

# The Point News



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Students strike their best "AirBand Star" pose. From left to right: Josh Santangelo, Andrew Reighart, Lindsey Seiferd, Molly Dougherty, and Madeline Montgomery

## Orientees Arrive, Amazed by OL AirBand Skillz

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## New Semester, New Staff

By ROWAN COPLEY  
News Editor

This summer, St. Mary's has seen more than half a dozen faculty and administration leave the school, most notably former President Maggie O'Brien. In response, a wave of new people has swept in to St. Mary's on the heels of President Joseph Urgo.

One high-ranking school official who left office was the veteran head of St. Mary's Marketing and Public Relations, Marc Apter. Apter, who had been with the school since 1999, left in June. He is president of his own startup consultancy, Image Power, and is looking for work in the greater Washington, D.C. area.

Apter has not been replaced yet. In fact, the duties of the entire Public Relations department – an office of three to four who wrote press releases and promoted the school's image – have been absorbed into the duties of the Office of Publications and Media Relations, the same college department which publishes the Mulberry Tree and River Gazette.

Katie Lanham, who worked under Apter and left the school soon after he did, said she was surprised when

she heard that he had left. However, she said that the College could do away with its public relations department altogether, given the size of St. Mary's.

"Under the conditions today, I don't think [having a PR Office] is vital." But Lanham said she thought Apter's departure was related to O'Brien's. "If Maggie were still here... yeah, he would still be here."

Lanham is now working in Lexington Park as an Editing Specialist for SAIC, a government contractor.

There have been other offices with turnover in their leadership. Tim Wolfe, head of the Financial Aid department, left in June to be Director of Financial Aid at the University of Nevada at Reno. Replacing him is Caroline Bright, formerly Associate Director of Financial Aid at Johns Hopkins School of Health.

She said Johns Hopkins' offices are very bureaucratic, and that she feels she has come into a well-run office. "I hope any changes would just be streamlining."

Bright said it was definitely a change to begin working at St.

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## ST. MARY'S FORBES RATING IMPROVES

By CAROLINE SELLE  
Staff Writer

When yearly college rankings were revealed, St. Mary's was picked again as one of the nation's top public schools. The College is ranked as one of the top five public liberal arts colleges in the nation by the *U.S. News and World Report* and moved up four spaces to 88 out of the country's 100 top liberal arts colleges.

The *Princeton Review* recognized the College for its "happy students", "high race/class interaction", and "a strong commitment to the environment." St. Mary's "has all the intellectual stimulation of a private liberal arts school with none of the academic rivalry. Students throw around the word "community" like rice at a wedding."

The College was also ranked as 89th in the country by *Forbes* magazine in 2009 and 2010. The *Fiske Guide to Colleges* gave St. Mary's 4 out of 5 stars in academics, 3 out of 5 in social life, and 4 out of 5 in quality of living and listed the College as one of the best in the country for music study.

Despite the excellent rankings, Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid Wesley Jordan recommended that students choose their college

on more than the ranking number alone.

"Our position within the rankings doesn't change much from year to year," he said. "It's not the best way to evaluate colleges, but it's a practice that families use, so we benefit from being listed."

"Prospective students should use the information behind the rankings, rather than the mere rank.

For instance, the *U.S. News* rankings include information about the percentage of students who return for their sophomore year."

*U.S. News* bases its rankings on graduation rates and the opinions of high school counselors, among other factors. Many rankings are based on such factors as student/faculty ratios, class size and alumni donation rates as well.

"...We've been one of the top 100 national liberal arts colleges in *U.S. News* for many years," said Jordan. "There are only five public colleges in the top 100... We can all be proud that a public college is so highly rated academically and is a place where students from many different backgrounds and with varied perspectives on life can be happy and successful."

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**-WESLEY JORDAN**

## Campus Farm Beats Back Heat Wave, Continues to Thrive

By KYLE JERNIGAN  
Editor-in-Chief

Despite a difficult growing season, St. Mary's campus farm has been thriving and producing more food than it can give away.

The campus farm, started last semester by a dedicated group of students, faculty, and staff, is the spiritual successor to the community garden that sits outside of Daugherty-Palmer Commons, but has over time been unattended and become overgrown. The new garden as of now rests on a half acre of a five-acre plot reserved for the garden by Historic St. Mary's City (HSMC). During spring of last year, members of the community garden club (headed by Senior Nathan Beall and advised by English Professor Kate Chandler) and volunteers began tilling soil and transplanting plants grown in a green house supplied by the Chancellor's Point Project.

Over the summer, Chandler and hired farmhands Nicholas Miller and Danny Seward have been tending to the farm while students were away. According to Chandler, they were primarily concerned with keeping the farm alive during this summer's heat wave and drought. She said, "It was such a hot, dry summer and we did not have a watering system in place." Miller echoed her sentiment. "It was pretty rough there for a while."

However, Miller said, "A lot of things came out well despite the heat wave." Chandler pointed out that they had had an abundant squash harvest, and were currently harvesting okra,



PHOTO SUBMITTED BY KATE CHANDLER

Orientation Leaders (OLs), Orientees, and volunteers pick Basil at the campus farm as part of their community outreach project.

tomatoes, and basil among other crops.

Food that has thus far been harvested from the farm has been donated to Three Oaks homeless shelter, as well as local businesses and Bon Appétit.

Senior Aaron French said that the campus farm is still in negotiation with Bon Appétit to start selling them crops, but also that they were very interested. Miller also said that he

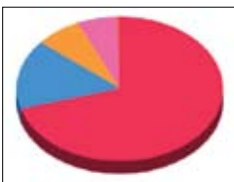
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# AUGUST TRAINING - AN RA'S ORIENTATION

By STEVE REES  
*Sports Editor*

On Feb. 21, I opened a manila envelope on my desk addressed to "Steven Rees, PG124". Inside was a letter welcoming me to the Residence Life staff for the 2010-2011 academic year, as the Resident Assistant of suites 42-49 in Waring Commons. While I felt excited that last week's interview process had gone so well, and knew that it meant returning to campus early for pre-semester training, I had no idea how intense and important that week would be until I stepped back onto campus grounds on Aug. 18.

As the week progressed, I began to get a feel for what training was like. I had been told by experienced RAs over the summer that it was mostly powerpoint presentation information, from sundown until sunset, with emergency trips to Donut Connection during the late-night hours. It wasn't even close to that; we didn't make many trips to DoCo at all. But, the training wasn't all about the powerpoints, either, as the program (titled "RA College") would make you believe.

Much of what we needed was information, whether it was about College policies, drugs, being a good leader and role model for your residents, understanding the ethics of gray-area situations, or knowing the difference between sexual assault and sexual vio-

lence. But all of training couldn't just be facts that we could have read over the summer; while we had to know the policies we had to implement, the implementation itself was also important.

The Res. Life Professional Staff introduced skits for that need. Every RA in-training acted out situations we could face, including fire evacuations, roommate mediations, quiet hour and alcohol policy enforcement, and loud party dispersal. Every RA, new and returning, took part in at least a few skits, and learned (to the best of a skit's ability) what a situation would really feel like, and how to handle it.

This was the most valuable part of training for me. I didn't know how to stand up against seven-foot tall basketball seniors, or speak with an authority that would make people want to listen. Through the training, and practice, I began to learn those skills, and what being a Resident Assistant re-

ally means. It wasn't about getting the nice, discounted suite or the cool magnetic nametag. And it certainly wasn't about the power; we weren't trained to be policemen. It was about being exactly what the job title implied; being an assistant, a resource, for residents of the College. For me, it meant being available for my 46 residents from suites 42-49, having the knowledge to answer their questions about studying, time management, or policies, and just being able to give advice, when needed. Training showed me a lot about independence, and what it really means to demonstrate and speak with confidence.

Training also gave me a chance to bond with friends new and old, whether it was staying attentive during powerpoints or acting out in front of a group. And if this was only training, I'm looking forward to what a semester of experiences such as these will be like.



PHOTO BY ROWAN COPLEY

Orientees and their Orientation Leaders (OLs) gathered for lunch Friday afternoon at the James P. Muldoon River Center. Other orientation activities included a community service/outreach project, a presentation on Mark Twain, and Convocation.

## New Students, OLs, and RAs Get Their Orientation On

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## First-years, What Has Been Your Favorite Part of the Orientation Experience?



**Mattie Alpert**  
*Intended major:* Political Science

**What is your favorite/least favorite part of Orientation?**  
"Meeting new people, making new friends."

**Patrick Cain**  
*Intended major:* Biology

**What is your favorite/least favorite part of Orientation?**  
"Just meeting new people ... the Mark Twain presentation was very interesting, just learning peoples' perceptions of him."



**Steven Pfeiffer**  
*Intended major:* Natural Sciences with a minor in Neuroscience

**What is your favorite/least favorite part of Orientation?**  
"I didn't like the icebreakers. I just don't like being put on the spot like that."

**Dave Rocha**  
*Intended major:* "leaning towards Economics"

**What is your favorite/least favorite part of Orientation?**  
"New Student days. I went down to the last one [which] had an all-student panel...felt like it gave people a chance to open up, put all of our fears to rest"  
"I'm just ready to get this year started."



**Kate Novak**  
*Intended major:* Undecided

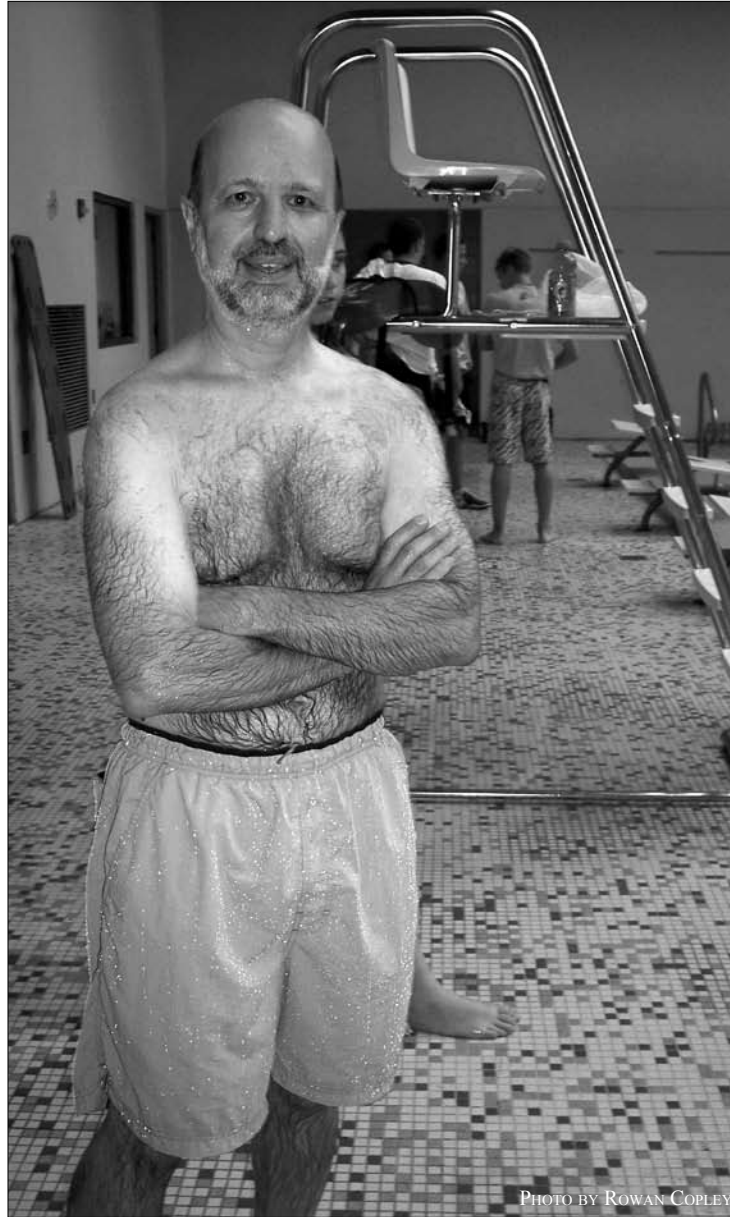
**What is your favorite/least favorite part of Orientation?**  
"I just really like walking around the campus."

**Helen Parshall**  
*Intended major:* Psychology, still undecided

**What is your favorite/least favorite part of Orientation?**  
the Mark Twain lecture: "He had cartoons, characters ... I thought that was kind of cool."



# New Waterfront Swimming Test



Along with incoming student, President Urgo also took the swim test; even he is not exempt from the new policy.

By KYLE JERNIGAN  
Editor-in-Chief

From now on, students who want to go out on the St. Mary's River will first have to take a dip in the Michael P O'Brien Athletic and Recreation Center (ARC) pool for a swim test.

This is because the administration is bringing back a policy that has fallen to the wayside for the past few years. From now on, in order to rent watercraft from the River Center, students will have to take a two-part test, consisting of a 75-yard untimed swim and three minutes of treading water.

According to Charles Jackson, Vice President of Planning and Facilities, this rule used to be implemented before the building of the river center, but "keeping the waterfront operations going while building was very challenging", so those renting out boats discontinued using the rule.

According to Jackson, whether or not a student has passed the test will be tracked through the OneCard system, and checked when students go to check out wa-

tercraft. Students who do not pass the test will still be able to take out kayaks, but must wear a personal flotation device (PFD), e.g. life jacket, at all times. Visitors will also have to wear a PFD as well as sign a waiver. Students wishing to take out dinghys will have to both pass the test and wear PFD, since according to Jackson operating such boats is inherently more dangerous and "a lot more things can happen."

Jackson said that these parameters were "middle range" in comparison to other institutions, and that the administration wanted to bring it back before doing an external review of the larger waterfront policy. He added that he hopes "folks understand it's a reasonable stance to take," despite the inconvenience. "This is the safety of our students and our community."

All students, faculty, and staff that have not taken the swim test (e.g. those who did not take it during orientation) will have until Thursday, Sep. 30 to do so. Jackson said, "I encourage everyone to take the test."

# An Open Letter to the Class of 2014

By KYLE JERNIGAN  
Editor-in-Chief

Welcome to St. Mary's! I hope the last few days have been a pleasant, albeit daunting, experience. You're likely reeling from all the information orientation has bombarded you with, but that's all really just boot camp. I'd say a lot of it is useful, but there's a lot orientation cannot prepare you for when the rubber hits the road. It seems pretty obvious, but to really understand what college is like you have to experience it, and you will be very, very soon.

As a result of this it's likely you've received plenty of unsolicited advice from plenty of people, and you're probably sick of it. But if you'll indulge me, the one piece of advice I have to give is this: take every opportunity you can to connect with the people of St. Mary's. There are a lot of things to love about this campus, but nothing beats the fact that you are surrounded by some of the best people you'll ever meet. St. Mary's kids are a breed all their own, but I find it difficult to really quantify with words what makes our community unique. Perhaps it's a sort of easy-going attitude towards the things that truly aren't that big a deal, or the fact that on a campus this small you get to know almost everyone at least in passing, and hopefully a few much more deeply. It might be the collective endearing weirdness of each and every St. Mary's student, or more appropriately the fact that we accept and embrace it. It could be that, despite our sometimes very differ-

ent backgrounds, we're all united in this experience of discovery and adventure. And this doesn't just hold true for students: you'll find the staff and professors emanate St. Mary's-ness with equal gusto.

I'd say the only thing you can really do wrong here, the only way you can really screw up and not realize it, is by locking yourself in your room and not coming out to experience the world and the people that inhabit it. Take it from someone who didn't make much of an attempt to connect with other people his first year: it's something you might very well end up regretting. Even worse, though, you'll be missing out the thing that makes this college so much better than your average cookie-cutter 300-students-to-an-intro-class university. Go and strike up a conversation with the other people in your dorm. Join a club (this is where I put the obligatory Point News plug, right?). Talk to the other people in your class about things other than your class. Meeting new people cold isn't always an easy thing to do, but it's almost never a bad decision.

So once again, welcome to the St. Mary's community and thank you so much for reading our humble paper. I promise that I and my staff will do our very best to inform and give back to this vibrant and wonderful community. I hope to see, talk to, and connect with many of you soon, and I hope that you'll learn to love this college and it's community as much as I do.

# Campus Farm Starts Harvesting Fruits (and Vegetables) of Labors

Continued from Page 1 received "limited" interest from some local businesses.

According to Chandler, the heat wave (as well as some nasty groundhogs) did result in some casualties: the crop of cucumbers and some patches of squash failed to grow. The heat wave also slowed down work on planting and harvesting, since most of the time was spent just keeping everything watered.

With the new school year

came more interest in the farm, and this past weekend orientees got to experience the farm when a group came as part of their community service. Chandler hoped to see more interest in the coming year. "We really want to help students learn about farming so that they might plant their own garden and buy more local produce." She added, "Everyone on campus is invited to see [the farm]...and get their hands dirty. And that means everyone."



An example of some of the produce harvested thus far.

# Survey by Global Governance Class Probes Student Satisfaction with Campus Life, Services

By KYLE JERNIGAN  
Editor-in-Chief

Most final projects are simply culminations of what one has, in theory, learned throughout the year; as a result, they tend to remain in the realm of the academic and abstract. However, for Klara Bilgin's Global Governance class, simple gripes about the state of the St. Mary's campus turned into a final project that attempted to investigate the very heart of what students like (and don't like) about

their stay at St. Mary's. The investigation took the form of surveys and interviews conducted over the spring semester for the Global Governance class, a course where students study the mechanics of governing bodies such as the United Nations. According to Professor of Political Science Klara Bilgin, the course's instructor, the idea evolved from anecdotes and complaints students brought up in class regarding issues on campus, such as the

state of certain dorms and administrative offices. The survey was an "impromptu experiment for [myself] and the students," said Bilgin, meant to create a memorable experience beyond the normal final project and identify the best and worst parts of campus life.

According to Bilgin, the general trend of the data suggested a generally favorable view of the college, and that "students want more of the college." She also said

that the data highlighted a very interesting paradox, in that "[students] want the feeling of a small college... but at the same time [they] want the resources of a big university."

The final results, which were compiled over the summer, show the highest overall satisfaction marks (in descending order) went to services offered by the library, Campus Center, and Michael P O'Brien Athletic and Recreation Center (ARC).

The lowest marks went to the campus's "technology infrastructure", which included cable television, phone service, and Internet; the accessibility of transportation to and from town; and parking.

In order to formulate the survey, Bilgin separated the class into four sections, which would correspond to four major facets of campus life: academics, student life, administrative offices and dorms, and career opportunities and internships. From here, students organized and created the survey. Most questions asked students to rate certain campus services from one to five, one being the lowest and five the highest.

In total, 193 students responded to the survey (around 10 percent of the student population), which Bilgin emphasized was not large enough to be technically representative from a scientific and statistical standpoint. However, she did say that from an informal standpoint it was "very interesting" and that its informality may have led to more frank responses during the interviews.

"All the comments were very genuine," said Bilgin. "You

could see how people felt uncensored." She also stated that this survey could act as a jumping off point for future surveys with more formality and scientific relevance.

After the data was compiled, the final results were also sent to college President Joseph Urgo and Provost Larry Vote. Although no official changes have yet occurred as a result of the survey, Bilgin said that she felt confident that it would act as one of the many forms of input for the new president. She also said that, much like in the larger scale of political regime change, a new president is a "window of opportunity" for changes like those suggested by the survey results to take root.

Bilgin said that, overall, a survey such as this was a "tremendously huge achievement," considering the fact that the whole survey was formulated, administered, and analyzed in the span of a few short months. She said, "it [started as] just a project for a class, but it became so much more".

To see the full survey results, including a question-by-question breakdown, visit <http://thepointnews.com>.

# This Summer's High Turnover

Continued from Page 1 Mary's from John's Hopkins. "When I looked at the map before I came here, I just thought this is crazy... but I love the campus. I think it's a great time to be here with the new president."

Another school official to leave this past summer is Christophe Bornand, former Project Manager / Facilities Planner for the Office of Planning and Facilities. Bornand moved back to Los Angeles to be with his family.

"He did a wonderful job. We miss him dearly," said Charles Jackson, Associate Vice President of Planning and Facilities. "I guess he got homesick." Jackson said he had lots of confidence in Bornand's successor, Luke Mobrey. "He's going to be terrific."

St. Mary's also has a new police chief in town. Christopher Santiago, who formerly served as the Assistant Director of Campus Safety for Keene State College in New Hampshire since 2003. Formerly, the

duties of the Director of Public Safety were handled by Derek Thornton as part of his job as Assistant Vice President of Campus Operations.

One academic department, the Philosophy and Religious Studies department, lost two professors to teach at other universities. Kate Norlock will teach Philosophy at Trent University, a public liberal arts college in Peterborough, Ontario; Devorah Schoenfeld will teach Religious Studies at Loyola University in Chicago,

IL. They have been replaced by Rochele Greene and Brien Ogren, respectively.

Department Chair of Religious Studies Bjorn Krondorfer said, "The college does not pay competitive salaries for professors, unfortunately."

There is a palpable feeling of change among those who officiate and constitute St. Mary's. Dean of Students Laura Bayless described the school as being in a state of flow. "It's exciting! I have a lot of hope for the future here."



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Heron, pictured above and skippered by Greg Leonard, won best in fleet for class A1 ships with a corrected time of 09:31:18.0

## SMC hosts annual Governor's Cup

By STEVE REES  
Sports Editor

On Aug. 6, crowds gathered on the shores of the Chesapeake Bay to witness the Governor's Cup Yacht Race, one of the oldest sailing races of its kind in those waters.

This year's competition, the 37th of its kind since 1974, followed a 70-mile track from Annapolis to Church Point in a 35-minute race involving 115 ships. The event also marked the first distance race on the Bay to offer live tracking, which was displayed in the James P. Muldoon River Center with markers to identify ships and their standings throughout the competition. Ship classes were assigned by The Patuxent Partnership (TPP), and included a class for multihull ships. The race was hosted by the College, the SMCM Sailing Association, and the SMCM Foundation, Inc.

Awards for the race included the

TPP Trophy, awarded to top times of ships with at least one TPP member; the Steve Bickell Trophy, awarded to the ship with the most improved time between this year's and last year's races (as long as the captain and ship remained the same between racing years); an Alumni Trophy for graduates of the College; and the Joseph Waldschmitt "Best in Fleet" Trophy, awarded to the winner of the top racing class (the class with the greatest time improvement percentage between first place and fifth place finishers).

After a five-minute warning shot at 5:55 p.m., the competition ran from 6 p.m. until 6:35 p.m.

The College hosted festivities on campus the following day, including a Trinity Church Breakfast, music by the bands "Nautical Wheelers" and "Joe Bachman & The Crew", a Skipper's Dinner for sailors and invited guests and

family, photography awards, and an awards ceremony after final racing times were processed.

The event was sponsored by Annapolis Inflatables, Bon Appetit

Management Company, Blair's Jewelry and Gifts, Chesapeake Custom Embroidery, Ocean Navigator, PhotoBoat.Com, Spinsheet, and Tri-County Rent-A-Tent.

### RACE RESULTS

**MULTIHULL:** TIMOTHY LAYNE'S "WILD CARD"

**CLASS A0:** CHARLES ENGH'S "STRAY DOG"

**CLASS A1:** GREG LEONARD'S "HERON"

**CLASS A2:** CLARKE MCKINNEY'S "THE RIDDLER"

**CLASS B:** ED TRACEY'S "INCOMMUNICADO"

**CLASS C/D:** MICHAEL CONE'S "ACTAEA"

**CLASS N:** JACK LUSBY'S "VAGABOND"

**BEST IN FLEET:** CHARLES ENGH'S "STRAY DOG"

**ALUMNI TROPHY:** JAMES MULDOON'S "DONNYBROOK"

**TPP TROPHY:** PETER GIBBONS' "INVICTUS"

## Back on the Attack: St. Mary's Seahawks Prepare for a New Year

By STEVE REES  
Sports Editor

Composed of athletes from many academic fields, physical locations, and ways of life, the St. Mary's College Seahawks began training this summer in preparation for the new competition of the 2010-2011 season. Now consisting of an impressive 17 teams, the athletic side of Division Three St. Mary's College continues to strengthen as positions change, new leaders come forward, and athletes naïve and experienced begin working together on the field.

Men's basketball ended the 2009-2010 season with an incredible season, playing under Coach Chris Harney to take a 26-4 record. Beginning the season with three wins during the weekend of Nov. 20, the Seahawks continued their performance well into the Spring, bringing them to a 15-3 streak by Jan. 23. After a conference against Salisbury University on Jan. 23, the Seahawks began an uninterrupted winning streak that lasted an impressive 12 games before taking on the Capital Athletic Conference Championship. Defeating Wesley College in the first round on Feb. 27, the team moved into the NCAA Division III Tournament to take two victories before losing against Franklin & Marshall College 92-87 in the sectional semifinals. Senior Camontae Griffin and junior Alex Franz were selected for the NABC all-Middle Atlantic Region Second Team, and Coach Harney was named Region Coach of the Year. Griffin was also selected as a client for Sports Management Worldwide, for representation in upper-level basketball. The team returns to the court with a home game against Johns Hopkins University on Nov. 16, under the additional direction of now-promoted associate head coach Nick Wilson.

Women's basketball ended 2009-2010 with 8-8 conference and 9-16 non-conference spreads in the run for the CAC Championship. Despite a rough four-streak loss in the beginning of the Fall season that began on Nov. 17 and a later five-game losing streak that left the Seahawks 5-13 by Jan. 27, the team resumed a strong performance with four wins and three losses to reach seed No. 4 before entering the CAC Championships. Unfortunately, the Seahawks were halted in the first round, losing 88-73 against the York College Spartans despite strong performances by junior guard Megan Seeman and senior guard Stephanie Saint-Aubin. Saint-Aubin was selected for the CAC All-Conference Second Team on Mar. 2. The lady Seahawks return to the court on Nov. 17 against Lebanon Valley College.

Baseball began their 2010 season on an icy note, as the opening games against Randolph-Macon College, Christopher Newport University, the City College of New York, and Wilkes University were canceled due to the Jan. snowstorm that left the Hawk's Nest covered in snow and ice. Losing their chance for a starting home game, the Seahawks first played Salisbury University on Feb. 27, almost a month after their intended starting date of Feb. 6. While the team was able to practice inside, running shifts in the Michael P. O'Brien Athletics and Recreation Center did not prepare them for outside play. Over the course of the season, baseball was not able to recover from its initial season slump, managing only a four-win streak in mid-Mar. and five singles victories in the face of 24 losses Feb. 27-Apr. 20. Ending with a 9-24 spread, the Seahawks plan to return to the field for a fresh season on Feb. 12 against Salisbury.

Beginning their first seasons last

year as varsity teams for the College, the men's and women's cross country teams ended 2009 in the Fall with a 4th-place finish out of six (men's) and nine (women's) teams at the CAC Championships at Heritage Farm Park, Maryland. The team hosted a 24-hour relay run Apr. 9-10 to raise money for equipment and Southern Maryland Vacations for Vets, ensuring that at least one runner was on the track for the entire period. Both teams will return to the starting line in the Fall semester with a meet at the Salisbury Sea Gull Opener on Sept. 14.

Also beginning last Fall, the men's tennis team began with a three-meet winning streak followed by two losses after a close 5-4 match against Catholic University on Sept. 26. Ending the Fall portion of the season 5-2, the Seahawks smashed the competition in the Spring with a 9-0 shut-out against Lancaster Bible College on Mar. 6. The team alternated between victories and losses before reaching the CAC tournament 11-9, but took the season-ending loss against York College 9-0 on Apr. 18. The team's final game on Apr. 22 ended with a win/loss against Goucher College. The team will begin for the Fall season with a home meet against Shenandoah University on Sept. 11.

Beginning their 2009-2010 season on Sept. 18, women's tennis left the Fall portion 4-2 after a 9-0 shut-out against Lancaster Bible on Oct. 13. While returning to the courts with a 5-4 home-game loss against Wesley on Mar. 24, 5-4, the team managed to pull a balanced season, performing 6-7 in the Spring portion to bring the Seahawks 10-9 overall as they headed into the CAC Tournament. While taking a close first-round against York on Apr. 18, 5-4, the team lost 9-0 to Salisbury on Apr. 19, ending the sea-

son 10-10. The team will play before men's tennis this semester, with a Sept. 10 game against Lancaster Bible.

Men's lacrosse also ran into weather problems last season, beginning with a 22-7 loss against No. 5 Roanoke College on Feb. 21 and followed by a 7-6 loss at the Bullis School on Feb. 27. The team managed to turn around its performance with a three-win streak, followed by a loss against Denison University on Mar. 17, 10-7. Again, the team returned to optimum play with three impressive wins before taking a heavy loss to No. 1 Salisbury, 18-5. The team continued its impressive scoring to hold an 8-5 conference, 4-1 non-conference spread as the Seahawks walked into the CAC Championship first round. The team managed a 13-8 victory over Wesley before taking an away-game loss to Stevenson University, 16-3, ending in the semifinals with a 9-6 spread for last season. The team returns to the home field against Roanoke on Feb. 20.

Women's lacrosse began their 2009-2010 season on Feb. 27 with a 14-6 loss against Washington & Lee University that developed into a six-game losing streak by Mar. 17 in Orlando, Florida. Turning the tide that same weekend, the Seahawks managed a 15-8 victory over Kean University before returning north, coming back with a 19-9 victory over Virginia-Wesleyan College in non-conference action. Despite a 20-8 loss on Mar. 28 against Salisbury, the team continued its season with a six-game winning streak that included a CAC first-round win against Marymount University, 17-10. The team ended its official season with a heart-breaking loss in the semifinals against the University of Mary Washington, 15-14, on Apr. 20, but will resume play with the 2010-2011 season opener on Feb. 12 against Randolph-Macon.

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