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President Stimpert Asks for Students' Trust Following Pair of Administrative Resignations

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These past few weeks provided a number of high-level administrative changes at the College, as both Athletic Director Richard Epperson '79 and Dean of Students David Klein '78 resigned from their positions.

In response to questions regarding the February 4th resignation of Epperson, President Stimpert stated that Epperson resigned for unstated "personal reasons." Stimpert said that he's actively meeting with coaches to revise the Athletic Director's position, previously held by Epperson for seven years. "I think coaches are excited," Stimpert said. "We're conducting a national search and we have the very best candidate pool." When asked when we will have a new AD, Stimpert replied that, "Our plan is to start advertising fairly soon and to put a search committee together fairly soon. We'd love to bring somebody on board as soon as possible. I think that it's typical that whoever we hire would want to finish out the season, but we'd love to bring somebody on the start of the new academic year." Stimpert added that Davis Yake '08, Assistant Athletic Director for Media and Compliance, is currently filling in as Interim Athletic Director. Epperson



President Stimpert speaking to the crowd gathered outside of Atkinson Hall on February 10th (Photo: Traylor Nichols)

did not respond to any requests for an interview regarding his resignation.

On February 7th, a message was sent from the President's email account to the Hampden-Sydney

community stating that Dr. David Klein had chosen to resign "to make way for new leadership in the Office of Student Affairs." The message also stated that he was given an op-

portunity to remain at the College through the end of the academic year but "agreed to step aside... in order to facilitate a faster transition."

The message sparked outrage from

the Hampden-Sydney community. The same evening, posters reading "Bring DAK Back" were plastered over signs and doors across campus, while a demonstration was quickly organized in support of Klein. The demonstration was held during the Convocation Period on February 9th, with around eighty students in attendance to brave the morning's bitter winds. A number of students and alumni spoke, recounting their personal experiences with Dean Klein, from being recruited by him as prospective students, to participating in the Beyond the Hill program under his leadership. President Stimpert was the last to speak, telling the audience that he had a plan for College and asking the student body to trust him while ensuring them that he had their best interests at heart.

Tanner Beck '18, one of the leaders of the protest, said that the protest meant "something different for every person that attended...and I think that's great. I think there's a lot of confusion surrounding the subject." He cited frustration over the President's decision not to outline a definite plan for the school, saying, "If I had the option of trusting Dean Klein's vision path and vision for the school or Dr. Stimpert's path and vision for the school, I'm going with Dean Klein if I don't have information." Beck added that he wants to know President Stimpert's vision for the school, and how Dean Klein's

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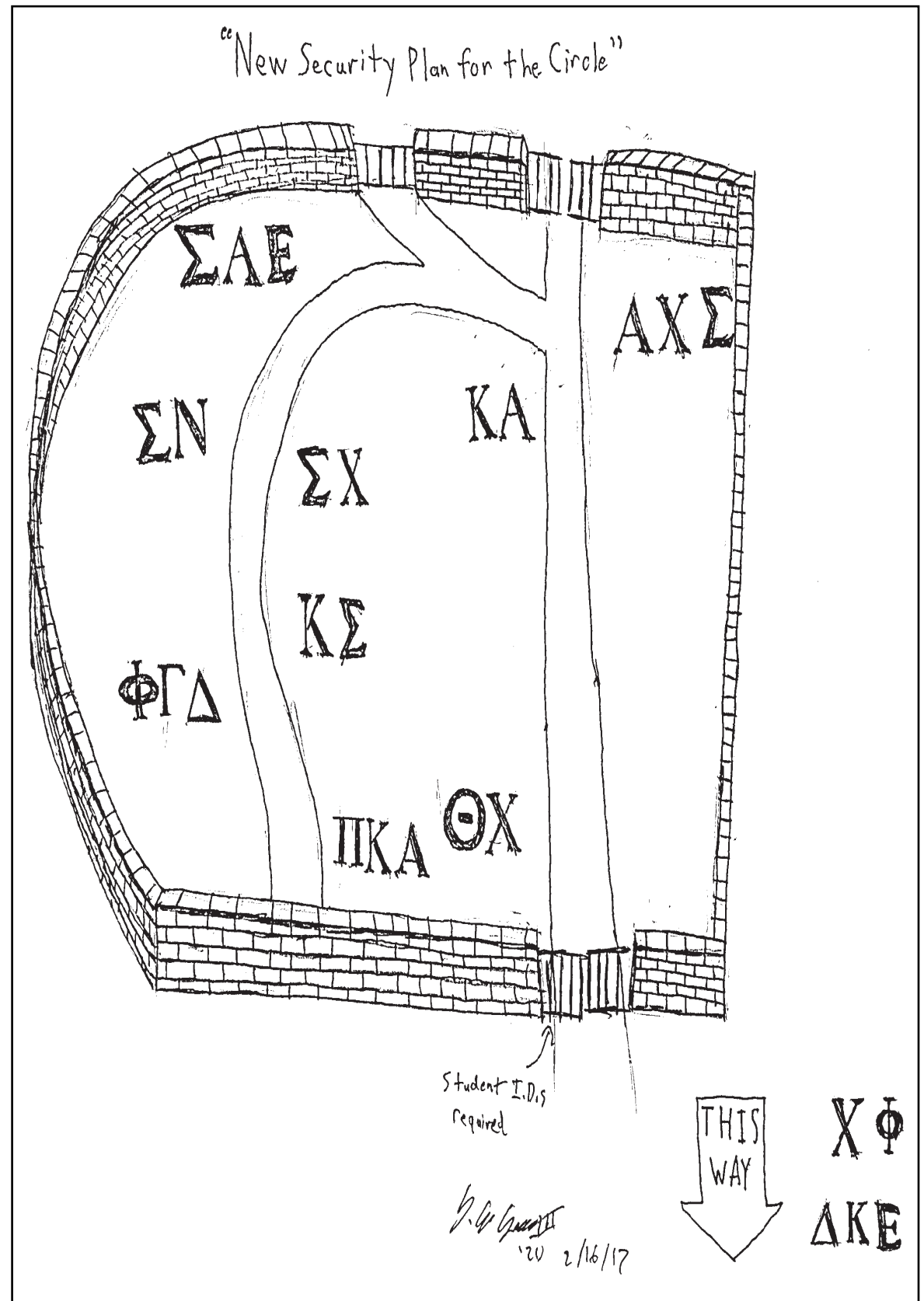
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Spend Wisely? I Could Say the Same

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With a cumulative interest-list that contains the names of over 10% of the student body, the Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship and its members take pride in using our allocated funds efficiently to build community and friendship among our members and the student body at large—even supporting events hosted by other clubs.

With three different weekly small groups, a weekly joint Longwood-Hampden-Sydney worship gathering, a club-wide prayer meeting every Friday morning (which President Stimpert attended three times last semester), biweekly outreach events in front of Settle Hall, two nights of water-bottle outreach on the Circle each semester, themed party-alternatives (Chi Alpha Café) every month, and the Jesus Jamz worship concert this April, Chi Alpha may be the most active club on campus.

But more importantly than our activity, we directly affect hundreds of students; perhaps we've given you a bottle of water on an especially intense party-night, or have given you a cup of coffee or a donut and an encouraging word on a Tuesday morning, or we have welcomed you to campus at our annual Freshman Cookout on the first Friday of the school year.

Further, during my two-semester tenure as treasurer of Chi Alpha, we have always requested funds totaling less than our projected costs, understanding that many clubs also need funding. This semester, with a projected operating cost of \$2830, we requested \$2500 (the same amount we requested last semester, and one of the lowest allocation requests). In terms of community-impact-bang-for-your-

student-activity-fee-buck, it doesn't get much better than Chi Alpha.

We received \$850, a 62% cut from last semester, and 34% of our requested allocation. The average club received 55% of its request. Even so, some clubs received far smaller percentages of their requests than Chi Alpha: MIC received 18%, MSU received 24%, and the Shooting Team received 19%. However, MIC requested \$7000, MSU requested \$10600, and the Shooting Team requested \$5000. Chi Alpha requested \$2500.

Chi Alpha does not want a lot of money. We do not want to take the entire club on a veritable vacation to a 5-Star Hotel. We do not even want the amount of money we need. All we want is to have the opportunity to continue operating, making our campus community stronger and safer, and making room for other clubs to succeed as well.

The real shame is that this semester we simply will not be able to do all of the same community-building activities we are accustomed to, when an additional \$1000 (0.5% of the budget) could have made all the difference. I have no idea how to fix the system, but I do know that the system failed to serve the members of Chi Alpha and let us slip through the cracks.

Chairman Echols wrote in his form-sympathy letter that "the Board and I were presented with the difficult task of making some very difficult cuts . . . the Student Finance Board encourages you to spend wisely and monitor your spending closely." The trouble is that in terms of magnitude, it seems like Echols, or President McDonald, or the Board, or *someone* in charge, should have monitored *their spending* a little more wisely.

Spring 2017 Club Allocations

Club	Request (\$)	Allocation (\$)
CAC	122,300	85,500
Winter Ball	43,500	43,050
Kaleidoscope	20,000	16,500
Outsiders	10,500	8,750
Wellness Advocates	7,500	4,000
Student Senate	7,300	3,700
Fly Fishing	10,000	3,000
The Garnet	5,000	2,700
Minority Student Union	10,600	2,500
International Club	4,330	2,400
Club Golf	3,300	2,400
Ducks Unlimited	3,500	2,250
Unity Alliance	5,368.48	2,200
Chemistry Club	3,152.24	2,000
Madisonians	4,300	1,800
Tiger Athletic Club	3,000	1,600
Club Soccer	2,684	1,500
Pre-Health Society	5,935	1,250
Music Interest Club	7,000	1,250
Phi Beta Lambda	4,000	1,200
Animal Rescue Club	1,500	1,000
UPLS	4,500	1,000
Radio	4,400	1,000
Cogito	2,750	950
Shooting Team	5,000	925
Classics Club	2,300	900
Chi Alpha	2,500	850
Club Baseball	2,000	825
German Club	1,110	800
Roteract	1,200	750
Fencing Club	1,000	600
Spanish Club	800	600
Math & Computer Science	569	550
BCM	650	500
Chess & Strategy Game	700	500
Board Riders	2,500	500
Cycling Club	530	475
Animations Society	400	350
Society of Physics Students	200	175
Total	317,878.72	202,800

NEWS



Fraternities Announce First Annual Greek Week Music Festival

*Chad Pisano '19
Guest Contributor*

Greek Week just got better. Hampden-Sydney's Greek Week is considered by many students to be the highlight of their year. The week is characterized by various themed parties each night, usually held at houses on Fraternity Circle, although the off-Circle houses get involved, too. Unsurprisingly, Sydney's penchant for live music is often reflected in fraternities' and CAC's lineups, with talented bands like

Perpetual Groove, Atlas Road Crew, and The Revivalists leading the way.

This year will mark a significant departure from previous years, however, when Saturday, April 8th rolls around. In the Greek Weeks of years past, Saturday was considered to be an open day in the way that Friday is, essentially meaning that any fraternity can throw any party they want. Social chairs Hayden Robinson '18 of Chi Phi and Clay Bales '17 of Kappa Sigma have organized a departure from that format in favor of a collaborative effort that would see a day-long music festival take over as the dominant Saturday event, known as the Greek Week Music Festival.

Robinson described the origins of this departure, saying, "Instead of all the fraternities competing against each other on the Saturday of Greek Week... we came up with the idea that we would all pitch in our money as a fraternity system and get bigger and better bands." This event, which is funded by every fraternity excluding DKE contributing an agreed upon sum, will feature "a variety of bands," according to Robinson, "all [of which] are on verge of breaking out." Headlined by The Hip Abduction, an up-and-coming, reggae-based band from Florida, the festival will also feature

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Student Government Introduces Changes to Winter Ball

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Copy Editor*

On Saturday, March 4th, Hampden-Sydney's student government will put on the annual Winter Ball in Kirby Field House. Despite various changes in the price, expected attendance, and format of refreshments, Student Body President Eric McDonald '17 expects great turnout for the first campus-wide event of the semester.

Instead of being held in Kirk Athletic Center's Gammon Gymnasium, this year's Winter Ball will occupy Fleet Gymnasium in Kirby Fieldhouse. This move has been en-

acted, according to McDonald, to increase participation from around 150 attendees to closer to 300. This year is experimental, but the student government will revisit the topic next year to determine whether or not to move the Ball back to Kirk. "[The Ball] will be a great opportunity to see what the event would be like if we increased the attendance," McDonald said. "I'm not sure if we will do it ever again in Kirby, but I figured it wouldn't be a bad idea to move so we can get more participation."

Another major change is the style of food that will be served. Rather than having dinner before the Ball for a small number of attendees, the student government has scrapped that plan altogether. Instead, the Ball will feature a variety of finger foods, snacks, desserts, and hors d'oeuvres

for all attendees throughout the night.

The third and final major change, one that directly results from the first two, is in the price. Instead of buying a pair of tickets for \$40, as in the past, students this year had to shell out \$40 apiece. McDonald states that this uptick came from the increased attendance, the greater amount and variety of food and drinks, the cost of the band, Kings of Swing, as well as the set up done by Magic Special Events. In addition to ticket sales, a \$43,050 allocation from the Student Finance Board will be assisting in covering these expenses.

McDonald hopes that this year's format will have introduced good changes that the student government will keep in mind for future events, and he is excited to welcome everyone to the dance.

Career Office Hosts Hire a Tiger Career Fair



Hire a Tiger Career Fair took place in Snyder Hall on February 15th. (Photo courtesy of Ellen Masters)

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On Wednesday, February 15th, Hampden-Sydney's Office of Career Education and Vocational Reflection hosted the Hire a Tiger Career Fair in Snyder Hall. A total of 134 students attended the event, where they were able to meet representatives from more than fifty companies and organizations. CEVR hopes to make the event an annual occurrence.

Globally known insurance companies, small tech startups, and various university degree programs were all on our quaint little campus to give students a sales pitch—and to allow students to do the same. Well over one hundred current students attended, as did a student from Sweet Briar College, a prospective student, and an alumnus of H-SC.

Among those who represented organizations at the fair were a number of Hampden-Sydney alumni and

parents. Carter Allen '16 was here on behalf of Liberty University's law school and Betty Ramsey, step-mother of Garrett Ramsey '20, represented Boone Newspapers. Many other members of Hampden-Sydney's community also attended the event.

CEVR also put on a lunch event before the career fair, where special guests such as Dean of Admissions Anita Garland and Director of Student Affairs Operations and Civic Engagement Sandy Cooke—as well as others—were able to interact with CEVR staff and coordinate campus-wide programs.

Ellen Masters, Director of Career Education and Vocational Reflection, made sure to mention the wide range of people who helped make the event possible. From her office and Project Delphi to President's Men volunteers to members of a dozen College offices and departments, the event was truly a community effort. CEVR hopes that even more students, employers, and faculty and staff will participate next year.

One on One with New Director of Marketing and Communications

Gordon Neal '09

Zach Miksovic '17
Guest Contributor

This week, I sat down with Gordon Neal '09 who has come back to the Hill to serve as our new Director of Marketing and Communications following the retirement of long-time Director Tommy Shomo '69

ZM: What do you remember most fondly about your time here as a student?

GN: My friends, a great collection of friends who were all from different backgrounds, were involved in different groups on campus, and had different interests, majors, etc. It was really neat how these different majors, interests, and backgrounds could come together and be a part of the same group. I've maintained friendships with so many of these guys after college. I had 8-9 groomsmen, half if not more were Hampden-Sydney friends. Faculty as well, I had a lot of strong relationships with faculty. Even those with whom I did not have strong personal relationships, the stories from those classes kind of stuck and were part of the shared Hampden-Sydney experience, and whether or not you are actively involved and personally reaching out to them, you are still going to be influenced by them and their personalities. I think the interesting personalities of the faculty were a neat part of my experience as well.

ZM: What kind of clubs/organizations were you involved in during your time here?

GN: AT different times, I was in RA, on student court, I was in KA, served as treasurer of KA, Society of '91, the Poly Sci and English honor fraternities, and President's Men. They were all really great experiences, and it was neat because you got to know dif-

ferent people from outside your usual friend groups and things like that.

ZM: What did you do before you came back and took your current position?

GN: Since graduation, I've mostly been in Washington, D.C., working in a variety of communications roles in and out of government. I spent a total of nearly six years in the Capitol Hill office of U.S. Rep. Rob Wittman of Virginia, ultimately serving as his Congressional operation's chief communications advisor, speechwriter, and public spokesman. I also worked for a strategic communications firm in D.C. supporting the PR and public affairs efforts of a variety of clients, including legislative advocacy groups, law firms, trade associations, and a global consulting firm. My last role in D.C. was with a San Francisco-based startup, where I led outreach to the political community.

ZM: What made you want to come back and work at Hampden-Sydney?

GN: I loved my experience here and I tried to remain as active as an alumnus as I could. I was the Class Agent for my class for a long time and most of my friends in D.C. were Hampden-Sydney friends. It's in my family as well, with my brother going here. So, I've continued to pay attention to what's going on at the College and I love the College and I've always thought whenever I had a bad day on Capitol Hill, or if I was working on a project that I wasn't enjoying, wouldn't it be great to represent Hampden-Sydney in some way or advance Hampden-Sydney and it's mission. So when I saw that Mr. Shomo was retiring and that this position was open, I just jumped at it, because in a way it was a dream job, because I'm able to work on the communications, marketing, and branding of this College, this place that has had such a tremendous influence on my life and where I am now. It's a chance for me to give back in a way.



Gordon Neal '09

ZM: What specifically do you do as Director of Marketing and Communications?

GN: I am still trying to figure that out myself. It's a really interesting job because it's so all-encompassing and I think this office has gone through iterations over the years. In the old days, it was more of a publications office with a little bit of a PR office as well, but in recent years there's been more of a shift towards active marketing. The way I see the communications office is that we are the strategic creative partner to other departments on the campus and our goal is to share the story of Hampden-Sydney and to protect, preserve, and promote the reputation of the College. There are so many elements that make Hampden-Sydney great, and our mission is to spread the word on those as much as possible, and help other offices with their communications as well.

ZM: Outside of work, what do you like to do?

GN: I got married in October, and my wife and I like to travel, camp, check out new restaurants. I also enjoy hunting and fishing, and thanks to my Hampden-Sydney professors I'm still a fairly obsessive reader.



Tiger Reviews



Near To The Wild Heart Of Life Japandroids

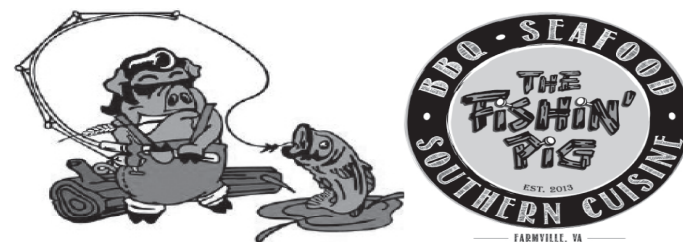
This might be the album to finally start the year off right. Japandroids have released their third LP with *Near To The Wild Heart Of Life*. Right off the bat, the opening title track provides a classic punk ethos compounded with an anthemic hook. What follows is a stellar mix of songs that range from more fast-paced, gritty rock, to a few mellower numbers.

Upon a first listen, one might think that the band has up to four or five members, but only two talented musicians deliver the magic in these songs. Appearing as a guitarist-drummer duo, Japandroids deliver an excellent show that is on par with bigger bands. Plus, the duo

of Brian King and David Prowse had to follow up their 2012 breakout LP *Celebration Rock*. They embarked on a tour that included over 200 shows over the stretch of 2012 and 2013. After that, they took a lengthy break and remained dormant until late 2016. Now they are back, and they made their return in style by appearing on the *Late Show* with Stephen Colbert on January 31st.

Overall, the LP is a great showcase for the band, and they have some big plans for the year ahead, including double shows on their current tour in Philly, DC, and LA. After their North American tour ends in March, they'll head to Europe for a Spring tour. *Near To The Wild Heart Of Life* is a fun LP that fits right in with a night out on the town or a night in with friends.

-Spencer Connell '17



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Resignations

role is in conflict with that vision.

Beck also said that he has problems with how the situation was handled. "For instance," he said, "I think if you want an administrator to resign, you should do it yourself at the very minimum," instead of forcing a resignation. Overall, Beck feels that the march was successful. He realizes that it would be naïve to expect President Stimpert to bring back Dean Klein directly after the protest, but he feels that the group's message got across to President Stimpert.

"When you have personnel situations like this," Stimpert stated, "we've signed an agreement with Dean Klein that limits what I'm allowed to say, that limits what any of us at the college are allowed to say [and] that limits what he can say. And again I know a lot of people look at that and say, 'You're stonewalling, you're not being transparent, you're not giving us information,' but the reality is I cannot tell that without violating that agreement. So I can say that I hope that I never make decisions capri-



Richard Epperson '79

ciously, and I hope that anyone is in a position of leadership at this college is being very thoughtful when they make decisions at this college."

Stimpert added that "one of the challenges [is that] you may have a perspective or a view, [but] it's my job to take in everybody's perspectives, everybody's views, all the information, all the evidence, and then make the best possible decision based on all of that. So what I can assure you is that decisions weren't rushed into or made capriciously but very deliberately." He noted that he knows that Dean Klein wouldn't want this to be an issue for the College: "He loves this place, and I think he wants the very best for this place. I think that



David A. Klein '78

last thing that he would want would be people to think there's some scandal here or some story or something that should come divisive on campus or for the alumni. I'm pretty confident that's how he would feel about this."

When asked when we would have a new Dean of Students, Stimpert said he was unsure. "The problem is how quickly Dean Klein's decision to resign came about... Anything I told you would just be speculation." In the meantime, Associate Dean of Students Robert Sabbatini is acting as the Interim Dean of Students. Klein stated that he was unable to take part in an interview with *The Tiger*.

"Thank you for caring," Klein said. "You guys are awesome."

Help the College Food Committee Rename the Tiger Inn

Max Dash '18
Editor-in-Chief

The College Food Committee met on February 14th to discuss a variety of topics regarding the dining experience at Hampden-Sydney. One of those topics was the renaming of the Tiger Inn, which will be moving into the Brown Student Center next semester.

In the coming weeks, an online survey will go out to students via email asking for name suggestions for the new eating facility. These names will then be reviewed by the committee, who will narrow them down to a final five. Students will then have the opportunity to vote for their favorite.

The College Food Committee—which consists of 20 official voting representatives made up of members of Student Government, Thompson Hospitality, the Office of Student Affairs, and Appointees by the President of the Student Body—meets on a monthly basis to continue its goal of improving the student dining experience on campus, as well as to address any underlying issues that students may have with the dining experience.

To give students increased transparency, monthly emails will be sent out regarding the attendance of voting members, agenda progress, responses to student concerns, information about improvements, and/or potential changes to the dining experience.

In the meantime, be sure to keep an eye out for emails regarding the renaming process.

Music Festival

the Futurebirds, The Trongone Band, and campus favorite Big Something. The festival will run from 1:00 pm on Saturday to 1:00 am on Sunday in the middle of Fraternity Circle on Saturday. Admission will be \$5 for non-Greek Hampden-Sydney students, and \$10 for others. "We want to make this more than accessible to every member of H-SC," stated Robinson. "That's why we're allowing a \$5 non-Greek student admission fee. The reason that we are charging \$5

in the first place is that all of these bands were booked with money that comes from brothers' dues. All proceeds that come from admissions, t-shirt sales, and poster sales are going to a charity that will be decided upon and announced by the fraternities. This isn't meant to be an exclusive event; it's meant to be a fun day of music for the whole student body."

Thanks to support from the campus administration, resources that would normally be spread around during the day or throughout the week can be concentrated in the middle of the Circle, helping to ensure that the day will run efficiently.

"I'm ecstatic that we have created a collaborative opportunity for Hampden-Sydney fraternities to come together for a greater cause,"

Bales said. "For many years, we have always competed on bands and parties, but finally they will all be in one place. Also, we will be able to be in the same place as our friends, which resolves the common complaint about Greek Week that you can only see your buddies or the bands, not both."

Both of the events' organizers are confident in the success of the festival, saying that "this event is supposed to be something that can benefit the community, that can provide a donation to a charity, as well as bring about a bonding experience for Hampden-Sydney brothers to enjoy good music on a day of celebration." A successful festival would surely solidify Hampden-Sydney as a favorite spring stop for up-and-coming bands and fans to enjoy good friends and music.



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SPORTS

Basketball Tops Shenendoah, Advances to Second Round of ODAC Tournament

*Davis Morgan '20
Staff Writer*

Despite going into the ODAC tournament on a three-game losing streak, the eight seed Tigers were still able to ride their home court advantage to a 75-64 win over nine seed Shenendoah on Monday night.

The two teams kept it close early, but the Tigers broke away to lead 41-26 at halftime behind senior JaVonte Reddick's four of five shooting from behind the arc.

Despite the Hornets' run to make it a two-point game with two minutes left, the Hornets would never take the lead. The Tigers made eight of nine free throws down the stretch, and a diving steal by sopho-

more Malik Crute on a rolling in-bound sealed the win for the Tigers.

Reddick led the Tigers in scoring and rebounding with 20 points and seven boards. Senior Jake Duncan also filled up the stat sheet with 14 points, six rebounds and six assists. Towards the end of the game, it was announced to the crowd that Duncan had surpassed 1,000 career points at H-SC.

"It was a pretty amazing feeling hearing that I reached the 1k mark," Duncan said. "I had over 2,000 points in high school, but scoring a thousand in college feels like a much bigger achievement. It was also awesome because I had a lot of friends and family there for the game."

Since transferring to H-SC from D-I New Jersey Institute of Technology after his freshman year, Duncan has been top-three in scoring for the Tigers every year, leading the team each of the past two seasons. On Wednesday, Duncan

was named Third Team All-ODAC.

"These last three years have been amazing on and off the court," Duncan said. "I've been able to be successful on the basketball court, in the classroom, and around campus. Coming to Hampden Sydney has been the best decision I've made."

The victory sets up the Tigers with a quarterfinal matchup against regular season ODAC Champion Guilford in Salem, VA today at 1:00 pm. The Tigers split the season series verse the Quakers, winning the second of the two at Guilford on January 21st by a score of 64-58. The Tigers rode a pair of career high games from Duncan (29) and Crute (16), and hit 12 of their 21 threes.

The Quakers have won six of eight games since falling to the Tigers, and are led by Zachary Houston, who was named ODAC Men's Basketball Scholar-Athlete of the Year for the second consecutive season.



JaVonte Reddick led the Tigers with 20 points in round one. (Photo: hscathletics.com)

Baseball

as best they could. Starting freshman Chase Mayberry pitched four innings, allowing three hits, two earned runs, and two walks, and struck out seven. Mayberry was supported by senior Matthew Metheny, who pitched a solid inning, only allowing two walks and he picked up a strikeout, eventually earning the win for the Tigers. Overall, the H-SC pitching staff combined to strikeout 13 Captains.

Just a few days later the Tigers returned to Ty Cobb Ballpark for a Sunday doubleheader against Penn State Harrisburg. The first game was close up until the final inning. Junior outfielder Moe Gothe walked off in the bottom of the seventh, sending sophomore Jason Maitland home and the Tigers picked up their second win

of the season, 3-2. Gothe was 2-3 and had two RBI to his name. Sophomore first baseman Tyler Blevins was also 2-3 and he also had an RBI. H-SC runners were on fire, stealing four bases thanks to the quick feet of Arceo, Gothe (2), and freshman Chase Counts. Meanwhile on the mound, sophomore Jimmy Butler had six innings under his belt, allowing two earned runs, four hits, and striking out seven batters. Fellow sophomore Trey Celata finished out the seventh inning with a strikeout and only allowed one hit.

Not long after the sub-two hour opening game, both teams took the field for the concluding match. This game was not easy for Penn State Harrisburg, as they fell victim to a classic shellacking, and the Tigers swept the day 16-1. The offensive explosion for the Tigers came in the second inning, where 10 runs were scored. Senior Joey Sutphin homered in the

2nd, putting a sweet cap on an inning in which four other Tigers tallied RBIs left and right. Blevins continued his hot-streak, going 3-4 with two RBIs while Arceo went 1-2 with two RBIs, and junior Brian Goodwyn went 2-3 with two RBIs as well. Freshman Jonathan Triesler had a complete game on the mound, only giving up five hits, one earned run, and he struck out two batters.

On Wednesday, the Tigers continued their win streak with an 8-7 win over Marymount, moving their record to 4-0. With this hot start, the Tigers will look to keep the momentum rolling into the next few games in the middle of this nine game opening homestand. The next games for H-SC will be against Southern Virginia on the 24th, Moravian on the 25th, and Stevenson on the 26th, with the latter three games being a part of the annual Floyd B. Wilcox Tournament.

Lacrosse

"I think the win against Mary Washington was huge for us," Brown said. "I know we haven't started a season 1-0 since the seniors have been here so to get that first win is huge for our confidence. It was good to see that even though we were losing 3-0 early on, we bounced back and found a way to scrap out a win." Other notable Tiger performances included senior Jared Arntzen who was 19 for 26 in faceoffs and sophomore goalkeeper Mitch Renfrow who had eight saves. The Tigers handled their man-up opportunities well, converting two of their three chances.

One week later H-SC traveled to Charlotte, North Carolina to face Berry College on February 19th. The Tigers kept the momentum from their opening victory thanks to early goals from Levin, Shaheen, and John Burke.

Berry was not silenced, however, as the Vikings were within one at the end of the first quarter. The Tigers were able to hold them off en route to a 14-11 victory. Levin had a breakout game with four goals, followed by Shaheen's hat-trick, and a trio of scorers with two goals: Brown, Morris, and Burke. Pool picked up a solo goal while Doetzer played a helping hand with two assists on the day. Renfrow faced 49 shots, 22 of which were directly targeted at him, and he stopped 11. Junior Wilson Booth stepped in at the faceoff department, winning 10 of his 16 chances.

The Tigers dropped their first game of the season in a close 13-12 loss to Catholic on Wednesday, despite outshooting the Cardinals 44-27.

The Tigers will return home on February 25th for a Saturday matinee against Christopher Newport. The last time these teams met, CNU defeated H-SC 9-6 in Newport News. The game against CNU will begin at 1:00 pm at Everett Stadium.

SPORTS



Lacrosse Starts 2-1 Under New Head Coach



The Tigers are off to a hot start under new head coach Jay Rostan. (Photo: hscathletics.com)

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The Hampden-Sydney lacrosse team is always a competitive force in the ODAC, which is one of the premier lacrosse conferences in DIII Athletics. This upcoming season has similar promise as many years do for the Tigers as they were slated to finish fourth in the ODAC Preseason Poll.

The Tigers are returning three key offensive weapons on the attacking side of the ball in Juniors Ian Levin and Connor Pool and Senior Duncan Morris who all provided plenty of offensive fire power last year. Levin led the team in goals with 43 and points with 61 on his way to a Second-Team All-ODAC nod

last year. Contributions from freshman Jack Hayden, sophomores John Burke and Seamus Byrne, and junior Conor O'Brien are also expected.

The midfield will once again be anchored by juniors Hunter Brown, Chandler Shaheen, and sophomore Jack Doetzer. Hunter Brown led the team and the conference in assists last year with 33 and contributed 22 goals en route to being named Second-Team All-ODAC last year as well.

Not only do the Tigers have their offensive core intact for the 2017 season, but they are also under a new head coach who is quite familiar with the team: Jay Rostan '03. He takes over as head coach after his father Ray Rostan retired last summer after an historic run as H-SC's lacrosse coach. Jay played for the Tigers as a student and served as an assistant coach for 13 years.

"This year's team is talented and has experienced players on both ends of the field," Levin said. "Coming off a semifinal loss in the conference tournament last season, this year's team is focused on being more of a disciplined unit."

With all of the new adjustments in place, it was time to begin the new season against a familiar foe in the Mary Washington Eagles. Opening day was on February 4th as H-SC hosted MWU on a perfect day for lacrosse. The Tigers held off the Eagles for a 13-9 victory.

Morris and Brown each had four goals while Brown and Doetzer had two assists each. Brown's six point performance earned him the ODAC lacrosse Player of the Week honor.

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Baseball Returns with Eyes on ODAC Title



Freshman Jonathan Triesler's complete game kept Penn State Harrisburg at bay on February 19th. (Photo: hscathletics.com)

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Could 2017 be the year that H-SC baseball makes a deep run into the postseason? That is the feeling in the locker room as the Tigers take on a new season with fresh faces and a determination to reach the postseason and stay there. And after their hot start, it appears they are well on their way.

Over the offseason, former Tiger pitcher Reggie Johnson '16, who currently plays in the Houston Astros farm system, helped the team prepare for the upcoming campaign. Meanwhile, six seniors lead the team that is composed of a healthy mix of underclassmen. When asked about the upcoming season, senior Ryan Peevey said that he "could not be more excited for this season," and thinks the team has "the pieces in place to be a very very good baseball team and compete for an ODAC title, which is the goal every year."

A healthy crop of 13 freshmen provides the team with serious depth heading into the new season. "The upperclassmen and captains have, I think, done a great job to this point setting an example for the younger guys," Peevey said. "We have tried to build a bond between a group of guys from different places and with different personalities into a cohesive unit, and I think we have done a good job with that goal."

H-SC opened the season on the road to battle against the Christopher Newport University Captains on February 16th for a weekday matinee in Newport News, Virginia. A seven-run fifth inning propelled the Tigers to their first victory of the season, shaking off the Captains 7-5. Peevey, who was the designated hitter against CNU, went 2-4 and knocked in two runs while freshman catcher Andrew Kasiski also had two RBI on the day. Sophomore infielder Shane Arceo and senior outfielder Cody Smith each had an RBI, too. On the mound, the Tigers managed to hold off the Captains

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