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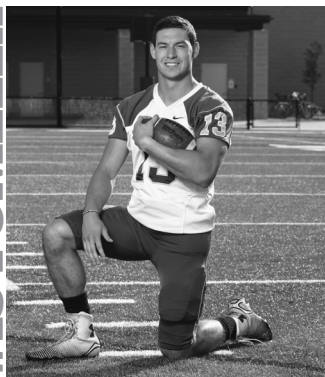
ALEX WAY '16, MARK POMELLA '16, JOHNNY BOND '16, MATTHEW JEWETT '16

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For senior tight end **ALEX WAY**, deciding to come to Williams wasn't such a difficult decision. NESCAC athletics is a very attractive option for prospective student-athletes all over the world. Needless to say, it's hard getting recruited to play NESCAC athletics. However, Way, and the majority of his teammates completed the tall task of getting recruited to play at a NESCAC school. Even more impressive, Way was recruited by Williams, the highest-ranked school in the conference. In high school, Way was realistic about his potential college fit.

"Coming out of high school I was well aware I wasn't some big Division 1 prospect so I decided to try and maximize my academic opportunities using football recruiting to achieve that. As a Massachusetts native, I was aware of the NESCAC and their academic prowess. I attended the one-day recruiting camp at both Williams and Amherst in one weekend in the summer leading up to my senior year of high school. I loved Coach Kelton from the time I met him and ironically enough left the Amherst camp the very next day at lunchtime," noted Way.

Coming off a 22 reception, 183 yards season in 2014, Way looks to continue his success, catching passes from fellow senior, Austin Lommen.

Williams football is a fraternity in and of itself. Each year's brotherhood of players has been going to war together since 1881. It's safe to say that senior quarterback/wide receiver **MARK POMELLA** cherishes the fraternity he has with fellow teammates, especially the time he spent in old Wood House for a year with seniors, Johnny Bond, and Alex Way. Wood House, and specifically the basement floor Pomella remembers so well, was a fraternity house back in the early mid-1900s. Since then, close-knit groups have experienced great times bonding in that house.

"I really enjoyed living there for a year with my closest friends. It wasn't the most conducive environment for work, but we had a lot of good times hanging out there," said Pomella.

The basement floor of Wood House may be Pomella's favorite spot on campus, but the Red Herring isn't too far behind. In addition to Driscoll dining hall, the Olde Forge in Lanesboro, and the Purple Pub, the Red Herring is a sure spot to find Pomella indulging in local food on any occasion.

Hopefully for Pomella and the gang, the bonding that took place in Wood House will translate over to unprecedented chemistry on Farley-Lamb field this fall.

Stifling opposing offenses and pummeling running backs are enjoyable to senior linebacker **JOHNNY BOND**. Perhaps equally enjoyable for Bond is performing in his rock and roll band, Southbound Mama, with teammates James Howe and Rusty Monyette. The three Ephs are southern products, hence their band name; Bond and Howe hail from North Carolina while Monyette is a Peach State native.

"We originally started [Southbound Mama] the fall of my sophomore year and we've been rockin' and rolling ever since. The one memory that really stands out is when we played a show at the [Red] Herring and eventually brought the house down with "Like a Rolling Stone" for the encore. All of my friends were at the show and for the last song Mark [Pomella] joined us on stage, showcasing his harmonica skills. Honestly, it was just one of the most fun Williamstown nights I can remember," said Bond.

Clearly, Southbound Mama has done some big things during its existence, much like Bond's Williams football career. There's no better combination than football players and southern rock n' roll. As aforementioned, that night was one of the best for Bond. However, a win against Amherst on November 14th might be equally special.

MATTHEW JEWETT, a 6'3" offensive lineman from Rumson, NJ was drawn to Williams for its elite academic reputation. In particular, the wide-ranging alumni network was a major selling point. Combine the world-class education with the opportunity to continue his athletic career at the collegiate level and Jewett was sold on Williams. "When it comes to success here, the sky is the limit. Williams affords its students the resources to accomplish whatever it is that they put their minds to. This applies to a broad spectrum of interests that students from a diverse set of backgrounds are passionate about," said Jewett. "The liberal arts education has helped me think outside of the traditional academic setting and has given me an experience that would be otherwise hard to find."

The Economics major plans to work in finance after graduation. But before he can even think of applying the skills he's acquired at Williams to his career, Jewett will worry about protecting Austin Lommen and Mark Pomella in addition to opening up holes in the run game. He will lead a veteran group of offensive lineman as the Ephs hope to improve their offensive production.