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Scott Foster '10

Bridging Town and Gown in Williamsburg

Scott Foster '10 Becomes the First Student to Win a Seat on City Council ~ ERIN ZAGURSKY

Graduating senior Scott Foster '10 was elected to the Williamsburg City Council on May 4, becoming the first William and Mary student ever to win a seat on the council. The 22-year-old said his win was a victory for town and gown relationships. ~ "Today, the people of Williamsburg demonstrated that our city is truly unified," Foster said on election night. "When I decided to run for City Council, I hoped to receive the student vote. Now, I have been additionally honored and humbled to have received such strong support from across our city." ~ Foster received 1,559 votes in the election, 741 more votes than the next finisher, Planning Commission Chairman Doug Pons, who also earned a seat on the council. Five candidates, including one incumbent, ran for the two open positions. According to Foster's campaign, approximately 67 percent of his votes came from students and the remaining votes came from residents. ~ "This is not just a victory for me," said Foster, a government major who graduated May 16. "This is a victory for Williamsburg, a victory for the William and Mary community, and a triumph for town-gown relations. I look forward to being a strong voice for the entire community over the next four years." ~ The election is an historic event for the College and the Williamsburg community, William and Mary President Taylor Reveley said. ~ "This is a significant moment in our life together in Williamsburg," he said. "The College is a vibrant and vital part of the city. In my view, it's important to have a graduating W&M senior join the council, especially one with the civility and good sense that Scott Foster brings to the table. I offer my hearty congratulations to Scott as well as to Doug Pons. I look forward to working with both of them." ~ Foster benefited from a coordinated get-out-the-vote campaign by William and Mary students. Earlier this year, student

organizations, including the Student Assembly, worked to encourage students to vote in the election through a series of registration efforts. Approximately 300 students registered this year as a result of the drive. More than 2,100 students are registered to vote in the city of Williamsburg and early estimates indicated that roughly 50 percent of registered students voted in the election.

On election day, the Student Assembly provided transportation for students between the Sadler Center and the Stryker Building voting location. Sarah Rojas '10, outgoing president of the assembly, also sent an e-mail to the College's students, encouraging them to vote in the election.

While it's not unheard of for students to be elected to city council seats in university towns, "it's pretty unusual," said John

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McGlennon, chair of the government department and a political scholar.

"Students were elected to city council in Madison, Wis., in the late 1960s or early '70s for the first time; I think Berkeley has had some student representatives, but it's rare for William and Mary to be mentioned in the same breath politically as those two cities," said McGlennon, who also serves on the James City County Board of Supervisors.

Much of Foster's campaign was run by students who utilized a website and social media outlets such as Twitter, Facebook, Flickr and

YouTube. Foster also spent a good deal of time meeting city residents.

"This unexpected, but welcome, outcome is the product of five months of hard work and dedication from dozens of volunteers and supporters throughout the campus and city," said Foster.

Foster, who is from Highland County, Va., majored in government at the College.

He served as senior co-chair of the student conduct council at the College. He plans on attending William and Mary Law School in 2011.

[NEWSBRIEFS]

W&M Takes Over Jeopardy!

Two members of the William and Mary community recently competed on the TV game show *Jeopardy!* **Patrick Tucker**, a public policy graduate student, recently finished competing in the popular game show's "Tournament of Champions," which broadcast in May. He received a bid into the tournament after being crowned the *Jeopardy!* college champion last year while



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attending the University of Notre Dame.

Colleen Kennedy, an associate professor of English at the College, tried her hand on a round of *Jeopardy!* for the first time earlier this year. Kennedy's

show, a regular round of the hit game show, aired May 26.

While Tucker did not advance past the first round of the champions tournament, he said it has been a great experience to take part in *Jeopardy!* — not to mention the more than \$100,000 he won last year during his appearance on the game show as part of the college-level tournament.

Professors Team Up to Teach Law and Economics Courses

A pair of professors at William and Mary recently teamed up to teach two classes in an interdisciplinary experiment involving the College's law school and its economics department. **Alan Meese '86**, Ball Professor of Law,



Meese '86

and **Sarah Stafford**, the Paul Verkuil Associate Professor of Public Policy and Economics, co-taught two courses during the fall 2009 semester. Both courses were titled "Economic Analyses of the Law," but one was taught to graduate students at the William and Mary Law School and one was taught to undergraduates in the College's economics department. "This collaboration between profes-



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sors across schools is an excellent example of the College's commitment to interdisciplinary work and aligns fully with our strategic plan in this arena," said Provost Michael Halleran.

BOV Extends Reveley's Contract

The William and Mary Board of Visitors unanimously approved a resolution May 16 extending the contract of President Taylor Reveley through June 2013. Reveley's extended three-year contract is effective July 1, 2010. Reveley oversaw the College's most successful private fundraising year ever in 2008-09, when William and Mary topped \$50 million. In addition, he steered the College through the speed bumps of the national economic crisis, including a reduction of 32 percent (or \$16.7 million) in state operating dollars over the past two years. The president's salary remains at \$332,100 and his annual deferred compensation will continue to be \$62,000. He asked the Board not to increase his compensation until raises were possible for the rest of the College. Reveley served as dean of the William and Mary Law School from 1998-2008. Previously, he practiced law at Hunton and Williams for 28 years and is a trustee emeritus of Princeton University, where he served on the board for 14 years. He has served as William and Mary's 27th president since September 2008.

Class of 2010: Optimism Amidst Global Challenges

After taking one last walk across campus as students — through the historic Wren Building, down the brick pathways and across the Crim Dell Bridge — William and Mary's Class of 2010 joyously entered Kaplan Arena on May 16 for the Commencement ceremony.

Though their time at William and Mary may have seemed to go by quickly, they will almost certainly be affected by what they learned and experienced at the university for many years to come, said Commencement speaker Christina Romer '81, D.P.S. '10.

"What I learned in those four years changed my life forever," said Romer, one of the country's top economists and chair of President Barack Obama's Council of Economic Advisers. [See story on page 41.]

"I am guessing that the same is true for many of you. One amazing class in a new subject, some special professor, an all-night discussion with a roommate, and you finally realize what you love and what you want to be when you grow up."

Romer received an honorary degree during the ceremony, along with former Secre-

tary of the Treasury Paul O'Neill and Annette Gordon-Reed, one of the country's leading presidential scholars and winner of a 2009 Pulitzer Prize.

The honorary degrees were presented by William and Mary Chancellor Sandra Day O'Connor and Rector Henry C. Wolf '64, J.D. '66. O'Connor received a standing ovation when she took the podium at the beginning of the ceremony to welcome graduates and the more than 10,000 family and friends in attendance.

"I have treasured my connection with this wonderful university," she said. "The more I see of it, the more I like it. This is truly a special university, especially in the quality and dedication of the faculty."

The chancellor added that if the graduates could work some public service into their lives, she would be "particularly proud" of them.

"Our nation needs help, and it needs help now," O'Connor said.

Public service is a mantle often taken up by William and Mary graduates, and this year's Commencement speaker is no exception. During her address, Romer spoke about the economic recovery work she's been involved in since joining the White House. The "Great Recession" is far from over, she said, and the administration needs support as it continues to address it. William and Mary's Class of 2010 will face many challenges — economic and other — as they enter the world, added Romer.

"But in talking to many of you and your professors, I feel a wonderful sense of optimism," she said. "You are coming to the workforce with a first-rate education and with the values born of hard times."

Along with Romer, Josh Goldman '10 spoke during the ceremony, saying that everyone at William and Mary shared the same sense of community, the same Tribe pride.

At the main event, Reveley provided closing remarks, remarking on the surge of Tribe pride that followed a successful athletics season, both on the field and in the classroom. The College's president also noted the Tribe pride that came as the result of the academic success of its students.

As the Class of 2010 prepared to leave



William and Mary Hall, Reveley reminded them that they will be "a vital and cherished part" of William and Mary for the rest of their lives.

"Relatively few colleges and universities will thrive amid the enormous competition and change that will confront higher education in this century," Reveley said. "One common characteristic of those schools that do thrive is going to be powerful alumni support. Without it, even once great schools will circle the drain. With it, their juggernauts will roll. It's our job, yours and mine, to ensure that William and Mary's juggernaut rolls."

—Brian Whitson, *W&M News*

[AWARDS]

Lord Botetourt Medal

Kira Allmann '10, double major in linguistics and government (4.0 GPA) and W&M's sixth Rhodes Scholar

James Frederic Carr Memorial Cup

Bailey Thomson '10, double major in Middle Eastern studies and government

The Thatcher Prize for Excellence

Brian Daugherty Ph.D. '10, history

Algernon Sydney Sullivan Awards

Jessica Kim '10, Lamar Shambley '10 and **David Hindman**, United Methodist campus minister

Thomas Ashley Graves Jr. Award

Joe Galano, associate professor of psychology, and **Kate Slevin**, Chancellor Professor of sociology

Charles Joseph Duke Jr. and Virginia Welton Duke Award

Thomasine Lewis, Marketplace staff member

W&M and St Andrews to Offer Joint Degree

The second-oldest institution of higher education in the United States and the oldest university in Scotland are joining forces to offer an undergraduate joint-degree program.

The joint degree program between the College of William and Mary and the University of St Andrews is one of the few of its kind in the world. Students will be able to enroll in the program starting in the fall of 2011, according to a resolution approved by the William and Mary Board of Visitors. Students will complete two years at each institution and earn a single diploma — a Bachelor of Arts, International Honours — with the insignias of both institutions.

“William and Mary began more than three centuries ago as a transatlantic experiment and today we move forward with another international initiative, a quintessentially 21st-century one,” said William and Mary President Taylor Reveley. “Our partnership with St Andrews has vast potential to enrich the lives of our students and better prepare them to lead in a global society.”

The St Andrews William and Mary Joint Degree Programme (SAWM) will include joint degrees in four fields — economics, English, history and international relations. The curriculum is designed to combine the breadth of a William and Mary liberal arts education with the specialization offered at St Andrews, which was founded in 1413 and is the oldest university in Scotland and the third-oldest in the English-speaking world.

This new partnership builds on the two institutions’ long and productive relationship. For at least 25 years, William and Mary and St Andrews have bridged the Atlantic Ocean through study abroad and student exchange programs. The idea for a joint degree partnership developed a few years ago during conversations between faculty and staff at both universities. For the past two years, officials have been working closely on finalizing the necessary details, including curriculum, fields of study, scholarship and research possibilities.

The program will initially enroll 20 students at each institution for the fall 2011



A view of the St Andrews campus.

semester, with an anticipated five students enrolled in each area of study. The students will spend their first year at their home school and the second year studying abroad at the host institution, officials said. The final two years of their studies would be split between the two institutions. Tuition will be equivalent to what it is for an out-of-state student, but financial aid and scholarships will be available.

“We want to combine our tried and true combination of a first-class liberal arts education and scholarship with the success of top-notch partners around the world,” said W&M Provost Michael R. Halleran. “St Andrews is a perfect fit for us and a natural place to begin as we seek to expand global relationships.”

—Brian Whitson, *W&M News*

College’s Lemon Initiatives: ‘A Model for Other Institutions’

In March 2010, Provost Michael Halleran appointed Kim Phillips, associate professor of history and American studies, and Robert Vinson, assistant professor of history and Africana studies, to serve as co-chairs of the Lemon Project Initiatives committee. Robert Eng, professor emeritus of history at the University of Pennsylvania, will continue to act as the consulting scholar on the Lemon Project as well as a committee member. The 32-person committee includes faculty, staff, students, alumni and members of the Greater Williamsburg community.

The William and Mary Board of Visitors passed a resolution in April 2009 and named the effort “The Lemon Project: A Journey of Reconciliation.” According to the resolution, this will be a long-term research project “to better understand, chronicle, and preserve the history of blacks at the College and in the community and to promote a deeper understanding of the indebtedness of the College to the work and support of its diverse neighbors.” The project is named after a slave once owned by the College.

“I hope that the College community will take seriously this history and the long impact of it,” says Phillips. “The reverberation of slavery and segregation are still felt today in lots of different ways. These aren’t distant pasts, but concerns that have consequences in the present and the future.”

Initial goals to research the College’s involvement with slavery from a historical perspective, says Vinson, have evolved to incorporate how



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William and Mary relates to the larger community now, how the university curriculum reflects the historical and present experiences of people of color and how the university supports faculty, staff and students of color today in real time.

“We will meet these goals through historical research, teaching and community outreach,” says Vinson. “Through the Lemon Initiatives, William and Mary will be a model for other collegiate institutions, especially in the South, as they too seek to come to terms with a past tainted by slavery and racism and face a future that must include all races equally.”

—Melissa V. Pinard

[WILLIAM AND MARY] BY THE NUMBERS

4 *U.S. News and World Report* ranked the College's graduate program in United States colonial history fourth among all programs in its field nationwide. Doctoral programs are only ranked every four years.

9 The William and Mary School of Education improved its *U.S. News and World Report* ranking by nine spots in April, moving from last year's 48th ranking to 39th place nationwide. The school was tied with the University of Georgia for the distinction.

25 In March, *BusinessWeek* ranked the Mason School of Business 25th among all U.S. undergraduate business programs. Among public universities, it ranked as the eighth-best in the country.

28 The William and Mary Law School was ranked 28th in the nation in the *U.S. News and World Report* list released in April. The law school was tied with Boston College, University of California–Davis, University of Georgia, University of North Carolina–Chapel Hill and the University of Wisconsin–Madison for its place on the list, which had not changed from the previous year.

636 Graduate degrees presented at Commencement exercises on May 16, combining the School of Arts and Sciences, Law School, Virginia Institute of Marine Science, School of Education and Mason School of Business.

1,246 Undergraduate degrees presented to the Class of 2010 at the ceremony in Kaplan Arena.

Board of Visitors Approves Tuition and Budget for 2010-II

In-state undergraduate tuition and fees at the College of William and Mary will increase by \$1,088, or 9.8 percent for the 2010-11 academic year, according to the budget adopted May 15 by the Board of Visitors. The total cost for in-state undergraduates — including tuition, fees, room and board — will increase next year by 6.5 percent to a total of \$20,872.

In a message to the campus community, President Taylor Reveley said the College continues to respond to the current economic downturn while protecting and enhancing the quality of a William and Mary education.

"The challenge before us is how to sustain this exceptional educational opportunity — and how to enable the university to remain a leader among liberal arts universities — even as taxpayer support for higher education declines," Reveley said.

The tuition increase follows a trend over the past two years that has seen William and Mary base state funding reduced by 32 percent, or \$16.7 million. In 1980, the commonwealth provided nearly 43 percent of the College's operating budget. That figure is now less than 14 percent and it is expected to drop to 12.5 percent in 2012.

In response, Reveley said, William and Mary has taken a number of actions to reduce costs, including eliminating positions,

restricting hiring and freezing salaries since November 2007.

Revenue generated from tuition increases will total \$7.8 million and go toward several pressing needs, including a significant increase in student financial aid, which will increase by 24 percent, or \$2.75 million, said Sam Jones, vice president for finance. Student financial aid at W&M has increased by 81 percent since 2007-08, said Jones.

Jones also said there are several additional expenses that are unavoidable in next year's budget. Additional operating costs, combined with increases in utility bills, will total nearly \$1.8 million. "The College is responsible for 100 percent of those new costs," he said.

The state is also requiring all public universities to create a salary reserve fund that will go toward possible bonuses for employees. The state has frozen salaries the past three years. If revenues improve, the commonwealth is expected to provide 35 percent of a 3 percent bonus for employees. The College will be required to pay the remaining 65 percent, or \$2 million, Jones said.

The remaining revenue will address increases in health insurance and critical staffing needs in emergency management, finance, development, information technology and the soon-to-be finished career center, officials said.



According to the 2010-11 budget adopted May 15, out-of-state undergraduates will pay a total (including room and board) of \$42,448, a 6.7 percent, or \$2,682, increase. Tuition and fees (alone) for out-of-state undergraduates will increase \$2,500 to \$33,764.

Tuition and fees in 2010-11 for in-state students in the College's graduate and professional programs are as follows: graduate arts and sciences, education and marine science will increase \$254 to \$10,768; law will increase \$1,854 to \$23,800; and business will increase \$2,200 to \$25,000.

Tuition and fees for out-of-state graduate students will increase as follows: graduate arts and sciences, education and marine science will increase \$434 to \$24,638; law will increase \$1,654 to \$33,800; and business will increase \$1,700 to \$36,500.

—Brian Whitson, *W&M News*