

# Gus the Goose gets the Boot

After years of a confusing Shoreman/Goose combination WC opts for a real mascot



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Left, Gus the Goose makes his final debut in front of the Casey Academic Center. Right, the already school-sponsored logo will come to embody the new mascot of Washington College.

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A local hero of WC

There will no longer be any confusion on the Washington College mascot. For years our competitors have asked are we the Shoremen/Shorewomen or are we geese from Goose Nation?

However, this will no longer be an issue that plagues our institution. It is official that WC now has a new mascot. One that elicits little confusion and will no longer leave our opponents dumbfounded and lead to questions such as: What even is a Shoreman?

WC will now begin our transition to George Washington as our new mascot. As we are the only college to have been given explicit consent from President Washington himself to use his name with our institution it is only fair and reasonable that we also honor him in our school pride!

Effective immediately all clothing with the Shoremen/Shorewomen and geese logos will

not be available for sale online or at the bookstore at all. Athletics has requested that all WC student athletes and fans start referring to athletes as either the George's, the Washington's, or the General's.

This was decided via an online survey that went out in the students' emails last week during extended Spring Break. This was also decided in part to pay proper respect to the first President of the United States and founder of our college: George Washington.

It is said that the logo will resemble the statue head of George Washington that is located on the Cater Walk path right outside of Hodson Hall. Also, the general logo will be an image of GW dressed in his full, authentic general outfit he donned in the time of the Revolutionary War. The Athletic Department has enlisted the help of the History Department to ensure historical accuracy and precision in the process in the hopes that this will be a long-lasting change and remain the new mascot of WC for the rest of time.

Online and at the bookstore there will be a 50% sale on all the new items that have the logos on them. This sale will be until the end of April so hurry up and get your items with the new mascot logo.

# WC Swim team prepares to compete in Chester River

The second bee epidemic WC has seen in the last two years takes down the Casey Swim Center

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The mayor of Flavortown

This year the Men's and Women's swim team have officially made the decision to compete in the Chester River starting in the winter of 2020. The pool at the Casey Swim Center was scheduled for reconstruction over the extended break.

However, as it turns out, there are bees growing inside the walls of the pool similar to the infestation seen in the third floor of Smith last academic year.

This unexpected roadblock has derailed the future of the swim season and, as a result, the Athletics department has already started to gear up to switch competition to the Chester River for lack of a better alternative.

For their competitions, the long-distance swimmers will have to swim to the Chesapeake Bay and back, about 220 miles round trip.

"I love it," said the 28 Olympic medalist, Baltimore native Michael Phelps. "They get to feel the waves on their body, and they feel the resistance that comes along with that. This can only make them stronger."

For the short distance swimmers, they have to swim starting at 98 Cannon, and swim to the Chestertown-Kingstown bridge which is about a mile away. After a quick swim, they see who can eat the most at 98 Cannon without their coach noticing they went over their allotted food money.

Ryan Lochte of Team U.S.A. also gave his input on the situation.

"I absolutely love 98 Cannon. I love that the swimmers get to eat there after, as I attribute all of my swimming and lifting gains to them, especially their shrimp salad. And endless mimosas with them? There is nothing better. The swimmers are going to do great, because they are eating there. I can guarantee it."

The teams will compete starting on April 1 and have competitions three times a week until the end of August.

"They will certainly be tired," Dean Karnazes says through giggles. "Let's just say I hope they sleep well on their off days. And if they have a rough night sleeping? Well looks like they are going to get out swam by someone else."

Karnazes is an American marathon runner, whose best event was when he ran 350 miles in 80 hours, going sleepless the entire time.

The women's team will compete on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, while the men's team will compete on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays. On their off days, their coach tells us they won't have any practice.

"It's almost like paradise. I don't have to do a darn thing, I just sit back, relax, and let the kids swim," said new head swim coach Shaq. "It's the thing they're best at, they've been doing this my whole life. My job is pointless honestly, I don't even know why Thad [Moore] hired me in the summer. These kids know what they're doing, they don't need me."

In an interview with Katie Leducky, the most decorated female swim athlete in American history, she tells us nothing. She gives us no information.



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Top, the Chester River and also the new home of the WC swim team is pictured. Bottom, WC swim team competes in the Casey Swim Center before it was overrun by bees.

On Sundays, grill master Guy Fieri will host dinner for them in his mansion on Kent Island.

"It's the least I can do. These kids are giving it their all for their college, that doesn't even give them athletic scholarships. That's true commitment. Much like my commitment to taking every American to FlavorTown."