these cars can be had for as little as 13,000 used, or at this point, you could talk a dealer down to 18,000 and even lower on a new one since this car about to go away forever. Europe got turbo Focus STs in all their glory since the early 2000s, and we only recently got an ST that wasn't a 150hp excuse. Due to the special nature of this car, its value could appreciate in the future. That said, it is a Ford, so who knows how time will treat these cars.

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den-Sydney, earning All-ODAC honors in 81 and 82. He also currently holds the title for top scorer in Hampden-Sydney lacrosse history.

When asked about how his time at Hampden-Sydney helping him with this project, Mr. Gibson brought up that having the Hampden Sydney “mafia” on your side with projects like this always is helpful.



Atlantic Park (Photo: John Gibson)