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New Four Year Wilson Center Program

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The Martin Leadership Program at the Wilson Center has taught freshmen the basics of leadership for ten years. Traditionally, after freshmen completed the Martin leadership program, they would become associates of the Wilson Center and continue with their next three years at Hampden-Sydney. This year, however, the Wilson Center for Leadership has created a new four-year program for aspiring leaders.

The first year is the same as it was, with students going through the Martin Leadership program. But now, rather than becoming an associate and being done with the program, year two will have the students becoming involved with the Society of '91. As for years three and four, those are about the practical use of their leadership skills. Students of the Wilson Center will be encouraged to take leadership roles on and off campus.

When asked about the purpose of this new four-year program, the Wilson Center Director Dr. Pemberton said: "it is for the students to go do good things for others, and to continue the vision of General Wilson." The program also plays a part in

"making sure leaders find their place at Hampden-Sydney." This is because four kinds of students have always done well at Hampden-Sydney, according to Dean Garland. Those four kinds of students being "athletes, outdoorsman, scholars, and leaders."

Dr. Pemberton closed out the interview by bringing up the fact that two of the three new freshman student Senators are Wilson Center affiliates. He hopes that "the student Senate will be better" because of these individual's training at the Wilson Center.

Clearly, the new structure of the Wilson Center is designed to promote sustained student involvement in leadership roles throughout campus and keep those students involved in Wilson Center activities and programs. Whether or not this change will lead to more success on behalf of men who are involved in the Wilson Center will be seen in the next four years.



Students and faculty in front of the Wilson Center (Photo: bsc.edu)

Interview in Perspective: Being Gay at Hampden-Sydney

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Senior Dalton Hall '19 serves as the President of Hampden-Sydney's Unity ALLiance, an organization formed to promote awareness and community for LGBT students and allies on campus. His involvement with the initiatives of diversity and inclusion mentioned in last week's article merit further analysis into his position as both a student and leader on campus.

One may wonder after reading that article, who, exactly, is Dalton Hall?

Hall, originally from Coral Springs, Florida, moved to Raleigh, North Carolina when he was 4 years old. He states that Raleigh, like Farm-

ville, possesses the same "small town" vibe of welcoming and cordial hospitality. However, for Hall, Raleigh supersedes Farmville in terms of cultural diversity—something Hampden-Sydney continues to work towards.

"Farmville is much more 'small town,' and more intimate than Raleigh" states Hall.

As the close-quarters intimacy of Farmville can prove daunting for a gay man in the rural south, I asked Hall what brought him to Hampden-Sydney.

He mentioned that he first heard about H-SC during his senior year of high school through a substitute teacher. While eavesdropping on the substitute's conversation about his alma mater, Hall heard praise about a wonderful, idyllic school of gentlemen who follow a noble code of ethics. Unable to remember the name, Hall recalled the motto: Come here as boys so you may leave as men.

"But I've found that the more compelling story is: why did I stay?"

Hall certainly came to H-SC as a boy, though very different from those he found on campus. Self-described as "quiet, sensitive," and "bookish," Hall found himself socially isolated during his freshman year. Secluded at first, it was not until his second semester that he established a solid friend group.

"The faculty stepped in to show me the truth of H-SC."

As a devout lover of English, Hall found that the English and Rhetoric department faculty helped him unveil his social niche.

"They really circled the wagons around me," recalls Hall, reminiscing about their lovingly protective nature.

Then, elected to the Student Court the spring semester of his freshman year, Hall finally found a true sense of belonging in a group of "thinking young men actively interested in upholding the values of H-SC—not interested in just partying."

In finding social acceptance as an out gay man on campus, Hall also remarks the necessity of having a sense of humor about oneself:

"You've got to be able to laugh at yourself. You can't take what others say too seriously so when people say terrible things about you, you can laugh them off."

Unfortunately, Hall has heard his share of slurs; all four years and even the past week and a half. But social isolation has not stopped him from participating in the H-SC community at large, even with those who disagree with his beliefs.

"I've had to get used to the habit of oppositional thinking. Few people share the same opinions as mine, so engaging with people who have different ideas has become more meaningful."

"It's forced me to look past the kind of superficial things that divide people. Whether they don't believe in gay marriage, or even see being gay as an abomination, because of the isolation I've learned to look past that and get to the actual issue at hand."

In many cases, the direct issue on

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campus is awareness of the LGBT community and its presence here at H-SC.

"Sometimes I've been the first gay person they've encountered or gotten to know consistently."

Consequently, faced with those who are encountering gay students for the first time, or at least finally getting to know them, Hall highlights the issue of having to "toe the line of being yourself (warts and all) and a model minority."

"You have to make a good impression, but also find the balance between being your 'monstrous' self and the person people need you to be."

Evidently, constantly towing such a balance does not make it an easy choice to be out about

one's sexuality. He mentioned he can count on one hand the number of students out on campus.

When I asked him if that was either currently or when he first arrived at H-SC, I was mildly surprised by the answer.

"Now. I don't know how many closeted students."

Like Hall, some may also perceive that LGBT students "who don't meet the norm here are socially pummeled."

"It makes you stronger, but it shouldn't be the case. LGBT students shouldn't be made to feel like they must justify their being here. We deserve to exist on campus, just as much as anyone else, because we contribute the same, if not more, to our community."

Regardless, Hall states: "Some doors are closed socially. Some things I can't access."

Whether students are closed off to their LGBT peers, find themselves as too antagonistic a force to be friends, or simply lack the ability to form a meaningful relation-

ship, social isolation gives way to a pervasive epidemic of gay loneliness, and H-SC is not exempt.

On the other hand, Hall mentions "it's not all doom and gloom." He believes that social opposition and isolation can help himself and hopefully other students to understand what it means to be part of the LGBT community and how to make it better.

"It's forced me to be critical of my

ing people feel like they are less alone," he states as president of the UA.

"The UA connects students as a group and individuals with organizations like Longwood and Farmville Pride, referring students to people who can help them."

"There are LGBT people here who need the space, which plugs the UA into something greater than itself. We can augment our experiences with the greater community experience."

Ideally, as president of the UA, Hall hopes to attract students who, as either part of the community, closeted, or sympathetic, will help break down the barriers LGBT students face. The goal is not to make people agree, but rather make social barriers disappear. Or at least lower them.

Hall also touches upon the community's invaluable allies at H-SC who help challenge these barriers.

"There are so many amazing faculty allies who will move heaven and earth to help us do things. They are the pillars upon which the UA rests."

Without the help of many supportive faculty members, groups like the UA that advocate mi-

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"faced with those who are encountering gay students for the first time, or at least finally getting to know them, Hall highlights the issue of having to 'toe the line of being yourself... and a model minority.'"

own evaluation of my sexuality, and how the LGBT community builds community where it lacks [one]."

In fact, Farmville Pride recently had its first annual Pride picnic. Events like these, Hall believes, help him connect LGBT students with the concrete resources needed to build community. Even with the Unity Alliance at H-SC for the past 10 years, students still feel socially isolated.

"We are in the business of help-

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Why Don't You Guys Write to Us?

Chad Pisano '19
Editor-in-Chief

During time with *The Hampden-Sydney Tiger*, I have written many comments on everything from Trump to identity politics, climate change to changes in the academic calendar. Despite the wide range of polarizing opinions I have articulated, I have gotten few comments on these thoughts in the form of an email or a letter. None of these remarks have been from students. Apparently, and I find this hard to believe, the students here who read what I write don't really have an opinion about it.

Even getting unsolicited opinions from students outside of what I write is rare, if not unprecedented. This fact irritates me for three reasons. One, it seems like people don't really read my opinions. Two, my job as editor is harder because people don't give me things to put in the newspaper. And three, it makes me mad because Hampden-Sydney is so damn opinionated.

You all could have a well-articulated opinion about the direction your toilet flushes in. I know for a fact that many of you are loudly outspoken, even in class, about your political leanings and opinions about ideas, people, and places, to name a few categories I've heard. There are opinions about this administrator and that administrator, this policy and that building.

To be that opinionated is a good thing, but to not make an effort to try to articulate those views would be a shame. We at *the Tiger* will take anything from an opinion to a letter to the editor. It doesn't have to be long, it doesn't have to be short, and it doesn't have to be about something you've read in *the Tiger* before (although it could be). Please, next time you open your mouth to say something spicy, consider closing it and writing that thought down for the world to see.

Virginia's Liquor Laws Abdrige Basic Freedoms

Michael Van Citters '22
Staff Writer

Coming from California, I am no stranger to the dull pain of abiding by petty government overreaches like the banning of plastic drinking straws in restaurants and the 40 cent gasoline tax. I have even grown accustomed to the inescapable feeling of political impotence after general elections in which Republicans are outright denied candidacy. Yet, in a state that is so earnest about its disregard for liberty, certain civil freedoms stand strong, namely the right of private businesses to sell distilled alcohol. While California is indeed guilty of severe political ignorance, Virginia's denial of such a right demonstrates that its political landscape can be just as conducive to intentionally illiberal and regressive policies as California.

It is common knowledge that in the Commonwealth of Virginia, only state-licensed Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) stores can legally sell alcoholic beverages over 14% abv, and only between 6 and 12 a.m. Unfortunately, that is as far as common knowledge goes, because the ABC charges forty dollars for the book that contains all of the laws and regulations regarding alcohol. Charging people money to know the laws that they have to abide by is wrong at best, tyrannical at worst. This, however, is hardly the worst part.

To me, the state's monopoly is

evocative of Prohibition, a period of national stupor during which people were so high off of self-righteousness that they forgot to think before voting. Virginia may be out of this stupor now, but perhaps its conscience has sustained long term damage from its addiction to power and tax money. Virginia's monopoly is also troubling because it empowers the government to manipulate the supply of and demand for alcohol at its whim. Anyone who sells something for profit or revenue has a vested interest in selling whatever that thing is, which means that the government has a vested interest in ensuring that people drink alcohol. Such a concept seems irresponsible, especially when done by an organization "instituted for the common benefit, pro-

"Is it really sensible to say that industries like healthcare, education, and liquor have to be run by the government because no private company or individual is as compassionate... as the group with the world's biggest army on its side?"

tection, and security of the people".

By simply lowering the prices of alcohol, the state could incentivize consumers to drink more. On the other hand, it could raise prices and allow only the wealthy the privilege to buy alcohol. Either way, there are foreseeable negative consequences that would not arise if market forces determined the price instead of buzzkill bureaucrats. Even if the market made alcohol plentiful or scarce, no company could physically coerce its customers and

get away with it. The government can.

Perhaps, however, the most dangerous consequence of Virginia's monopoly is the psychological effect it has on citizens of the Commonwealth. To many people, monopoly is the boogeyman of free markets; to them, it is capitalism's fly in the ointment and the only reason unregulated trade cannot work. Yet, in other areas, people insist that exclusive government control is necessary to build and maintain a free society. Is it really sensible to say that industries like healthcare, education, and liquor have to be run by the government because no private company or individual is as compassionate or concerned with people's interests as the group with the world's largest army on its side?

You cannot put lipstick on a pig: monopolies are inefficient and harmful regardless of who runs them. When run by private companies, they reveal an anomalous flaw in markets. When run by the government, they reveal a rebuff of private property. The people of the Commonwealth of Virginia need to reevaluate their abdication of the right to sell alcohol and acknowledge that they are being duped by revenue-hungry functionaries. The government has no more right to monopolize the alcohol industry than they have claim on anyone's right to property. They should look onward from the regressive history of spirits in America hope and that one day, moonshine will actually be legal in the Moonshine Capital of the World.

OPINIONS

Rodknock

Jasper Green '19
Staff Writer

For this installment and the next, I am not going to review a car. This week, I will talk about an issue that car enthusiasts will face in the future: increased societal scrutiny.

The vast majority of problems on the road are caused by human error. Driving is the single most dangerous thing you do on a daily basis. Every time you start your car and hit the road, there is a 1 in 583 chance you won't come back home. Self-driving cars offer us a solution to those problems, because they won't make our mistakes. When they're commonplace, the only people who are going to be causing car accidents are going to be car enthusiasts and highly independent people who refuse to let a computer guide their two-ton metal box.

With the advent of cheap turbochargers and a plethora of powerful engine swaps, even moderate street builds today can blow the doors off what was considered fast 10 years ago. DIY cars can be monsters for cheap and even cars you can just buy are terrifically fast. Right now, you can go buy a Dodge Demon, which can run a 9 second ¼ mile out of the box. (That's so fast that it is banned by the National Hot Rod Association from competition.) What happens when racecars and stubbornness are the only thing colliding with self-driving minivans? I think car enthusiasts are going to come under scrutiny.

Car enthusiasts may be asked why society would want an "unsafe" rocket sled on the street. The only good answer today is "because I can and I love it." Sadly, this isn't going to cut it when people are at risk. Today we aren't asked this as much, because car enthusiast are the better drivers on the street. When computers are better, however, it isn't inconceivable that there may be those who seek to ban manually piloted cars from the road in the name of safety and the common good.



THE RANDOLPH-MACON COOTER



Note: The following two pages are satirical in nature. The *Cooter* is part of a long tradition of healthy rivalry between H-SC and R-MC.

No More Selfless Administrators- Please Build Somthing for Yourselves!

*Robert "Ant Eyes" Johnson
Geust Writr*

Here at Randolph-Macon College, we pride ourselves on keeping with parts of the southern tradition. Yet we have to wonder- how can we call ourselves a southern school if we don't have room to even house the administration? At what point do we make a stand and acknowledge that the most poorly represented portion of the school's population is the administration? We have wonderful student housing all over campus, but no dorms for the administration. Where are they supposed to go after a long

day in the office? I think that it is clear that we need a new administrative center.

Clearly, this lacking of administrative space is a pressing need for campus. Sure, they have their offices here and there, but when you get in trouble it gets tedious to walk all the way across campus from one office to the other. Why not build new offices and facilities for administrators that allow them to be as close together as possible?

Some of you may wonder whether or not this need is more pressing than the need for newer dorms, or at least the need to fix them. That is just simply not true. Sure, our dorms have drafts. They are covered in mold. They suffer water damage and leaks in the lightest of thunderstorms. Some students even

jump off their beds and fall through the floors! But think about it—students are only here for four years. It's part of the experience, something that toughens you up, to have absolutely derelict dorms. People need to calm down about the state of the dorms and get over themselves. If you want to feel "comfortable," "dry," or "safe," whatever those words mean, just go home for the night. God knows we all live close enough to do that.

The administrative center that I propose is one that would tackle all the needs administrators may have in their lives. There should be a post office and restaurant in the basement of it, in order to allow them to mail all important documents and get lunch without having to move too much (although we should make sure to keep the res-

taurant small in order to avoid having too many students in it at once). There should be offices throughout the building for employees including administrators of housing, Greek life, and whatever other positions the school could possibly need. I cannot stress enough how little of this space should be used for student purposes.

Many of you may be thinking, "OK, Robert, you have us sold on the need for more administrative offices. But how can we convince the rest of the ridiculously needy and self-centered student body to support this?" It's simple—hit them with the classic misdirection, the old Randolph-Macon switcharoo. Call it a student center, throw a few barely used classrooms here and there, and tell them that it's for them! By the time they realize they've been duped, they're already going to be halfway through school, at least. Maybe even tell them there will be rooms for activities and games, put in one pool table and a shuffleboard table in there if you're feeling generous, and call it a day!

Once we get this building up and running, we can expand our focus to dealing with more of the administrative needs. Students want dorms next, but I propose an administrative nap center that will be adequately termed "Student Recovery Center," a new gym only for administrators called the "School-Wide All Purpose Gym," and maybe even their own library and dining hall will be next! Fellow wasps, say goodbye to the days of neglected school employees and hello to the days of providing more nonessential services to the people who need them least!

"Gud bye" to Hated Rhetoric Palace

*Sarah "Red" Knees '19
Srat Correspondent*

The McDonald's Rhetoric Palace for Writing and Speaking Gooder has finally been levelled to the ground. This comes after the Administration's decision last year to close the center due to the extreme costs associated in the combination of our graduation guarantee and requiring students pass a one-hour course in writing. "Given the costs we have incurred from the numerous students who have to stay at Randolph-Macon a fifth, sixth, or seventh year to pass the writing requirement, the College has decided to abolish the requirement and our center dedicated to helping students bri- I mean earn their way to a passing grade," President Trepmits announced in a letter to the R-MC community.

The costs of maintaining the writing requirement and the Center have continually increased for the past twenty years, according to Professor Jon Westby of the Politics Department, who has worked on the Faculty Finance Committee. In recent years, the rights to the name of the center was leased out in an attempt to lower costs (having previously been the "Bojangles Rhetoric Palace" and the "Wells Fargo Rhetoric Palace"). Professor Carl Treyson of the Economics

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A potential model (Photo: hsc.edu)



The Four-Year Guarantee (A Real Thing at R-MC)

*Robert Lindgren VII Jr '20
Man Who Think Hard*

Here at R-MC we focus on the most important task a college has, giving our students degrees. When you give Randolph-Macon College four years of tuition we literally guarantee that you will receive a diploma. As long as a R-MC student shows up to meetings with an advisor, both-

“Through the rejection of tangible accomplishments, we can provide an environment where every single student, regardless of background, skill set, or intelligence level, can acquire a college degree.”

ers to register for classes, and does not get into trouble with the police, we promise that they will get a degree from our institution eventually.

We have taken so many steps to make learning less intensive for our students. We have limited the common requirements, made previously difficult classes easier, and watered down what few difficult classes remain. We have a plethora (I mean a lot of easy classes) for our students to choose from. (Sorry BuzzSquad, I should use smaller words. Here at R-MC, to make sure all students feel

included, there is a list of multisyllable words we are not allowed to use, and plethora is one of them.) We like our undergrad degrees like we like our women, watered down and passed out.

Rather than uncover our student's character flaws and educate them to improve themselves, we focus on the positivity our students already have. We focus on a student's 'feeling' of success rather than traditional methods of measuring accomplishments. Through the rejection tangible accomplishments, we can provide an environment where every single student, regardless of background, skill set, or intelligence level, can acquire a college degree.

We are so confident that we have set the standards low enough for any individual to complete a major at

this institution that we will continue to give classes to a student, for free, until we can gift them their degree. Although we are not positive, we are fairly certain a moderately intelligent wombat can reasonably graduate given enough time, and we're proud of this. The evidence suggests that we indeed have set our standards low enough. We graduate ninety-five percent of people in four or fewer years, thirty percent higher than the national average graduation rate!!!

Historically, students around the world would worry about learning ma-

terial and facing consequences for their poor decisions, but we have emerged to strike against this awful stigma. We are the first institution of the millennial era; a post-learning university. Our four-year guarantee underlies a true change in the philosophy, or rather thinky, of how a college is run.

Old thinky suggests that students ought fight for their education and be required to earn their degree. At R-MC we are not so narrow minded. We must love our students by providing them with the degree they feel they deserve. In our new thinky we believe in the power of the students, and their 'feelings' of accomplishment. New thinky places the students rather than their accomplishments as the most important factor in an RMC education, and that's what college is all about.

“Gud” cont

Department, who masterminded the plan, was unavailable for comment.

Allison Hult, '20, President of ZTA and my little, said of the leveling, “I'm, like, a little pissed that I've had to spend an hour each semester trying to pass that writing course and now I don't have to.” Chad Bradley, '19 of DKE and my boyfriend said, “The whole frat is celebrating this weekend with a 48-hour rager.” In general, it seems students are happier without having to deal with the pesky writing requirement.

While the College has yet to decide what will go in place of the Rhetoric Palace, the prevailing rumor around campus is that the Administration is looking into putting in a third bowling alley on campus to handle the increase in demand for the Bowling Minor.

Ricky the Cat, R-MC'S Newest Football Recruit, From Hampden-Sydney?

*Pordan Jeterston '17
The Sports Writer Who Just Won't
Graduate*

The newest addition to Randolph-Macon's football team, Ricky the cat, made a big hair ball of a situation last week when he became the first walk-on starting running back in decades. Wandering onto the team practice last Thursday, Ricky miraculously carried the ball through our glorious defense like a feline frenzy.

“He done spun like a hurricane,” defensive lineman said of the so-called “Thursday Miracle”, “kinda like the one we got a week off for lasht month.”

Coach Footsy III said it was his best pick up in recent memory: “What can I say? The boy's got natural talent. He has a shiftiness and ability to change direction, twist midair, and sense which holes he can fit through and which ones he can't. It's almost inhuman.”

Standing about a foot tall and weighing nearly twelve pounds, Ricky's impressive size for a feral housecat has certainly been a contributing factor to his on-field success, but that isn't the sole source of his furry ferocity. Sources tell us that Ricky has an unbelievable work ethic, running whenever it looks like someone is getting close to putting a hand on him and resting whenever he isn't practicing. His commitment to the team and their season is said to be one of the strongest the College has ever seen.

Ricky has certainly pawed his way to the top, but not without controversy. It took only days before inquisitive students learned of his mysterious past. Allegedly, Ricky has graced us from the Hampden-Sydney campus. According to students there he spent weeks being welcomed into people's rooms and taking their food, all in exchange for allow a student to touch him a few

times and even curl up on their lap.

Ricky's background is murky and confusing, but it seems that he grew up in and around Venable Hall and various fraternity houses at Hampden-Sydney, scrapping by with the bare minimum of food before he learned to exploit his natural good looks, charm, and athletic ability to win or steal food from wherever he could find it. It was perhaps here that he learned his trademark juke moves and developed his fiercely competitive, nearly feral attitude that he displays on the football field.

Was it true? Was our best shot at victory really a stray cat from Hampden-Sydney? Does that mean we have to give him back? In order to answer these questions and more, we at the Cooter caught up with Ricky and decided to question him ourselves.

Ricky wasn't hard to find. Sitting in the middle of the road, he looked dismayed. Worryingly, he seemed to decline our requests for comment without saying a word, merely flashing his electrifying speed as he ran to the other side of the road and scaled the fence to his new home, the football field. We hoped that this wasn't a comment on his thoughts about R-MC, but sources have told us that Ricky has been seen exploring campus, dwelling around buildings that bear a passing resemblance to Venable Hall before continuing his search.

Hopes are running high and all eyes are on Ricky to deliver at this weekend's game. One student expressed his feelings in an anonymous bathroom stall graffiti, “CAT=GOOD” Another student was overheard at lunch saying “if that cat don't run for forty and hundred yards I will shoot myself. It'd be the complete end of my D-III fantasy team.”

Whether or not Ricky lives up to expectations this weekend remains to be seen. One thing's for certain, though—he's the best hope we got.

HAMPDEN-SYDNEY DINING SERVICES EVENTS | NOVEMBER 2018

NOVEMBER 1ST

November Birthday
in the Dining Hall // 11:00am–1:30pm
Build Your Own Pie

Inspired Dishes of Famous Authors
in the Dining Hall // 5:00pm–7:30pm

NOVEMBER 2ND

Customer Appreciation
in the Dining Hall // 11:00am–1:30pm
Faculty & Staff – Join us the First Friday of every month and enjoy an all-you-care-to-eat meal in the dining hall for only \$3.00, plus tax. That's 30% off the door price!

NOVEMBER 5TH

Monday Night Football
at the Tiger Inn // 9:00pm–12:00am
Wings French Fries and Fountains Beverage \$8.99

NOVEMBER 6TH

thTeaches Chicken Noodle Soup
in the Dining Hall // 11:00am–1:30pm

Ping Pong Tournament
at the Tiger Inn // 7:00pm–9:00pm
Chicken Tenders with Fries \$6.99

NOVEMBER 7TH

Corn Hole Tournament
at the Tiger Inn // 7:00pm–9:00pm
Man Up Burger with Fries \$7.99

NOVEMBER 8TH

Wild Hunter Game Premium Meal
in the Dining Hall // 5:00pm–7:30pm

NOVEMBER 10TH

Cheer on the Tigers at the
Lewis C. Everett Stadium // at 1:00pm

Late Night Menu
at the Tiger Inn // Starting at Noon

NOVEMBER 12TH

Monday Night Football
at the Tiger Inn // 9:00pm–12:00am
Wings, French Fries, and Fountain Beverage \$8.99

NOVEMBER 13TH

Ping Pong Tournament
at the Tiger Inn // 7:00pm–9:00pm
Chicken Tenders with Fries Sale Price \$6.99

NOVEMBER 14TH

Corn Hole Tournament
at the Tiger Inn // 7:00pm–9:00pm
Man Up Burger with Fries \$7.99

NOVEMBER 15TH

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

NOVEMBER 19TH

Watch Monday Night Football
at the Tiger Inn // 9:00pm–12:00am
Wings, French Fries, and Fountain Beverage \$8.99

NOVEMBER 26TH

Watch Monday Night Football
at the Tiger Inn // 9:00pm–12:00am
Wings, French Fries, and Fountain Beverage \$8.99

NOVEMBER 27TH

Seasonally Fresh:
Cauliflower Crust Pizza
in the Dining Hall // 11:00am–1:30pm

Ping Pong Tournament
at the Tiger Inn // 7:00pm–9:00pm
Chicken Tenders with Fries \$6.99

NOVEMBER 28TH

Corn Hole Tournament
at the Tiger Inn // 7:00pm–9:00pm
Man Up Burger with Fries \$7.99

NOVEMBER 29TH

Winter Favorites Premium Meal
in the Dining Hall // 5:00pm–7:30pm



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nority leadership could not exist.

However, despite holding a leadership position, Hall does not see himself as a leader.

"I've engaged with students, some have come out to me, and we've discussed deep-seated problems with identity."

With students who are comfortable talking with him as a point-person for the community, Hall feels

not necessarily like a mentor, but more like a mother.

"While covering myself, I didn't have older male gay role models. I didn't have any gay men that I personally knew in my corner to help me, and I would like to be that for other gay students. Not a father figure, but someone they can turn to when they need it."

As a result, Hall feels that with 4 years of experience in the local community, part of his duty rests in helping the younger students to deal with what they may not yet know. That is, institutional isolation.

"It is said that H-SC is the college that time forgot." Despite its venerable, idiosyncratic code of values, Hall mentions that, on the downside, H-SC exists in a community where antiquated things can be harmful to modern life. For LGBT students, though they can access the great values of H-SC, Hall feels as though the value of "brotherhood" is too often lost.

"We throw 'brotherhood' around so much I think it's lost its meaning." Do the students of H-SC truly see their gay peers as their brothers?

To give perspective, Hall like any

other student, has hobbies and aspirations that make him unique. He loves antiquing in town, American Horror Story, Downton Abbey, opera, sewing, and the history of music and ballet. After college, he plans to return to academia to become a professor, or maybe enter the field of library sciences.

His interests may differ from the popular preferences, but he has learned that the men of H-SC have more in common than what seems to separate us.

"We show students there is a gay community of worthwhile, dynamic individuals who share the same devotion to H-SC's values—on their terms." Consequently, he believes there is no one way to be a Hampden-Sydney Man.

"You can be gay, effeminate, sensitive, quiet, bookish. You will encounter isolation, people who don't like you, but you will connect with people who do."

"Never stop looking for your community. It's beneath the surface, but it's here. It takes endurance, but it will result in a gratifying, devoted friend group." One of the most important pieces he can impart as a gay student is what a friend of his told him freshman year: "H-SC is exactly what you make of it."

Ultimately, Hall emphasizes that Hampden-Sydney will return to its students what they are willing to put into it, regardless of sexuality.



Bruce Shober (Photo: hscathletics.com)

Tiger Golf Has Strong Fall Season; High Aspirations for Spring

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The Hampden-Sydney golf team concluded its fall season last week with a seventh-place finish in the O'Brian-Jensen Memorial Tournament at the Sedgefield Country Club in Greensboro, North Carolina. The Tigers fared well in a competitive tournament that featured 18 teams, including seven top-25 programs. Junior Bruce Shober led the team, tying for sixth while shooting two over par with a 74 and 70 during the two day tournament. He was joined in the top 10 by freshman John Hatcher Ferguson who finished tied for eighth

at three over par. Rounding out the scoring for the Tigers were Adam Hade ('20) tied for 32nd, sophomore Varun Yerramsetti at 57th, and freshman Hunter Martin tied for 71st.

The 17th ranked Tigers had a strong fall season, finishing in the top-10 in all five tournaments. They opened the season with a dominating team victory at the Tom Kinder Memorial Tournament in Rockingham, VA. Hunter Martin won the tournament and John Hatcher Ferguson finished second while Allen Smith, Adam Hade, and Bruce Shober finished in the top-15. They followed up their opening victory with a third place finish at the Royal Lakes Oglethorpe Invitational in Georgia and a tenth place finish at the DIII Golfweek Invitational in Sandestin,

Florida. The team has moved from unranked to 17th in the country over the course of the fall season, and they hope to continue their upward trend in the spring season next semester.

Junior Adam Hade noted that "the team was very proud" of what they achieved this fall, but that "capturing the ODAC championship in the spring is one of [their] goals." Hade affirmed that "each member of the team is going to work hard over the offseason" so that an ODAC championship can become a real possibility this spring. The Tigers begin their spring season March 4th, at the Callaway Gardens Invitational in Pine Mountain, Georgia and the ODAC championship begins on April 27th at the Bryan Park Golf Course in Browns Summit, North Carolina.

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