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### Student Spotlight: Will Scullion

Call him creative, honest, and driven. Call senior communications major Will Scullion timid, but do not call him conservative. “I believe that people should be able to do whatever the hell they want as long as it doesn't hurt anyone else,” Scullion says.

Scullion is an aspiring print journalist, inspired by the writings of American journalist and author Hunter S. Thompson.

“I have no desire to emulate his psychotic lifestyle but I absolutely adore his writing style,” he said. “Reading his work is what made me want to pursue a career in journalism.”

Scullion has most enjoyed creative writing course English 397, in which he produced a short story that, he said, “is to date the best thing I have ever written.”

Scullion describes himself as open-minded and willing to write on any topic that sparks his interests without depressing his spirit. He has a laid-back personality except when it comes to making deadlines – he won't be at ease until his written work is done.

When he is not writing for journalism courses, Scullion hauls away people's unwanted goods for 1-800-GOT-JUNK?, a full-service junk removal company founded by a Canadian college student. The company is ranked as the “No. 1 Best Company to Work For” by BC Business Magazine, according to their website, and Scullion does not disagree.

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“It’s mindless physical labor but it pays well,” he said. “I have moved every item imaginable from literally hundreds of couches to boats to medieval weaponry.”

Born and raised in Virginia Beach, Scullion is a graduate of Cape Henry Collegiate School, an independent, college-preparatory school with a challenging curriculum. Will Scullion is very independent, he says. This is a common trait among Cape Henry Collegiate School students, said Head of School Dr. John P. Lewis. It was during his days at Cape Henry Collegiate that he made one of his most worthy accomplishments: achieving the highest score on the Virginia State Economics Challenge test, a record he still holds.

“No one was more surprised than me when I did so well,” Scullion said.

Another of Scullion’s most admirable accomplishments during his years at Cape Henry Collegiate was conquering a difficult subject: reading music.

“I’m dyslexic and learning to read music was nearly impossible,” he said.

Despite an unsupportive teacher who encouraged him to give up, Scullion learned to play both the trombone and tuba decently.

“I felt like if I quit that I’d be letting him win so I stuck with it and actually became pretty good,” he said.

Scullion no longer plays either instrument, but did enjoy the time he played.

A born music lover, he prefers listening over playing tunes now. He is not picky, either – with over 700 songs on his laptop, he has a variety of musical tastes, ranging from country to rock to hip-hop to Irish folk. Listening to music is, after all, one of his favorite pastimes.

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Scullion's other hobbies include watching his favorite television show "Scrubs," playing video games, snowboarding in the winter and playing golf in the summer. Scullion particularly likes to play games on PS2 and his favorite game is Guitar Hero. The game features a guitar-shaped controller to simulate the playing of rock music hits, like "Iron Man" by Black Sabbath and "Spanish Castle Magic" by Jimi Hendrix.

It is no surprise that crab is Scullion's favorite food, living only a few miles away from the Atlantic Ocean; shecrab soup, crab legs, crab dip, you name it. There is one preparation, however, that he is most fond of: crab cakes.

"I do like crab anything," Scullion said, "...but I happen to believe that crab cakes are particularly divine."

When not indulging in sweet lump crab cakes or doing any of the aforementioned, Scullion runs a couple of miles every morning to stay active and clear his mind.

To deal with stress, he either reads or watches television.

Scullion is proud to have made it to his senior year and is looking forward to making a lasting impression at Mason.