

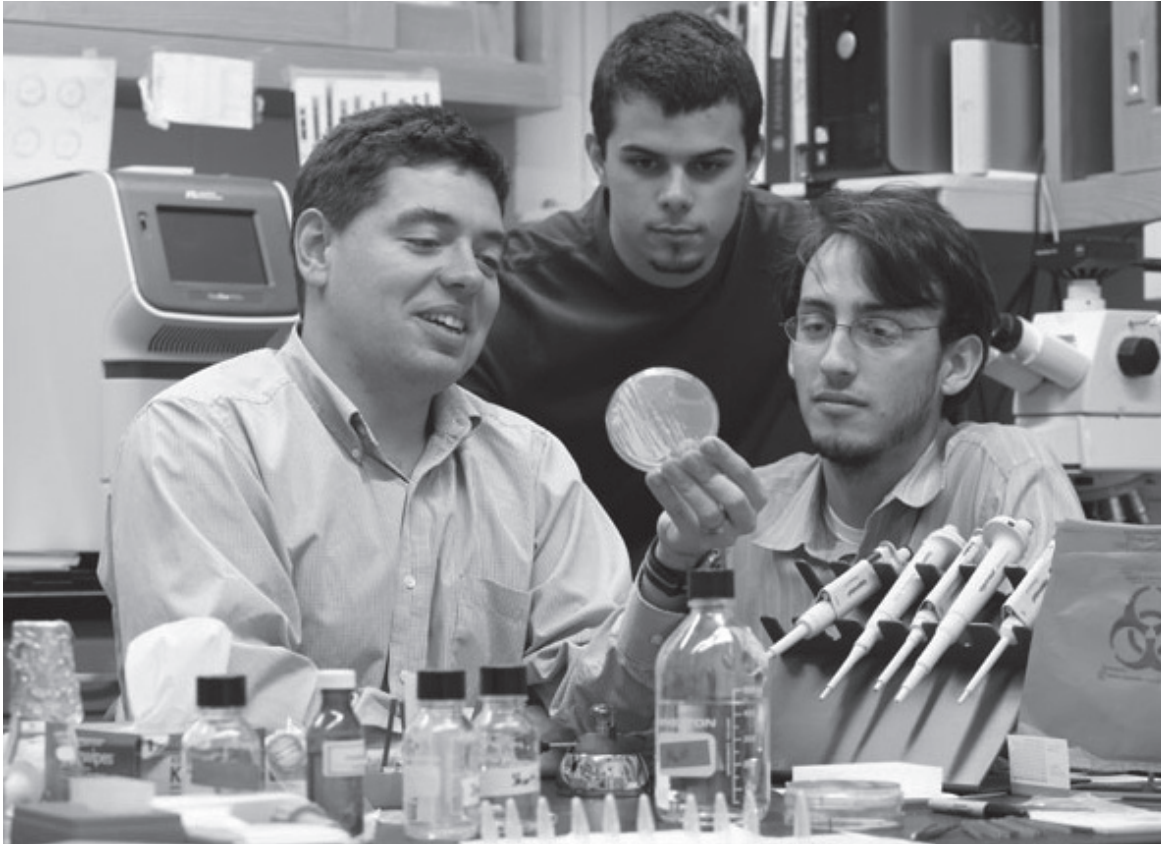
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Dr. Michael Wolyniak took over as Director of Undergraduate Research last spring (Photo: hsc.edu)

Dr. Wolyniak Looks to Expand Undergraduate Research

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Associate Editor

Recently, Dr. Michael Wolyniak, the Director of Undergraduate Research, has been making great strides to enhance the amount and quality of research done at the College.

Provost Dennis Stevens created the position of Director of Undergraduate Research four years ago as an initiative to more formally organize and promote student research across campus. Dr. Wolyniak said he was appointed to the position in the spring of 2015, due to his past efforts in student research work and "building student research as an initiative." His long-term goal is that every student receives a research experience at

Hampden-Sydney, either in the form of independent or class research.

While some students conduct research, it is on an independent basis rather than incorporated into the class curriculum. Dr. Wolyniak said that he would like to see research become a regular part of the classroom, where students will be exposed to the idea of "learning through inquiry."

"We will present you an unknown question, a genuine unknown question, not something that I know that answer and I'm just testing you, but a real unknown question that you could really sink your teeth into and develop over the course of the semester," Dr. Wolyniak said.

According to Dr. Wolyniak, a large problem that the program

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Chairman of College Republicans Refuses to Support Trump

Drew Dickerson '17
Staff Writer

As the 2016 election draws near, there is constant debate around the country over who will win. Every day, American citizens hear details about each candidate, positive and negative, all trying to sway their vote one way or another. At Hampden-

Sydney College, a large majority of students are supporting Donald Trump for the presidency. This is not surprising seeing as how Hampden-Sydney is traditionally a conservative school. However, in light of recent events regarding comments made by Donald Trump about women, junior Tanner Beck '18, Chairman of the Hampden-Sydney College Republicans, has decided not to support the Republican candidate.

Beck recently posted on the

Hampden-Sydney College Republicans Facebook page announcing that he is not supporting Trump for president. In his post, Tanner stated that he believes that Trump is a "permanent stain on our country." He says that Trump does not represent any values of the United States, and said that he does not believe he is fit to be president, even going as far as asking Trump to step down.

As Chairman of the College Republicans, one can see how bold

a move this was on Tanner's part. Instead of voting for the Republican candidate, Tanner announced that he would be writing in Governor Mike Pence for president. "I think he is an honest man, and much more fit than Trump to serve as president," Beck said of Pence. However, despite Tanner's views on Trump, he informed me that even though he may not be supporting Trump for president, there are still many other College Republicans who do.



Tanner Beck '18

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Behind the Scenes at the VP Debate



Photo courtesy of Jacky Cheng

Jacky Cheng '18
College Republicans

As the excitement of the Vice Presidential Debate slowly fades away from Farmville, I fondly reflect on my own experience volunteering for the Republican Vice Presidential candidate, Mike Pence.

Unlike other volunteers from the Hampden-Sydney Community who volunteered through Norwood University, I got involved in the debate through the Republican National Committee. I know it's been said many times, but CONNECTIONS matter. This opportunity to work for Governor Pence on debate night came from of my involvement in Tom Garrett's campaign in Virginia's 5th Congressional district. Along with Hampden-Sydney College Republican Chair, Tanner Beck '18, and Tom Garrett interns John March '17 and Connor Francis '20,

we were able to get our background checks in time and debate credentials before the arrival of Governor Pence in Southside Virginia.

As we arrived at the Pence headquarters in Farmville, my initial expectation was not high for being a low-level volunteer. I was expecting to do some grunt work for the campaign, like ushering in media, or handing out flyers (which I was not opposed to if I could sneak in a sick selfie with Pence). However, to my surprise, I was assigned to be one of the drivers for Pence's motor pool.

Looking back, I truly believe I got the assignment because I showed up in a suit when the dress code was business casual. Classic Hampden-Sydney. Always show up overdressed. Although it was not necessary that I dressed as though I was on the debate stage, it did most certainly get me out of flyer duty.

My job? I got to drive a decked-out Lincoln Navigator going 60mph down main street. Now before you

call Chief Gee, I did get permission from the Secret Service, no big deal. In fact, driving fast and running red lights was a part of the job description to ensure that all essential personals get to their stations on time. So who did we chauffeur around? Congressmen, Senators, Medal of Honor recipients, Trump's speech coach, Trump's lawyer, and his accountant, just to name a few.

Although it was cool to have some of the most powerful people in Trump's campaign in your backseat, my favorite experience was "playing" Secret Service. Everyone just assumed that I was either important or an agent driving around town in the blacked-out SUV. In fact, many times, cars in front of mine would pull off to the side of the road to let me pass or try to see who was in the backseat.

Overall, I enjoyed my time working with Governor Pence, and I took away three lessons: 1. Set low expectations 2. Connections matter 3. Always wear a suit.



EDITORIALS

2016: A Most Bogus Journey

Robert Morris '20
Guest Contributor

After surviving the past few weeks that can only be described as a political clusterfuck, I found myself particularly depressed. I needed an escape, and so, as I always do, I turned to film. This time around, the film of choice was *Bill and Ted's Bogus Journey* (1991).

The more I became immersed into their world, the more I realized how relevant and poignant the film was, most of all because I feel that 2016 has, in fact, been a most bogus journey. Like characters in a film, we have reached what we can call our "climax"—this moral crossroads of the last few weeks leading up to the general presidential election. But we are not characters. This is not a movie. The stakes are real.

Bill S. Preston, Esquire and Ted "Theodore" Logan are characters who exist as immature caricatures whose sole function is to entertain. Donald Trump has transcended the level of immaturity that I thought only existed in cult films from the 80's and 90's to the point that he has, actually, adopted rhetoric more closely aligned with that of the great villains of cinema than the lovable, archetypal goofball. Trump, in these past weeks, has shown that he is not only unfit to be president; he is unfit ever to be heard from again. Are you not entertained, America?

I am not a Democrat (far from it), but I do believe in common decency, like the kind in which Bill and Ted believe and for which they actively preach. Though the poorly-reviewed 90's flick presents a future based upon the teachings of an eponymous duo of "slackers," there comes from this film an ideological doctrine from which our current candidates here in the real world could benefit: "Be excellent to each other."

Truly, we ought always to be excellent to each other, but, in the past few years, we have failed at this simple task most egregiously. We are trapped in a period of extreme polarization. We are in an age of "you're wrong," when we should be in an age of "I'm right." The rhetoric presented in this election is really disgusting. No longer does it soar and inspire. Our rhetoric is fettered by hate and trudges through the mud. Why is it that we cannot have a civilized conversation with people with whom we disagree? I have yet to find an adequate answer to this question. It is arrogant to assume that we are right 100% of the time, but, in a way, that is exactly what we are doing. We now exist in a climate of extreme arrogance on both sides of the aisle.

But getting to the bogus elephant in the room, I want to talk about Donald Trump's comments regarding women that, according to Title IX, technically qualify as sexual assault. How did this all happen? Blink and you would swear it wasn't real, as if a bit from a film, though I assure you that it definitely

was real, and definitely not excellent.

Many people have commented at how disgusted they are by what was said (which I will not repeat here), but I want to know why this was the straw that broke the elephant's back. I want to talk about the reaction from Republican lawmakers to the footage. We all knew this was how he thought, so I don't understand why this was such a shock. Trump has laid a breadcrumb trail leading to this his entire life; we just weren't paying attention because there were bigger fish to fry. We sat idly by while he labeled Mexicans as rapists, Muslims as terrorists, and mocked a disabled reporter. These comments were just as horrible as his disturbing sexual remarks, but only to those who are Mexican, Muslim, or disabled. We didn't pay attention at the time he said those things because they didn't apply to us. We lacked compassion. Now we are paying the price for that lack of compassion and for not paying attention, but, you know, we've never been very good at paying attention.

Let's pay attention now. Let's be excellent to each other. Let's take to heart the final word from Bill and Ted: "We've been to the past. We've been to the future. We've been all around the afterlife. And, you know, the best place to be is here. The best time to be is now." Anyone who disagrees with this most righteous maxim, or thinks that we somehow need to be made great again, can blow me.

Am I allowed to say that? Well, if I ran for President, I probably would be.

Make Hampden-Sydney Great Again: Volume II

Logan Leathers '17
Business Manager

I've got a lot of problems with you people and you're going to hear about it.

One of the most common things I see on this campus is men claiming to be excellent, or at the very least above average. For most of you that isn't actually the case. If you cannot name more than one thing you do on this campus, you are not exceptional—you're average. And I don't mean average in the sense that your average at Sydney; I mean you are just plain average. Kids all over the country are just like you and you're nothing special if you only do one thing.

Hampden-Sydney strives to create good men and good citizens in an atmosphere of sound learning. We don't strive to make puppets who can't do anything outside their comfort zone. We do our best to create well-rounded men equipped to handle the tasks and challenges ahead of them in life.

This means joining clubs that may not interest you at first, or attending events hosted by groups with different ideologies. It doesn't mean that you should create a one-dimensional echo chamber around yourself and live within your bubble daily, hoping that post-grad life will somehow magically be a continuation of your time here on the Hill, where everyone agrees with you and has the same exact interests.

You'll eventually have to move on, so you might as well best equip yourself to do it now, and simultaneously add some résumé lines. If your résumé consists of a ton of high school accolades and one activity in college, do you really think an employer will look at you twice?

But before you get mad at me, I get it. School can be tough and

it's hard to find time in your days between classes, homework, readings, sleeping, eating, Xbox, geeks, boozin', and frequent J.O. Sessions when your roommate has practice. Being in a fraternity, on a sports team, or the president of a club can be very time-consuming. But there are opportunities within those things to add to your value.

If you're really into Greek life and you want that to be a selling point for you, get involved with IFC or hold a chair in your organization. Right there, you can continue a passion of yours while simultaneously having more than one thing to say about what you do at school.

If you're on a sports team give tours for the College in between practices as a member of the Garnet & Grey Society. Now you're not only a star athlete, but a recruiter for your team and school alike. If you're a club president, join a new club, or start writing for the Tiger. You can do what I do and show up only occasionally enough to piss everyone off, yet still participate in an essential, albeit small, way.

There are opportunities literally everywhere on this campus. Don't be a schmuck and limit yourself to one thing. We brag about all of our damn clubs for a reason. There is nothing more embarrassing than standing in a room with 50 people and only being able to say that you do one thing on campus. You came here to be a better man and presumably make yourself a more desirable employee. No employer is going to expect you to have done everything, but I guarantee they want to hear more than one thing. Work for the Bookstore, join a club or an intramural team, go Greek, or even just join a reading group.

The point is get off your lazy ass and just do something. Be exceptional. Be the Man who helps Make Hampden-Sydney Great Again.

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Professor's Corner: Dr. Vincent Rone



Photo courtesy of Dr. Rone

*Quinn Sipes '19
Staff Writer*

The Fine Arts department has hired Dr. Vincent Rone as a visiting professor of Music for the 2016-2017 academic year. I was fortunate enough to sit down and get to know Dr. Rone a little bit better.

Quinn Sipes: Where did you get your degree, and what was it in?

Dr. Vincent Rone: I received my undergrad degree from St. Peter's University, where I double majored in Fine Arts and Theology and minored in Music. I then earned my masters in music performance and sacred music from Duquesne. I then went back home and worked one full time job, two part time jobs, and was attending night classes at two colleges for three years. I went to graduate school at UC Santa Barbara and earned my M.A.P.h.D in Musicology.

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The Moans: A Tradition Unlike Any Other

*Jacob Mitchell '19
Guest Contributor*

It is safe to say that the majority of Hampden-Sydney students think that the quality of the food served in the Commons is very poor. Recently, The Princeton Review confirmed students' dissatisfaction with the food when it ranked Hampden-Sydney College number one on its list entitled "Is It Food?" Students constantly complain about the food. Perhaps we complain too much. Maybe students are simply tired of eating the same food week after week. Or, as many suggest, maybe the food is actually terrible.

Regardless of what one thinks about the food, it seems appropriate to note that the food issue is nothing new. Students have criticized the food for at least fifty years, or perhaps the food has been terrible for fifty years. Take a look at the following editorial written by Dave McKittrick in the Friday, October 28, 1966, issue of the Tiger. McK-

ittrick's words are still relevant.

"Food Situation Criticized"

Dear Sir: In the last issue of the TIGER there appeared an article and an editorial pertaining to the deplorable condition of food at the Commons. The first point that needs to be cleared up is that far more than an immature minority are dissatisfied with the food service this year. It is interesting to note that the editor who proclaimed that "the quality of food this year has been about the same as last year," was not even a student here at that time.

The articles were also quick to point out that while the other costs of attending Hampden-Sydney have risen dramatically, board costs have not kept pace. Mr. Steele seems to excuse this fact by stating that a fee "increase would be out of all proportion to the to the improvement realized." This seems unreasonable. Since 1962 the comprehensive fee at Hampden-Sydney has increased 49%. If board fees increased only 25% during the same period, an increase of over \$50,000 would have been realized. It is hard to believe that a sum of this size would not be sufficient to cause a substantial improvement in the quality of food. It is also hard to believe that those in charge of the allotment of funds would fail to recognize that the cost of food and attendant services would inevitably rise. If a lack of funds is to be blamed for poor food, then this merely means that the student body is being penalized for poor administrative planning.

It is apparent, however, that nothing can be done about the financial situation of this school year. But this is not the only problem plaguing the collective stomach of the student body. There is no excuse for burnt food or French fries that taste like chicken grease. This year there seems to be a more prevalent laxity in the preparation of food. This is a problem that should be quickly remedied, and to this end I would like to spur the Food Committee on to greater effort. It is hoped that they recognize the urgency of their task and will act accordingly.

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In World Full of Clowns, Farmville Remains a Ghost Town

*Hank Hollingshead '19
Guest Contributor*

Who doesn't love a good ghost story? Whether it's told around a campfire or graphically displayed in film, they hold a thrill, and to some an intellectual and even professional interest. And as Halloween approaches, the popularity of ghosts, whether historic in origin or simply urban legends, increases. And Hampden-Sydney, as well as the whole Farmville area, has plenty of its own stories.

The campus has its own annual "Ghost Hunt" which highlights several of these tales. The most prominent is the Cushing Hall ghost. In the mid nineteenth century, a student

was murdered outside the Cushing dormitory during a dispute. The victim's name was Charles Taylor Edie, and the perpetrator of the crime was named Edward Alexander Langhorne; the two were close friends before the murder. Details of the ghostly encounters in Cushing do not specify which student the ghost belongs to. It could be Edie, who died there, on the second floor of Cushing, of a stab wound to the heart, or Langhorne, driven by guilt to haunt the place where he murdered his friend.

Other rumors include the smells of baking of one of the original owners of Graham Hall, and the ghosts of Colonel Venable and his wife watching the moon from her tomb. Perhaps the last two are the "graveyard ghosts" that the Ghost Hunt refers to. As the story goes, the ringing from the

bell tower agitates these spirits, and the bell must never be rung at night.

Longwood's stories are more varied and subtle in nature: hobnailed boot prints on a newly varnished floor, shadows in photographs, etc. But some details were provided courtesy of Marge Swayne, in her article in 2004. According to Swayne, a local legend pertained to the statue of a confederate soldier. The tale goes, if the statue cast a shadow, all was well, but if it didn't, the ghost of the soldier was apparently roaming campus, causing trouble.

A more specifically named ghost was named in relation to Tabb Hall. Presumably, the ghost in question would belong to the namesake. In 1927 a fire broke out in the hall. The student residents reported hearing "a hysterical woman's voice", according

to Dr. James Jordan, an expert on local ghost stories who was interviewed by Swayne. The hall was not destroyed, and some credit the ghost of Tabb to its preservation. Another fire occurred in 1941, with a similar story. During the most recent fire in 2001, there was no such report, but the building again survived, leading some to maintain their belief in the ghost.

One of the more eloquent stories is the tale of Dr. Jarman's Seat, a story reminiscent of The Phantom of the Opera. Dr. Jarman, a long time president of Longwood, helped construct an auditorium, which was naturally named after him. At every performance after his death, a seat is saved for his ghost, along with a program and a red rose. When they are



Local Eats: Your Friendly Neighborhood Gas Station Sushi

Vladimir Paraschiv '19
Guest Contributor

Shogun Steakhouse, one of the only paces to get sushi in Farmville, is surprisingly tasty. The location of the restaurant may fool you, as it is attached to a gas station; however, the food is enjoyable.

I got a Tempura Bento Box which came with a salad with ginger dressing, (you can also get an onion or miso soup). Additionally, the box comes with a California Roll, which can be changed for other rolls for one dollar. The bento box also came with rice and a spring roll. The total price was thirteen dollars.

Prices for sushi rolls start at around five dollars a roll. This is unfortunately on the higher end of sushi prices, but the fish is fresh. The rolls tend to fall apart a bit, but if you are not a stickler then you will enjoy your roll.

Some things on the menu are labeled as hibachi, but do not expect them to be made in front of you. Hibachi is the American misnomer for the grill they make the food on. Normally we expect to have the food made in front of us, but this is not the case here. Regardless, my Tempura Vegetables were delicious.

After leaving, I felt slightly nauseous and very lethargic. This could simply be because I ate fried food and simply got tired, but it is important to know that this could happen to you if you eat there. I did feel better shortly after leaving so it wasn't a big deal.

Overall it was a filling and tasty meal, though a little expensive. The service was prompt, and if you have weak stomachs, avoid the tempura.

The Accountant

I sat down and watched Gavin O'Connor's *The Accountant* in theaters over the weekend and the film certainly lived up to my expectations. The newest addition to the Ben Affleck collection, *The Accountant* delivers a fair share of thrilling action sequences supplemented by a well-written plotline. Affleck stars as Christian Wolff, a mathematically gifted savant whose genius qualities are not accompanied by any social skills. Wolff makes a living as a seemingly run-of-the-mill accountant but we soon learn that there is another side to his business. J.K. Simmons portrays an aging fed haunted by past experiences who intends to bust Wolff before retiring, dubbing him as "The Accountant." With the combat skills of Jason Bourne and the mind of Will Hunting, the film follows Wolff as his true identity is explored through flashbacks

and the overlapping plot of another character known as "The Assassin."

In this day and age, films with well-paced and somewhat realistic action are released in short supply but *The Accountant* certainly sets itself apart from the field in this regard. Reminiscent of the crime thrillers of the 60's and 70's, the plot centers around an excellent money trail mystery that requires the audience to stay engaged and put on their thinking caps - which sadly enough will most likely turn many viewers away. Go figure! This film is highly entertaining if you're up for a more complex plot, but be ready to stay on your toes and pay attention to the details. Don't be too concerned, even if you're not an Econ major, you should be able to keep up with the story and the twist at the end will catch you by surprise either way. Certainly one of the best films I have seen yet this fall.

-Luke Paris '17
TV and Film Critic



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Undergraduate Research

faces is expanding and incorporating research outside of the hard sciences. “Something to bring up about student research in general is that it’s often thought of as a science project,” he said. The program hopes to address this problem by analyzing the current summer research program and trying to devise ways to distribute the resources to as many people across as many disciplines as possible.

Also, by changing the format of the traditional summer research model, the program hopes to get more people involved in research. “As opposed to the traditional ‘eight to ten weeks on campus every day’ model that we use now, we can have more people that are doing maybe more literature based stuff at home while they’re doing their regular summer jobs,” Dr. Wolyniak said.

Another method that Dr. Wolyniak hopes to incorporate is a method called a CURE, a Course based Undergraduate Research Experience. The College is currently in the middle of its reaccreditation with Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS), and a Quality Enhancement Program is being designed based off of the first year experience.

“One of the integral parts

of the first year experience is designing and developing classes that are specifically driven around inquiry based work,” he says.

One example of a CURE that is already being implemented is the Biology 110/151 courses, where student’s research hops plants and mildews that inhibit hop yield. “We give you the whole research experience in the lab,” says Dr. Wolyniak. “That’s deliberate, to make you think how a real scientist solves problems right out of the gate.”

Another example of learning through inquiry that Dr. Wolyniak gives is the Bioethics class that he teaches. “We talk about a lot of different topics based on current issues and on literature that I assign. All the students perform a project based on a topic of their own choosing that they research over the course of the semester.”

Currently, Hampden-Sydney is piloting four other classes that are centered on the idea of learning by inquiry, although more could be added in the future. “You wouldn’t have to create a whole new set of classes to do it,” Dr. Wolyniak states. “You could take existing Western Culture, Rhetoric, all those type of classes and build in inquiry based components to them.”

When asked how he has been promoting research in the non-sciences, Dr. Wolyniak replied that

“this is a tougher nut to crack because the model we think of for research doesn’t apply as robustly or as snugly in the non-science disciplines.” He hopes to get ideas by examining other institutions and seeing how they have approached this same problem. Dr. Wolyniak also says that he has gotten a lot of ideas from attending the Council on Undergraduate Researchers national meeting. Additionally, the team of faculty involved with the program will be going to a council on undergraduate research inquiry in the arts and humanities in November, which should give



Dr. Michael Wolyniak (Photo: hsc.edu)

the team more ideas of how to expand research into the non-sciences.

Dr. Wolyniak says that his initiative has been “slow and steady.” He describes his mission as daunting because the office was created without a defined goal. However, he also says it is exciting because he is able to take the program in the direction that he finds most appropriate. Dr. Wolyniak is currently working with Max Dash ’18 on a website to support student research, which he hopes to have up and running early 2017.

Although Dr Wolyniak’s goal is to eventually be able to have all

students involved in inquiry based research before graduation, he says that right now there isn’t a definitive set of goals to be reached. “It’s just building things up and getting a presence established and seeing where things take us from there.”

Ghost Stories

neglected, allegedly the auditorium suffers from technical difficulties. And thus, the tradition is continued.

The final ghost story was the most malevolent one named in Ms. Swayne’s article. Professor Edith Stevens died on Halloween in the ‘30s of burns incurred when she saved several students from a fire in the laboratory in East Ruffner. When her friend, Leola Wheeler, died several years later, she was given a memorial marker near the place where Edith had died. Dr. Jordan told Ms. Swayne, “The story is that Edith Stevens still lives where the fire occurred. When Leola’s marker is not attended properly by the grounds-keepers, Edith gets mad and appears as a ball of fire in the attic of the ‘Stevens Building’.” Dr. Jordan cautions against exploring the old science building on Halloween night, however, because he “isn’t sure what Edith might do.”

Dr. Rone

QS: What made you interested in music?

VR: When I was nine years old, I was watching *Bill and Ted’s Excellent Adventure*, and when they picked up Beethoven on their trip, I fell in love with the music that was playing. A few months after I watched the movie, my mom signed me up for piano lessons. During that time I went to the library and listened to records. I enjoyed the contemporary music, like Queen, when I was a teenager, but I liked classical music so much more. I also really enjoyed film soundtracks from John Williams and Danny Elfman. My best friend and I would put on the soundtrack to like Batman, in my car and we would drive fast down the road to

try and simulate and adventure.

QS: I know you knew Dr. Von Reuden before you came to H-SC. How did you two meet?

VR: We met at UC Santa Barbara’s grad school orientation. I thought she was a faculty member because she looked and had this air of professionalism around her. We both got along well because we both came from New Jersey, and our friendship grew from there.

QS: This semester you teach Film Music. Did you come up with this idea for a class? Are there anymore classes that you will be offering in the future?

VR: Yes, I came up with the idea. Spring semester I will be offering Film Music again, as well as music appreciation, 20th century music. Next year I am planning on offer-

ing a course in Video Game music.

QS: How are you liking your time at H-SC?

VR: I love it here! I attended an all-male high school, so it reminds me of my time there. The campus and the people here make it very special. I live alone way out in nowhere, and it’s really nice to be around all the friendly people on campus, and feel like I belong.

QS: Are there any projects that you are working on?

VR: Right now I am working on an article analyzing the music in *The Lord of the Rings*. I also arranged a piece for the pipe organ from the *Legend of Zelda* video game, which will hopefully be performed here next semester! I was also invited to play the pipe organ in Ireland this summer.

QS: I know you like *Lord of the Rings*; which character do you most identify with and why?

VR: Gandalf, [laughs] because I have a robe and staff at home and practice my elvish. But seriously, I identify with him because he has a very well defined sense of duty which he accepts even at the expense of his own comfort. I am not as successful as Gandalf, but I strive to be like him. I guess you could say that he is my role model. I just really like archetypes like the wise old wizard. I also identify with Tyrion Lannister, Superman, and to completely alienate myself, Hannibal Lecter [laughs].

QS: If you could meet one person, dead or alive, who would it be and why?

VR: I would want to meet Jesus. He would be able to answer a lot of questions for me and it would

be awesome to meet someone who shaped the belief system of billions of people, and someone who was able to help shape western culture to what it is today. Second after him would probably be Bach

QS: What is your aspiration in life?

VR: I would have to say that my aspiration in life is to make the world of those in my world better while trying to live by my beliefs. That’s why I try to be funny, to make someone smile. I know that if I can make someone smile, I have made their day just a little bit brighter, even if it was only for the minute. If I had a lot of money, I wouldn’t have it for very long, because I would give it to a lot of different people. [Laughs] That’s why I played it safe and became a professor.



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Swimming Off to Record-Breaking Start

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Guest Contributor*

Our swimmers broke a plethora of individual records on Saturday October 15th while narrowly falling to Frostburg State and Barton College.

Record-breaking performances include seniors Ryan Mitchell and Connor O'Heir and freshmen Carter Cole and Brandon Koch in the 400 meter medley relay, sophomore John Dickerson in the 50 meter breast-stroke, Cole and fellow freshman Kefifer Pfister in the 400 meter freestyle, sophomore Hudson Elmore in the 50 meter butterfly, Cole in the 100 meter IM, and senior Stewart Lawrence, sophomore Brady Updike, O'Heir and Koch in the 400 meter freestyle relay.

Even though they lost, junior captain Tate Socha believes that "breaking many records last week really put the team on a good foot for the start of the competitive season."

"This year's group of guys is excellent and each person has his

own specialty," Socha added. "It has been awesome to see these guys get stronger and more powerful."

Socha went on to discuss the rigorous training program he has helped implement, which includes swimming five or six times a week, lifting twice a week, and daily dry land conditioning. Coming off of a meet in which they obliterated previous records, the Tigers came back strong as ever, knocking off Gallaudet 141-59 on October 22nd in Washington, D.C.

The team seems to be dialed in already and extremely focused, preparing for tougher competition to come. When asked if the team had circled any particular meet, Socha responded, "Randolph-Macon. They have a good program that has developed very quickly. However, I do believe that this is our year." Socha has not yet beat Randolph-Macon and this fact seems to be motivating him.

Before then, the Tigers will head to Bridgewater on November 5th to take on Greensboro College.

gether as a unit. Outside of practice the upperclassmen did a great job of making the new guys feel welcome. We've gotten to know each and every one of them on an individual level, which has created a better team environment. When looking back at this season I'm really going to remember this aspect."

With one more game to be played tonight, the players know that the season is on its way out, much like the sluggish push toward an academic break. McFarlane said that this year is different only because it is his senior year. "Every day I remind myself that it could be my last day playing soccer. When I remind myself of this, I am driven to want to leave every last bit of fight I have out on that field every time I play." McFarlane and the Tigers will look to give it their all one last time tonight at Guilford.

Football's Streak Snapped in Lexington



Sophomore John Kline getting down and dirty in the "Mud Bowl" victory over Guilford. (Photo: hscathletics.com)

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The Hampden-Sydney Football team gained momentum during ODAC play with two straight wins, but that momentum came to a screeching halt at Washington & Lee last weekend.

On Homecoming Weekend, the Tigers braved the elements and knocked off the 25th ranked Guilford Quakers 21-15.

Sophomore linebacker Bender Vaught had 12 tackles and a sack, good enough to garner ODAC Defensive Player of the Week honors. Offensively, sophomore quarterback Alec Cobb threw for 178 yards and two touchdowns, junior tailback Mike DeMasi ran for 83 yards for one touchdown, while junior wideout Cam Johnson and senior Carter Cunningham both hauled in a touchdown of their own.

Next up was a fall break matchup against Catholic University. The Tigers exploded for 27 points in the

first half and went on to outlast the Cardinals 33-28. Offensively, the Tigers had themselves a day with 567 yards, 379 through the air, and 188 on the ground. Cobb threw tossed four touchdowns while Mike DeMasi rushed for 116 yards and added a score. Senior Owen Costello had a field day in his return to northern Virginia with seven catches for 154 yards and two touchdowns. Junior tight end Patrick Kline nabbed one touchdown and had 81 yards, while freshman receiver Matt DeMasi snagged a receiving touchdown of his own.

Following these strong performances, the Tigers controlled their own destiny in ODAC play: win out and the title would come back to Farmville.

Washington & Lee wasn't about to let that happen, however, winning 52-7. With their triple-option offense, the Generals tallied 566 rushing yards on the day. The Generals only completed one pass the entire game. H-SC turned over the ball five times and the offense was stagnant. Johnson hauled in the Tigers' only score of the game.

This loss dropped Hampden-

Sydney to a 2-5 record with a 2-2 record in ODAC play, leaving the Tigers behind Washington & Lee, Shenandoah, Emory & Henry, and Randolph-Macon in the standings.

Now the Tigers sit in an unenviable position, and in need lots of help for a shot at the ODAC title. There is, however, a game that is circled on everyone's calendar.

"We can still look forward to beating Macon," Vaught said.

With three games remaining, the seniors are committed to finishing their careers strong.

"I think as a team we are excited for these last three games, as two out of the three are at home," Cunningham said. "The seniors are especially excited since we haven't really gotten a chance to show our home crowd what this team is capable of."

It's tough to think about, but it's our reality now," Costello added. "We're just going to soak it all in and play for each other."

The Tigers return home for Emory & Henry this weekend, then head to the road one more time at Shenandoah, before closing the season at home for The Game.

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you wear the [captain's] armband, you carry all the responsibility of the team that you are leading. Wearing it this year as a senior was different because now it truly was my team to lead."

Junior defender Thomas Carswell also pointed out that the large freshmen presence was a critical part of the season. He said, "Last year we had such great personalities on the team and with the addition of sixteen new freshmen this year, one of the toughest obstacles was going to be coming to-



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Basketball Season Preview



The 2016-2017 Tiger basketball team (Photo: hscathletics.com)

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The 2016-17 NCAA Division III basketball season is on the horizon, and the Hampden-Sydney Tigers are ready to pounce.

Each of the last three seasons, the Tigers have notched either 16 or 17 regular season wins, leaving Tiger fans hopeful of a return to 2012-13 form, when H-SC made it to the NCAA tournament and finished with a 23-5 record.

Although the Tigers have lost key players, including their leading scorer from last season, Mike Murray, they do bring in eight talented freshmen who have been mixing well with the experienced older guys.

"The team has been more committed as a unit to improving their game than they have in years past," senior guard JaVonte Reddick said. Freshman Kevin Quinn added, "I like how hard we work together day in and day out and that the relationships within the team go way beyond basketball."

Reddick and Quinn are joined in the backcourt by senior Jake Duncan, sophomore Logan Samuels, and senior Zack Tabrani, along with newcomers Michael Duncan, Chaise Johnson, Jack Costigan, Tyler Barry, Davis Hornak, and Harrison Cobb.

The Tigers will rely heavily on veterans Duncan and Reddick to lead the backcourt, as they accounted for 16.3 PPG, 4.8 APG, 97 3-pointers, and a combined 42.4% from the field last season. Quinn, Johnson and Michael Duncan also look to make an impact.

Johnson is the all-time leading scorer for his high school, averaging over 18 PPG in his last three seasons, including an outstanding junior season where he averaged 25.6 points.

Quinn hit 75 threes in each of his high school years, and Michael Duncan scored 1,000 points in high school.

There may be a lot of young talent to use, but the players understand that they need to work hard and play their role in order for the team to be successful. "I think I can contribute to the team by always bringing energy whether it's on the bench or on the floor" says Michael Duncan.

The frontcourt is led by junior Guilherme Guimaraes, who started

22 games last season, averaging 7.9 points and 5.4 rebounds per game. He is accompanied by fellow juniors Josh Katowitz, Nick Chase, and Hunter Kuehn, as well as sophomore Justin Reid and freshman Tony Rivas.

"We have a big team and we plan to play the old traditional way with two post players on the floor at one time," Head Coach Dee Vick said. "Most teams now play with four guards and one post. It will be a battle of speed and skill versus size and strength."

Coach Vick is back for his 23rd year coaching basketball and his eighth season coaching the Tigers.

"I love coaching at my alma mater and a major reason it is so enjoyable to me is the quality of the student-athletes we are able to attract across the board at H-SC," Vick said. "Guys truly play for the love of the game!"

Coach Vick made two new additions to the coaching staff this offseason, hiring assistant coaches Daniel Eacho and Matt Irving.

The Tigers play their first home game on Wednesday, November 30 against Washington and Lee at 7:00 pm. You can catch them in action earlier in an exhibition game at Longwood on Saturday, November 5 at 5:00 pm.

Alive and Kicking: Soccer Not Backing Down as Season Ends

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The 2016 soccer season has had its share of highs and lows for the Hampden-Sydney College Tigers. The Tigers began the season with a historic 5-0 start followed by a four-game skid that halted the team's hot streak. Now in the final weeks of the season, the likelihood of a postseason appearance continued to shrink. But not all was lost on the season, which showed in the optimism and reflective thoughts of the players.

H-SC hosted the Eastern Mennonite University Royals during Hurricane Matthew on October 8th. Both teams played to a scoreless draw in the relentless rain. Senior goalkeeper Cam McFarlane considered the game one of his favorite memories from this season. He said, "It was pouring out all day [and] the turf was covered in puddles. Most teams would hate the conditions, but our team loved every minute of it." It was the team's first draw of the season, and considering the circumstances, both teams were lucky to walk away with a draw since they survived the hurricane.

A few days later the Virginia Wesleyan College Marlins visited the Hill for a midweek primetime game on October 12th. The Marlins handed H-SC another loss to the tune of 2-1 as H-SC's only goal came from freshman forward Jacob Mann. The 2-1 theme would continue for the Tigers over two of their following three games. The only game that did not conform was against the Shenandoah University Hornets on October 15th, a 4-0 victory for H-SC on the road.

The victory against Shenandoah

provided some relief for the team after a dominating performance over the ODAC's basement-dwelling team. Junior forward Ryan Turner put the Tigers in the lead in the first half while freshman midfielder Cole Burton, junior defender Landon Moss and freshman midfielder William Jackson all scored in the second half. Cam McFarlane picked up another clean sheet, his 6th of the season.

The road trip continued with a match against arch-rivals Randolph-Macon on October 18th. It was a 2-1 overtime loss for the Tigers despite scoring first thanks to sophomore midfielder Hunter Weiland in the first half. However, the 2-1 scoreline reared its head in the fifth minute of overtime.

The team returned home to face the Emory & Henry College Wasps on October 22nd for Senior Day. Everything seemed to be in place for the Tigers as the seniors were honored before the game, a large crowd was in attendance, and students enjoyed some pizza by halftime. However, the offense was not there for H-SC. A second half comeback was plausible in the 64th minute thanks to a William Jackson goal, but it would prove to be futile.

And on Wednesday night, in a must-win home match against Bridgewater, the Tigers were defeated 2-1 in overtime, and just like that their playoff chances were gone.

As the Tigers head into their final game on the season, the major element that resonates among the players has been the inclusion of the 16 freshmen. Cam McFarlane recalled that, "Our team had 16 freshmen this year, which created a challenge for the four seniors. Having such a large incoming class meant we needed to get all these guys on board with our mission to win an ODAC title. When

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