

Elm Tips: Story Ideas

1. **Look Around.** Study bulletin boards and other places where public notices are posted.
2. **Ask questions.** Talk to your friends and classmates: What would they like to read about in the newspaper? What are they concerned about, frustrated about? What would they like to know more about?
3. **Eavesdrop.** Listen to people talk in line at the dining hall, the bookstore, common rooms.
4. **Read your emails.** Even if you're not interested in an announcement a staff or faculty member sends out, someone probably is.
5. **Read, read, read.** Newspapers, magazines, newsletters, fliers. Read news sources other than the Elm: the Kent County News, the Washington Post, NPR.
6. **Check Facebook and Twitter.**
7. **Check the Washington College website.** Are there any new press releases out? Has anyone published a new book or article recently?
8. **Look around.** Check for changes on campus, things that stand out, long lines, new businesses, for sale signs.