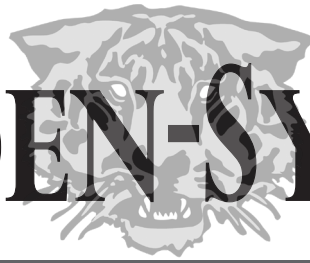


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## Senator Mark Warner Visits Campus

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On March 23rd, the Senior Senator from Virginia, Mark Warner, visited Hampden-Sydney College as a part of a town hall tour he is conducting throughout Virginia. Hosted in the Wilson Center, Provost Stevens and LTC. Rucker Snead introduced Senator Warner, highlight-

ing his importance and the special opportunity that his visit presented students to engage their government. Particularly, Colonel Snead highlighted the fact that Senator Warner is the vice-chair of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, a former governor of Virginia, and had a good personal friendship with beloved former College President Sam Wilson. All of these positions and relationships, Snead stated, gave students a rare chance to interact with a high-ranking government official who is arguably one of the most up-to-date people in the country on issues

ranging from the ongoing Russia-Trump investigation to foreign policy.

Following this introduction, Senator Warner took the floor for a short speech followed by an open floor for questions. The Senator, in his speech, reminisced about first getting acquainted with Hampden-Sydney when he was in charge of the Virginia Association of Independent Schools. He extolled the unique virtues of Hampden-Sydney, its leaders, and the leaders it produces, before moving on to politics. After giving some background, including his rise in Vir-

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*Senator Mark Warner (Photo: wikimedia)*

## Dr. Sipe Celebrates 50 Years at HS-C

*Wade Bredin '20*  
*Staff Writer*

"I told them they could name it whatever they wanted, as long as it didn't include the word 'memorial' in it." -Dr. Sipe

Two things happened in 1968 that would affect the sciences at Hampden-Sydney for the next fifty years: construction of Gilmer Hall was completed, and Dr. Herbert Sipe began teaching Chemistry. Dr. Sipe remembers that first fall semester: the

stairs in Gilmer were still solid steel, and he spent his first day with several professors and half a dozen students loading up a B&G truck with materials being transferred from Bagby to the new Science building. The building cost around \$2 million (in 1968 dollars), and Dr. Sipe laughed when he told me about the chimneys: the President of the College at the time, President Reveley, when asked about the very expensive (and perhaps unnecessary) chimneys, said "you own the inside, but I own the outside."

Fifty years later Dr. Sipe has moved into an old classroom and can still be found there, night after night, burning the midnight oil as he

works. *The Tiger* has collected quotes from faculty members who have worked with Dr. Sipe over the years; if any alumni or students would like to send their reflection on Dr. Sipe's 50 years of teaching they are encouraged to do so by contacting the author or editor at [newspaper@hsc.edu](mailto:newspaper@hsc.edu).

According to Chemistry professor Dr. Anderson, "Dr. Sipe is simply dedicated to students here. He's not slack nor is he unreasonable. He will help anyone succeed who wants to."

Dr. Mueller, another Chemistry colleague of the Hampden-Sydney icon had much to say about Dr. Sipe, declaring: "Herb is an inspiration. His dedication to serving the College

as an institution, but more importantly to the welfare of its individual students, is amazing. Over the years, he has spent more hours preparing, grading, and advising than any other faculty member I can think of. He has mentored many students as they became intellectually engaged in research. Herb also 'boosts' the College in ways that not everyone realizes. He stays in touch with a large number of alumni. Most of them were students in the sciences by quite a few were students who had liberal arts classes with him such as Honors Seminars or Western Culture. And he is one of the professors most involved in admissions and recruiting. For me as a

chemistry faculty, he also served as a mentor. This helped me adjust to the College in many ways. He showed by example how to work hard. He has always been there for me to give me advice when I have had an idea to try out in the classroom or for student research. I'm looking forward to having a few more years -- before I retire -- with Herb as a colleague."

Dr. Wolyniak, a Biology professor, elaborated on Sipe's commitment to the school and his students, saying that "Dr. Sipe believed in undergraduate research decades before people realized that it was good for student development. His visionary influence on the sciences at H-SC in general and

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Recently, I received a call from the business that is responsible for printing *The Tiger*, the local newspaper *The Farmville Herald*. Betty Ramsey, its publisher, informed me that due to the recent tariffs President Trump imposed on lumber imports

**“I think it’s important that we are aware that the policies of our government have a tangible effect on our lives- even in the seemingly isolated world of H-SC.”**

from Canada, the price of printing our newspaper was going to be driven up. This price increase is necessary, she said, because those tariffs have created a shortage that drives up the price. Instead of printing one thousand copies of black-and-white newspaper for \$178, it will now cost *The Tiger* \$188. She stated that she hopes the price hike is temporary or at least will not increase; it remains to be seen what will happen in the future.

The price difference is, itself, fairly negligible in the grand scheme of things. At most, it will drive the total cost of *The Tiger* up \$20 this semester. Assuming there will be no further changes, the upcoming semester will cost us about \$70 dollars more than last year’s fall semester. Considering that our total ad revenue, subscrip-

tion revenue, and the money we are allocated by Secretary-Treasurer and the student finance board generally leaves us with a budget that purposefully gives us a little bit of leeway, it is doubtful that *The Tiger* will need to change the way it operates in any sort of way, let alone a meaningful one. This article is not one meant to raise alarm or lament increasing operating costs.

What this small price increase does show, however, is that there are the long reaching effects that tariffs can and do have. A tariff is meant to

counterparts. Often times, this kind of policy will raise prices because of the nature of domestic products: they are produced by American workers, who demand higher wages (or have minimum wage requirements), benefits, and work less hours than laborers in developing countries.

Many readers of this article, I am sure, are all aware of this. Many of them doubtless have a stronger grasp of the economic concepts surrounding this topic than I do. But as our government discusses implementing more tariffs on a range of other goods, I think it’s important that we are aware that the policies of our government have a tangible effect on our lives—even in the seemingly isolated world of Hampden-Sydney, Virginia. Perhaps the suppliers of *The Farmville Herald* will begin buying American paper, and perhaps that paper will be of a higher or lower quality. Maybe nothing will happen beyond this price increase; maybe our production costs will fall or rise again. Regardless of what happens in the future, however, it is worth knowing how we are affected by the policies our politicians are putting into place now.

protect domestic industries, encourage intranational investment, and generate money for the federal government. They raise the price of buying foreign goods in order to point the market towards their American

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# OPINIONS

## The True Meaning of the Second Amendment

Chandler Foster '20  
Guest Contributor

In 1791, the United States Constitution was amended to read, "A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of the free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed." In modern America, there is a big debate over what exactly the Second Amendment means, and which right it guarantees. Many advocates for stricter gun control argue that the Constitution calls for government regulation of both militias and firearms. This argument essentially posits that the control of weapons lays in the hand of the government. A thorough examination of the amendment, however, shows quite the opposite.

The Oxford Dictionary defines 'regulate' as a verb meaning, "Control or maintain the rate or speed of (a machine or process) so that it operates properly." In the case of the Second Amendment, the object of the sentence is a militia. In light of this definition, if we were to recreate the Second Amendment using definitions found in a dictionary, we would likely begin by claiming, "A well *maintained and properly operating* militia." In 21st century America, militias may seem outdated. This observation does not mean that the constitution is outdated though. Let's continue elaborating on the definitions of the words put down by our founders. Militia is defined in the Oxford Dictionary as, "A military force that is raised from the civil population to supplement a regular army in an emergency." Subsequent definitions further explain that a militia is, "A military force that engages in rebel or terrorist activities in opposition to a regular army," and, "(in the US) all able-bodied civilians eligible by law

for military service." Thus, the first clause of the second amendment to the United States Constitution can be accurately expanded to read, "A well *maintained and properly operating civilian military force, engaging in emergency supplementary or rebellious activities, composed of all able-bodied civilians.*"

So, it can be established on a factual basis that a well regulated militia is not a government-controlled organization. It is, in fact, an independent civilian force which is maintained at a high level of military standard. Undoubtedly, the United States controls the most powerful military in the world. Why, then, is a well-regulated militia a necessity? Fortunately, the

**"A thorough examination of the amendment, however, shows [it does not call for gun control]."**

founding fathers saw fit to explain. A well regulated militia is, "Necessary to the security of a free State." Security is defined as, "The state of being free from danger or threat," while State, capital S is defined as, "A nation or territory considered as an organized political community under one government." State, lower-case s, follows a different definition of, "The particular condition that someone or something is in at a specific time." In other words, the Second Amendment begins by laying out that, "A well *maintained and properly operating civilian military force, engaging in emergency supplementary or rebellious activities, composed of all able-bodied civilians*, being necessary to the particular condition of freedom of the free political community." While not exactly a sentence a rhetoric professor may approve, the definitions of the words found in the Constitution seem to paint a clear picture. A well trained and highly operable

civilian force is necessary to maintain the freedom of the people of America.

Having established the necessity of a quasi-military civilian force, the Second Amendment launches a new independent clause. "The right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed." Keep, bear, and infringe are the important words here. Since they are verbs, they establish what we, the people, may do and what the government may do. We may keep and bear arms, the government may not infringe. Keep is defined the Oxford dictionary as, "Have or retain possession of." Bear is defined: "(of a person) carry." Infringe may be defined as either, "Actively break the terms of

(a law, agreement, etc.)," or, "Act so as to limit or undermine (something); encroach." As an independent clause, the latter half on the Second Amendment may stand on its own as a statement that "The right of the people to *have and carry* Arms, shall not be *broken, limited, undermined or encroached.*"

After some study, a factual expanded definition of the Second Amendment to the US constitution reads, "A well *maintained and properly operating civilian military force, engaging in emergency supplementary or rebellious activities, composed of all able-bodied civilians*, being necessary to the particular condition of freedom of the free political community, the right of the people to *have and carry* Arms, shall not be *broken, limited, undermined or encroached.*" For over 200 years, this constitutional law has ruled the land of free. Because of these words, we can keep it that way.

## Should You Buy Tesla Stock?

Jack Weaver '19  
Copy Editor

It's no secret that the company Tesla represents innovation to many, with a larger-than-life CEO in Elon Musk and an exciting, futuristic product line. As a product, Tesla provides an exceptional alternative to the traditional gasoline powered car—a high tech, luxurious vehicle with shocking acceleration. Now, environmental purists don't have to drive a Prius to protect their green pride, and the Silicon snobs can show off how much more modern they are than you. In all seriousness, Tesla intuitively reimagined the automobile with self-driving capabilities and central programming that control every aspect of the vehicle, so when there is a problem with the car, Tesla can fix it from 5000 miles away simply by patching the issue while you're sleeping. However, anyone that regularly pays attention to the stock market and the news surrounding it has certainly heard about the company's financial news. The company has received significant criticism for overpricing its stock. Most recently Goldman Sachs urged its clients to short the Tesla stock, and many people did. In fact, Tesla is now the most shorted stock on the stock exchange, taking the crown that Apple wore previously. When you short a stock, you basically bet against it. So in other words, there are more people that believe Tesla's stock is overpriced than any other stock. According to Thomas Franck of CNBC this number of detractors is growing as the number of Tesla shares shorted grew by 28 percent to 10.7 Billion dollars in just the last month alone. It's important to understand that shorting a stock is not an indication of a bad business, but merely a mispriced stock.

The question I am asking myself as an active investor in the stock market and someone who believes in the product is "Should I buy shares"? On one hand, the media attention has driven the stock perhaps artificially low (\$30 below what I sold it for a few months ago), but on the other hand do I really think I can better predict the Tesla stock price better than the experts?—No. Tesla has priced their shares using the same method as Amazon, where they assign more value to their intellectual property and less value to their actual cash holdings, and rely on their market disruption and hype surrounding their product to build value. It is for this reason, that Apple, and most other public companies have more favorable ratios of cash holdings and stock price. To an extent, Amazon and Tesla price their stocks based off their growth potential, and it has worked seamlessly for Amazon, as is evidence by their shares tremendous growth in value. Conversely, I believe Tesla's lack of capital to share price combined with the doubt surrounding not just Tesla, but the relatively new industry as a whole is what's motivating the shorts.

Personally, I believe in Tesla, despite the current stock turmoil. In their most recent event, they released a Tesla Roadster, a production car that can go 0-60 in under 2 seconds alongside a self-driving semi-truck. Furthermore, the Tesla model 3 bridges the gap between the luxurious, but expensive model S and the common consumer. For the price of an Infiniti G37, or just a little more than the top of the line Accord, consumers can buy a speedy electric car with self-driving capabilities and no longer have to pay for gas. Despite Musk's late entry, Tesla is disrupting a highly competitive auto manufacturing market. However, I am less concerned about Tesla's sales numbers in

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# Senator Mark Warner Visits Campus Continued

ginia politics and in the Senatorial circles in Washington D.C., Warner moved into a summary of the things that were happening in contemporary politics. Describing the good things happening in Congress, Warner fell silent in order to humorously communicate that he felt nothing good was happening in the Capitol. After this silence, Warner proceeded to emphasize a point he would frequently return to—that “there is a great deal of agreement among the Democrats and Republicans on the Committee about a few things... there was massive interference on the part of Russia [in the presidential election]. They hacked into the DNC and the RNC and weaponized that information.” This militarization of information, Warner strongly emphasized, was “what [he] believed will be the first shots in a 21st century conflict.”

Warner then moved on to strongly emphasize the United States’ unpreparedness for this conflict. He said that it was beyond debate that Russia “hacked into and scanned 21 states’ electoral systems. They didn’t change the votes, but they were there” before lamenting that “We’re in the next election cycle and we’re still not prepared.” He emphasized that Russia did not necessarily seek to change vote totals, saying “you don’t need to change any votes...to do damage. Our democracy is only as secure as our faith in our electoral system.”

The Senator said that it was not just this strategy that Russia employed, it was also the “weaponization of social media,” a point that has been emphasized in recent days as companies like Facebook are being called on to answer the various violations and discrepancies they let slide. Warner said that government has observed Russian agents use social media in an innocuous, non-political way on non-political sites in order to build a following before venturing into political issues. Once the Russians had gathered a large audience, these platforms

were then used to polarize both sides of the political spectrums. Specifically, he said, “What frightens me [is] if you add up all the money the Russians spent interfering in [various international] elections, it was less than a single F-35 fighter jet.” It is his belief that America has invested in the best 20th century army, but we now need a “rethinking” of our defense strategies. All of these points covered in his opening monologue, Warner empha-

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sized, have broad bipartisan support, particularly in the Senate and among the Senate Intelligence Committee.

After his speech to launch the town hall, the Senator began to field questions from the audience. The first question which he heard was regarding gun control, an issue which is incredibly contentious and at the forefront of our national political dialogue. When asked what his stance was on this matter, Warner gave a fairly nuanced response. First, he stated his belief that there should be something

put in the budget or another bill passing soon that allows mental health records to be shared across state lines. Secondly, he said that there should be more extensive background checks for potential gun purchasers. Thirdly, he said that he does believe in the Second Amendment as a gun owner himself, and does not “want to take away anyone’s shotgun... pistol, or something that is used for self-defense [or recreation].” He did state, however,

that there should be a “debate about assault rifles and magazine sizes.” Recent events have convinced him that “We need a meaningful gun debate.” A later question in the town hall raised the gun control debate again, specifically asking if he would want to reopen discussion about what a “common” weapon is defined as. His answer to this question was considerably shorter, stating “yes, because of recent events [he] would be willing” to reopen debate about that definition.

The next question he was faced

with regarded how to best counter declining volunteer firefighter participation across the country, a query that hits close to home since H-SC has its own volunteer fire company. To combat this decline, Warner posed that we needed to give firefighters more tax breaks to make it an attractive activity to spend one’s time doing; but he lamented that this incentive is hard to put in place with the broken state of federal finances. Following this an-

swer, Warner was asked if Americans can truly feel protected by the police, particularly minority citizens. Senator Warner said that steps must be taken to combat what he says “is a big move towards the militarization of our police,” including policies like selling surplus military gear to law enforcement agencies. He also emphasized that police must have a more apparent role and face in the community, which requires “getting cops out of the cars and into the streets”—presumably to walk beats. He finished his answer by stat-

ing his belief in using body cameras, as they both help the police and the citizens that the police are dealing with.

Perhaps most news-relevant, at least at the date this issue of the newspaper was published, was the next question that Warner received. He was asked what more can be done to protect the privacy of American citizens. Warner’s short, frightening answer was that “we haven’t done anything so far,” specifically pointing to the massive privacy breach involving Facebook and Cambridge Analytica, an event which compromised the personal data of over 87 million Americans. Regarding this affair, Warner said that he wanted Zuckerberg “to come testify,” a wish that was later granted, at least in part. Next, Warner moved into discussing what can be done in the future to better shield the privacy of Americans. First, he said that we should “have the same political ad disclosure requirements” on the internet as on television. Warner also recommended publicly identifying people’s actual locations on social media as a way to make foreign agents participating in American public discourse less subtle. America should also be reexamining how sites control content, and make

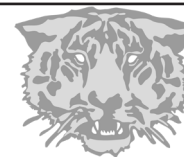
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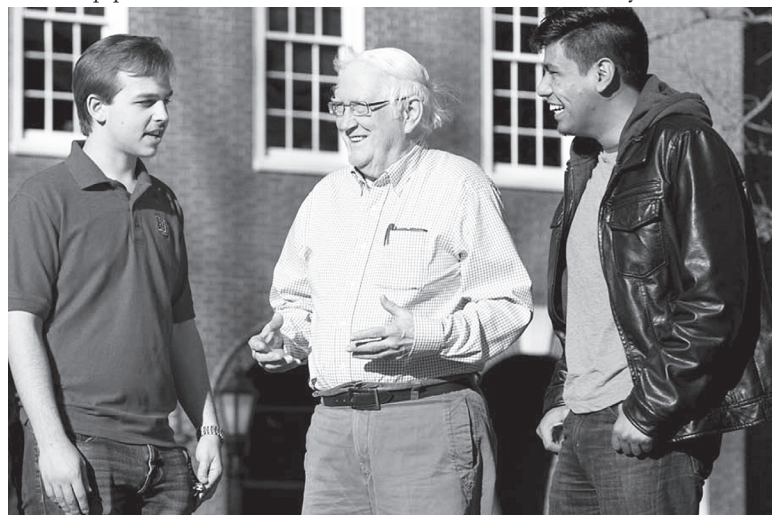
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# Dr. Sipe Continued

the Chemistry Department in particular can be seen in countless successful Hampden-Sydney alumni in leadership positions within the scientific community from coast to coast.



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Molecular Biology programs wanted to find a meaningful way to recognize Dr. Sipe for the remarkable achievement of a half century of service to

and more, students in many fields (but especially STEM) are finding that the experiences of undergraduate summer research and of presenting at or attending nationwide conferences are invaluable. Graduate programs are beginning to take notice at the lack of any research, and many summer jobs or post-graduate opportunities require some form of experience in the area.

The Herb Sipe Research Fund aims to fill a gap in the Hampden-Sydney research program by finally creating a financial endowment with the sole purpose of funding this increasingly important area of a complete undergraduate education. It is more than appropriate that the fund be named in honor of Dr. Sipe when he is celebrating his 50th year teaching at the College. As a man with great foresight as to the importance of the program and a devotion to teaching, and to Hampden-Sydney, that is exceptional, he truly deserves the distinction. If you would like to donate to the Herb Sipe Research Fund, please do not hesitate to contact Dr. Wolyniak.

Hampden-Sydney. We wanted our tribute to be meaningful to Dr. Sipe, and there was no better way to do that than to honor Dr. Sipe's forward thinking with respect to the importance of independent research to undergraduate education. Our increased need for summer research money to sustain the program at its expanded level underscored the importance of developing the Sipe fund."

According to Dr. Wolyniak, the 25 or so students who remain on campus for summer research represent a large number of the student body compared with other colleges of comparable size. While this number is already quite large, and the program remains popular, "external grant funds do not last forever" and eventually the money was going to have to come from someplace else. The Sipe Fund does more than just helping to pay for summer research; money from the fund will also go towards funding student trips to conferences around the country. More

# Changes to the Academic Schedule

Chad Pisano '19  
Editor-in-Chief

Earlier in the semester, H-SC announced that they were changing the academic schedule again. In order to clarify these changes, *The Tiger* contacted Professor Jennifer Vitale, who is also Associate Dean of the Faculty and oversees many of these changes in that role. Before getting into the specific details of the modifications made to next year's schedule, which are extremely small compared to the changes made over this past summer, many readers may be interested in clarifying two questions: "Why was the finals period changed to begin with? And why move the start date of the semester?"

To the first question, Vitale answer that it was an "experimental" attempt. Outside of Hampden-Sydney, "a lot of colleges do nighttime finals, and we were thinking, 'how can we not keep students beyond a certain amount of time, but still get finals done?'" As most students on campus know, the nighttime finals were widely unpopular both among the student

body and among the faculty. Fortunately for those who were unhappy about the new schedule, the people in charge of the academic calendar and finals schedule heard their input and realized "it didn't really work for our campus. Students [here told us they] actually study more at night... so if you open up a morning, that doesn't help as much as opening up a night. We made the necessary changes [to accommodate that]." Vitale clarified that the faculty do consider student opinion when they make changes to the calendar, and said that it definitely played a part in the decision to go away from the nighttime-heavy finals schedule. The other change that many students were questioning was moving the start date of the semester up from a Wednesday to a Monday. That change was made for a few reasons. The first was "a proposal that's come up several years running from professors who have labs in the sciences." The old schedule ended up punishing classes that had a Monday/Tuesday lab and would throw students, teachers, and syllabuses out of sync. The second reason was that

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## SPORTS

## Tiger Golf Aims for ODAC Win

Garrett Barton '21  
Staff Writer

Hampden-Sydney's golf team has done well so far this season, consistently performing at a high level since September of last year. They started the season red hot, placing fourth in their first tournament and winning the Shenandoah Invitational by a margin of 20 strokes on September 18, 2017. Since then, the team has played six other tournaments against tougher opponents, and has placed as high as seventh in a field of 30 and as low as 15th in a field of 18.

The team is led, remarkably, by only two upperclassmen: seniors Parker Smith '18 and Austin Fockler '18 are accompanied by three sophomores and five freshmen, all of whom have contributed to the team's success this year.

I reached out to Austin Fockler '18 for an insider's perspective as a

fourth-year player, hoping to hear how this season compared to the previous three in his opinion. Considering he is only one of two seniors on the team, this season could have proven to be his toughest yet. He explained, "This year has been completely different from years' past. Knowing it was going to be my final year I decided to take the initiative and be a leader for the team. I decided to just play as well as I could and be a good image for the underclassmen." Both Fockler and Smith '18 have been crucial to the Tigers' success this season, serving as the team's lowest scorers and providing experience and leadership for such a promising young team. Fockler concluded by showing his optimism for the team's finish: "Now that we are in the Spring portion of the season, and we only have about a month left, it's really made me appreciate what this school, college golf, and my teammates have given me. I'm very hopeful we can finally get an ODAC win and get an invite to the National Championship. We are playing the best we have ever played since I've been on the team, and we can finish strong. I'm excited for the rest of the season, but sad in the sense that I have to leave such a great team and a great program."

This past weekend, the Tigers placed tenth out of 16 in the DIII Match Play Invitational, which involves playoff-style head-to-head rounds rather than the typical aggregate team scoring system. The Tigers claimed victories against Lynchburg and Christopher Newport University, while falling to Webster University (MO) and Otterbein University (OH). Austin Fockler and Parker Smith will lead their young team onto the course one last time on April 22 in the ODAC championship, held at Bryan Park in Greensboro, NC. Roll Tigers!

## Tennis Team Thrives

Stewart Thames '19  
Sports Editor

The tennis team continued its good run of form this past week with a resounding 9-0 victory over visiting Ferrum. The Tigers completely dominated the Panthers, only dropping 2 games while all three doubles teams swept their opponents 8-0. This is the team's third 9-0 victory this season with the other two sweeps coming against Emory & Henry and St. Vincent College. They have won 4 of their last 5 matches and boast an 8-3 overall record, with one of those losses occurring against Division I Niagara University. The Tigers currently sit 5th in the ODAC with a 2-1 conference record, beating Roanoke and Emory & Henry while losing to Washington & Lee. However, they have played fewer conference matches than all four of the teams ahead of them in the conference standings, so the Tigers still have plenty of matches to help them move up the conference table.

The team has primarily relied on a few hot hands to win their matches this season. Matthew Moody has had a solid season so far as the team's #1, boasting an 8-3 singles record. Likewise, Clark Cummings has been serviceable this season with a 4-0 record as the #4 singles player and a 5-2 record at the #5. Sophomore Grayson Burns has continued his good run of form from last year, and is currently 7-2 on the season as the team's #6. However, where the Tigers have really excelled this season has been in doubles play. The team has a combined 25-8 doubles record, with the twins Matthew and Michael Moody leading the way with a 10-1 mark as the Tigers' #1 doubles team. Matthew Moody told The Tiger that the team has hopes "to win the ODAC tournament and secure a spot in the NCAA tournament for the first time since 2009." As long as the Tigers continue their doubles success and find some more consistency with their #3 and #4 singles spots, then they should be considered a dark horse contender in the ODAC tournament.

Matthew Moody (photo: hsc.edu)



## Hot Takes

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"The Warriors won't make it out of the first round of the NBA playoffs. I would bet my car on this."

-JW

"The Mets will win the NL East this year. The Nationals won't make the playoffs."

-CP

"The 76ers will make the NBA finals and the Cavaliers will lose in the 2nd round. Golden State gets knocked out early. We'll be watching a Rockets vs. 76ers NBA Finals."

-Nick Kasprzak

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## Tesla Cont.

the present; I'm buying into the future of automobiles. Tesla has proven that electric vehicles are capable of quicker acceleration, can be programmed and fixed efficiently through software, and drive themselves. If that doesn't sound like forward movement in an industry reliant on nonrenewable resources, then I don't know what does. Therefore, while I am unsure of Tesla's price movement in the short run, I am comfortable investing in Tesla in the long run, as these up and down movements will be trivialized as Tesla continued to transform the automobile market.



## Calendar Changes Continued

“the students sometimes didn’t feel like the first week was a real week... so you end up kind of losing the rest of that week as well.” With the new schedule, the first week certainly felt real, and thus ensured students started out with a focused academic mindset.

An additional benefit for everyone is that “we ended almost a week early for each finals period. That gives us much more time between finals and Christmas for students to resolve any final things like incompletes or grades, or questions about suspension/probation. So if [there’s] a student who’s not sure if he’s going to be suspended, there’s still plenty of time for [him] to be notified and then make some choices about what [he’s] going to do... It also helps us in the spring with graduation—many don’t realize that we actually have a policy in the catalogue that allows graduating seniors to retake a final if they fail it and end up failing the class. They can petition to try again in order to graduate.” Essentially, the new schedule gives students and teachers more time between semesters and more time before graduation, which is important for

the faculty and administration if they want to ensure they have one semester properly sorted out before they start a new one. When asked if the change was also made to make time for a future January term, Vitale replied that it was not—the reason that we had an extra-long winter break this year is that was just the way the calendar worked out. Vitale pointed out that the length of the break will fluctuate in coming years, as will the period between Thanksgiving and winter break.

As far as the alterations to the upcoming academic year, she says, the alterations are minimal this time around. The upcoming fall semester will begin on Monday, just like last year’s fall semester. The move-in date for freshman was one of the few things changed because “there was some concern that when we moved to a Monday start date, we shrank orientation for freshman too much... So freshman will move in on Thursday, and so orientation will be [that weekend]. Upperclassmen will still come in on Sunday.” Basically, aside from freshman and those current students connected to them (orientation

leaders, RAs, etc.) there are very few changes compared to last year’s schedule. Vitale also said that “The only other change... [is the elimination of] the nighttime finals—students didn’t like it, and faculty didn’t like it—so we’re trying to reduce that.” Although the much-maligned nighttime finals will be greatly reduced, they are not fully gone. Next semester, finals will be one day longer than they were this academic year in exchange for only one night of nighttime finals, which will occur on Monday night—as opposed to four potential nights you could have finals this current academic year. Since the Rhetoric Editing Exam takes up the first exam slot on the Monday of each exam week, this change means that the majority students will only have two potential times for exams each day. Ultimately, the next semester and those following it will be a fusion of the old academic calendars and this past year’s schedule. When asked if there were any changes planned for the future, Vitale said that there was not discussion about changes in the near future—although that doesn’t mean they can’t happen.

## Baseball Slumps

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The Hampden-Sydney Tigers baseball team has experienced a season of up and downs; they dominated through their first fourteen games and have struggled mightily since. During the first quarter of the season, the Tigers sat atop the standings of the Old Dominion Athletic Conference with a record of 4-0 and stood at 10-4 overall. While they were scheduled to test their five-game win streak against Lynchburg College on Tuesday, March 21, the game was rescheduled due to snowfall. The teams will now play at Lynchburg this Tuesday, April 10. After that initial hot streak, the team fell into quite a slump, losing its next eight games. The losing streak was finally broken this past Sunday, as the Tigers beat Bridgewater in the latter of a two-game series.

During the Tigers’ hot start to the season their bullpen and defense were formidable, but it was their superb

hitting that carried the team. H-SC was averaging a .326 batting average, and had knocked home a whopping 113 runs through only 14 games. Since then, their team batting average has dropped to .307, and their average number of runs per game has dropped from approximately eight to five. This decline in offensive production, along with poor defense has caused the Tigers’ record to drop to 5-5 in conference and 11-12 overall. During their losing streak, the team gave up 68 runs, which equates to seven-and-a-half per game. In their most recent game, however, they regained their potent offensive attack, tallying twelve runs against Bridgewater. The Tigers’ schedule contains many future tests, including bouts with defending champion Shenandoah this weekend and other ODAC opponents through the month of April. While the conference title is now out of reach, Hampden-Sydney could finish within the top four teams in the conference if they return to winning form. The Tigers’ next game is this Tuesday, at Lynchburg College.

## Senator Visits Campus Cont.

it easier for people control their own information, according to Warner. His last specifically detailed suggestion on this issue was make it easier for consumers to move to rival companies once certain site policies or issues come to light (like Facebook’s privacy breach), which would allow the free market to play a role in shaping the best and most trustworthy companies.

Following this response, Warner was asked about the ‘nuclear option’ and other Senate rules that have been changed recently. He replied that there used to be an internal code of conduct in the Senate, an unspoken one. This rapport has disappeared, he said, and every senator filibusters anything he doesn’t like. Coupled with the weakened powers of com-

mittee chairs, the Senate has become a partisan hotbed—one that Warner said needs to be overcome by “finding a way to put country over party.” The last question that Senator Warner answered was from a young woman asking how to combat the rising cost of education, both primary and secondary education. Warner had several answers for this enquiry. He said that increasing dual enrollment options, guiding people to make better choices in majors, giving better benefits for part time employees, and making people understand that not everyone needs to go to college are all ways to help combat the rapidly rising costs of education across the country. Unfortunately, Warner said, politicians are still caught in the 20th cen-

tury while the answer lies in the 21st.

After finishing answering questions, Warner wrapped up his appearance by urging the audience to do three things. First, and most importantly, he asked those in attendance and beyond to remain committed to community and country—specifically, to not check out and give control to the “crazies.” Secondly, he advised that people vet everything they read because not everything you read is true. “Vet everything.” Finally, he reminded listeners that neither party has a monopoly on truth, and encouraged them to seek it out for themselves. These are challenging times ahead of us, Warner counseled, and we must remain resilient, patriotic and open-minded to deal with them.

## Album Review: *Bobby Tarantino II* By Logic

After stunning many in his previous album, *Everybody*, that he would only be creating one more album for his discography before retiring, rapper Logic has recently dropped another mixtape. Opening with a skit voiced by Justin Roiland in the personas of Rick and Morty from the animated television show *Rick and Morty*, the mixtape is a fun break for an artist commonly known for his deep messages of peace, love, and positivity.

Permeating the entire mixtape is the idea that Logic has finally made it in the industry, he’s an established force, and he’s going to stay there – or at least remain one of the most significant rappers of all time. Judging strictly by the album, I wouldn’t be

surprised if that turned out to be the case. As if to signal his status in the industry, there are several high-profile features on the mixtape, including Wiz Khalifa, 2 Chainz, and Big Sean.

Logic weaves throughout the album references to his past career, but he doesn’t dwell on the matter. The focus is on his focus for his career, for his art, and for the message he tries to spread. He’s proud and he’s unafraid to show off his swagger in *Bobby Tarantino II*. Logic goes in hard on this mixtape, and it’s great to turn it on at the gym. Give it a listen.

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