

# The Point News

## \$400 of Electronics Stolen from NC3

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Some time during the early morning hours of Saturday, Oct. 16 over \$400 worth of video game systems, video games and DVDs was stolen from Townhouse North Crescent (NC) 3.

Residents of NC3 woke up Saturday morning to find their Nintendo Wii, video games and movies missing from their townhouse. The residents noticed their back door was unlocked and called Public Safety officers to report the crime.

Public Safety arrived and "all residents and people around at the time were questioned," said Director of Public Safety Christopher Santiago. There was no sign of a forced entry. One of the residents of NC 3, senior Samuel Geselowitz, said, "we must have left the door unlocked."

At first, the residents thought their friend, senior Arthur Earle, had taken the items as a practical joke to make them think they had been stolen. Earle had lent the residents of NC 3 the Wii and games that were stolen that night.

Once they called Earle and realized that it was not a joke the residents realized they had a problem. Geselowitz said, "There was a fair bit of cursing, mainly because [the Wii] was

[Earle's]."

Upon finding out someone had absconded with his property Earle said, "I just sat stewing in silent rage."

Senior Chris Ingraham, another resident of NC 3, said "I was very surprised about the burglary....It's very frustrating that the one night we forget to lock our doors we get robbed."

They reported that the thief did not even take all the necessary components to use the video game system and that "it seemed like they took what they could carry with two hands" said Geselowitz.

Since the theft Earle and the residents of NC 3 have been calling pawn shops and checking local stores to see if the stolen items were sold, but have not been successful in finding anything.

Santiago said, "We don't have any suspects. It is very probable it was committed by someone who knows the victims." He added that the chances of the stolen property being found were fairly low.

Geselowitz was told by the responding officers that "if [the thieves] were coming from off-campus to steal, they probably would have cleaned us out."

Following the incident the residents of NC 3 have been making sure that

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## HALLOWGREENS: A Retrospective on Pg. 3



PHOTO BY RYAN GUGERVY

The residents of Trueschler 3 (dressed as Saturday Night Live's Chicago Bears Superfans) prepare themselves for Hallowgreens, a campus Halloween tradition dating back more than a decade.



PHOTO BY KEVIN BAIER

## O'MALLEY, HOYER WIN MD ELECTIONS

By DAVE CHASE  
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Despite GOP gains across the country, Maryland Democrats won all state-wide races, all but one Congressional race and picked up two seats in the State Senate. With some Delegate races not yet decided, the composure of the House of Delegates remains unclear. Republicans will likely pick up a few seats but not enough to make a dent in Democrats 104 to 37 majority.

Governor Martin O'Malley (D) defeated former Governor Robert Ehrlich (R) by a comfortable 14%. Along with Peter Franchot (D) as Comptroller and Douglas F. Gansler (D) as Attorney General, Maryland voters sent the same administration back to Annapolis.

In Maryland's 5th Congressional

District, Majority Leader and St. Mary's College of Maryland Board Member, Steny Hoyer (D), defeated Charles Lollar (R) by more than 29% despite Lollar's strong showing in St. Mary's County where he defeated Hoyer by some 4,628 votes.

St. Mary's County races show a different partisan make up with four County Commission seats going to Republicans with the race for Commission President yet to be decided. In the Commission President race, incumbent Jack Russell (D) leads Thomas McKay (R) by just 14 votes.

State Senator Roy Dyson from District 29, covering most of St. Mary's County and parts of Calvert County, defeated Republican challenger Stephen Waugh. Delegate

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## Gender-Neutral Housing One More Step To Becoming a Reality

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As part of her platform last year, Student Government Association (SGA) President Marlena Weiss campaigned for gender neutral housing on campus. The plan is currently in the works, according to Assistant Director of Residence Life Kelly Smolinsky.

Under the proposal, gender-neutral housing would be available to students living in North Campus. Students would apply for housing in the same process as they do now, the only difference being that students of opposite genders would be allowed to share bedrooms. Gender neutral housing would not be restricted to a certain area designated for the

purpose; for example, a building in Warring Commons would not be specifically gender neutral.

Additionally, because the proposal would only affect North Campus housing, in theory only upperclassman would be eligible for that option. First years are less likely to request a roommate entering college, because they don't know many other people; in the event that they do, the likelihood that they'd live on North Campus is low. Furthermore, although gender-neutral housing requests would be evaluated on a case by case basis, Weiss believes that the option is "a little too much" for a first-year in college.

A large concern regarding the effectiveness of gender neutral hous-

ing has been regarding couples living together. Senior Ally Moore believes that this is flaw in the plan. "[Gender-neutral housing] is a terrible idea. I honestly think it's going to lead to a lot of couples together," which she thinks poses a real problem. To be fair, she says, "I also think same-sex couples shouldn't live together."

Though concerns have been raised over whether or not couples would be permitted to room together, Smolinsky said there's nothing to say they would be restricted in the proposed plan. "We would not be 'policing' couples living together. That's not really our business. Same-sex couples live together now and if it becomes a roommate problem,

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## ST. MARY'S CAMPUS FARM EXPANDING TO AN ACRE, LOOKS TO GAIN REVENUE

By ANNA AGARUNOVA  
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As a result of plans to expand the Campus Farms to a larger plot size, the Community Garden club has come up with several solutions of how to tend it, ranging from a farming internship to authorization to sell produce. In the coming months, Bon Appetit may begin regularly serving fruits and vegetables grown organically and farmed by the St. Mary's student body.

The quarter-acre plot of land currently used as the campus farm,

located just past Rosecroft on route 5, is harvested year-round and expanding the farm to a full acre would provide many benefits. However, according to senior and President of the Community Garden club, Tess Wier, it also presents many challenges.

"We've asked Historic (which owns the land) for a full acre which would be a lot more than we currently have," Wier said. "They said we could have even more than that, but it's an issue of having someone be there full time."

According to Weir, this past sum-

mer, the club had farmers working 40-hour weeks, but the effort was "only enough to keep the farm alive." Thus, the club has begun looking for someone to take on the plot during crucial summer months.

Kate Chandler, Professor of English and faculty advisor for the Community Garden Club, is looking for anyone interested in the opportunity. "We plant these wonderful things, and right when they need to be taken care of most, everyone goes home" Chandler said. "If we could get an

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PHOTO BY KEVIN BAIER

Senior Arthur Earle had over \$400 of DVDs and video games stolen on Oct. 16 when a burglar broke into North Crescents 3.

## North Crescents 3 Gets Burglarized

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 their doors are locked any time none of them are there. Earle said his behavior has been changed by this incident, and added, "We did not lock our door once until this happened." Ingraham said, "I never thought of St. Mary's as being an unsafe place. I see laptops and iPods being left alone in the library all the time." Santiago, commenting on this view of security, said, "Although we live in a safe community, we need to do a better job to make sure we're not lulled into a false sense of security."

He said that the campus culture is

very trustworthy and most students do not expect incidents like this, but that it "doesn't mean crime can't happen here."

He added, "Theft is a crime of opportunity...and people are stealing because they're going to get rid of [stolen items] for money...[it] is the number one crime on every college campus in America."

He said that students can report tips or crimes using the online forms provided through the anonymous Silent Witness program (<https://www.smcm.edu/publicsafety/silentwitness.html>), by calling the Public Safety office at x4911, or by stopping by the office in person.

## MDELECTIONS SHOW SOLID DEM WIN

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elections from District 29, John Wood (D-29a) and John Bohanan (D-29b) have not yet been called but both appear to be in the lead over Matt Morgan (R) and Erick Anderson (R) respectively. Tony O'Donnell (R-29c), the House Minority Leader, defeated challengers Chris Davies (D) and Shawn Quinn (L).

### Maryland Governor

Candidate	Votes	%
Martin O'Malley *	963,703	56
Robert Ehrlich	729,908	42
Susan Gaztanaga	13,221	1
Other	19,045	1

### Maryland U.S. House District 5

Candidate	Votes	%
Steny Hoyer *	143,620	64
Charles Lollar	79,122	35
Gavin Shickle	2,399	1

### Maryland State Senate District 29

Candidate	Votes	%
Roy Dyson *	21,084	51
Stephen Waugh	20,024	49

### Maryland House of Delegates District 29A

Candidate	Votes	%
John Wood *	6,957	51
Matt Morgan	6,793	49

### Maryland House of Delegates District 29B

Candidate	Votes	%
John Bohanan *	7,244	52
Erik Anderson	6,633	48

### Maryland House of Delegates District 29C

Candidate	Votes	%
Tony O'Donnell *	7,531	57
Chris Davies	5,264	40
Shawn Quinn	457	3

\* Winner

U.S. House:	U.S. Senate	Governors
184 Dem	51 Dem	15 Dem
11 Undecided	3 Undecided	7 Undecided
240 GOP	46 GOP	1 Independent
		27 GOP

Source: AP as of 10:11 AM on Wednesday Nov. 3.

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## SGA, Residence Life Mulls Over Plans for Gender-Neutral Housing

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 we deal with it just like any other roommate problem," Smolinsky said. Weiss agreed adding, "If a couple wants to live together they're going to find a way to live together." Weiss also said she believes restrictions should not be applied "because it makes the process more open."

Senior Mary Walters agreed, and said, "I think we should have a right to [gender neutral housing]. I just think that [couples] would end up wanting to kill each other. But I think as adults...we have a right to request to live with anybody we want."

Although couples would not be restricted, Residence Life would sit down with anyone who chooses gender neutral housing and "have a discussion to make sure they've thought things all the way through."

In theory, although the details have not been worked out entirely, the discussion would relate to issues roommates might not consider. Couples, Weiss says, would discuss challenges relating to space while friends might deal with shower, changing, and other privacy issues. Additionally, Smolinsky believes a roommate or suitemate agreement would probably

be beneficial to the discussion and final decision.

Currently, SGA has already passed a resolution supporting the plan, and

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Weiss has been attempting to gauge student feedback. She believes that most students are in favor of the plan, and said initial concerns regarded restrictions on couples and general questions about how housing would work. Weiss believes that some students perceive this as an important step in increasing tolerance. "For students who don't identify as straight or with the gender they're born with, it gives them more options and puts them in less awkward situations," Weiss explains.

Weiss is unsure of parental reception of the plan. She said, "Most people think it could sound in-

timidating to parents because they automatically go to the couples scenario." However, since the college already allows mixed-gender suites, the policy is already relaxed, and Weiss said that if couples wanted to live together they already have the option. Although parents' concerns and opinions are important to Weiss, she added "it's also a personal opinion between parents and children at St. Mary's."

According to Smolinsky and Weiss, a formal proposal is in the process of being written and will be taken to the President's Council. From there, the plan may have to be approved by the Board of Trustees, but as of now, Smolinsky is unsure of what will be required.

Ideally, Weiss hopes that gender neutral housing will be in effect for the fall of 2011, but the timeline will depend on how the proposal is received and what, if anything, needs to be modified. A more realistic goal, she believes, is the spring of 2012, because of the difficulties of planning housing next semester.

Student feedback is the most important part of the process, Weiss said. She requests that any concerns, comments, or questions be emailed to her at [mjweiss@smcm.edu](mailto:mjweiss@smcm.edu).

## CAMPUS FARM EXPANSION PLANS

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 internship, then this will be someone who can learn about farming, who is interested in it. We have a couple ideas already of who might head that up. So that's a hope, but we are only in the beginning stages of working on it."

Another solution Chandler mentioned was the establishment of a Biology class with the specific study of farming and produce.

"Holly Gordon, who is teaching Biology 101 in the spring, is also considering teaching 'The science of Gardening', and she wants to have her students plant right next to our garden," Chandler said. "In terms of expanding the garden; they will be the ones doing it as part of their lab - right from the beginning - checking, testing the soil, finding out what it needs or what it is, and then preparing the soil and planting, taking it through the season."

Working the land surrounding the current acreage also creates a "buffer zone" to shield the plot from herbicides and other farming obstacles. According to Chandler, the farmer that worked on the land surrounding the club's had corn growing very close to the fence of the plot, which

was sprayed regularly. "If there was a breeze, it would spread the herbicides on to our plot" Chandler said. "We want to expand to an acre and get it so that we can get a buffer zone for protection."

The "buffer" would also help with allowing to farm to claim the title "Organic Certified," which requires that the plot be at least 100 feet from the closest fields that are being sprayed. This title will allow the farm to sell fresh produce to Bon Appetit for revenue, possibly as soon as next summer.

"I'm working on getting [the farm] under Bon Appetit's insurance so that we can make a profit," Weir said. "It is a lot of work. By next summer there is no reason that I can see why we wouldn't be selling our crops, and ideally that would be how we would make a profit. Right now we are funded by the SGA...but there's a lot of things we need, like fencing and irrigation, and seeds we need to buy. The money from SGA would help with that but it wouldn't be enough to have someone working full-time, so selling would be great."

Weir said the certification process is lengthy, but the club is well on its way. The farm has already received

approval from the state, the college, and Bon Appetitive in the past six months, so the next step is contacting the health department and finding out what Bon Ap' requires in terms of food.

Trinity church is also considering cultivating a plot on the farm, outside of the club's acre. Senior Aaron French has begun to work with Trinity as part of his St. Mary's Project to start a community garden there as further expansion of the farm.

"Often community gardens have separate little plots, but that's not how we work out campus farms," Chandler commented. "We all work on the whole thing. The idea is to have that flank ours, and we would be able to go back and forth and help each other out; provide labor back and forth, exchange plants back and forth and use the same equipment."

With all the change happening to our local farm, the club asks for any volunteers interested in farming.

"Students may want to have a little plot on our farm," Chandler said. "What they may do is grow crops and donate to people in need. There might be some service-oriented people who might want to do just that."

## The Wait Continues for Faster Internet

By KYLE JERNIGAN  
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At last week's Student Government Association (SGA) Meeting, Campus Technology Support Services (CTSS) Director George Waggoner came to explain the current situation of Internet on-campus, and gave students some difficult but exciting choices on its future.

Waggoner first explained why students have yet to see the on-campus Internet speeds increase; Verizon, which promised the increased speed via a faster connection line coming from University of Maryland College Park to Leonardtown, has yet to follow through. He said, "We were promised [a faster connection] in April, in July, in September...here we stand with nothing" and that, "I stand up here embarrassed for Verizon and not for us. We hopefully will have connection in by the end of next year...they are working as hard as they can to get it done."

Furthermore, according to Waggoner the University of Maryland Academic Telecommunications System

(UMATS), which is paying Verizon for the upgrade, is withholding payment until the permanent line is put in (now slated for 2012-2013) and is having a temporary line at 100 megabits a second put in. He said, "Right now you will have [faster connections] by February...but I'm not promising anything. I can't."

Waggoner then turned his attention to a major choice the college will ultimately have to make regarding its funds for CTSS: whether the community would prefer faster speeds or wireless Internet in living spaces. Waggoner said that CTSS had done an analysis on how and where to put wireless routers around living spaces, and stated that they'd most likely be in the common areas of dorms and in every other living space in Lewis Quad, Waring Commons, and the Townhouses. He further added that for suites and townhouses that the connection would most likely "bleed" into other areas beyond the common rooms, and that students will likely be able to pick it up in their bedrooms

and around their houses. He added, however, that the speeds would be slower than what students currently get from wired connections as a result of the connection sharing, and that the whole project would cost around \$85 thousand.

In response, the SGA almost unanimously called for faster speeds over wireless, even though speed increases have a yearly charge while wireless is a one-time fee. Townhouse Senator Senior Kyle McGrath said, "I'm fairly certain the...main cause of dissatisfaction is the speed of the Internet. I had an update for my xbox...it took me four hours." Townhouse Senator Junior Kevin Paul echoed the sentiment, and said, "I think that [speed] is much more important in the short term...but both would be wise investments." Waggoner, in response, said that the college would ultimately cover the expense, and that, "We're going to do something about increasing Internet speed, but how fast you want us to do so depends on how much the college is willing to front."

# Hallow's Eve to HallowGreens: St. Mary's History of the Celebration of Horror on Campus

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Halloween was first mentioned in *The Point News* in 1959's December issue, under the story heading "All Hallow's Eve", and next to a dorm version of 'Twas *The Night Before Christmas* and a Thanksgiving announcement to students. Throughout the paper's past, Halloween is, surprisingly, seldom mentioned, and pictures are rarely released of the holiday that now attracts hundreds of students to North Campus every year for an intense display of community and creative costumes. Over the years, the College has held pumpkin carving contests, trick-or-treat events for County toddlers, theatrical productions of a scary nature, and, most recently (and unofficially), HallowGreens, which is not mentioned in *The Point* until 2005 in a photo caption. This page is a tribute to these traditions, and a representation of how St. Mary's students have celebrated 10/31 over the last five decades independently and as part of the College community.



Juniors Alex Rizzy and Heather Shoemaker, with goat Oliver Baba, were just a few of the many to enjoy a night out on HallowGreens.

Photos by Sarah Barr



## All Hallow's Eve

On All Hallow's Eve an atmosphere of suspense crept around all objects in sight as the wind murmured its way through the trees. Inside the gym smoker the Art and French Clubs added final touches to the decorations for the dance. Huge goblins, witches and owls stared bleakly at every occupant of the room. In the center of the room a black kettle boiled for "toll and trouble" while bats flew overhead. For all those unscrupulous persons who evidently thought they could come to the dance out of costume or thought they needed none because of obvious inherited traits, a penalty was provided. In one corner of the smoker was a jail made for all people out of costume. The key to freedom was one five-cent piece and a dance with either Shorty Dean or Janet Montgomery. Now that old jail looked pretty cosy and maybe it would have been worthwhile to spend the night in there (providing one was with the right company). Ginger snaps and apple cider added refreshment to the dance, although a little stronger cider would have made everyone gay as a goblin. Maybe next time?

As the old students here last year by the name of Floyd "Shorty" Dean, Shorty has been known to come up with some rare disguises from nebulas to cupie dolls. This time he was that darning little girl in a white skating skirt and red glamor gams. As I understand, the disguise was really effective. After all, it doesn't always happen that a boy will ask another boy to accompany him on the dance floor and dance with him.

Halloween pranks didn't stop in the smoker. Zorro struck every room in the dorm and some people, bored with the regularities of life, decorated the campus with white streamers of paper. Why I even believe ghosts walked through Miss Simms locked door and short sheeted her bed. I can't imagine who.

Halloween was all to short for most of us. I guess we'll make up for lost time April 1.

## Costume fads for '90

By Mairi Steven  
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It is that time again...All Hallow's Eve approaches and many prepare to revel, dress oddly and engage in activities that they ordinarily wouldn't for fear of recognition. Merrier than Christmas, more heartfelt than the Fourth of July, this is truly a notable holiday. Actually, the purpose of this piece is to make some sketchy predictions about what people will be wearing.

I sense that there will be deep political themes. Troopers in desert sand camouflage holding turban-clad sheiks hostage with Toys 'R' Us Squirtomatics will contrast delightfully with various ex-dictator types running around. Expect to behold numerous Lenins, Stalins, and Chausseaus. Fascists are definitely going to be in the thing. Mussolinis, Cuban rebels and Gestapo officers will replace the gurus, Hare Krishnas, and hippies of yesteryear.

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## BOO! Students at Halloween Bonfire

For many, Halloween this year seemed to last a week. A number of Halloween events kept people in costumes up to three nights in a row. Festivities began with the IRC Halloween Dance last week, included a number of costume contests at parties and college hangouts, and ended with a closing Halloween party at Lumber House last Friday.

## Wicked Maggie of the West

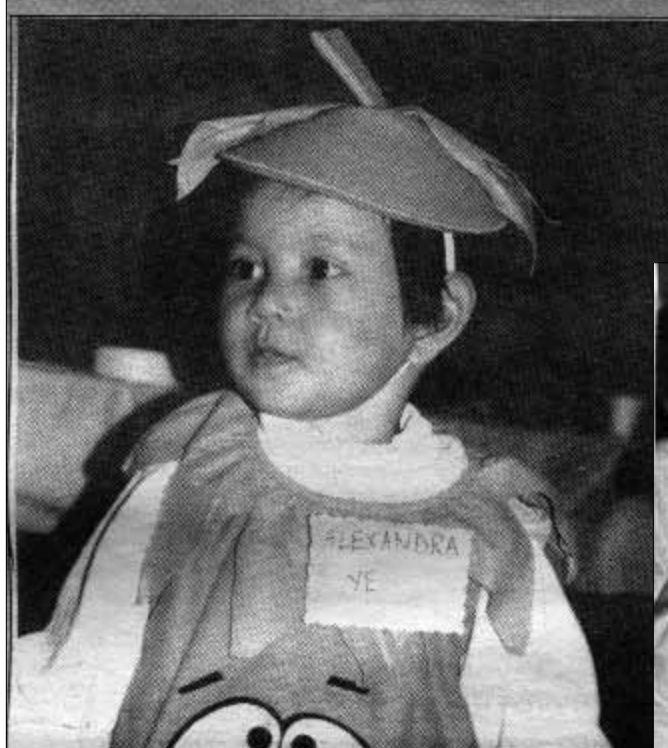
We will see many activists, as well. Pro-Life people dressed up as aborted fetuses; Pro-Choice people dressed up as bloody coat hangers; Pro-PETA people will let your parakeets and cat out at the same time; Anti-PETA people will catch them and sell them to laborato-

ries; Mapplethorpe supporters will be dressed in white as you per sup (Pro people the sm like see pri me an and ter wi bo spe gh en Fr bo fev turms are out, Swartz, president Fiction Society. Phantoms of the breed cult stud whiffing would-be med students, as well as the random Elvira. Take a good look at yourself on Wednesday night and ask, "Is this the real me? What profundities does this indicate about my psyche?"



PHOTO BY AARON GARNETT

## Costumed children bring Halloween to SMC



## Sheckels Speaks on MD Political History and the O'Malley, Ehrlich Rivalry



PHOTO BY KEVIN BAIER

**Ted Sheckels, a scholar of Maryland political history, had advice for both O'Malley and Ehrlich regarding the upcoming election.**

By KEVIN BAIER  
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On Thursday, Oct. 21, Theodore "Ted" Sheckels gave a lecture in the Glendenning Annex on his book "Maryland Politics and Political Communication, 1950 – 2005" and the Maryland gubernatorial race between Governor Martin O'Malley and former governor Bob Ehrlich.

Sheckels began the lecture by saying that mid-term elections favor incumbents but how sometimes "there comes along those years when there is very pronounced anti-incumbent sentiment." Sheckels went on to say that 2010 was one of "those years."

ties of Montgomery, Prince Georges, and Baltimore City are safely blue, and the "Big Five" counties of Baltimore, Harford, Howard, Carroll, and Anne Arundel are "where the winner is decided."

Sheckels had some advice for both candidates. He said Ehrlich should come across as a moderate, argue that Maryland's business climate is "bad", and be "...the kind of Republican Marylanders will elect."

Sheckels said O'Malley should, like Ehrlich, come across as moderate, emphasize his four years of hard work, and "emphasize quality of life issues... [like] education," freezing college tuition, and the environment.

Sheckels concluded his lecture with some thoughts on the candidates' characters. He said, "With O'Malley, there's an aloofness that comes across," and Ehrlich comes across as "mixed."

First year Griffin Canfield, when asked what he thought of the lecture, said, "... [it was] very interesting. It's cool to see the insight from other perspectives...[and] knowing areas each candidate has to win or lose."

Fevzi Bilgin, Assistant Professor of Political Science, said he "...found [the lecture] very informative...filled with anecdotes and surprisingly detailed from someone living in Virginia."

Todd Eberly, Acting Director of the Center for the Study of Democracy and Professor of Political Science, said he "...thought it was a great talk...the idea of bringing someone here whose specialty is rhetoric is a refreshing change."

Eberly had some thoughts on each candidate as well. He said O'Malley has the "advantage" in this race and that Ehrlich needs to "stray from the script" and "mix things up."

## Students Simulate the Israel-Palestine Situation

By KEVIN BAIER  
Photo Editor/Web Editor

On Tuesday, Oct. 26, Assistant Professor of Political Science Fevzi Bilgin held an in-class simulation of Israeli-Palestinian peace talks.

Professor Bilgin's class, titled "Politics of the Middle East" had students role-play different ordinary citizens of Israel and Palestine. Some examples were Israeli professors, impoverished civilians, and religious figures. While role-playing, the students were given a set of beliefs and ideals to hold as close to as possible.

Sophomore Jonathan Weber said, "I was excited. So many times in the classroom you just talk about [the issues]...it added a personal side."

Students discussed issues of bombings, refugee rights, co-existence of the two states, and the future of Jerusalem. The simulation highlighted the emotional difficulties of the Palestinian and Israeli citizens.

Senior Amir Reda said "It took a completely different view from what I held...I found myself agreeing to some of the principles [Palestinians] held."

A common solution discussed in the simulation was fusing Palestine into Israel-proper to create one state. However, the simulation highlighted that ideologies held by some Israelis and Palestinians made compromise difficult. Reda said "both sides feel

they have a claim to this land."

While most of the students role-played different citizens, four students acted as official peace negotiators and created a settlement to present to all.

On the issues of Jerusalem, territory boundaries of Palestine and Israel, settlement by Israelites, autonomy of Palestine, and the right of Palestinian refugees, neither the simulated Israelis nor simulated Palestinians collectively approved any of these measures offered by the official peace negotiators.

Weber and Reda both said "there is no easy answer" when trying to create solutions for the conflict.

Bilgin thought the simulation "went well" and that "students were

**"[T]HEY LEARN HOW COMPLICATED THE ISSUE REALLY IS."**

**-FEVZI BILGIN, ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF POLITICAL SCIENCE**

well-prepared." He said students "learn about the conflict...that's the number one issue... [and] they learn how complicated

the issue really is."

Bilgin said one of the lessons of the simulation is to teach the value of conversation and deliberation. He said the simulated voting highlighted "the inner-conflict on the Israelis' side" between more extreme and more moderate Israelis.

Although Bilgin characterized the peace settlement proposed by the group of four as "pretty reasonable," he said it wasn't unreasonable in the simulation or the actual situation that the solutions were not supported by both groups.



PHOTO BY KATIE HENRY

**According to George Andrews, Ramanujan explored some of "the most advanced mathematics known" during his short lifetime, including advanced mock-theta functions.**

## Penn State Professor Discusses Life of Indian Math Genius

By STEVE REES  
Sports Editor

On Wednesday, Oct. 20, as part of the Natural Science and Mathematics Colloquium Series, Penn State University Professor George Andrews discussed the history of the mathematics genius Srinivasa Ramanujan in his lecture *The Indian Genius, Ramanujan: His Life and the Excitement of His Mathematics*.

"This is a beautiful place," said Andrews, after an introduction and being given a Math Club keychain for presenting from Mathematics professor Dr. Alex Meadows. Andrews' presentation was given to a large audience of students, faculty members, and members of the community in Schaefer 106 at 4:40 p.m. that Wednesday.

Andrews began with a history of Ramanujan, who was born in Southern India in 1887 to a poor Brahmin family. He showed mathematical prowess by the age of ten, and received awards in high school by the age of 17 for the development of new theories. "He was a child prodigy of mathematics," said Andrews.

Ramanujan was awarded a scholarship upon graduation to attend the Government College in Kumbakonam, but failed most of his classes that were not mathematics-based. "He was not

well-rounded student," said Andrews. "[He was] a case of great promise lost to the world."

After not being able to earn a steady job for years and marrying in 1909, Ramanujan earned a clerk's position in Madras. Still interested in mathematics, Ramanujan attempted to contact mathematicians in the United States, finally drawing the attention of Godfrey Harold Hardy in 1913. Hardy noticed in the theories that came with the letter that Ramanujan had not only "discovered" some of Hardy's already-proven advanced theories, but also that he had found new theorems of his own.

In 1914, Hardy arranged for Ramanujan to come to Cambridge, where Hardy was currently a professor, and Ramanujan was able to work alongside him to solve complex mathematical theories. Both Hardy and Ramanujan's work with the Circle Method opened the doors to the development of analytical theory.

"This was a truly exciting time," said Andrews, "and an exciting period for analytical theory in the 20th century."

At a young age, Ramanujan was diagnosed with what doctors at the time recognized as tuberculosis, and in 1919 his health improved enough that he wanted to return to India with the hope of staying more healthy. This turned out to

be unsuccessful, and after a stage of worsening health Ramanujan died in the Spring of 1920.

On his deathbed, Ramanujan discussed some of what is regarded by some today as "the most advanced mathematics known" in his notebooks and in his notes, which were eventually collected at Trinity College in Cambridge, United Kingdom but lost during storage. Mock-theta functions, included in Ramanujan's work, were also crucial to analytical mathematics.

In his efforts to study the mock-theta functions as part of his thesis project, Andrews came across Ramanujan's notebook at Trinity College. Recognizing Ramanujan's handwriting from older textbooks in college, Andrews worked to interpret Ramanujan's notes and theories, coming across third and fifth-ordered mock-theta functions believed to be undiscoverable or unsolvable at that time. What Ramanujan had referred to in the last letter to Hardy (before his death in 1920) as "several new functions" was detailed in Ramanujan's notes.

Andrews went on to discuss several of Ramanujan's theories, including the practical use of Mock-Theta functions in the Heat Equation, the expansion of five Taylor series (sums in mathematics represented by single, expandable expressions based on notation) that led to the discovery of the Mock-Theta functions, and (while slightly unrelated) Hardy and Ramanujan's work in solving  $p(n)$ , or the number of ways to solve an integer "n" by adding other integers together.

Andrews concluded his lecture with a discussion of a potential film production of Ramanujan's life, and the potential impact of the story on the Indian and mathematics communities due to the dramatic, fictional addition of a love interest of Ramanujan's while he was in the United States. There's "no evidence that this occurred," said Andrews, who served as full consultant for the movie production.

"I need to sleep more," said sophomore Josh Kaminsky, at the conclusion of the presentation. "Ramanujan accomplished more in mathematics while sleeping than I ever did while awake."

"Ramanujan is awesome," said senior Brian Tennyson, who also attended the lecture. "It is incredible that the work he did during his illness is still applicable to mathematics research today, even at the undergraduate level."

The next NS&M Colloquium lecture will be held on Nov. 3 and will discuss protein regulators during squid embryonic development, followed by a lecture on the H1N1 virus and potential influenza vaccines on Nov. 10.

## HAWK RADIO RECHARGES FOR 2010

By KYLE JERNIGAN  
Editor-in-Chief

After multiple setbacks, St. Mary's resident radio station The HAWK is back to serve up student-oriented programming with an impressive new set list.

The HAWK radio, according to Senior Maddy Gillis, President of the station, is a student-run radio station which broadcasts student programs that consist of "generally [a] combination of talk and radio." She added, "we do have some sports radio shows [and] some random all-talk shows."

Unlike last year, however, training and programming was delayed by dead batteries in the radio equipment.

She added that usually there are extras in the radio station room in case of such situations, but unfortunately this wasn't the case this year and more had to be ordered. To exacerbate the situation, the order for new batteries could not be put in until Sept. 15 when the new Fiscal Associate for the Office of Student Activities started.

The batteries didn't arrive until Sept. 23, and as Gillis said, "when we first got the batteries, they were the wrong ones." Even worse, further confusion pushed back the delivery of the correct batteries until Oct. 13, further delaying training until Oct. 20 and the start of programming until Oct. 25.

Despite these issues getting the station up, Gillis said that, "most people are optimistic and enthusiastic about [the HAWK]."

She noted that there are 48 hour-long shows this year and 78 DJs, which come out to twice as many shows as last year, and added, "there's a lot of competition for top spots."

She also said that there are currently 13 students on the executive board, which is also a marked increase from last year.

Gillis also noted that the HAWK radio should hopefully be back on its usual television station soon, and the HAWK radio's FM radio licensing is still being reviewed by the Federal Communications Commission, but that "if it does go through we did have plans to put [it] up in Southern Calvert county...you'd be able to hear it on the drive to [Washington], D.C."



PHOTO BY KATIE HENRY

Sustainability Fellow Lisa Neu, '10, shows off some of the clothes available for pick-up at the Really, Really Free Market.

## Sustainability Brings Out the Bargain-Hunter

By KATIE HENRY  
Staff Writer

On Oct. 20, college campuses all over the nation celebrated Campus Sustainability Day, a day devoted to emphasizing the green initiative on college campuses.

When asked about what makes a college sustainable, Sustainability Fellow Elizabeth "Lisa" Neu, '10, said "the college administration, staff, faculty and students all work together to reduce our impact on the environment and promote awareness about environmental issues."

A sustainability committee, though only four years old, has been hard at work making our school more environmentally friendly.

This year, they put their own spin on Campus Sustainability Day by holding various events during the day, including a viewing of the documentary *Tapped*, and handed out 50 stainless steel reusable water bottles.

However, the main attraction was the Campus Free Market, where students could drop off their unwanted belongings, as well as pick up other students' for free.

Even though it was a cold, rainy day, many students came to the event. Besides students offering free goods at the free market, the campus farm also provided free food, and the bike shop provided free bicycle tune-ups.

## Student Rally for Sanity, Fear

By HANNAH GRABENSTEIN  
Staff Writer

On Oct. 30 on the National Mall in Washington, D.C., two of late night's favorite satirists hosted a Rally to Restore Sanity And/Or Fear. Jon Stewart of "The Daily Show with Jon Stewart" and Stephen Colbert of "The Colbert Report" held their rally in what ostensibly was a response to Glenn Beck's Rally to Restore Honor on August 28. Though the estimates on the number of attendees vary, CBS News approximates it around 215,000.

After the band The Roots joined by singer John Legend opened for the pre-show, the Mythbusters, Adam Savage and Jamie Hyneman, warmed up the crowd with a series of "experiments" involving creating a giant wave, conducting a "symphony" of sounds, and recording "20 million pounds of meat" jumping on a seismograph.

Finally the rally began, with Stewart asking comic Don Novello as Father Guido Sarducci to perform the rally's benediction, and actor Sam Waterson reading Colbert's fearful poem entitled, "Are You Sure?" Following that were performances by a range of musical artists including Yusef Islam (formerly Cat Stevens), Ozzy Osbourne, the O'Jays, Kid Rock, Sheryl Crow, Jeff Tweedy of Wilco, Mavis Staples, and Tony Bennett.

Interspersed through the event were reminders of the meaning and intention of the rally. Stewart awarded "Medals

"The free food was really good, and I signed up for the campus farm mailing list. [The free market] was a really cool idea!"

According to senior Chelsea Howard-Foley, the associate sustainability fellow, "The free market decreases the things we buy, and helps us become more sustainable. If we don't have use for something we have, someone else might."

"College students are the future," said Neu. "College is a time full of new ideas and new changes, so why not include green changes too?"

Though developing a truly green, sustainable campus is a long process and doesn't happen overnight, Neu said there are lots of things students can do to be more environmentally friendly.

For example, Neu said "Use energy wisely...don't just wash one t-shirt in the machine at a time." She also suggested composting, using energy-efficient light bulbs, and recycling.

Baltz said "I'm very into recycling, and think it's a great, easy thing to do to improve sustainability on campus."

"As college students, we have a lot of privilege and education and it's our responsibility to do something with that," Howard-Foley said. "[I]t's not just about campus sustainability on one day. We need to work towards it year round."

of Reasonableness" and Colbert bestowed medals of fear, or "Fear-ys" as he called them. Among the recipients of Stewart's award were Detroit Tigers pitcher Armando Galarraga, who was one out away from a perfect game before the umpire blew the call; Velma Hart, who asked President Obama a challenging but calm question during a Town Hall meeting; professional wrestler Mick Foley; and Jacob Isom, who took a kerosene-covered Quran from the hands of an evangelist who was intending to burn it.

The Fear-ys went to the media organizations who wouldn't allow their employees to attend the rally for recreational purposes, Anderson Cooper's tight black t-shirt, and Mark Zuckerberg, the creator of Facebook.

Notoriously insane acts were also apologized for in prerecorded messages. Steven Slater, the flight attendant who exploded at customers on a Jet Blue Flight apologized for his actions as did Real Housewives of New Jersey star Teresa Giudice.

Because of the large crowd, those who were in the back were often unable to see or hear anything; in general, though, attendee reaction was positive. "I think that quite possibly the best thing about America was represented," said first-year Bryan Rudin, "in that over 200,000 people showed up, many of whom [were] fully convinced that their main contribution was to show that they don't actually care."

## Breasts as a Symbol of Power

By PETER SPARKLIN  
Features Editor

In a recent presentation Professor of Religious Studies Katerina Von Kellenbach compared milk and food and blood and explored older, religious iconography and modern images to understand the importance of breasts.

On Oct. 25, as part of Females United for Sexual Equality's Love Your Body Week, Von Kellenbach spoke about and led a discussion on the breasts as a symbol of power.

Her presentation reviewed iconography of the Virgin Mary from the Christian tradition, comparisons of Mary to other symbols of power within Christianity as well as these religious conceptions of breasts compared to more secular, modern images and ideas about the power of breasts in contemporary society.

Accompanied by images of the Virgin Mary breastfeeding the baby Jesus Kellenbach pointed out how Jesus was dependent on his mother, specifically her breasts, which gave Mary and her breasts power.

Von Kellenbach said, "Without nourishment from her breasts, [Jesus] would not be able to survive."

In these images, Mary is a physically larger character, often with her breast exposed to the baby Jesus, looking down upon the child. In iconography like this, Von Kellenbach stated that the breast is the power to nurse and is, like the power of nature, a natural power to nurture and give life.

This embodiment of the power of breasts was different from patriarchal, phallic power (personified, for example, by an image of the Washington Monument), which is a power over nature and of controlling nature that "imposes structure on the natural world."

Leading from this, Von Kellenbach stated that although the patriarchal Christian tradition wants to make Mary subordinate to God,

since her breasts ensure God's life as Jesus it is symbolic of nature's and Mary's power over God.

Surprisingly, Mary's womb was not a symbol or source of her power, as shown through the dearth of images of Mary pregnant compared to the abundance of her breastfeeding or of her breasts.

The breast is linked to nurturing power which is connected to the power of nature. Von Kellenbach said, "The mother is the symbol of nature who provides freely; she

**"THE MOTHER IS THE SYMBOL OF NATURE WHO PROVIDES FREELY; SHE IS THE POWER ON WHICH HUMANITY LIVES."**

**-KATERINA VON KELLENBACH, PROFESSOR OF RELIGIOUS STUDIES**

is the power on which humanity lives."

"Her power is sacred power. It is absolute power over life and death."

Other images of nourishing figures in other religious traditions also had the conception of the power of breasts as well as breast milk.

One of these was the image of Isis, an ancient Egyptian goddess of nature and fertility, also seen nurturing a child, Horus, with her power coming from her breasts.

"Milk is the ultimate symbol of well being," said Von Kellenbach, one example of this being the edict from God that the Jews would arrive in the land of "milk and honey" after being freed from slavery in Egypt.

In other images from Christianity, "milk is spiritual and physical food," as seen in the image of St. Bernard receiving knowledge from the breast milk of Mary being sprayed upon him in a vision.

Von Kellenbach then discussed how patriarchal power took over this female power, through the Eucharist in which Jesus' blood

becomes food and it is "no longer the female body that nourishes."

"The female breast becomes appropriated by males," according to Von Kellenbach, as well as the life giving power of the womb when Adam becomes the 'mother' of Eve by having his rib be the source of her life.

The last section of the presentation focused on modern ideas about breast feeding and our culture's sexualized image of the breast. Von Kellenbach said that breast

feeding today makes people uncomfortable, referencing its prohibition in public.

She added that this is partly because of the sexualized ideal of the breast and emphasized this point with an image of a woman pushing her breasts forward, wearing a tight t-shirt with the words 'Got Milk?' on them.

Seeing this dichotomy between the previous nurturing power of the breast the modern sexual one made an impression on attendees.

Sophomore Dorothy Fisher said, "It epitomized how breastfeeding has become taboo and totally sexualized...[the image of the modern breasts] was almost offensive because they were so blatant in their sexuality."

Von Kellenbach proposed another reason for discomfort: "There is something about breast feeding that reminds people about their animal origins," and as humans we try to make ourselves independent from those origins.

The presentation concluded as Von Kellenbach reconnected the power of the breasts to the power of nature and the importance of nature as a provider of food and nurturance.

She said, "our food is not to be taken for granted... our being depends on our daily bread."

She also said to the audience, "What is your responsibility towards that material sustenance that is given to you?"

## Princeton Professor Presents on WWII Killings of Jews by the Polish

By STEVE REES  
Sports Editor

As this year's Alice Fenwick Fleury Zamanakos Endowed Lectureship in History, Princeton University professor and native of Poland Jan Tomasz Gross presented on the murders of Jewish residents of Poland by their Polish neighbors in his presentation "On the Periphery of the Holocaust: Killings of Jews by their Neighbors" on Oct. 26.

"His most famous book is *Neighbors*, an account of a massacre of one Jewish community by their neighbors," said Tom Botzman, Vice President of Business and Finance at the College, in reference to Gross' nationally-known book. The book, fully titled *Neighbors: The Destruction of the Jewish Community in Jedwabne*, faced strong protests in Poland and by Polish nationalists in the United States despite its focus on Polish (rather than German) sources, and was the topic of Gross' presentation.

"It allows the nation to confront a difficult past, to re-evaluate national myths," said Gross, beginning his presentation before a St. Mary's Hall packed with College students, faculty, and community members at 8 p.m. on Oct. 26. "I am very grateful for the chance to be able to come here."

"I would like to shed light at the killings and plundering of Jews," began Gross, entering his discussion of the fraction of Jews that were killed not by Germans, but

by Polish townsfolk under German oppression. "It's a marginal issue... but judging by the political and public attention, a sticky one."

The difficulty in accepting Jewish testimonies of these actions, said Gross, stemmed from several reasons, including Allied propaganda from World War I that shed doubt on post-World War II Holocaust stories, the general anti-Semitic mood of post-war Poland, and the difficulty in accepting stories with often had little evidences as a base.

"Twenty years later, stories of the Holocaust were taken with caution," said Gross. "The prevalent mood was anti-Semitic...and [besides,] what could an individual do with individual testimonies?"

Gross went on to say that stories from an "injured party," in this case the Holocaust victims, only represented part of the whole story. But while the story itself may not represent pure fact, "they should not be discarded."

Gross defended the validity of the Jewish massacre primary accounts throughout his presentation. "Did they have a need to embellish or exaggerate their narratives?" he said to the audience. "I think not." However, emphasizing the need for discrete pieces of evidence within these accounts, he went on to read several accounts of these victims and others researching the topic, quoting large portions of the text that shed light on the massacres and the surrounding controversies.

One of the biggest questions that arose during the lecture involved

understanding why the Polish townsfolk targeted the Jews in their vicinities. Gross said, "Was the killing of Jews expected, deviant behavior?" In the end, it seemed to Gross that this was more than deviant behavior; it was a need to survive in post-World War II Poland and Germany, that prompted the killings.

"Death at the hands of neighbors is very painful," said Gross.

Gross ended the lecture with an image of a group of Jewish peasants and local police standing for a photo with desert in the background. According to Gross, the peasants were standing among 80,000 Jews killed during the war, and were digging among the remains for gold possibly left behind by wealthy Jews. It represented the difficulty the Jews faced to survive, parallel to the struggles of the Polish that turned the Jews in to the Nazis.

Following the presentation, College President Joseph Urgo presented Gross with the Zamanakos Lectureship Award, after which a reception was held at the River Center.

"I thought that Dr. Gross' lecture was interesting," said Kevin Tennyson, a first-year who attended the event. "It was thought-provoking about how these people who lived next to their Jewish neighbors for their entire life could commit such atrocities against them."

This lecture was held in the Auerbach Auditorium of St. Mary's Hall.

## Taylor Swift's New Album Speaks Now

By AMANDA ZELAYA  
Arts & Entertainment Editor

If you have never heard of Taylor Swift then you have clearly been living under a rock for the last several years. This past Tuesday, Swift's third studio album "Speak Now" was released. This latest album is expected to be one of (if not the) highest grossing album of the year, and considering that Swift has sold over eight million albums this is not a far out idea.

"Speak Now" shows Swift's evolution from her teenage years, as well as her evolution musically.

Swift's previous albums were a heavy mix of country and pop, allowing her to move comfortably between the two genres and to gain mainstream success. The new album, however, is very much a pop-rock album as opposed to Swift's usual pop-country combination. The song, "Better than Revenge," is a very fast paced, guitar-heavy, revenge song reminiscent of Paramore, as opposed to the country sweetheart Swift.

"Better than Revenge" isn't the only song loaded with heavy guitar; songs like "Sparks Fly,"

also features heavy percussion and electric guitar and less of the acoustics that Swift has made a name from. The new pop-rock sounds, coupled with Swift's voice and jaunty and sometimes scathing lyrics, lead to a unique sound for the 20 year old.

The album's title track, "Speak Now," is actually one of the less enjoyable songs on the album. While it is still listenable, the song's lyrical placement is not on par with some of the other wonderfully composed songs found on the album. The song itself—basically about asking someone to leave his bride at the altar—is trite when compared to emotional gripping songs like, "Back to December," that litter Swift's album. The song itself is not well written and lacks the flow quality found throughout the album. The tune itself is catchy, but as a whole it is generally one that can be fast-forwarded.

The best song on the album was the very first single released by Swift. "Mine"—a song that seems to be about falling in love—has everything a good Taylor Swift song should. With a balladic story enclosed in a pop tune with a video reminiscent of "The Notebook," "Mine" manages to encapsulate everything that Swift seems to be saying with "Speak Now."

While the album probably will not make a Taylor Swift fan out of anyone who is not a young female, the album itself is a wonderful collection of songs about growing up and moving in and out of love, something that Swift writes about like a pro.



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Karl Carter, one of the two poets who presented at this week's VOICES lecture, used potent imagery connected to his cultural heritage.

## Voices: Legal Laureates

By PETER SPARKLIN  
Features Editor

On the evening of Oct. 28, poets Brian Gilmore and Karl Carter read and discussed their poetry. Despite such similarities as some of their poems being based on their experiences as both practicing lawyers and prolific poets in Washington, D.C., Gilmore and Carter had different styles that nonetheless complemented each other.

Gilmore presented his poetry first; the poems he chose to read touched on various points from his early teenage years through his years in law school.

His poem "Revolution" described living under and rebelling against the teachings of his father until "The will of the monarch [Gilmore's father] became our will." This was a fitting poem to start with because it described Gilmore's growth in maturity.

The following poems described this gradual progression of maturity as he traveled through school, learning through relationships with roommates, trials such as his family being accused of being Communist sympathizers, and drugs, like "...malt liquor, that magical elixir."

Gilmore's poetry was infused with humor, often eliciting chuckles from the audience. The works Gilmore read suggested a lifetime of growth and optimism as he struggled against the vicissitudes of life.

When the poets switched and Carter stepped up to podium and began reading, the audience was

exposed to a much different experience.

While it was clear that both poets were influenced by the environments and times they were living in, Carter's poetry much more directly struggled with and attempted to understand the historical and cultural influences in his life.

His poems were personal in a different manner from Gilmore's poetry. In his poem "Heroes" he approaches the subject of the civil rights movement and African-American leaders through history. Reflecting on their influence he said, "I am somewhere between battles/...I sit lost, weeping."

The Black Panthers, various musicians such as Langston Hughes, and sharecroppers all made appearances in Gilmore's poetry. Carter's poetry, in contrast, was self-reflective, as he attempted to connect to his personal as well as his cultural history. Images of the South, of "barren fields" and "empty plantation houses" are redolent of Carter's search for meaning in his travels.

Audience members enjoyed the performance as well as the variation in the poetry. Senior Carla Bacon said, "All their poems were very culturally relevant to them. They all had stories within the poems."

Sophomore Emily Burdeshaw said, "I liked the informal feel to [Gilmore's] poetry." Carter's poems "were short. You didn't expect [the poem] to end, but you absorbed the images that were given."

## Corrections Box

### Oct. 5 Issue

\* In the article "Prepare for a Night of Bliss when you Catch Hay Fever" (pg. 5) senior Maxwell Heaton was incorrectly cited as a junior. The article also incorrectly named the playwright as Neil Coward instead of Noel Coward.

\* In the article "Registrar's Office Gets Money for What Would Otherwise Be Trash" (pg. 2) it is incorrectly implied that the Registrar's office is organizing the program, instead of the Glendening Hall Service Desk. Also, the program does not include DVDs, as stated in the article.

### Oct. 19 Issue

\* In the article "Bike Shop to Terrify Pedestrians No Longer?" (pg. 1) the SGA meeting in which the Bike Shop participated is incorrectly stated as having occurred on Oct. 1. The actual meeting took place Oct. 19

## Movie Review: Paranormal Activity 2

By ZACH ESER  
Staff Writer

What does it mean when things go bump in the night? This was a question that was redefined with 2009's unforeseen hit Paranormal Activity, a movie that literally came out of nowhere and scared up a record breaking amount of money for a horror film. Of course, due to the indie film's success and the predictability of a Hollywood system based on box office returns, a sequel was imminent. The question that needs to be answered this go around is obvious: how does the sequel hold up?

Firstly, allow me to offer up a disclaimer. If you did not enjoy the first Paranormal Activity, there is no need for you to see this movie as they are heavily tied together. This said, the film is a spectacular piece of horror fiction and it stands as proof that sequels can (successfully) build off the original while keeping it in the same ballpark. The scares are well crafted, the



suspense is well placed and, much like the first film, it leaves you with an intense feeling of dread by film's end.

At the beginning of the film, it's established that Paranormal Activity 2 (PA2) takes place before the events of the first film. However, it eventually eclipses the timeline of the first movie, which makes it more of a quasi-prequel instead of a straightforward sequel. This is where the difference in directing styles between Oren Peli (director of the original) and Tod Williams comes into play; while Peli made the film painfully suspenseful before delivering his climax, Williams has taken a more laid-back approach which allows for smaller scares that lead up to larger ones.

Thankfully, Williams kept the low-budget tone of the original

intact, since what made the original so effective was how realistic it was; this, no doubt, was a result of the heavy use of practical effects in the first film. PA2 takes the homemade feel a step further, however, employing methods that make the film horrifyingly magical and haunting (take Katie getting dragged out of bed in the first film and multiply that by twenty). These moments are the ones that nightmares are made of and it seems that Peli, who produced the sequel, and Williams are more than aware of it; this allows them to deliver a product that makes you want to cuddle something for an indefinite amount of time.

The only problem I have with the film - other than not being able to sleep due to movie induced paranoia - is the de-mystification of the first film. In PA2, the filmmakers have decided to make the events of the original Paranormal Activity a direct result of what happens in the sequel. I feel like much of the scare factor in the original came from the fact that there was no reason why the horrifying events were happening to Micah and Katie, but with the sequel, there is no longer any question as to why the first film happened. This isn't a huge problem for PA2, but this particular addition to the mythos just didn't tickle my fancy very much.

In the end, Paranormal Activity 2 is a spot-on sequel with a purpose: to scare you right out of your seat. Thankfully, Peli and Williams were on the same page with fans of the original as they successfully sought out to create a film that is sleek, effective, hair-raising and will stick with you like white on rice much like the first film in the series. Just in time for Halloween, PA2 will make you wince at things that go bump in the night all over again.

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# Men's Soccer Struggles Through Season, Reverses To Make CAC Playoffs

By STEVE REES  
Sports Editor

After a hard fight this season against some of the top college teams in the country, the men's soccer team managed to turn around a losing season just in time to make the Capital Athletic Conference playoffs, losing 1-0 in their first round but nonetheless playing a intense game to remember.

The Seahawks began their Fall 2010 season roughly, losing their first three matches against Neumann College on Sept. 1, Elizabethtown College on Sept. 4, and the State University of New York Genesco on Sept. 5. All three matches were shut-outs against the College, and while none were conference matches, they still set up the athletes for a tough rest-of-season.

"We aren't really doing as well as we thought," said Coach Herb Gainey, now in his ninth season with the men's soccer team. "But

the team has turned 180 [degrees] from last year, and I'm proud that they haven't bailed out."

The team stepped up its performance the following week, matching Greensboro College 1-1 after an overtime match Sept. 11 and winning 2-1 during a home game against Methodist University the following day. First-year midfielder Brian Payne made an appearance during the first half, flicking a loose ball into the Monarchs' goal to give the Seahawks the first point of the game.

"The freshman players are good, and talented," said Gainey. "Their energy helps in training and in games."

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**-Coach Herb Gainey  
Men's Soccer**

While losing the Seahawk Classic on Sept. 15 to the nationally-ranked Swarthmore College 3-1 despite a point-for-point first half, the team again turned its luck around on Sept. 18 with a 3-2 overtime victory against Stevenson University, giving the Seahawks their first conference game of the season.

"This team is the closest group of guys I have ever been a part of," said junior forward Ted Scharfenberg. "We fight every time we are on the field and never give up."

Unfortunately, men's soccer took another losing streak over the two weeks following the Stevenson game, losing 2-0 against the University of Mary Washington

on Sept. 22, 3-0 to York College on Sept. 25, and 3-0 against Salisbury University Oct. 2 in another series of shut-outs to bring the team to a 1-3 CAC spread. While the

team came back with a 2-1 victory over Shenandoah University Oct. 6, it faced a net loss after two shut-out defeats by Oct. 11 against Richard Stockton College and Johns Hopkins University.

The Seahawks took a conference win and draw at home against Hood College and Frostburg State University, respectively, but suffered three consecutive losses at the hands of Marymount, Christopher Newport, and Catholic Universities, bringing their CAC spread to 2-4-1 by Oct. 26. For the men's team, this meant that the Seahawks would have to win their last match of the official season, against Wesley College, to make

it to the playoffs.

"Tomorrow's game against Wesley will determine if we're in or out [of the playoffs]," said Gainey in an interview on Oct. 27.

In a surge of strength and teamwork, the Seahawks managed to score the first goal within the first two minutes of play, as senior midfielder George Gusack placed the ball perfectly for senior midfielder Keith Hines' chip-in. By the end of play, the team won 2-0 over the Wolverines, earning its place as the fifth seed

team for the playoffs after a Senior Day Oct. 28 victory.

While making it to the playoff

"It was an intense game," said junior midfielder Matt Grady after the match. "While performance-wise we didn't improve this season, in terms of teamwork and heart we really did."

The Seahawks will return to the field next fall with the start of a new season. While the season could potentially be just as

difficult with the loss of 11 seniors, the abilities of the incoming athletes will hopefully show the promise that the men's team will need in 2011.

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**-Junior Ted Scharfenberg  
Forward, Men's Soccer**

game against Mary Washington on Oct. 31, the Seahawks took a heartbreaking 1-0 loss against the Eagles after a scoreless first-half against the fourth seed school.



PHOTO BY RYAN GUGERTY

After a 2-4-1 CAC spread during the season, men's soccer improved their game in time for the playoff-determining Senior Day match against Wesley on Oct. 28. The Seahawks shut out the Wolverines 2-0.

## GOLF TOURNAMENT IN SWING AFTER DELAY

By STEVE REES  
Sports Editor

The second annual Hawktober Festival Golf Tournament, an 18-hole competition hosted by the College Alumni Office and Athletics Department, finally took place on Oct. 29 after an initial delay earlier in the month due to weather conditions.

Originally scheduled during Family Weekend and Hawktoberfest, the first weekend of the month, the tournament was delayed due to inclement weather that hit campus earlier that week.

"It was postponed until Friday, Oct. 29 because of the 15 inches of rain that we received earlier this month," said Director of Alumni Relations David Sushinsky in an email to all students, faculty, and staff.

While this tournament was the second of its kind with the "Hawktoberfest" affiliation, the idea of the tournament began several years ago under Alumni Relations, as the tournament was held every year for returning alumni during the summer.

"The alumni office used to host a golf tournament during Alumni Weekend in June," said Sushinsky. "I figured it would be nice to hold it during the school year so we could include faculty, staff, and current students."

The Alumni Office set the tournament location to the Cedar Point Golf Course, at the Patuxent

River Naval Air Station. Golfers, consisting of current St. Mary's students, alumni, faculty, and staff, went out to the driving range at 7:30 a.m. on Friday in preparation for the start of the tournament at 9 a.m.. The tournament entry fee was \$65 for students and \$100 for non-students.

"We had some extra profit left over from last year and so we decided to lower the cost of student participation from \$100 to \$65," said Sushinsky. "Despite that, we

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**-David Mummert, '95  
Winner, Hawktober Festival  
Golf Tournament**

still haven't had a lot of current student participation."

While students are not participating as much as expected or hoped by the Alumni Office, more people registered for the Oct. 1 tournament this year than did for last year's competition.

"We had 80 golfers signed up for the Oct. 1 date, which was great

since we only had 51 last year from our first attempt," said Sushinsky. "[It was a] good turnout [on Friday] - we had 51 golfers."

The tournament itself is mainly self-sufficient, as enough profit is made each year between admissions and sponsorships to cover the expenses of the event. This was important during its planning phases, as the Alumni Office did not have sufficient funds to pay for the entire tournament. Fifteen local sponsors also contributed to the tournament.

While the tournament was just added to the Hawktoberfest activities line-up, more activities are being proposed for next year. "It seems that each year, we are adding something new to encourage alumni to return," said Sushinsky. "Next year we hope to add small one-hour academic seminars taught by professors. With that addition to our current events, alumni will have academic, athletic and social incentives to return to St. Mary's on that particular weekend."

Oct. 29 turned out to be a sunny day for golfing, which seemed to counterbalance the strong winds throughout the tournament. Out of the 51 participants, the three top teams were recognized. The first place team, with David Mummert, Andy Mummert, Matt Van Wie, and Andy Loney, won out over Herb Gainey, Philip Gainey, Bradley Gainey, and Pat-

rick Bell, on the second place team. The team consisting of Bernie Taylor, John Enright, Paul Lynch, and Daniel Reaver took third place.

"The tournament was great, and I'm not just saying that because we won," said David Mummert. "I'll definitely be playing again next year and hopefully I'll be able to bring at least another foursome of alumni from my era."

Participants in the tournament were provided lunch and beverages throughout the day, as well as gifts

from the sponsors. "I've played in lots of scramble tournaments like this," said David Mummert, "and this is the only one I've played in where every player goes home with a bottle of wine. That's pretty cool."

While new events will be added to next year's Hawktober Festival, the golf tournament is still on the Hawktoberfest schedule, with the hopes of attracting even more students to the course for its third anniversary.

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# FIELD HOCKEY DOMINATES FALL SEASON FROM START TO FINISH

By KATIE HENRY  
Staff Writer

With a strong 6-1 record at the start of the season, the St. Mary's Women's Field Hockey team has been in it to win it from the beginning. And as the season comes to a close, their drive is far from fading.

After starting the season winning 4-1 over Goucher College, the Seahawks continued to make waves in games against Johns Hopkins University (with a stunning over-

time win), Virginia Wesleyan College, York College, and Stevenson University.

After a difficult game against Eastern Mennonite University resulting in a 2-0 loss, the Hawks brought themselves back to life as they went up against the University of Mary Washington. After a scoreless first period, the second period seemed like it would yield a similar outcome. But with less than two minutes remaining, sophomore

Brooke Masimore scored her first goal of the season with an assist by sophomore Natalie Hackstaff, ending the game with a 1-0 win.

Though the Hawks lost in overtime against Lynchburg College, the team held their own for the entire game, proving that they were capable of victory and a spot in the playoffs.

As the Seahawks get ready for the Semi-Finals with an 11-5 record, Coach Katie Lange is ready to lead

her team to victory. "Our game on Tuesday [against East Mennonite] wasn't our best, but on Saturday and Sunday [versus Mary Washington

and Lynchburg] we really started playing to our potential. They were extremely competitive games, and we improved a lot."

First-year defense player Emily Stumme is new to the team, but has an objective outlook on their performance. "We came out way stronger in the Lynchburg and Mary Washington games than against EMU. [During the last two games] we started to play our game better and click in terms of what we needed to work on."

Since the team has a bye in the first round of playoffs, they have a long break before their next game.

"[The team] just has to keep pushing; we know what to expect and what the other teams are going to do [since we've already played them],

so now we just have to know what we should do to end up victorious," said Coach Lange. "The team has risen to their expectations, and I'm very proud of them."

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**-Coach Katie Lange  
St. Mary's Women's Field  
Hockey Team**

Stumme has high hopes for the semi-finals. "[I'd love] to win and make it to finals," she said. "Hopefully just playing our game will be enough to bring us to a win!"

"We've got a great group of girls this season," said Assistant Coach Josh Hunter, now in his second season with the team. "It's going to take a lot of work and a lot of pain, but that's why we're awesome."



PHOTO BY KATIE HENRY

Second in the current CAC standings and in the third seed of the conference tournament, the women's field hockey team is maintaining an impressive performance this season with an overall 6-1 game spread.

## College Intramurals Hosts Men's and Co-ed Dodgeball Leagues

By STEVE REES  
Sports Editor

St. Mary's students and faculty got to re-live their high school days with the College Intramurals-hosted Men's and Co-ed Dodgeball Tournament, held from Oct. 19 to Nov. 4 to give the College community a way to enjoy the sport of dodgeball in a competitive but friendly, environment.

Thirty-one seven-person teams, consisting of men and women from the campus community, are competing against each other in the tournament, sponsored by Intramurals, following the end of the Badminton League and a one-day Capture the Flag event.

"I think it's the best intramural sport so far this semester," said sophomore Francisco Rodenzo, member of Co-Ed Team 8, "My Couch Pulls Out But I Don't." "I think dodgeball has been going really well."

The 31 teams participating in the tournament, consisting of 23 Co-ed teams and eight Men's teams, were organized into groups of four to six. Each group of teams would compete with each other in an attempt to make it into the playoff games, to be held on Thursday, Nov. 4. The league runs 8-10:30 p.m. during normal league nights, and 8-11 p.m. on playoff night.

"We play for a total of five games," said Rodenzo. "Each team will play with seven players, and three must be girls for the Co-ed league."

Each match of dodgeball is played to the best three of five games, with the game win going to the team that eliminates all players on the opposing team. A player is declared out of the game if he or she is hit below the shoulder by a live ball (one that has not hit the ground and is thrown by an oppos-

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ing team player), attempts to catch a ball but is unable to hold on to it, or throws a ball that is caught by an opposing team player.

Players aiming for opposing team players' heads will be warned by the game official, and will be eliminated if the offense is repeated.

Players are only allowed to step out of a court to retrieve a ball, which they cannot hold for longer

than ten seconds without throwing it. All players were also asked to wear athletic footwear, not wear dangling jewelry, and not bring alcohol to a match or be under the influence of alcohol during a match.

Consequences of breaking the policies of the tournament included a deduction in sportsmanship points (which could ultimately result in league ejection), match forfeiture, or immediate league ejection.

Each match is limited to a total of 25 minutes, and players must remain in a game without switching with other teammates, which prevents some teammates from entering the match until later games.

"It sucks that you can't sub people in and out of the game," said junior Mike Snow, also a participant in the league. "It gives less playing time for everyone."

As in other Intramural leagues, prizes will be awarded to play-off winners. "Playoffs start this Thursday, and we will have a winner from Co-ed and Men's," said Brooke Austin, senior supervisor of Intramurals. "Champions will each get a T-shirt."

The Dodgeball Tournament ends on Nov. 4, and is followed by a one-day round-robin flag football tournament, scheduled for Nov. 6.

## Seahawk Schedule

11/3	Field Hockey @ CAC Semifinals Men's Soccer @ CAC Semifinals	TBA TBA
11/4	Women's Volleyball @ CAC Semifinals	TBA
11/5	Men's Swimming vs Rand. Macon Women's Swimming vs Rand. Macon	4:00 p.m. 4:00 p.m.
11/6	Field Hockey @ CAC Finals Men's Soccer @ CAC Finals Women's Soccer @ CAC Champs Women's Volleyball @ CAC Champs Men's XC @ CAC Championships Women's XC @ CAC Champs Men's Swimming vs Goucher* Women's Swimming vs Goucher* Men's Swimming vs Gallaudet* Women's Swimming vs Gallaudet*	TBA TBA TBA TBA 11:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 1:00 p.m. 1:00 p.m. 1:00 p.m.
11/12	Men's Swimming vs Washington* Women's Swimming vs Washington*	5:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.
11/13	Men's Swimming vs York (Pa.) Women's Swimming vs York (Pa.) Men's XC @ NCAA Mideast Reg. Women's XC @ NCAA Mideast Reg.	1:00 p.m. 1:00 p.m. TBA TBA
11/16	Men's Basketball vs Johns Hopkins*	7:30 p.m.
11/17	Women's Basketball vs Lbn. Vly.*	6:00 p.m.
11/19	Men's Basketball vs TBD Women's Basketball vs Arcadia*	TBA 6:00 p.m.
11/20	Men's Basketball vs TBD Men's XC @ NCAA Finals Women's XC @ NCAA Finals Women's Basketball vs TBD*	TBA TBA TBA TBA
11/23	Women's Basketball vs Trinity (D.C.)*	7:00 p.m.
11/27	Men's Basketball vs Frank. & Marsh.*	4:00 p.m.
11/28	Women's B-Ball vs Penn St.-Harris.*	1:00 p.m.
11/30	Women's Basketball vs Catholic*	7:00 p.m.
12/1	Men's Basketball vs Chris-Newport*	7:00 p.m.
12/4	Men's Swim. @ Frank. Marshall Invit. Women's Swim. @ Frank. Marsh. Invit. Women's Basketball vs Stevenson Men's Basketball vs Stevenson	TBA TBA 2:00 p.m. 4:00 p.m.
12/5	Men's Swim. @ Frank. Marshall Invit. Women's Swim. @ Frank. Marsh. Invit.	TBA TBA
12/6	Men's Basketball vs Citadel	7:00 p.m.
12/8	Women's Basketball vs York (Pa.)* Men's Basketball vs York (Pa.)*	6:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m.
12/11	Women's Basketball vs Hood* Men's Basketball vs Hood*	2:00 p.m. 4:00 p.m.
12/17	Men's Basketball vs Olivet	5:00 p.m.
12/18	Men's Basketball vs Lawrence	12:00 p.m.

\*home game

Compiled by Steve Rees

*Want to tell the College about a Sports Club or Intramural?*

**This year, The Point News is trying to get the word out about club sports and Intramural events alongside traditional varsity sport coverage. If you are part of an intramural league or sports club, know someone who is, or just want to let the campus community know about one in particular, tell us, and we'll do our best to cover what interests you!**

## The Hipster Label: To Reject or Embrace?

By ZACH ESER  
Staff Writer

Just last week, an acquaintance of mine approached me on the path leading up to the Campus Center. Upon looking me up and down, she said to me, "So Zach - you like Death Cab for Cutie?" Considering I have quite an affinity for the Seattle based quartet led by the sentimental songbird Ben Gibbard, there was no question about it. I simply replied, "Yes."

"Well, well, well. Aren't you a f-king hipster."

Hold the phone. A hipster?! I was addressed as a mythical beast - a culture-whoring, self-important, pretentious, Equal Exchange coffee-loving, all organic, East Village-dwelling animal - which I had only heard about in passing. It wasn't until I had personally been called one that I stopped for a moment to glance over the categorical placement I had been suddenly thrown into.

I mean, I'm not going to lie, I very much love fashion: you can often find me in American Apparel, H&M, Forever 21 for Men, the Salvation Army, and my father's wardrobe. Oh, and I love a good cardigan or scarf. However, I have been wearing clothes of this particular style since I was a pre-teen (about seven or eight years ago). Therefore, the fact I dress in the 'hipster' style is absurd considering I did it before there was even a style.

Also, I will agree that a large portion of what makes a person a hipster is the music they listen to. With that in mind, is it possible for someone just to like really good music? Is it possible for someone to respect musicians? Is it wrong for someone to not only have an album on his laptop, but also on compact disc as well as vinyl? To non-hipsters, the answer to these questions is quite apparent: yes. It may be a leap in saying that the music that rules my generation is primarily what's on the Billboard Top 40, but it still seems that way nonetheless.

That said, when a smaller band hits it big, it's a sign of quality and more often than not, the aforementioned band becomes a part of the mainstream corporate monster that is the American culture. For example,

when Modest Mouse hit the big leagues with their album *Good News for People Who Love Bad News*, I had nothing but good things to say (considering that I started listening to them before they hit it big).

Another quality that "hipsters" have is that they want to get involved in making the world a better place through environmental and humanistic causes. On the whole, however, I feel like people naturally like to donate their time and money on things that are worthwhile if it causes positive change. Hybrid cars? They are fuel efficient and have a lower carbon footprint than those behemoths people call 'Hummers.' Livestrong bracelets? Testicular cancer is a major problem, but it is still not as big as breast cancer which is why people also need to get an "I Heart Boobies" bracelet. Invisible Children? Genocide is about as bad as the meat packing industry. Vegetarianism? Easy - it allows one not to support the meat packing industry (unless, of course, you get your meat from a free-range farmer which is perfectly fine).

The biggest characteristic of "hipsters," however, is that they don't identify themselves as "hipsters." It's actually quite ironic that this is the determining factor of what makes someone a "hipster" considering it means that they follow a social construct ultimately making them buy into an element of social order. It's oxymoronic in the grand scheme of things as hipsters purposefully go out of their way to not follow what is deemed as mainstream ideology. This causes the existence of the demographic to be essentially paradoxical in nature and ridiculous.

So where does this leave me? I have decided to embrace this new title that has been endowed on me. After all, I have believed the things I believe and I have dressed the way I dress and I have listened to the music I've listened to for quite a long time. If that means the only determining factor as to whether I'm a hipster is to deny it, I refuse to. After all, that seems like the most rational and anti-hipster thing to do - to go against the grain.

## Trustee Talks Strategic Plan



SUBMITTED BY DANNY RUTHENBERG-MARSHALL  
Student Trustee

Who likes planning? It's one of those tedious tasks that always seems to be hovering over you like a rain cloud until that day you finally get a plan hashed out and a rainbow shines through. Who doesn't like rainbows? Well, right now, the college is stuck with the rain cloud. We're at the end of our old strategic plan and are in the process of pulling together a new one. The strategic plan is the guiding document for the entire institution heading into the future. In this case, it's going to cover the next five years, and will encompass every aspect of campus.

As our current draft is now structured, we have four overarching goals that everything else we want to do fits under. They are: a rigorous academic program; access, affordability and diversity; sustainability and environmental stewardship; and

community and civil engagement. Each of these is further broken down into vital priorities, and then more tactics within those priorities (sometimes with sub-tactics under that; it's like a giant, mind-boggling outline). While the goals are labeled one through four, and everything within the goals has a number of some kind, nothing has been prioritized, which is a slight problem. That's going to take another bajillion meetings, but it is so necessary in order to make the tough decisions. We have some sub-committees that are dealing with the nitty gritty, and then those sub-committees bring their work to the full committee for feedback. In essence, this is going to be a long process, so buckle up.

Now, I want to know when my terrible metaphor is going to come back to fruition and we're going to see the rainbow for all it is worth. If you cross all your fingers and avoid breaking any mirrors, we'll have the whole nine yards squared away by the end of the academic year, possibly sooner. Things were greatly delayed last year due to our lack of a full President (shout out to Larry Vote for the excellent job he did as acting President). But now with President Urgo on board, we're really cracking down. His vision is feeding into the whole of the strategic plan, and the final draft is beginning to come together. If you want to know more, or give your opinions on what is best for the school, don't hesitate to contact me at druthenbergmarshall@smcm.edu! See you on the Path!

## Miss Meghan: No One Deserves Abuse

SUBMITTED BY MEGHAN ROOT  
Resident "Sexpert"

Dear Miss Meghan,  
I've been seeing someone casually for about a month but when he's drunk he turns into a different person. He gets really aggressive and he'll pin me down or block the door and I don't ever say no to him because I want him to like me. Sometimes I don't have the chance to tell him to stop because it happens so fast. I really like him and I don't want him to think I'm prude or anything but sometimes I wake up with bruises I can't account for. How can I get him to stop acting like that?

Dear Bruised and Battered,  
YOU DESERVE BETTER! Sadly, we can not control, fix, save, or change someone else without that person's help or desire to change. It would be nice if we could, and a lot of people certainly try, but there is nothing you can do to stop someone else from acting a certain way. Being drunk is not an excuse to physically (and emotionally) harm you.

I so get not wanting to push him away and that, at times, he has admirable traits that make him attractive or caring or endearing. Or that when he apologizes (does he apologize?) he can be vulnerable or open. However, those moments do not, and can not, make up for the moments where he is violent (physically, but it also sounds like he is sexually, violent towards you).

When he is being sexually and/or physically violent towards you, he is not seeing the wonderful person that you are, or how much you deserve to be treated like an actual human being. He is objectifying, de-humanizing, disrespecting, de-

valuing, and/or manipulating you. The fact that you don't even have time to tell him stop implies that he does not care enough to take the time to ask you what you want.

His actions seem selfish. It seems like sexual assault. It seems like you are not giving your consent. So I ask, if he gets to act selfishly, why don't you? Why don't you get the right to get your needs met a.k.a. the need to not be physically harmed by someone, or the right to personal physical and sexual safety?

Reading your letter, the advocate in me wants to yell "PRUDE? Since when did not wanting to have sex with someone because they are hurting you become a bad thing?" It breaks my heart that women still have to hear terms like "prude, slut, whore, tease, etc" from men, and other women, for making healthy choices about when and where and with whom they want to have sex.

It is not your fault that this has happened, but you can do something to make it stop. Please contact the Counseling Center or reach out to 1-800-799-SAFE(7233), the National Domestic Violence 24/7 hotline. If you are in immediate danger, please contact Public Safety at x4911.

Also, my contest for the best pick-up lines/ways to ask for consent to engage in sex play is still open (as it seems we still have some work to do about what consent is). Prizes will be given for the best submissions and I've gotten some really good, some bad, and some hilarious ones so far, so send me a quick email with your one liners to mkroot@smcm.edu!

Sincerely tried and tired,  
-Miss Meghan

## STUDENTS LEAD WAY IN SUSTAINABILITY

SUBMITTED BY CHELSEA HOWARD-FOLEY  
Associate Sustainability Fellow

While the United States Congress has yet to pass comprehensive climate change legislation and the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change seems to like negotiating more than creating legally binding treaties, students have been very successful at tackling climate change on campus. Two weeks ago in Kansas City, Missouri, I gave a presentation at the National Collegiate Honors Conference with fellow SMCM students Rachel Waldron and Jimmy Ferioli titled "Cross Currents of Environmentalism: Academics and Activism" that reminded me that colleges and universities really are being forces for change, cutting carbon, and helping to build the clean energy economy.

The American College and University Presidents Climate Commitment, which commits institutions to becoming carbon neutral, has 675 signatories to date (including St. Mary's College of Maryland). This agreement must be signed by the chancellor or president and is a very clear sign that climate change is no longer a fringe issue that only a fraction of students care about. It's an issue that is of enough concern to warrant institutional recognition and action. Even if colleges aren't signatories to the PCC, chances are that they are trying to get favorable scores on the Princeton Review's Green Rating System, the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education's Sustainability Tracking, Assessment and Rating System (STARS), or the College

Sustainability Report Card. These ranking systems give positive recognition for schools that have organic farms on campus, purchase renewable energy, composting, and promote eco friendly habits such as walking, biking, and using public transit. While this might not see substantial, according to a survey done by Princeton Review, 68 percent of prospective students prefer colleges or universities that have a commitment to sustainability. All in all, it's clear that change is coming to the American university.

So as we watch the election results come in and we get overwhelmed with all that we are responsible for as young people (writing SMPs, finding jobs, paying student loans and getting Congress to pass a climate change bill to name just a few), it is well worth remembering that we have changed things on campus. It was students who got the college to commit to purchasing 100 percent renewable electricity and created the Green St. Mary's Revolving Loan Fund. Students were also responsible for bringing fair trade, organic Equal Exchange coffee to campus and starting the Campus Community Farm. And it's students who are taking environmental studies courses and continually thinking of ways to lower their carbon footprint, whether that means driving less frequently, eating less meat, or turning down the heat a few degrees and putting on a sweater. Congress can get away with being ineffective because it's not their future on the line, it's ours and we're stepping up to the challenge of transition off of dirty fossil fuels and toward a just, clean energy economic future.

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