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AROUND THE WREN



The College formally welcomed new President Gene R. Nichol and new Chancellor Sandra Day O'Connor on April 7.

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'Lifting Our Sights Higher'

Sandra Day O'Connor and Gene R. Nichol were officially installed as chancellor and president, respectively, on April 7 while approximately 4,500 people gathered in the courtyard of the Sir Christopher Wren Building to watch.

O'Connor, former associate justice of the U.S. Supreme Court who became the College's 23rd chancellor, called on her new colleagues at the university to participate in paving the way toward a world of greater peace and security.

"Our nation is one built on pride and sacrifice and commitment to shared values, on a willingness of our citizens to give time and energy for the good of the whole," she said. Acknowledging that public service can be both difficult and rewarding, she urged members of the university to focus "energies on sharing ideas, on finding solutions and using what is right with America to remedy what is wrong with it."

"As you students at this College embark on your lives, I hope you will be bridge builders," she said. "Our nation needs you, and those who cross the bridges you will build will thank you."

In his remarks, Nichol, who was inaugurated as the 26th president of the College, also acknowledged the storied past of the university while suggesting the necessity of "lifting our sights higher."

"The College of William and Mary is venerable, beloved and inspiring. It is also hungry and unsatisfied," he said. Nichol promised that during his tenure as president the College would become more open in terms of admissions to those who have not enjoyed "economic privilege"; that it would work toward more racial diversity not only of the student body but among faculty, professional staff and senior administration; that it would further engage the "global community" and



Top left: President Gene R. Nichol officially joins the William and Mary community. Bottom left: O'Connor relished the opportunity to have one-on-one chats with a succession of students. Below: "These are times of tremendous changes," Chancellor O'Connor told the assembled crowd.



that it would foster a culture of undergraduate research while retaining the "heart" of a small-scale liberal-arts program.

"Now it is our turn to answer the call of history," he said. "The trumpet sounds. The bell tolls. This College — this compelling gift from one generation to the next — was founded to place the mightiest tools of intellect in the fullest service to a people. That large work remains our own."

The dual ceremonies opened with a procession of dignitaries representing more than 100 universities, including Oxford, Harvard, Yale and Princeton, who filed along the brick sidewalk leading to the Wren's portico

as tribute to the place held in academe by the College. Welcoming remarks were made by a succession of speakers, including James Beers, acting as President of the College's Faculty Assembly, Thomas K. Norment Jr., a state senator representing the Commonwealth, and John T. Casteen III, president of the University of Virginia representing Virginia institutions of higher learning.

In addition, a series of greetings were offered by Walter W. Stout III '64 on behalf of the College's 72,000 alumni, by Kimberley L. Phillips, Frances L. and Edwin L. Cummings Associate Professor of History on behalf of the College's faculty, by Ann Repeta, presi-

dent of the Hourly and Classified Employees Association on behalf of staff, and by Ryan M. Scofield '07 on behalf of students.

Overall, however, those who spoke concentrated on the serious matter of how William and Mary can extend its tradition of leadership into the future. Perhaps no one voiced that challenge more eloquently than did Casteen, who said, "Ultimately no American institution can claim to be more fundamental to the nation's existence and identity than this College is, and no position within our system of higher education exercises greater moral and public authority than does the one to which President Nichol ascends in a formal way today. Today and today's issues may not seem to be those of 1776, and yet this College and its new leader have the opportunity now and in the future to make a mark on this nation that is as profound as the mark the College made at the time of the nation's founding."

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Charter Day Recasts Spotlight on Jefferson

The College of William and Mary proudly claims Thomas Jefferson as one of its own — an alumnus who continues to inspire current leaders. During the Charter Day celebration on Feb. 11, Jefferson factored prominently into the remarks made by College President Gene R. Nichol and Virginia's recently inaugurated 70th governor, Timothy M. Kaine, who received an honorary doctor of law degree during the ceremony and was the keynote speaker.

The first governor of Virginia to be inaugurated in Williamsburg since Jefferson in 1779, Kaine affirmed to an audience filling every seat in Phi Beta Kappa Hall that he would be committed to preserving and improving the quality of education in Virginia.

"Education is the single most important domestic public priority," he said. "Each governor, each legislator, each college president, each member of an alumni association has to protect the good we have, and seek to extend and improve it."

Kaine cited three essential values of public universities in Virginia that he will strive to uphold: meeting the obligations for funding, protecting the diversity of the many different schools and programs offered in Virginia, and never forgetting that higher education is a public good.

"Jefferson saw and cemented the connection between individual education and pub-

lic progress long before we had the Internet, computers or the insightful news commentary of your alumnus Jon Stewart ['84, D.A. '04]," concluded Kaine.

Nichol, who joked during the ceremony that Kaine, a graduate of Harvard Law School, would finally be receiving a real law degree during Charter Day, also underscored a sense of obligation, one that dated back to the charter that established the College.

"I think it's vital and ennobling to consider our charter — our mandate — our institutional description of purpose," said Nichol. "Especially here, this morning, in the company of a new governor, assembled in community, mindful of a storied past, optimistic of a bold future."

Nichol asked the audience to consider what James Blair, the first president of William and Mary, and other founders of the College might have expected of its caretakers 313 years after the charter was established.

"What would we promise to one another, to the Commonwealth, to the nation, to those who will come after us, to those who have gone before?" said Nichol. "How might we think of a chartered compact today?"

"Would we pledge to continue this institution's unique trajectory to greatness?... Would we also embrace, and enthusiastically claim, our call to public obligation?"

The answer — undeniably — would be yes.

— *John T. Wallace*

[AWARDS]

HONORARY DEGREES:

Timothy M. Kaine, *Doctor of Law*

Shirley Ann Jackson, *Doctor of Humane Letters*

Virginia "Dinny" Forwood Wetter '40, *Doctor of Public Service*

THOMAS JEFFERSON AWARDS:

Roy R. Charles Center Director **Joel D.**

Schwartz was presented the Thomas Jefferson Award, the highest faculty honor, in appreciation of his personal activities, influence and leadership exhibited during his 25 years at the College.

Associate Professor of Marine Science

Elizabeth A. Canuel received the Thomas Jefferson Teaching Award, which is awarded annually to a younger teaching member of the College community who has demonstrated the inspiration and stimulation of learning to the betterment of the individual and society as exemplified by Thomas Jefferson.

Paul A. Smith '06, a math major at the College, was awarded the Thomas Jefferson Prize in Natural Philosophy, presented annually to recognize excellence in the sciences in honor of the relationship between Thomas Jefferson and his math tutor, Professor William Small.

JAMES MONROE PRIZE IN CIVIC LEADERSHIP:

Catherine Schwenkler '06 received the James Monroe Prize in Civic Leadership for community service efforts that included implementing, organizing and raising funds for a twice-annual student trip to Reynosa, Mexico, to help build housing for deserving families. Closer to campus, Schwenkler has worked with several local schools and aid organizations to establish an English as a second language class for Latino immigrants, both adults and children.



Virginia's new governor, Timothy M. Kaine, spoke at Charter Day on Feb. 11. He was presented with an honorary doctorate of law.

Mason School of Business Names New Building

The Mason School of Business' new building will be named for health-care management entrepreneur Alan B. Miller '58 in honor of his generous support to William and Mary.

Miller joined Gene R. Nichol, president of the College, and Lawrence B. Pulley '74, dean of the business school, at Independence Visitor Center in Philadelphia, Pa., on March 16 for the surprise announcement during a business school alumni event.

To be constructed at the corner of Jamestown Road and Campus Drive, Alan B. Miller Hall will provide approximately 160,000 square feet of space consisting of state-of-the-art facilities for instruction, student activities, faculty offices, visiting scholars, research and other purposes.

"I have seen firsthand the impact new facilities can have on a university — especially its professional schools," said Nichol. "This new building will give our Mason School of Business much-needed space and enable the faculty and student interactions that drive great academic enterprises."

Exact cost figures will not be available

until the end of the planning process; funding will come from private and university sources. The amount of Miller's gift was not announced by mutual agreement between Miller and College officials.

Miller, a resident of Philadelphia, is chairman and president of Universal Health Services Inc. (UHS), which he founded in 1978. UHS is one of the largest hospital manage-



Alan B. Miller '58

ment companies in the nation, operating 100 facilities in 22 states, Washington, D.C., and Puerto Rico. Net revenues of the company are approximately \$4.5 billion annually.

"William and Mary is a special place and has had a lasting influence on me," said Miller, who has long been a supporter of the arts and education. "I am honored to help launch the next generation of future business leaders at my alma mater."

He served as a trustee of the William and Mary Endowment Association and is a life member of the College's President's Council. In 1999 he received the William and Mary Alumni Medallion, the College's highest alumni award. As a student, Miller played on the College's basketball team.

Miller also holds an M.B.A. from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania, where he serves on the Board of Overseers. In 1992 he was awarded an honorary doctorate degree from the University of South Carolina and received the George Washington University President's Medal in 2002.

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College Breaks Ground for Integrated Science Center

Groundbreaking ceremonies were held Feb. 10 for William and Mary's new Integrated Science Center, the first phase in the development of a science precinct at the College.

The project includes construction of a new building and renovation of adjoining Rogers Hall, creating new labs and offices for the departments of biology, chemistry and psychology. Instead of the usual ceremonial hard hat and shovel, banners representing the biology, psychology and chemistry departments were planted in the ground by department chairs Paul Heideman (biology), Constance Pilkington (psychology) and Gary Rice (chemistry).

The design of the Integrated Science Center will facilitate collaborative work on complex problems involving faculty from a wide variety of disciplines. The lab space is engineered to be flexible, adaptable and capable of quick reconfiguration to accommodate a succession of complex research challenges.

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**Hunter Andrews
Fellow Announced**

Journalist, editor and author Walter Isaacson has been named the

2006 Hunter B. Andrews Fellow in American Politics at William and Mary. The fellowship, in its sixth year, honors the late Virginia senator for whom it is named and brings notable journalists, politicians and academicians to campus each year to interact with students and faculty.

Isaacson began his journalism career at the *Sunday Times of London* and then the New Orleans, La., *Times-Picayune/States-Item*. In 1978 he joined *Time* magazine as a political correspondent, moving quickly through the editorial ranks to become national editor and editor of new media and then the magazine's 14th managing editor in 1996. Isaacson later became chairman and CEO of CNN before assuming his current position as president and CEO of the Aspen Institute.


**Van Dover Named
'Outstanding
Scientist'**

Cindy Lee Van Dover, associate professor of

biology, was named as one of two Outstanding Scientists in the state by Virginia Gov. Timothy M. Kaine and Walter R.T. Witschey, director of the Science Museum of Virginia.

Van Dover, the only woman ever certified to pilot the deep-sea submersible *Alvin*, has led nine major expeditions to deep-sea vents. A marine biologist by trade, she came to William and Mary in 1998 and holds a Ph.D. in biological oceanography from the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution/Massachusetts Institute of Technology Joint Program. In January and February 2006, she compiled and produced a series of programs showcasing the ongoing

study of ecological systems in Antarctica. She transmitted the programs over the Internet as a podcast called "Via Antarctica."

**Three Receive State's
Top Faculty Award**

Melvin Patrick Ely, Newton Family Professor of History; Margaret Saha, Class of 2008 Professor of Biology; and David Lutzer, Chancellor Professor of Mathematics, were among 15 recipients of the 2006 Virginia Outstanding Faculty Awards administered by the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia. This is the highest honor the state awards to its college and university professors.

William and Mary is one of two institutions in the state to have three faculty members recognized. Since the annual awards program began 20 years ago, 29 faculty members at William and Mary have received the honor — the most of any college or university in the state.

New BOV Member Appointed

The Honorable John Charles Thomas, a Richmond, Va., attorney and former justice of the Supreme Court of Virginia, has been appointed by Virginia Gov. Timothy M. Kaine to serve on the Board of Visitors of the College of William and Mary. He will fill out the unexpired term of former Delegate James Dillard.

Thomas, the first African-American to serve on the Virginia Supreme Court, was appointed to the post by Gov. Charles S. Robb. He is currently a partner with Hunton & Williams, an international legal firm headquartered in Richmond.

The new board member earned a B.A. from the University of Virginia in 1972, and a J.D. from the University of Virginia School of Law in 1975.

Thomas's appointment — which must be approved by the Virginia General Assembly — will run through June 30, 2009.

College Admits More Minority Students for 2006

The College has admitted 37 percent more African-American, Latino and Native American students to next fall's incoming class than it admitted last fall.

"William and Mary is committed to preparing students to live, work and contribute in a meaningful way to a world that is culturally more diverse than ever before," said Earl T. Granger III '92, M.Ed. '98, the College's new associate provost for enrollment. "It is imperative that this campus provide the academic environment, co-curricular experience, and class composition that broadens, strengthens and challenges how we think about each other, and more importantly, relate to one another."

The College's Office of Undergraduate Admission this year received a record number of applications (10,717). The middle 50th percentile on the SAT for students admitted for the fall of 2005 was 1310-1470, which is identical to the middle 50th percentile on the combined SAT math and critical reading scores for students admitted this year. William and Mary expects to enroll an entering class of approximately 1,350 students this fall. Among this year's admitted students, the number of African-Americans admitted increased 27 percent; the number of Latinos admitted increased 46 percent; and the number of Native Americans admitted increased 58 percent from the previous year.

Admission officials credited this year's significant increase to targeted outreach efforts and on-campus programs.

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