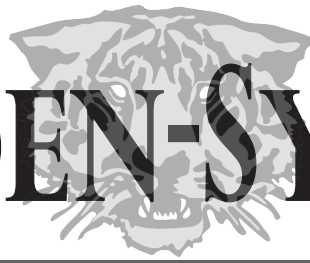


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H-SC Hires New Director of High Adventure

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Guest Contributor*

Hampden-Sydney College welcomes Mr. Scott Schmolesky, director of the new High Adventure program, this year to lead a series of outdoor activities designed to provide students with enriching and engaging experiences outside of their academic lives.

With a formalized outdoor edu-

cation program now available at H-SC, Mr. Schmolesky encourages students to come and try out one of the many activities planned. Activities such as hiking, mountain biking, whitewater kayaking, and more will take place both on and off campus throughout the Fall semester. The program seeks to enrich the personal lives of students relative to their level of experience, so all are welcome to enjoy the exciting challenges of the outdoors. Most programs are free of charge, provide necessary equipment, and satisfy the needs of beginners to more advanced outdoorsmen.

Students can find monthly schedules of activities on flyers distributed around campus, the digital CCTV boards in Pannill Commons, or by visiting the Office of Student Affairs.

All students are welcome to use the High Adventure Program to build character, test their limits, gain technical skills, and form a deeper sense of self by connecting with their surrounding environment. Though "High Adventure" may seem like a daunting title, students need not fear the rigor of the activities, as Mr. Schmolesky actively guides each event. He reassured stu-

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Senate Snapshot: September 10th

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Senate Chairman Larry Pullen began the Senate meeting on the 10th of September. After the call to order, Senator Samard gave an update about the status of the newly created House of Delegates. The House of Delegates was passed by the Senate last year; however, according to the update the faculty have not voted on the topic yet, hence the reason that it was kept out

of The Key. According to Senator Samard, it seems unlikely that the faculty will vote the proposal down, and even if they do Dean of Students Sabatini could bypass the faculty. Elections may be held soon, but the House will not start meeting until next semester.

There were three bills proposed at the meeting. The first bill was Senate Bill #12, sponsored by Senator Francis, which was the Equality of the Branches Act, which in no simple terms makes the Senate Chairman an equal member of the Executive Board, a panel that includes the Court Chairman and Student Body President. This will affect housing standings as well as recognition in school publications. It was unanimously

passed by the body of the Senate.

The second bill was Senate Bill #13 which was The Recycling Act of 2018, which stated a two-phase plan to place recycling bins around campus. The first phase would be implemented next year in the Academic Buildings and in the Blakes. The second phase would include a recycling initiative during matriculation of next year for students, specifically to enable new freshman to establish better habits. This bill was passed; however, not unanimously. Both Senator Corini and Senator Facemire voted in negation. Facemire said "I was in favor of the bill overall, but I would have liked to see the overall cost, and I'd

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Largest Freshman Class in History Arrives

*Ian Lichacz '22
Guest Contributor*

Dean Anita Garland offered the annual welcome to new students on the lawn of Venable last week, announcing that the class of 2022 is the "largest freshman class ever." In fact the Class of '22 includes 30 more students than last year's freshman class with a total of 343 newly enrolled underclassmen.

Associate Dean of Admissions

Marshall McClung brought up the fact that "the school tried new techniques this year for recruitment." One such technique was a move away from country club style meet and greets to more casual events like Buffalo Wild Wings football nights. Another new tactic was to set up a fantasy football league between students within geographic areas that had expressed an interest in attending Hampden-Sydney.

Surprisingly, though, this larger freshman class sent in fewer applications than in previous years; there were

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H-SC Holds Fourth Annual Raft Debate

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Hampden-Sydney's Fourth Annual Raft Debate was the "best one yet" according to Dalton P. Hall '19, President of the Unity Alliance, the organization which put on the debate. On September 5th, Crawley Forum was a

“Students would be better off if they saved their resources... and filled the extra seat with books.”

packed house; well over one hundred people were in attendance as us students decided together which academic division would be the most useful in our future plans to rebuild civilization.

For those who don't know the gimmick, the premise is that the world has ended and there is one more spot on the last survival raft. Three professors compete for the seat as the champion of their division. Dr. Bloom, Elliot Professor of Physics and Astronomy, defended the Natural Sciences. Dr. Gyurovski '09, Visiting Assistant Professor of Psychology, defended the Social Sciences. Dr. Horne, Assistant Professor of English, defended the Humanities. Additionally, Dr. Utzinger, Elliot Professor of Religion, played Devil's Advocate and argued none of the professors deserved our mercy. Dressed in full Mad Max garb, Dr. Frusetta, Associate Professor of History, moderated the debate.

Over the course of two rounds Dr. Bloom argued that his knowledge of

buoyancy and observational astronomy would help keep the raft afloat and navigate it safely to dry land. He further contended that literature was at best science fiction and that actual science would be needed to rebuild civilization after the apocalypse. Dr. Gyurovski argued that, as the social sciences were the youngest division, they would be the future. According to his case, the natural sciences lacked any ability to address relevant, deeply human questions, and the humanities asked those questions but lacked

any adequate method of inquiry to discover answers. Social sciences, on the other hand could tackle important questions with a rigorous methodology. Dr. Horne laid out her argument through storytelling about how we would survive and rebuild civilization through cooperation that would only be possible through storytelling and the bonding it helps groups attain. Additionally, she argued that

storytelling was how humans learned best, pointing to her competitors as presenting examples of storytelling in their own arguments. Countering all of this, Dr. Utzinger claimed that the professors were arguing that they could bring about what it is that they study, even though they have no real practical knowledge. He argued that any elementary schooler could learn the level of astronomy needed to navigate by the stars, that literature and books were needed but not literature professors, and that rationality existed before psychology ever started studying it. Rather than abstract knowledge, Dr. Utzinger argued that hard work and teamwork would be needed. Students would be better off if they saved their resources for themselves and filled the extra seat with books.

While Dr. Frusetta moderated the debate, the vote came down to the audience. By a "Spartan voice-vote" measured with a decibel meter, Dr. Utzinger was declared the winner and the professors were subsequently thrown overboard. Students thoroughly enjoyed the evening, as did the many professors and faculty members in the audience. While it was a close contest, this marked the first time that the Devil's Advocate has won the Raft Debate.

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OPINIONS

The Effects of Republican Fealty to Trump

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Editor-in-Chief

As President Donald Trump's influence continues to permeate throughout the Republican Party, its attractiveness to independent voters diminishes. While a few years ago President Trump was considered a pariah by most of the GOP, today he is viewed as almost a demi-god by some Republicans because of his pull with conservative voters. He has effectively used this status to exert further and further control over the party and over two years has built a system which requires low-profile Republicans running in primaries to closely align themselves with him and high-profile Republicans like Senators Mitch McConnell or Paul Ryan to remain

relatively mute on many of his most outrageous policies and statements. This has had two deleterious effects on the status of the Republican Party; firstly, it has driven the previously large wing of moderate Republicans either out of politics, like Jeff Flake or Paul Ryan, or marginalized them to the point where they're effectively non-factors. Secondly, and probably most impactful, is that this shift in the ideology of the party will likely reduce the number of votes it gets from independent or unaffiliated Americans.

The moderate Republican used to be an extremely common sight in Congress. My own congressman, Leonard Lance, is emblematic of the kind of fiscally conservative, socially liberal or aloof Republican that holds sway in the Northern states. Trump's firebrand, war hawkish and high-

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Rodknock: Dodge Dart

Jasper Greene '19
Guest Contributor

When one looks into buying one of Mopar's economy cars, an outstanding legacy of poor quality and horrific incompetence becomes apparent almost immediately. Mercifully, that is not the case with the modern Dodge Dart (produced from 2013-2016). Long gone are the days of the Avenger, Caliber, and Second-Generation Neon. Now we have a punchy Ford Focus competitor, which delivers the sporty package that the aforementioned models lied to us about being.

Both of my test cars sported the base 2.0l DOHC engine that makes a respectable 160hp (if this humble power output turns you off there is a 2.4l engine and a turbocharged 1.4l

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A Californian's Take on Virginia

Easton Powell '22
Guest Contributor

My the first two weeks of being in Virginia has taught me a lot after spending my first eighteen years in San Diego living on the California coast. First, the humidity freaking sucks! The rain and moisture that is in the air is a great trade off to the countless fires that plague California, though.

One of the major differences about the two areas is the contrast between the flora and fauna. It is refreshing to actually see green plants and trees rather than having to stare at the brown, barren landscape of a drought-ridden state. Additionally, while it is nice to actually breathe smog free air, I do miss the ocean breeze. Jake Dunk '22, a life-long native from Loudoun County, Virginia, said, "The

best part about Virginia is the seasons," and it's something I am definitely awaiting. California, especially by the coast, never gets true seasons, and I have only seen snow twice there.

In my opinion the greatest thing about Virginia is the atmosphere of genuine friendliness and southern hospitality. It truly has California beat on the social environment. Michael Armen '22, a native of Vista, California, exclaimed that the biggest difference he observed was "the use of the word 'y'all' and the different accents." The copious amount of new slang I have learned in these last couple weeks is astounding.

Overall, the California coast definitely has its advantages, such as the constant seventy-five degree weather and tanned girls, but Virginia is quite an amazing place to live with the abundance of wildlife and the warm feelings in the air.

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Premium meal starts at 5:00pm

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MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL at the Tiger Inn // 7:00pm-9:00pm
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High Adventure Continued

dents in a recent interview that “You don’t have to be outdoorsy” to partake in the activities. However, students with more experience are welcome to serve as co-leaders during events.

Mr. Schmolesky discussed his short-term goals for the program and mentioned he is looking to “identify students who will act as leaders,” particularly experienced juniors and seniors who know the local area well.

One such student, Resident Advisor David Fluharty '20, worked with Mr. Schmolesky over the summer.

“It’s more than the outdoors; it’s an avenue for leadership and teambuilding opportunities.”

Serving as president of the Cycling Club and vice president of the Outsiders Club, David discussed some of what Mr. Schmolesky and the program have to offer the students of H-SC.

“Mr. Schmolesky is an extremely enthusiastic individual. He is looking forward to getting involved with student organizations and encouraging the young men of Hampden-Sydney to enjoy the benefits offered by the outdoors.”

Recalling his experience working with Mr. Schmolesky, David states:

“I would say he is a well organized and motivated individual—I’m excited to see what he achieves on this hill. If you have any questions or ideas [he] is easy to talk to and always receives students with an open ear.”

Mr. Schmolesky’s evident enthusiasm and organization will likely support his long-term goals as well. In addition to getting students to disconnect from their phone screens and adopt a healthier lifestyle, he plans to bring long-term consistency and national acclaim to H-SC’s High Adventure Program. As an all-male college, he believes the uniqueness of the program may draw prospective students in, and eventu-

ally become a top competitor in the nation for similar college-level programs, ideally in four to five years.

Currently, Mr. Schmolesky is focused on using his experience in outdoor programming to engage students and establish a solid foundation for the program’s future. Mr. Schmolesky’s master’s in the instruction of outdoor education befit him well for the position, and his guided tours to various eco-tourism spots, including a unique experience to kayak in the Carolinas sound make for a

bright future of the program. Consequently, the idea of expanding his work to head a formalized program of High Adventure at a liberal arts college that emphasizes character development drew him to work at H-SC.

His colleague in the Office of Student Affairs, Dean Robert Sabbatini, comments on the necessity of an outdoor program at H-SC.

“It’s more than the outdoors; it’s an avenue for leadership and teambuilding opportunities.”

Along with leadership and the opportunity for students to test their skills in teamwork, Dean Sabbatini reiterates Mr. Schmolesky’s point about opportunities for student leadership in the program, mentioning student workers may be employed to handle on-campus excursions like the newly built ropes course.

Aside from the ropes course, students can look forward to exciting off-campus excursions. Mr. Schmolesky welcomes students to de-stress on an overnight kayak camping trip on Lake Briery Creek or attend a hands-on wilderness survival course. With high hopes for the High Adventure program, he welcomes all students to join the journey.

Senate Snapshot Continued

rather see more money go to building renovations” and Senator Corini said “I’m concerned that the scope of the project is too large for the limited time schedule the bill has proposed” The Senate hopes to work closely with the Environmental Activism Club.

The third bill was Senate Bill #14, sponsored by Senator Francis, which was The Outdoor Furniture Act, which authorized the Office of Student Affairs to purchase furniture for the outdoor area of Cushing Hall. A provision says that students can petition the OSA for additional furniture, such as picnic tables, anywhere on college property.

Two club proposals were discussed, and one club was reviewed. First the club proposal for the HSC Ultimate Frisbee club and then for the Academic Competition club. The HSC Ultimate Frisbee club hopes to play informal games about once a week throughout the semester; for additional information contact Jackson Robertson at RobertsonJ22@hsc.edu. The Academic Competition club is a collegiate level quiz bowl club. They hope to practice weekly and attend competitions across the region; for additional information contact John Hancock at Hancockj22@hsc.edu.

Republican Fealty to Trump Continued

spending nature intrinsically alienates him from a lot of conservatives in Northern states. Because he demands absolute loyalty from his party, and punishes the disobedient with ostracism, this type of conservatism has begun to be replaced with the Trump brand conservatism. Unfortunately, many of his messages do not resonate with people outside of the states that he won. By championing his causes and his candidates only, and allowing no room for disagreement or differing opinions, President Trump has silenced many of his party’s moder-

ates. Now, hardline conservatives have been chosen by primary voters energized by Trump and are in many cases facing uphill battles in liberal states.

The tough battles that these conservatives face in traditionally liberal or swing states cannot be understated. Sure, they may win this fall. But that’s not likely, especially because unaffiliated American voters—voters crucial to winning any election—tend to side with more moderate candidates. Historically, independent voters have sided with the Republican party, because the messages of less taxes, less spending, and keeping things generally the same are messages resonant with almost anyone. Now, however, many Republicans are advancing or defending issues like travel bans, building a wall on the Mexican border, and a budget that threw the fiscal conservatism Tea Party Republicans promised in 2010 into the wind. They face a new, more liberal and reinvigorated left—something that might actually help them, if the average American deems the new left worse than the new right. But President Trump’s domination and subsequent reshaping of his party certainly won’t help Republicans appeal to the average American moderate.



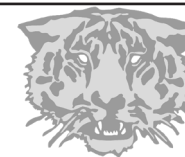
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President Stimpert on the Plans and Priorities for the Future

*Michael Van Citters '22
Guest Contributor*

In his remarks at the 2018 Opening Convocation Ceremony, Hampden-Sydney's President Dr. Larry Stimpert emphasized the school's commitment to academic excellence. He also reiterated the administration's ambitious goals of fortifying the school's reputation nationally, maintaining an atmosphere of sound learning, and encouraging brotherhood at HSC. In an interview, President Stimpert elaborated on the administration's plans to fortify the College's stature nationwide

“In a fraternal community where people can ask for help... students are more likely to thrive in a rigorous academic program”

and improve its academic programs. First, President Stimpert mentioned that one of the principle challenges that a private college faces is funding. Because Hampden-Sydney does not receive the benefit of state support like many large universities, steady enrollment and the recruitment of students who can excel is imperative to the College's fiscal health. Equally imperative to a healthy, balanced budget is effectively communicating Hampden-Sydney's uniqueness to prospective students and distinguishing its offerings from those of other colleges and universities. Although

HSC's most obvious distinction from the rest of American higher education is its all-male component, the school is distinct in many other ways; its mission of “forming good men and good citizens,” its legacy of patriotism, its excellent faculty and staff, and its rhetoric requirement—a program which many other colleges have abandoned.

President Stimpert explained that one of his main goals is to focus on improving the school's retention and graduation rates, expressing hope that the College's culture would veer away from emphasizing that 1/3 of all enrollees do not graduate and toward fostering a more character-driven environment. In a fraternal community where people can ask for help, Stimpert explained, students are more likely to seek help from professors, on-campus resources, or student leaders like Resident Advisors so that they can thrive in a rigorous academic program. When students take ad-

vantage of the resources provided by the school, they will feel as though they belong there. President Stimpert maintains a student cannot have a great experience at Hampden-Sydney until he has a good picture of where he belongs, and ensuring that each student has access to the resources needed to succeed is of paramount importance to the HSC Administration.

Having recently added both Biochemistry and Physics/Engineering majors to the school's curriculum, the administration is actively seeking to implement the addition of two new majors to the school's curricu-

lum in the coming semesters. HSC currently offers an Environmental Science minor and plans to develop it into a major, most likely to match the recent increase in demand for environmental studies. In the Psychology Department, a Neuroscience major is being developed with the intent of preparing students for new medical science fields like artificial intelligence. The school is also preparing for some big renovations like construction of the new Center for Rhetoric and Communication, to be completed by next year, as well as the addition of one of the largest freshman classes in the College's history. President Stimpert said that the trend of larger freshman classes will continue into the future and that enrollment will level out at around 1,200 students.

Largest Freshman Class Continued

334 less applications to be exact. With lower application numbers and more students putting down deposits than ever before; the admission office's new techniques must be working in getting young men to join the brotherhood.

According to Mr. McClung, despite a smaller application pool the Class of 2022 did meet the school's recruitment goal of 340 students and is one of the most qualified incoming classes ever at Hampden-Sydney.

The big question, then, is how will Hampden-Sydney increase the amount of incoming applications? The admissions office does not seem to have a problem with getting interested students to join the brotherhood. The challenge rather lies in

getting high school students to actually apply to Hampden-Sydney and become interested in the first place.

With application submission rates down, we can only hope that this coming year's numbers will be more bountiful. That way Hampden-Sydney can continue its important mission of forming good men and good citizens.

When asked about this situation, Freshman Woody Parsons had this to say: “As a brotherhood we should help encourage people we know to apply to Hampden-Sydney. We don't need to be out knocking on doors or anything, but just helping people we may know understand the amazing opportunities Hampden-Sydney has to offer.”



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SPORTS



Tiger Football Begins Season With Sluggish Start

Garrett Barton III '21
Guest Contributor

The Tigers' football team has stumbled out of the gate, losing its first two games to Averett College and Christopher Newport University, respectively. This week, they will look to make some key adjustments as they prepare to take on the University of New England this Saturday.

The season began on September 2nd at Averett, where the Tigers fell 33-14. Due to inclement weather, the game was postponed from Saturday the 1st to the following day. I reached out to Head Coach Marty Favret to hear about how the delay affected the team. He responded "We hate to make excuses, but we were a tired football team in the 2nd half. 6 hours on a bus and a 4 hour wait in a locker room on Saturday night were difficult." While this peculiar start to the season certainly threw the team off a bit, their on-the-field issues were clear. Per Favret, "In particular, the turnovers and poor tackling were glaring issues Sunday. Clearly, their team speed and size gave us troubles." H-SC allowed 306 yards rushing and nine yards per carry, while only putting up 56 yards of their own on the ground. In addition to their defensive struggles, the Tigers also turned the ball over five times with three interceptions and two fumbles.

On offense, the Tigers picked up right where they left off last season, effectively passing the ball to a variety of receivers. Senior quarterback Alec Cobb completed 33 of his 53 passes

for a total of 330 yards. The offense has lost an absolute stud at wide receiver in Cam Johnson, whose remarkable 2017 season earned him the title of ODAC offensive player of the year. Despite this, there was not a void left behind. Instead, junior Major Morgan has taken over as Cobb's top target, and against Averett he caught eight passes for 100 yards. Coach Favret was optimistic about the unit's growth, stating that "Alec Cobb has developed into a very good QB. Aside from Major (Morgan), look for Dillon Costello, Blake Page, and Nick Kallivokas to be viable weapons for us." Interestingly, one of Cobb's most effective new pass-catchers isn't even a wide receiver. Freshman running back Kaleb Smith has burst onto the scene as a starter, and in his first game he had eight receptions for 93 yards. Having a player who can effectively catch the ball out of the backfield adds a dynamic aspect to the Tigers' offense. "Dynamic' is the right word for Kaleb. He has the chance to be special..." said Favret.

This past Saturday, the Tigers had their first home game of the season against CNU, and lost a close one 17-13. Cobb continued to rack up the stat sheet, completing 31 passes for 399 yards and a touchdown. Once again, Morgan and Smith found plenty of success: the former had 100 yards on eight catches and the latter caught the ball twelve times for 108 yards and his first career touchdown. However, H-SC's running game continued to disappoint. The Tigers only obtained 36 yards on 19 attempts. Cobb was sacked 7 times as well, which shows that the offensive line has some serious room for improvement.

With two losses under their belt, it is now or never for the Tigers' football team. If they can make the proper adjustments, the team has more than enough talent to succeed in the ODAC this year. Next week's game against ODAC opponent Emory and Henry will serve as an important opportunity to turn the season around.



Griffin Davis (photo: hsc.edu)

The College Football Roundup

Garrett Barton III '21
Guest Contributor

Week two of the 2018 college football season is in the books, and while we did not witness any tremendous upsets or season-altering finishes, we did learn a bit more about which teams are for real and which are not.

In the most recent Associated Press Top 25, there were almost no changes to the top ten. Alabama, Clemson, Georgia, and Ohio State respectively remained in the top four, while Oklahoma leaped over Wisconsin for the fifth spot. Similarly to week one, this past weekend featured some

"...after this Saturday we should see the standings get a significant shake-up."

intriguing non-conference matchups. Playoff contender Oklahoma dismantled Chip Kelly and UCLA by a score of 49-21, behind five touchdowns from star quarterback Kyler Murray. Herm Edwards (yes, that Herm Edwards) led his Arizona State team to a huge win over 15th ranked Michigan State, breaking the Sun Devils into the 23rd overall spot and sending the Spartans down to 25th.

The most contentious non-conference matchup and best game of the week took place in College Station, TX, as 2nd ranked Clemson traveled to take on the unranked Texas A&M Aggies. Clemson jumped out to a 21-6

lead in the third quarter, but A&M did not surrender. They clawed their way back into the game behind stellar play from quarterback Kellen Mond, who had 430 yards and three touchdowns with no interceptions against arguably the best front seven in the country. The Aggies brought the game within two points with 46 seconds left, yet failed to complete the game-tying two-point conversion. Thus, Clemson escaped with a 28-26 win. Despite the narrow victory against an unranked opponent, this contest was not a sign that Clemson is undeserving of their number two ranking. Rather, it marked the beginning of the Jimbo Fisher era at Texas A&M, and put them on the map as a force to be reckoned with in the SEC West.

The only two matchups between ranked teams in week two were both, interestingly, important intra-conference games. The first of which took place in Columbia, SC, where

number three Georgia took on their division rival, the 24th ranked South Carolina Gamecocks. Many fans and experts placed the Bulldogs on 'upset alert' for this game due to Carolina having a raucous home stadium environment and their most talented team since Steve Spurrier's departure. However, UGA set the tone early, jumping out to a 14-0 lead only three minutes and ten seconds into the game. Carolina stayed close in the first half, but Georgia buried them in the second, outscoring the Gamecocks 21-0 in the third quarter. What be-

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SPORTS

Tiger Soccer Looks to Improve on Last Season

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The Hampden-Sydney Soccer team began their 2018 season a few weeks ago. The Tigers hope to have a very positive and successful year despite some early season injuries. As it stands, the Tigers are 2-2-1 overall after back to back wins over Southern Virginia and Averett. After the game, Eli Strong expressed how the team was thrilled with their performance. He also said that they were looking to carry this momentum into their next game, as they are currently on a winning streak. Last

year the Tigers finished their 2017 season 10-7-1 (overall) and hope to improve upon that this season.

The soccer team opened their season with two scrimmages against Roanoke and Christopher Newport in August, and then immediately faced Johns Hopkins to begin their regular season. Though they fell 2-1 to the Blue Jays, the Tigers fought hard. The Blue Jays scored two goals early in the first half and the Tigers answered with a successful penalty kick, followed by a shutout in the second half. The following day, the tired Tigers fell to Mary Washington 5-0. Mary Washington scored 3 goals in the first 13 minutes and shut out the Tigers' attack. Just three days later, the Tigers had a very arduous game against William Peace resulting in a draw after two overtimes

totaling 110 minutes of hard fought soccer. This game tested the grit of the Hampden-Sydney fans, who showed their true dedication from the beginning of the match, through a 20-minute lightning delay and all the way to the end of both overtimes. William Peace was out to an early 2-0 lead in the second half only to be answered nearly three minutes after their second goal by Paul Mahaffy. With the score 2-1 in favor of Peace and the match coming to an end, Hunter Weiland rifled a shot from 35 yards out that beat the goalie and found the back-left post to extend the game into extra time. Ultimately, the match ended in a draw after 2 overtime periods. Recently, the Tigers emerged victorious against Southern Virginia in a 4-0 match at home at Hellmuth-Gibson Field. H-SC dominated play, outscoring the opponent 26-2 and not allowing a shot on goal until the 76th minute in the game. Hunter Weiland had another impressive performance, consisting of two goals and phenomenal defensive play. The other goal scorers were Paul Mahaffy in the 3rd minute and Jack Sweney at the 77th minute. Coach DiNuzzo commented after the game saying, "Good team effort and it was about time we got into the win column. We're pleased with the whole group, especially considering that we still have quite a few injuries. Now it's time to build on this over the next couple games before ODAC play begins."

The Hampden-Sydney soccer team has high hopes to carry this momentum into the remaining matches as well as get back get back some injured players. All soccer news can be found on the HSC Athletics website (hscathletics.com) and on the HSC soccer Facebook page.



Spell Carr had a goal and two assists in the win against Averett (photo: hsc.edu)

Fantasy Football Weekly Picks

DOWN:

Dalvin Cook, RB, Minnesota Vikings

Cook was expected to be one of the top backs in fantasy this year, and he still very well could be one. However, he disappointed owners in week one against the 49ers, losing a fumble and only averaging 2.5 yards per carry. He's still a threat to catch the ball out of the backfield, and receives a heavy target share. It's worth noting that 2nd string back Latavius Murray had 11 carries, but he won't challenge Cook's role too much. Lower your expectations for Dalvin, but expect him to regain his mojo soon enough. This week, he plays the Packers at Lambeau.

Week 2 Prediction: 18 Carries, 4 Rec, 90 Total Yards

Cam Newton, QB, Carolina Panthers

Newton had a decent showing against Dallas week one, with 219 total yards and a touchdown. However, it is evident that this won't be a good year for the Panthers' passing game, as they lack a reliable number one receiver. Not to mention, Newton's favorite target, Greg Olsen, injured his foot in the game and will likely be out week 2. Carolina is playing the Falcons this week, who kept Nick Foles in check with only 117 yards and an interception on 34 attempts last Thursday.

Week 2 Prediction: 240 Total Yards, 2 INT, 1 Rushing TD

Each week this fall, The Tiger will highlight two players expected to trend upward in Fantasy Football in the coming weeks and two players trending downward. Note: Predictions are based on ESPN's Standard Scoring System.

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UP:

Patrick Mahomes, QB, Kansas City Chiefs

The second-year quarterback got his first start this past Sunday and showed off his trademark big arm, scoring 4 TDS on 256 yards passing. This week he takes on a Steelers defense with some significant holes, and this game should be a shoot-out. If you've got him, start him.

Week 2 Prediction: 285 yards, 3 TD's, 1 INT

Joe Mixon, RB, Cincinnati Bengals

Mixon has clearly become the workhorse back in Cincy over Gio Bernard. Against the Colts in week one, he had 17 carries for 95 yards and a TD while adding five catches for 54 yards. He is playing Baltimore this week, which may scare some owners due to their recent drubbing of the Bills, holding them to only 83 yards on the ground. However, that isn't a fair judgement of the Ravens' defense since the Buffalo offense led by Nathan Peterman was anemic. Mixon and the Bengals should find much more success.

Week 2 Prediction: 15 carries, 80 yards, 2 TD



Album of The Summer: *Astroworld*

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The summer of 2018 was quite eventful in the world of hip-hop: XXXtentacion was tragically murdered, Drake and Pusha T beefed for about four days, Post Malone narrowly avoided a plane crash, and Tekashi69 became public enemy number one. Additionally, rap fans were blessed with a slew of new albums by some of the genre's elite. Drake released the smash-hit *Scorpion*. Kanye West released a pair of seven-song EP's (*ye* and *Kids See Ghosts*), one of which in collaboration with Kid Cudi. Pusha T also worked closely with West to create the most critically-acclaimed album of his career, *DAYTONA*. All these projects made waves upon their releases – and rightfully so. However, none of these albums were met with as much hype as Travis Scott's long-awaited blockbuster *ASTROWORLD*.

Scott originally announced the album, named after a now-abandoned amusement park in his hometown of Houston, at a concert in May of 2016. For the next two years, he was cryptic about the album's specifics. We were left to speculate, with false alarms and wild theories about production seemingly surfacing every week. On July 30, 2018, Travis Scott told the world that *ASTROWORLD* would be released on all platforms on August 3rd.

The album was met with the highest expectations for a musical project that has been seen in ages. Travis Scott was already one of the biggest names in rap, and his previous albums and features found unrivaled success. For roughly six months prior to release, it seemed like Scott could not post on Instagram or Twitter without being bombarded by fan responses that demanded he "Drop Astroworld". It would be almost impossible for the record to meet its larger-than-life expectations. Yet, somehow, it did.

What makes *ASTROWORLD* so great is the fact that it contains multiple different components that typi-

cally make an album special. First, for an album to become memorably great, it must have radio hits. It requires songs that a general audience will know the chorus or hook of verbatim because they've heard them played so frequently. Unless you've been sleeping under a rock for five weeks, you've heard Scott and Drake's 'SICKO MODE'. In addition to this mega-hit, the album's first song 'STARGAZING' has also become extremely popular, having appeared in the game *NBA 2K19* and on ESPN's SportsCenter.

Another characteristic that can make an album special is an emotionally-driven ulterior motive previously unused by the artist (think: Kanye's *808's and Heartbreak*, which was a reaction to his mother's death). In a 2017 interview with *GQ*, Scott said, "They tore down AstroWorld to build more apartment space. That's what it's going to sound like, like taking an amusement park away from kids...we want it back. That's why I'm doing it. They took the fun out of the city." Not only did he look to create a spectacular album, but he

wanted it to mean more. It is a triumphant return of joy and excitement to the people of Houston. Songs like 'HOUSTONFORNICATION' and 'RIP SCREW', which is dedicated to late Houston rap legend DJ Screw, show an empathy to home that we've never heard from Scott before.

Finally, the third component that makes this album paramount is the same thing that carried Travis Scott to stardom in the beginning: remarkably intricate production. Unlike most rappers, Scott plays an integral role in the production of almost all his songs. However, the true mastermind behind Scott's beats is legendary producer Mike Dean. If you have never heard of Dean, you most certainly have heard his work: Kanye West's *Graduation*, *My Beautiful Dark Twisted Fantasy*, and *Watch the Throne*, Beyonce's *Lemonade*, and Frank Ocean's *Blonde*, just to name a few. Also from Texas, Dean mentored Scott and is listed as an executive producer on all of Travis Scott's most famous projects. His influence is evident in all of Scott's albums, particularly this one. The two

most poignant examples of this album's infectiously brilliant production lie within the songs 'SKELETONS', which is also produced by the psychedelic rock band Tame Impala, and '5% TINT', which features a heavy interpolation of the Goodie Mob's iconic 1995 hit 'Cell Therapy'. The creativity and detail put into each beat on this album makes the production shine, as is the same with all Scott records.

Like it or not, any hip-hop fan can agree that the attention to detail in this album sets it apart. It is for this reason that even without being a top-tier lyricist, Travis Scott has quickly become one of the most accomplished musicians of the past decade. Prior to its release, *ASTROWORLD* faced extremely high standards due to a perfect storm of Scott's previous success, fan anticipation, and overall mystery. Despite this, he lived up to the hype. After punching your ticket and enjoying the musical rollercoaster that is this album, one thing is clear: Travis Scott took care of business.

College Football Continued

gan as a significant test for the 'Dawgs ended in a rout of their hated rival, and they cruised to a 41-17 victory.

The next conference game between ranked opponents pitted Pac-12 powers Southern Cal (#17) and Stanford (#10) against each other in Stanford. The Cardinal took care of business on both sides of the ball, particularly on defense. They held USC to a scoreless first half, and only three points for the entire game. Last year's Heisman trophy finalist Bryce Love ran for 136 yards and a touchdown, leading his team to a 17-3 victory.

This coming week features some interesting matchups, and after this Saturday we should see the standings get a significant shake-up.

Here's your viewing guide for must-watch games, as well as some players making a case for themselves to be crowned the best in the nation.

Must-See Matchups

- #1 Alabama @ Ole Miss: 7:00pm, ESPN
- #12 LSU @ #7 Auburn: 3:30pm, CBS
- #4 Ohio State @ #15 TCU (AT&T Stadium, Dallas): 8:00pm, ABC

Heisman Watch

2018 Statistics through two games

- Oklahoma QB Kyler Murray (28-44, 515 yards, 5 TD's, 92 yards rushing, 2 TD's)
- West Virginia QB Will Grier (46-60, 761 yards, 9 TD's)
- Wisconsin RB Johnathan Taylor (51 carries, 398 yards, 5 TD's)

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engine). One car had an automatic transmission (a 2016 owned by Robert Bourne) and one car had a manual transmission (a 2013 owned by Jacob Clayton), but they both had six gears. The manual transmission makes for a faster car with better mileage, and it's a smooth gear box with a forgiving clutch. On the other hand, the automatic was smooth around town and quick to snatch gears if you wanted it to. The chassis of the Dart is based on the Alfa Romeo Guiletta, delivers excellent feedback, and, coupled with the tight steering, is very enjoyable on the open road. The interior doesn't

apologize for containing a lot of plastic and is big enough for a large person. The seats are comfortable. The gauge cluster and big plastic panel make the car feel beefy, in the same way black clothing makes a teenager feel tough.

The car has some recalls, but all of them are minor and can be fixed with a trip to the dealer. The most you should pay for one like the ones I tested is \$8000, and if you're lucky you can find one for \$5000. All and all, if you ball on a budget as a college student and want something fun and fiscally responsible, it is quite hard to go wrong with a Dodge Dart.