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

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’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 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 opportunity 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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**Spend Wisely? I Could Say the Same**

*David Bushhouse '17  
News Editor*

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 partyalternatives (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-

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**Spring 2017 Club Allocations**

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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, Syd-ney’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.” Head-lined by The Hip Abduction, an up-and-coming, reggae-based band from Florida, the festival will also feature

Career Office Hosts Hire a Tiger Career Fair

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, stepmother 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.

Student Government Introduces Changes to Winter Ball

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 time we have to cover all expenses.

Donald 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.

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Hire a Tiger Career Fair took place in Snyder Hall on February 15th. (Photo courtesy of Ellen Masters)
One on One with New Director of Marketing and Communications

Gordon Neal ’09

Zach Mikovic ’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 longtime 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 an 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 different 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 its 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.

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.

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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 capriciously, 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 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.”

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 come from admissions, t-shirt sales, and poster sales 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.

Help the College Food Committee Rename the Tiger Inn

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.

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Basketball Tops Shenendoah, Advances to Second Round of ODAC Tournament

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.

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Lacrosse

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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.

Baseball

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SPORTS

Lacrosse Starts 2-1 Under New Head Coach

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 firepower 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

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...