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ON THE COVER: President Reveley sits in the Great Hall of the Wren Building with an iconic William and Mary window in the background.

COVER PHOTO BY MARK MITCHELL

MAILBOX

MEMORIES IN PHOTOS

In reading the Spring '08 issue of the *Alumni Magazine*, I found one article of special interest — “The People Behind the Buildings.”

I do have information on Mrs. Brown as she was a relative of my husband.

Her name was Jane Margaret Winfree and she married Edward Spencer Brown in 1845.

I am sending a copy of her obituary for your files. It contains much information on her interest in missionary work and I hope you will add it to your archives.

MARGARET DOERING COLEMAN '45
Forest, Va.

GOING GREEN WISELY

Updating the College's physical plant (“Going Green,” Fall 2008) is commendable. It should continue, but for the right reasons. It seems we are serving up a large dose of hubris if we expect “to stave off the global climate crisis,” an objective of the program.

Climate change is real. It has been around since Earth was created. The question is, “How much is due to our activities?” “True believers” like Barack Obama and John McCain say, “All of it.” That is an extraordinary claim and a political, not a scientific statement.

We recall the Age of Dinosaurs (very warm) and the Great Ice Age (very cold); neither involved man's activities. Scientists have identified four recent periods of warming and cooling starting circa 200 B.C. The last

cool period (the Little Ice Age) stretched from circa 1350 until circa 1850. During this period, grain crops in Europe failed. There was starvation, dislocation and agricultural, political and economic implications. Earth has been recovering since. Human activity had nothing to do with any of this.

Earth's climate is extraordinarily complex. Models used to predict future conditions are human constructs, dependent on multiple factors, some of which are difficult to measure. Tying public policy to such models is risky. For example, the climate scare of the 1970s was a “scientific consensus” predicting a coming ice age that would devastate civilization in the Northern Hemisphere. I'm still waiting. Imagine if we'd spent enormous sums to prevent “global cooling.” Models have improved, but are still unreliable.

Realistic environmentalists believe in climate change but are skeptical of investing massive near-term resources to prevent an improbable outcome. Implementing every element of Kyoto with full compliance by all (an impossibility) would do little, if anything, to prevent climate change. Yet it would severely impact America's economy and our human condition. We would rob ourselves of resources to ameliorate many known human conditions and to deal with future environ-



mental concerns. In short, they say, we should not base our future on the least probable outcome. These views are not well received, including by “true believers.”

The idea of manmade climate change supports everything from research grants to political control.

Should the proposition

shift from man to the sun as the cause, grants would dry up, careers lost, politicians rebutted and their power diluted, and whole industries destroyed. Many will avoid that situation, even at the expense of science, rationality and our economy.

Should research continue? Certainly. Should we be prudent about carbon emissions and be good stewards of the environment? Yes. However, it is irresponsible to take extreme steps to stop something we are likely powerless to prevent, steps which would damage the economy and restrain freedom.

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Our Three Goals

While the College is crafting a strategic plan this year, you might be interested in knowing that the Alumni Association has its own set of strategic goals which inform our programs, budget, and long-term planning.

Our first goal is to establish lasting connections with all alumni and the College. The Alumni Association hosts special events for students to welcome them to the Alumni House and make them feel a part of our community. From the Freshman Ice Cream Social to Senior Spring Day and the pinning ceremony at graduation, each class is invited to the Alumni House at least once each year so that they feel part of the Tribe.

In addition, young alumni have their own Young Guard Weekend in the spring to bring them back to William and Mary for a special time together. The Young Guard (graduates of five years or less) and the Olde Guard (graduates of 50 years or more) have their own representatives on the Alumni Association Board. The 50th Reunion and Olde Guard Weekend is a memorable gathering full of activities and fun.

Our system of alumni chapters around the country, 26 at present, is a way to connect alums with the College and with each other through programs planned by the local leadership. These chapters also serve as an introduction to the College for entering freshmen, and many also raise funds for book scholarships for students.

The Alumni Association has a wide-ranging travel program for alumni and friends, which brings together all ages and interests and creates unexpected bonds as travelers see each other on future trips. There is even a new Young Alumni travel program focusing on lower cost trips of interest to a younger demographic. Currently under discussion is an Alumni College program here on campus, similar to Elderhostel.

Our second strategic goal is to enhance recognition by the College and alumni as the "Voice of Alumni." Having a new Web site



connected to the College's site, as well as two versions of the *eConnection* (one for younger alums), and once again publishing four issues of the *Alumni Magazine* each year are ways to get out our message. The Alumni Association has a new liaison with former Board members; Linda Beerbower Burke '70, a former Board member and Alumni Medallion recipient, is now the point person to make sure that this valuable resource is informed and involved in a more formal way.

Our third goal is to develop infrastructures that best support our plans and goals. Almost half of the Association's operating funds come from the College, with the Alumni Leadership Fund being our only direct fundraising appeal. At times we have had gracious supporters who have funded new initiatives, but the Alumni Association must seek its own permanent funding. Funds raised from House rentals, the gift shop, the brick program, and fees from programs like Homecoming or the travel program help the Association to be more self-supporting. We have partnerships with local hotels, florists and catering businesses, and national partnerships with Bank of America and Geico.

I hope this column has helped you to understand what the Alumni Association is about. I encourage you to join your local chapter; get involved with the College, and be an active member of the Tribe. As part of the William and Mary family, we have been given a special treasure and it is up to us to take care of it and pass it on to future generations.

BETSY CALVO ANDERSON '70

President

William and Mary Alumni Association

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AROUND THE WREN



Below: A joint session of the Virginia General Assembly. Facing significant projected budget shortfalls, the Virginia state government is asking numerous state organizations, including William and Mary, for dramatic reductions in operating expenses.

College Faces Budget Pressure From State

Reveley Holds Campus Forum on State Budget Reductions ~ BRIAN WHITSON, W&M News

The good news is the College administration expected significant reductions in the amount of state support William and Mary receives and began preparing weeks ago. The bad news is that a reduction of \$3.4 million — the amount Gov. Tim Kaine recommended last month as part of his plan to close the nearly \$1 billion spending gap in the state budget — will impact everyone at the College. And that's not factoring in the currently unknown amount of reductions the state will impose in fiscal year 2010. ~ William and Mary President W. Taylor Reveley III and Vice President for Finance Sam Jones hosted a campus forum Oct. 30 on pending reductions in state budget dollars with more than 150 faculty, staff and students in attendance. ~ "This is a worldwide financial crisis so we are not alone," Reveley said. "But this will come to an end and we will emerge from it — as will the United States and the commonwealth — in good shape. The great question is, how long will this global crisis continue, and right now nobody knows." ~ In early October, Kaine announced a series of proposed reductions to the budgets of state agencies across the commonwealth, including his own office and public colleges and universities. William and Mary's proposed reductions total 7 percent of the \$52.2 million in state dollars previously appropriated for this fiscal year. The governor's proposal also defers all raises originally planned for December until at least July 2009. The priorities moving forward, Reveley said, were to protect the core academic mission of the College, protect people at William and Mary and protect need-based student financial aid. Reveley and Jones said they will not cut financial aid and a mid-year tuition increase is not likely. The president added that layoffs will not occur this year. ~ "I really don't think layoffs or firing people is an appropriate response to the current situation,

especially at a community as close-knit as ours,” Reveley said.

The College has been planning for this year’s cuts, which came on top of the \$2.7 million in reductions the state imposed on the College’s operating budget last year. Several weeks ago, the College asked departments on campus to plan for a 5 percent reduction in their operations and maintenance budgets. That has already provided an estimated \$1.2 million of the state cuts. The College has implemented other actions in reaction to the governor’s budget proposals, including a temporary hiring freeze. However, nearly 80 percent of the College’s general fund is made up in personal services, or people, Jones said.

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The biggest unknown right now, Jones said, is the amount of reductions the College will face in 2009-10. The governor is expected to announce a reduction proposal for next year in December but early indications are that the 7 percent cut is a base and not the ceiling, Jones said. For the current year reduction, Reveley said, the College will continue to work with the campus community and the Board of Visitors.

Reveley encouraged members of the campus community to continue to be engaged in the process. The ultimate, long-term answer, he added, is becoming less dependent on state support. That includes increasing the

amount of private support the College receives, finding ways to be more efficient and exploring any entrepreneurial

ideas that could raise additional funds, he said. However, he added, the current financial situation across the world will continue to make the coming year difficult.

“That is ultimately the basic answer — build the private foundation on which this university sits,” Reveley said. “We’ll be doing the best we can during this global financial crisis.”

[WILLIAM AND MARY] BY THE NUMBERS

2 The College recently received nearly \$2 million in grants to help prepare students to become science and math teachers in high-needs schools. A National Science Foundation grant for \$750,000 will establish the Noyce Scholars Program, and a \$1,172,507 grant from the Department of Education will establish the Teachers for a Competitive Tomorrow (TCT) Teaching Fellows Program. The TCT grant will support summer research and science teaching internships for 50 undergraduate students over five years. The grant will also go toward developing three new courses in an attempt to recruit more science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) majors into teaching.

2.5 H. Elizabeth “Bee” McLeod ’83, M.B.A. ’91, and her husband, J. Goodenow “Goody” Tyler III, of Norfolk, Va., have committed \$2.5 million to provide students, faculty and the greater community access to information through state-of-the-art library systems. McLeod and Tyler’s gift provides \$1.5 million to the Earl Gregg Swem Library — the largest gift in the library’s history — and \$1 million to the Mason School of Business. The business school’s future facility, Alan B. Miller Hall, will include library space named in honor of McLeod.

7,700 Construction of Miller Hall passed a significant milestone Oct. 10 when the building’s 7,700-pound, 28-foot high cupola was put into place. The state-of-the-art academic facility is scheduled to open for Mason School of Business students, faculty and staff in fall 2009. The \$75-million building, which is designed to achieve LEED certification as an environmentally friendly facility, is named after Alan B. Miller ’58.

The building’s cupola will serve as an important landmark and signal the building as the new western gateway for the campus. [See photo on page 9.]

40,000 William and Mary will soon deposit \$40,000 into the recently established “Green Endowment.” Over time, income generated from the Green Endowment will provide another source of funding for additional sustainability projects on campus including one-time \$16,000 expenditure for the current campus recycling effort; seed money in the amount of \$3,000 to support work on a solar cell array on the roof of Small Hall for research and development leading to additional grant support; \$15,000 for installation of occupancy sensors in Swem Library to increase efficiency of energy use and reduce waste, and \$3,000 for monitoring stations needed to study storm water runoff as part of an overall campus modeling and landscape management effort.

430,000 An interdisciplinary program dedicated to offering detailed, accessible information on the flow of international aid will receive some aid of its own in the form of nearly \$2 million in grants from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation. Based at the College of William and Mary, Project-Level Aid — also known as PLAID — has received just over \$1.4 million from the Gates Foundation and \$500,000 from the Hewlett Foundation. The funding will allow PLAID to extend the global scope of its work. To date, researchers have compiled and recoded more than 430,000 individual aid projects.

W&M Again Receives Top Rankings

The Executive MBA program at the Mason School of Business at the College of William and Mary has been named one of the best 100 programs in the world by the *Financial Times* in its global ranking of the world's best Executive MBA (EMBA) programs, published on Oct. 27. It is ranked 41st among U.S. schools; internationally it is 94th. The *Financial Times* surveys alumni who have been out for three years and measures career progression in terms of salary increase and career progress. Career progress is defined as the degree to which the alumni have moved up the career ladder since graduation. Progress is measured through changes in level of seniority and the size of company in which they are employed.

The Mason School also ranked 17th among all undergraduate accounting programs, according to the *Public Accounting Report's* 2008 annual survey of accounting professors. The Master of Accounting program, celebrating only its 10th birthday this year, tied for 27th. In the school-ranking section of the Annual Survey of Accounting Professors, accounting professors, depart-

ment heads and department chairs are asked to name the undergraduate and graduate accounting programs that consistently turn out students capable of attaining partner status.

The College also remains one of the country's best values in public colleges, according to the latest ranking by *Kiplinger's Personal Finance Magazine*. In its annual report, William and Mary ranks fifth among the magazine's top 100 public universities that combine "outstanding economic value with top-notch education." The rankings, which appear in the December 2008 issue of the magazine, are based on data collected from more than 500 public, four-year colleges and universities. Schools are ranked according to academic quality — using such factors as admission rates, freshmen retention rates, student-faculty ratios, graduation rates, cost and financial aid. William and Mary was ranked the fourth-best value among public universities last year.



The 28-foot high cupola is readied for installation atop Alan B. Miller Hall, the new home of the Mason School of Business.

And while magazines and newspapers think highly of the education from our fair school — as they should — it appears that our students also enjoy the top-ranked student-operated entertainment in the nation. The University Center Activities Board (UCAB) recently beat out over 50 other schools to win the Board of Excellence award at the National Association for Campus Activities South Conference. UCAB is a student-run organization that is responsible for planning a variety of events for the College, including concerts and comedy shows.

W&M Institute Issues Iraq Task Force Report

On Nov. 14, an independent task force of prominent U.S. security experts released its findings on the progress of institutional reforms in reducing sectarian violence and corruption in Iraq's Ministry of Interior (MOI), an organization of approximately 500,000 personnel throughout the country.

The task force, under the auspices of the Institute for the Theory and Practice of International Relations at the College of William and Mary, was granted full access to the MOI for its research. The report

was developed from personal interviews with MOI officials and data, including the review of strategic plans, budget and administrative data, management objectives and other institutional reforms.

The report finds that "the Iraqi Ministry of Interior has turned an important corner in how it operates," while also noting that "the Ministry has not yet solved all of these problems." The reform efforts underway at the MOI come as the Ministry "finds itself as a leading element in the effort to stabilize the country in the throes of an insurgency."

The MOI coordinates a variety of police and security-related forces, including the Iraqi Police Service, the National Police, the Department of Border Enforcement and the National Information and Investigations Agency.

The task force was led by Matt Sherman, who has served more than three years in Iraq since 2003. His first two years were spent working with the Ministry of Interior, where he personally advised four separate ministers. The report was edited by Ambassador Mitchell Reiss, vice provost for international affairs at the College. He served as director of policy planning in the U.S. State Department and the President's special envoy to the Northern Ireland peace process.

— W&M News



Left: Mitchell Reiss, vice provost for international relations and editor of the Institute's report. Right: Students and professors at the Institute for the Theory and Practice of International Relations at the College of William and Mary.

Reaching Out Via Facebook, YouTube

As William and Mary looks forward to the next decade, the College's departments have continued to embrace new technology to reach students, both current and future.

The registrar's office has begun using a Facebook page to communicate deadlines and information to students, where previously they had only used e-mail.

"We decided to meet our students where they are — in cyberland," said Sallie Marchello, registrar for the College. The new page allows students to become "fans" and learn about the office's services and staff.

Across campus, the office of undergraduate admissions completed a first in the world of college applications: supplanting the tired old essay topic with an energetic video prompt. Instead of the dreaded "personal statement" some colleges request, the William and Mary video shows the admissions staff cutting loose in a conga line, all while explaining the kinds of things the committee looks for in a student.

The introduction reads: "We know that nobody fits neatly into 500 words or less, but you can provide us with some suggestion of The Type of Person You Are. Anything goes — inspire us, impress us or just make us laugh."



A still from the Admission video.

"We wanted to inject a sense of whimsy into a process that can be an enormous source of stress," said Dean of Admission Henry Broadus, who wrote the video screenplay. "Ideally, applying to college should feel more like an opportunity for self-expression than it does like entering a painful competition."

The video is available on YouTube and at www.henrybroadus.com/Misc/Video_Pro_mpt.html.

— Ben Kennedy '05 with W&M News

[NEWSBRIEFS]

Graves named to leading fisheries panel
Professor John Graves of the Virginia Institute of Marine Science has been named to the Department of Commerce's Marine Fisheries Advisory Committee (MAFAC), the nation's top advisory body for management of commercial and recreational fisheries in U.S. waters.



Graves

MAFAC's 21 members recommend priorities and needed changes in national fisheries programs, including the ongoing reauthorization of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, the Endangered Species Act and the Marine Mammal Protection Act.

Graves was selected for his expert knowledge of fisheries genetics, as well as his extensive experience in fisheries management and policymaking. Graves has served as chair of the U.S. delegation to the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT) for the past 14 years, and is also a member of the National Marine Fisheries Service's advisory panels for Billfish and Highly Migratory Species.

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Law School announces Veterans Clinic
The William and Mary Law School



Roberts

announced the creation of a new Veterans Benefits Clinic on Nov. 7. The clinic will open in January to assist veterans with the filing, adjudication and appeal of service-related disability compensation claims.

Patricia Roberts, clinical assistant professor of law and director of clinical programs, said that there is a compelling need for the clinic, given the military presence in Virginia.

The clinic is the first service learning project of the Virginia Commonwealth University – William and Mary Health Policy and Law Initiative. William and Mary students and faculty will help veterans with their legal

needs while VCU's Center for Psychological Services and Development will provide counseling to former service members in need. In addition to offering help with disability claims, law students also will field inquiries from any veteran who has questions about the claims process.

The clinic will begin accepting client applications Jan. 12, 2009. Veterans or their families interested in learning more may call 757.221.3780 or e-mail veterans@wm.edu.

W&M provost to retire in summer 2009

Provost P. Geoffrey Feiss will leave the College of William and Mary at the end of June



Feiss

2009, retiring after more than a decade of service as a senior administrator — the past five as the College's chief academic and budget officer. On Sept. 23, the College

announced the formation of a committee to conduct a national search for a new provost.

Feiss came to William and Mary in 1997 as dean of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences. In 2003, Feiss was named provost after Gillian Cell retired. He previously was senior associate dean for budgets and planning at the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill (UNC).

The provost's responsibilities include overseeing research activities on campus, as well as the offices of undergraduate admissions, the registrar and the College's chief information officer. In addition, all deans and a number of directors at the university report to the provost.

Before administrative duties took him out of the field, Feiss was quite an active researcher, publishing a number of papers on geology and mineralogy. Prior to coming to William and Mary, Feiss taught geology at UNC, at Albion College and at Harvard, where he was a teaching fellow. Feiss received his A.B. from Princeton University and his M.A. and Ph.D. from Harvard. All degrees were in geology.

Committee to Recommend Roadmap for W&M Strategic Planning

A committee of faculty, staff and students will guide what will become an annual strategic planning process for the College of William and Mary.

In September 2008, President Taylor Reveley established a Planning Steering Committee (PSC) to facilitate a broad discussion with the Board of Visitors, staff, faculty, students, alumni, parents and advisory board members that will allow the committee to present a Strategic Plan for the College to the Board of Visitors in April 2009. The PSC has established a Web site at www.wm.edu/strategicplanning to report on its progress and receive input from the William and Mary community.

"It has been nearly 15 years since the College last produced a comprehensive strategic plan," Reveley said. "It is time to take another look at who we are, where we hope to go in the next five to 10 years, and how we plan to get there."

The PSC is still receiving input from constituencies throughout the community about the draft vision written over the summer, the College's core values and the opportunities and challenges facing William and Mary. More than 600 alumni have already contributed comments to the group via e-mail or the Web site, and addi-

The College's last comprehensive strategic plan was produced in 1994. Reveley emphasized that the committee's work is part of an ongoing process that will be revised, updated and enhanced each year. The new strategic planning process feeds directly into annual budget planning and will be the first of a series of plans revised every year.

"We should challenge ourselves to excel while also taking realistically into account our likely financial resources and the strength of our competitors," Reveley said. "Further, rather than producing a large document that receives little attention once written and is rarely updated, our planning effort this academic year should simply be 'Act I' of what becomes an annual fine-tuning of the plan. Our plan should be a living, evolving roadmap for the university."

"The Board fully supports this new process and looks forward to taking an active role with members of the campus communi-



Top: Vice President for Strategic Initiatives Jim Golden; Above: Rector Michael Powell '85, D.P.S. '02

"It is time to take another look at who we are, where we hope to go during the next five to 10 years, and how we plan to get there."

tional comments are encouraged at www.wm.edu/strategicplanning.

In mid-November, the PSC drew on numerous meetings and committee discussions and developed 14 preliminary draft grand challenges.

The committee is continuing to review the comments received and will use them to revise the vision and arrive at a consensus on six to eight challenges and opportunities that will be presented to President Reveley. The president will then task the campus leadership — deans, vice presidents and program directors — with developing goals and objectives for meeting the challenges over the next five years.

ty," said Michael K. Powell '85, D.P.S. '02, rector of the College. "Strategic planning is essential for the future stability and continued excellence of this great institution."

The steering committee, which consists of 25 members of the campus community, including instructional and professional faculty, administrative staff and students, will build its agenda off the research and work of the "Planning to Plan" group, which met this past summer in preparation of the strategic planning process. That campus group, co-chaired by Provost P. Geoffrey Feiss and Vice President for Strategic Initiatives Jim Golden, worked to collect and document as much background as possible on previous

strategic planning efforts and to assemble information about peer institutions.

"There are few initiatives as important to a university's future stability than identifying priorities, goals and aspirations and then establishing a strategic planning process to address and meet those measures on an annual basis," Feiss said.

"This is a daunting but critical task," Reveley said. "Our planning effort will be one of the most important initiatives the campus community undertakes this academic year."

— Brian Whitson, W&M News

For more information or to comment, please visit www.wm.edu/strategicplanning.



On Top of the World

Doug Pierson M.B.A. '99 Tackles Mount Everest ~ MELISSA V. PINARD

Doug Pierson M.B.A. '99 may very well be the only William and Mary alumnus who has reached the peak of Mount Everest. The endurance, strength and lung capacity necessary to accomplish the feat are bestowed on a select few and, in fact, only around 3,000 people have actually summited. Pierson now has a story that his children will pass on to their children — an unforgettable experience climbing the tallest mountain on this earth.

"I think maybe it's the personal challenge,

the self-fulfillment or the ability to go and do something that only 3,000 other people have ever accomplished," he says.

On March 29 of this year, Pierson began his journey in Kathmandu, Nepal, reaching the summit on May 21 at 6:40 a.m. It took the team another six days to climb back down to Base Camp and return to Kathmandu.

When Pierson was 3 years old, his father taught him how to climb trees in a local park. "To this day, I still remember him teaching me one of the hallmarks of climbing rules, which is true almost every time," says Pierson. "The

way you go up is the way you go down." When he was 11, his godfather took him on wall climbs in the Poconos of Pennsylvania. "That's where I learned much about the specifics of technical climbing and to believe steadfastly in always putting safety first. Their rules, instruction and guidance helped forge me into the climber that I am today."

Although he has been climbing for years, highlights of his journeys include Mount McKinley, and multiple ascents on Pacific Northwest volcanoes like Mount Rainier. "My favorite climb memories include a 30-

hour speed ascent on Mount Olympus, which involved a 47-mile round trip, and winter Mount Fuji climbs in negative 47-degree winds,” says Pierson.

Pierson graduated from Ohio Wesleyan with a degree in politics and government with two minors: zoology and humanities. “What I thought I could do with that combination at the time is beyond me,” says Pierson. After graduation he went on active duty with the United States Marine Corps and spent several months training at Little Creek Amphibious Base in Virginia Beach, Va., at the same time that his sister was a William and Mary undergrad.

“Every time I drove up to visit her, I found myself on the walkways even more drawn to the College,” says Pierson. “So when I decided to leave active duty, an M.B.A. at William and Mary was the only way to go. It was the only school I applied to, and I was extremely happy when I was accepted as a member of the Class of 1999.”

Immediately after graduating from William and Mary, Pierson and one of his college fraternity brothers backpacked through Southeast Asia for six weeks. After touring Asia, he returned to the States and joined the consulting arm of PricewaterhouseCoopers, which would become IBM Global Busi-



ness Services in 2002. For several years he knew that he wanted to hike Everest and so climbed other mountains in order to prepare for the altitude adjustment and the moun-

taineering skills required to hike the glaciated peaks. He did this by spending time in the Cascades and on Mount Rainier. In 2005, he climbed Mount McKinley with a team that moved incredibly fast to the 20,320-foot summit. Early in 2007, he was accepted into the Seattle Mountain Rescue program where he learned an entirely new set of mountaineering skills.

“The last piece for me was technical rescue techniques, and a greater understanding of what to do in a mountaineering emergency should it occur on the mountain,” he says. “Once I felt confident in these areas, I knew that I was technically and physically ready to tackle Everest.” In March 2008, he left for Nepal.

Climbing Everest is not only difficult physically and mentally, but it is also a financial investment. For those not native to Nepal, there are permit fees and surcharges that typically cost around \$15,000 per climber. From there, costs vary based on the climber’s level of support and equipment. The trip can get very expensive, very quickly, says Pierson. “I was fortunate in being able to secure generous sponsorships and discounts, which helped to incrementally drop the money I paid for the trip.” The average climber pays in the neighborhood of \$35,000

Pierson’s Point of View

Doug Pierson shared thoughts about his journey and what it was like as he climbed:

— Base Camp: 17,500 feet. We spent the majority of our time here in two- or three-day increments, while we were recovering and preparing for our next move up the mountain to higher elevations. Everest Base Camp is located below the Khumbu Icefall, on the Khumbu Glacier and is the largest of all camps, complete with yak and porter support from down the hill, cook tents, Western toilets and a variety of infrastructure.

— Camp I: 19,600 feet. We only used this camp twice — it is purely expeditionary, located at the top of the Khumbu Icefall on an ice ridge to protect camp from calving avalanches. The goal of Camp I is to allow climbers to properly acclimatize and, after the second stay, people are familiarized enough to head

right past Camp I on their way to Camp II. Once this happens, all tents are pulled out from Camp I except for emergency shelter tents in the event of a storm.

— Camp II: 21,300 feet. This camp is located at the upper limit of the Khumbu Glacier, at the end of the Western Cwm [local word that means valley] where the mountains of Everest, Lhotse and Nuptse form a bowl. High on the mountain, this camp is where we spent the greatest amount of time acclimatizing — upwards of two weeks across the climb. It is dirty, there is trash everywhere, and it is high enough where everyone ends up getting sick. But it is perfectly positioned in a safe area to build up infrastructure, cook tents, community shelters, and adequate space for teams to spread out. It also allows teams to stage equipment close to the upper mountain.

— Camp III: 24,500 feet. Perched halfway up the Lhotse Face, this camp is one that

makes you feel like you are literally clinging to the mountain. The key at Camp III is to stay in or around your tents and never unclip from safety lines. In the acclimatization process, this camp is critical, as climbers must reach it in order to be considered “acclimatized” for a summit push. Once you have touched Camp III, you can then head down to Base Camp and prepare for your summit attempt.

— Camp IV: 26,100 feet. The final camp is located at the South Col on a flat, wide saddle in between the Lhotse and Kangshung Faces. [When climbers attempt to climb Everest from the southeast ridge in Nepal, their final camp (usually Camp IV) is situated on the South Col. The South Col is typically ravaged by high winds, leaving it free of significant snow accumulation.] It is one of the most unforgiving places I have ever been on Earth. You arrive here after a long push from Camp III to find people staggering around in a daze,

to \$100,000 depending on factors such as Sherpas, oxygen and food necessary for the two-month expedition.

The process of getting to the summit is not a straight shot and involves climbing higher from one camp to the next, and then returning lower regularly to allow your body to recover and reenergize itself. [See sidebar.] In this way, climbers build up a higher concentration of oxygen-carrying red blood cells while allowing their bodies to recover, regain appetite, and prepare for the next foray up the mountain.

And Pierson saw the effects of this process firsthand:

“The first trip we took up into the Khumbu Icefall was to a spot only 300 vertical feet higher than Base

Camp and it took three hours to make it there,” he says. “By the time we were headed out on our summit push, it only took 20 minutes to pass that spot. After eight trips up on the mountain, our team climbed 40,675 feet to make the summit.”

For Pierson, the thrill of completing the task sometimes overwhelmed the enjoyment of it. “If there is anything I would do differently, it would be to focus more closely on enjoy-

ing my time up above the South Col and pay closer attention to special places that I only saw twice — once on the way up, once on the way down,” he says. “One example of this is the Hillary Step, which I have read about since I was a child and was so excited to actually climb that I was up and over it before I even realized what I had just done.”

Regardless, when he made it to the top, he was inspired by the view and wished his father was there to share it with him. The man who had trained him all those years before would be waiting for him back in Kathmandu. Since the journey, he has held

several items close to him — his ice axe, crampons, watch and other high performance equipment. He also brought several

flags with him and collected rocks 30 feet from the summit for himself and others. He even brought a Seattle Seahawks football, which he painstakingly inflated in the thin summit air. Pierson will present the football to the team at a special ceremony.

Now that he has tackled the world’s tallest mountain, where does Pierson plan to go from here? “I’ll never tell,” he says, “but stay tuned.”

**“It made me feel like
I was as close to heaven
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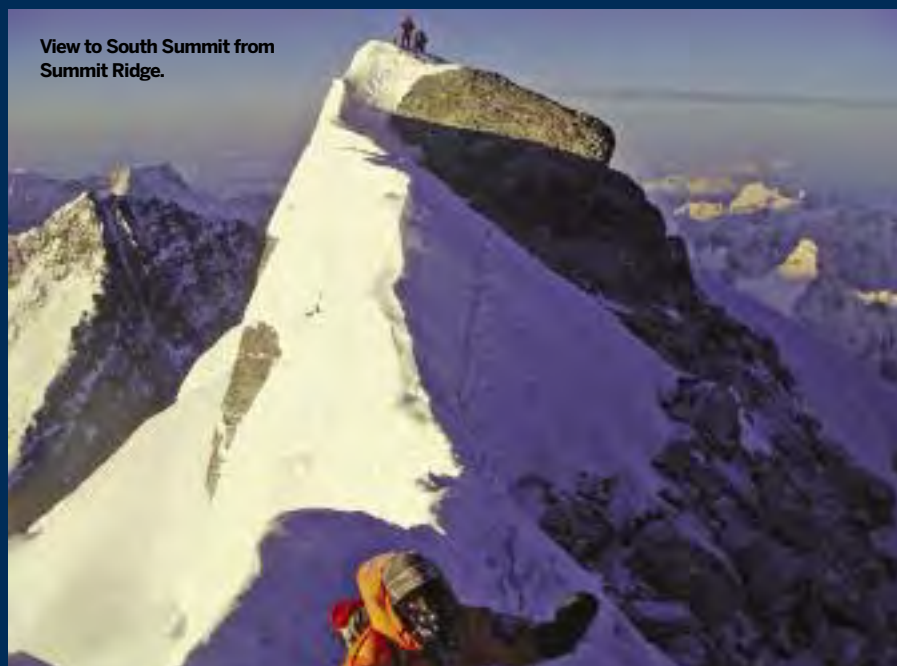


Doug Pierson M.B.A. '99 at the Temple of Heaven in Beijing.

fragments of tents that shredded in 100-mph storm winds, and dex needles littering the ground. [Dex is a steroid — a last chance drug they inject into someone with altitude sickness who cannot make it down.]

This is above the Death Zone [26,000 feet], so your body is beginning to shut down systems one at a time and literally consume itself in order to survive and it is important to minimize your time here. You rest for a few hours, push fluids and food, and then depart on your summit push. Fourteen hours later, you return successful and exhausted and collapse in your tent.

— Summit: 29,035 feet. The team (and I) felt elated about our success. It was an absolutely beautiful day — no wind, no clouds, not that cold. So for me to be up there and be able to see for what felt like forever was an experience in itself. It made me feel like I was as close to heaven as I could get.



View to South Summit from Summit Ridge.

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ALUMNI SPIRIT



Time to Tailgate with the Tribe

Alumni Association Features New Options for Home Games ~ MELISSA V. PINARD

This year the Alumni Association decided to do something new with its front parking lot during football games — actually use it for tailgating. The Association sold spaces in the front lot and circle to alumni and friends who wanted a place to park and tailgate before each of five 2008 home football games. With its close proximity to the stadium and its easy access to restrooms, the Alumni House proved to be a popular place to have a Tribe tailgate. ~ “We decided to make more use of our resources, in this case our excellent location near the stadium,” said Executive Vice President Karen R. Cottrell ’66, M.Ed. ’69, Ed.D. ’84. “Our tailgaters are closer to the stadium entrance than the distance from end zone to end zone — it’s a great place to spend a Saturday before or after the game.” ~ As for those who didn’t feel like doing their own cooking, the Association offered a pay-as-you-go menu with a variety of local caterers, so there was plenty of food and drink available. Two of the postgame tailgates featured the ever-popular Chick-fil-A from Mooretown Road and there were even some cow sightings at Homecoming. During the last two tailgates, beer was provided through the generosity of anonymous alumni donors. In order to reserve your parking space early for the 2009 season, please contact Scott Crabbs, associate director of products and services, at sperab@wm.edu or call 757.221.1176.

Brenda Denton Receives Alumni Staff Service Award

Although her work does wonders for the world of development, the thing Brenda Denton is most passionate about is learning.

"No matter what you do in life, there can be a form of education," she says. "You don't have to have a Ph.D. to be interested and to learn something. How you apply that in your own life is really, to me, the crux of education."

As director of gift accounting, Denton helps take care of millions of dollars from generous alumni and friends of the College. In September, Denton was recognized as the 2008 recipient of the Staff Service Award at the William and Mary Alumni Association's Fall Awards Banquet. Her nomination cited her as "ever-friendly, always helpful and consistently a champion for the role, mission and function of the Alumni Association."

Denton is also a champion of the work done in William and Mary's development offices.

"We're not the Bob Cratchits in the back room anymore," she says. "We're more involved and that's a good thing. I think development as a whole, especially Sean [Pieri, vice president of development], has brought us into a team — everybody is important."

"I would like the focus to be on what the development dollars raised do, not what development is doing to raise the dollars."

Growing up in California, Denton was

encouraged to go into accounting by one of her teachers and landed her first job at a bank. She describes her department as "engineers of accounting" — meticulously fitting all the financial pieces together to benefit the College. Her attention to detail is something she tries to pass down to her employees.

"I ask them if they balance their own checkbook; that shows me they're precise. I ask them if they like puzzles and mysteries," she says. "Because when something is out of balance, it's a puzzle to find it. Five and five is 10. So, if you come up with 12 or if you're coming up with nine, you're off someplace and there's something you have to find."

More than anything, though, she relishes meeting people who care about the College and seeing the end result of all of their hard work together. She particularly enjoys getting to know students; she has even been invited to some former student workers' weddings. Sometimes, she says, she works closely with a donor but has to wait until the project is unveiled to see them in person.

"If I can put a name and a face together, it's kind of fun. I might know somebody simply from talking with them on the phone, but I wouldn't know them if I fell over them," she says. "It makes it even more special to meet that person."

In helping William and Mary grow

Brenda Denton



stronger financially — and therefore better academically and athletically — Denton feels fulfilled by being part of the greater College community. A big Tribe sports fan, she can practically name the entire football team roster and has met some of the players.

"I don't think it's just a job for a lot of people. I think there's real caring and a real commitment because of what we do," she says. "I'm not a graduate of William and Mary, but I feel like I'm just as much a part of the College as any grad!"

—Ben Kennedy '05

Save the Date Alumni Admission Weekend, June 12-13



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Elyce C. Morris '98 Wins Young Alumni Service Award

In November, **Elyce Morris '98** of the San Diego Alumni Chapter was presented with the Young Alumni Service Award, an award specific to alumni between the ages of 25 and 35 that recognizes significant contributions in the early stages of alumni affiliation.

Morris graduated with a double major in history and English with honors from the College. She joined the San Diego Alumni Chapter when she returned to San Diego after graduation and quickly became an active participant, bringing her qualities of joy, enthusiasm and friendliness to her leadership roles. Morris reaches out to alumni of all ages, making them feel wanted and special.

Each year, the William and Mary Alumni Association recognizes individuals for their exceptional service to the Alumni Association and the College. The Young Alumni Service

Award is given on the basis of service, loyalty, commitment and leadership.

Since graduation, Morris has worked at the Public Law Center in Santa Ana, Calif., then the Los Angeles Superior Court and San Diego County Counsel. She joined the University of San Diego in December 2005 as director of student legal services. She progressed to her present appointment as the assistant dean of the California Western School of Law Student Services in San Diego in November 2007.

"Her many attributes in her daily work complement her role as president of the William and Mary San Diego chapter," said Karen Cottrell '66, M.Ed. '69, Ed.D. '84, executive vice president of the Alumni Association. "She is most definitely well-positioned to serve as an anchor for the College's 'left coast' spirit."



President Taylor Reveley poses with Young Alumni Service Award winner Elyce C. Morris '98 at a recent San Diego Alumni Chapter event.



Alumni Association Honors Faculty and Staff

The recipients of the 2008 Alumni Fellowship and Staff Service awards were honored at the Fall Awards Banquet, held Sept. 11, 2008 at the Alumni House. Awards were presented by Alumni Association President Betsy Calvo Anderson '70. Top row: Alexander Prokhorov, modern languages; Peter Vishton, psychology; and Elizabeth Harbron, chemistry. Front row: Kelly Joyce, sociology; Brenda Denton, development; and Nancy Combs, law. All are Alumni Fellowship Award winners, except Denton, winner of the Alumni Staff Service Award. Not pictured is Coach of the Year Tony Shaver of the men's basketball team. For the full stories on the Fellowship winners and Coach Shaver, please see the Fall 2008 issue. For more on Brenda Denton, see facing page.

Gillespie '03 joins Alumni Programs

Katie Johnson Gillespie '03 joined the Alumni Association in November 2008 as an assistant director of alumni programs. She is responsible for the creation and coordination of a career-mentoring program, enhancement of alumni job postings online, building and developing relationships with companies, and overseeing young alumni programming and initiatives.



Since graduating with a B.A. in American studies, Katie earned a master's degree in public history from the University of South Carolina and worked in public education in both South Carolina and Virginia. She is delighted to have returned to her *alma mater* and looks forward to sharing her love for all things green and gold with fellow alumni.

Katie's husband, Josh, works for the Fort Monroe Federal Area Development Authority and they live on post.

[BOARDNOTES]

Fall 2008 Alumni Board Report

The semiannual meeting of the William and Mary Alumni Association Board of Directors was held at the Alumni House in Williamsburg on Sept. 11 and 12, 2008.

The Association invited former board members to a special session featuring President W. Taylor Reveley III and Board of Visitors member Kathy Yankovich Hornsby '79. Following their presentations, Lee Foster, director of leadership gifts and

foundation operations, gave a short presentation on the status of Alumni Association Endowment funds and the Alumni Leadership Fund. Board President Betsy Calvo Anderson '70 gave a brief welcome to the former board members and Karen Cottrell '66, M.Ed. '69, Ed.D. '84 presented the Association's goals and purposes for outreach and engagement with them and introduced Linda Beerbower Burke '70 as the chair of this ad hoc group.

Other guests included Susan T. Evans and Tina Coleman, who presented the College's Web site to the College Relations and Communications Committee. As a result of this meeting, the word "Alumni" was added to the global navigation bar on the home page.

Mitch Bean '77 and Anna Carter from Goodman & Co. gave an outline of the Association's financial audit and gave it a clean audit opinion.

—Melissa V. Pinard

2009 Alumni Medallion Awards (see pages 42-47)

Sarah Kemp Brady '64
Lynn Melzer Dillon '75
Henry H. George '65
Harrison R. Tyler '49
Sunshine Trumbo Williams '44

2008 Outstanding Chapter Awards

Tier I, Outstanding Chapter – Richmond
Tier II, Outstanding Chapter – Charleston Lowcountry
Most Improved Chapter – Roanoke

Annual Giving Awards

Class of 1925 Trophy, recognizing the most outstanding increase in giving to the Fund for William and Mary from \$101,570 in fiscal year 2007 to \$197,502 in fiscal year 2008 (an increase of 94 percent), was awarded to the Class of 1983.

Class of 1954 Trophy, which recognizes the class with the highest class member participation in the Fund for William and Mary, was awarded to the Class of 1941, the Olde Guard Class, with 30 percent participation, and the Class of 1962, the Class Less Than 50 Years Out, with 27.6 percent participation.

Baltimore/Annapolis Trophy, recognizing an outstanding individual with efforts or financial support for the Fund for William and Mary, was given to Peter Atwater '83, Tim Dunn '83 and Ellen Stofan '83.

Board of Directors Cup, recognizing an individual for the best all around support of the Fund for William and Mary, was presented to Maria Monteverde-Jackson '93.

Associate Members

The William and Mary Alumni Association Board of Directors named the following non-alumni retirees as associate members in the Alumni Association:

Barbara West	VIMS
Jacquie K. Bell	Registrar
Barbara W. Blosser	Athletics
Mary J. Stukes	Facilities
Lois J. Williams	Facilities
Peter D. Wiggins	English
Sue N. Presson	VIMS
Carolyn D. Hill	Athletics
Sharon Reed	Arts and Sciences
Estelle Seeley	Jefferson Lab
Anne J. Beckley	Law School

Election Results for the Alumni Association Board of Directors

Thanks to the participation of thousands of alumni, the William and Mary Alumni Association is proud to announce the election results for members of its Board of Directors. Members of the Board of Directors must be active alumni, having donated to one of the recognized funds of the Alumni Association or the College. Each elected member will serve one four-year term. The Board of Directors is responsible for developing policy and steering the course of the Alumni Association. Congratulations to the newest board members.

Janet Rollins Atwater '84 of Chadds Ford, Pa.
Carl Wayne "Cheeko" Cheek '61 of Longboat Key, Fla.
Barbara Cole Joynes '82 of Richmond, Va.
Kathryn Watson Lawler '59 of Midlothian, Va.
Peter M. Nance '66 of Jupiter, Fla.

Call for Nominations

Alumni Medallion Awards

Each year, the William and Mary Alumni Association requests nominations of candidates to receive the Alumni Medallion Award. The Alumni Association Board of Directors seeks candidates who have exemplary accomplishments in their careers, have demonstrated service and leadership in community and charitable organizations, and have a distinguished record of commitment, loyalty and service on behalf of the College of William and Mary.

We ask you to help us continue to honor alumni who have a record of accomplishment and who lead extraordinary lives which bring credit, recognition and esteem to William and Mary and our alumni. Please consider your friends and associates and submit your nominations for the 2010 award by July 2009. You may download the nomination form at www.wmalumni.com/resource/resmgr/Docs/Medallion.doc or www.wmalumni.com/?page=medallion_recipients or alternatively e-mail us at alumni.evp@wm.edu.



Call for Nominations

WMAA Board of Directors

March 1 is the deadline to submit nominations for the Alumni Board of Directors. A Board Nomination Committee considers all names, which have been submitted and presents the final slate to active alumni for a general vote. Board members serve one four-year term. The election process runs from May through September.



By Board policy, Board members must attend both meetings each year. Other responsibilities include serving on one of the board's standing committees; participating in the Alumni Association's major fundraising programs such as the New York Auction; contributing to the Alumni Leadership Fund; advancing the Alumni Association's mission both on campus and in their home areas; and assisting in stewardship and cultivation of alumni for leadership and volunteerism.

Nominations must be submitted on the standard form that can be downloaded from the Alumni Association Web site at <http://alumni.wm.edu/awards> (click on "Board of Directors") or call 757.221.7855 to obtain a form or for any questions.

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The Great Credit Boom Goes Bust

JOHN J. MERRICK JR., *Associate Professor of Business*

Bear Stearns was taken under by JPMorgan Chase. Merrill Lynch found cover within Bank of America. Goldman Sachs and Morgan Stanley are becoming banks. Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac were placed into conservatorship. Lehman Brothers, where I worked from 1988 to 1994, is gone. The resulting panic in the markets this fall revealed the failure of our financial superstructure to withstand a Katrina-like shock. But unlike Katrina's attack on New Orleans, this financial shock was homemade. It resulted from a multiplicity of mistakes by our financial policymakers, the credit ratings organizations, Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, municipal bond insurers, Wall Street financial engineers, institutional

pany debt levels and debt service. Covenant-lite loans began to seem reasonable to bankers. Fewer and fewer corporations chose to maintain the pristine balance sheets necessary to keep AAA credit ratings. Even so, historically low corporate default rates induced investors to buy corporate debt at narrow spreads over Treasury yields. And the money thrown at the highly leveraged hedge fund industry was so great that the best performing funds had to turn away new investors.

Securitization of loans played a special role. In this new age of "originate and sell" credit creation, banks no longer hold the loans they make. Instead, these loans are used to back securities that are issued and traded in the public capital markets. Mort-

Why Were We Vulnerable to a Financial Meltdown?

money managers, and consumers and home buyers. Their intertwined errors exposed our financial system's fragility.

Why had we become so vulnerable to a financial meltdown? For starters, we fueled an economic expansion with an explosion of cheaply priced credit that powered an unsustainable residential real estate boom. Part of the fault lies in the Federal Reserve's "too low, too long" interest rate policy after the bursting of the dot-com stock market bubble. On Main Street, cheap money fed demand for new homes. Moreover, rising values enticed many homeowners to use home equity loans as ATMs. Furthermore, political pressure to extend home ownership to all led to the creation and rapid expansion of a subprime mortgage sector. The final result was an inflated market at odds with economic reality: home values in the U.S. grew about four times faster than median household income between 2001 and 2006.

These mortgage sector developments were manifestations of a more general relaxation of credit standards. Private equity funds bought out "underleveraged" cash-producing companies in deals that substantially increased com-

gage-backed securities funded the bulk of the real estate boom. Wall Street firms vigorously expanded into underwriting securities backed by non-conforming jumbo mortgages and subprime mortgage loans. In the more risky subprime and low doc/no doc loans, the originate and sell business model proved to be particularly unsuitable. Finally, totally new securities — Collateralized Debt Obligations (CDOs) and Collateralized Loan Obligations — emerged that sliced and diced the credit loss exposures in novel ways. Standard and Poor's, Moody's and Fitch were happy to build hugely profitable new business lines by rating these securities. With a tweak of some terms and the right set of assumptions, many of these securities could attain AAA ratings while offering higher yields than those on lower-rated corporate issues: financial alchemy indeed.

A key element in the build-up to this crisis was a general reliance on what I'll term "rules-based" financial decision-making. For example, with home prices projected by some experts to fall about 40 percent from their 2006 peak, many seemingly prudent *prime* loans on homes bought in 2005 and 2006 will



be seriously under water. Their buyers willingly borrowed \$240,000 to purchase \$300,000 homes that, five years earlier, had been valued at just \$187,500. Did these borrowers properly assess risk, or just follow the rule that a 20 percent down payment was enough to preclude a future foreclosure? Clearly, both borrowers and bankers failed to appreciate the risk that the housing boom might go bust. Moreover, I am sure that many institutional investors in CDOs didn't understand the risks of these opaque securities. More likely, enticed by what should have been regarded as suspiciously high yields, these investors simply invoked their investment guidelines that permitted them to buy AAA-rated securities. It's not a new story on Wall Street: customers seeking something for nothing get matched up with much smarter investment bankers who can make nothing look like something.

Fixing this crisis will be painful. But don't worry about our young adults. Their fate is merely to go back to the future. First, they'll figure out that the surest path to accumulating wealth is to spend less than they earn. Second, they'll find that solid banks will be happy to make them loans as long as they can first prove that they don't really need the money.

John Merrick has split his professional career between academia and Wall Street. He worked for six years at Lehman Brothers in fixed income research, product management and proprietary trading, and spent five years in the hedge fund trade advisory business. He came to William and Mary in 2005 from Baruch College, after a second stint on the faculty of the Stern School of Business at New York University.

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TRIBE SPORTS



Setting the Pace

Volleyball ace Kim Mount '09 on the game and the bonds of teamwork

~ BEN KENNEDY '05

Kim Mount '09 has a lot to worry about. Between graduating in the spring, keeping up with her grades and managing the various demands on her time, she had to find a way to rack up more than 1,000 assists in a season — good for a spot on the 2008 preseason all-conference volleyball team.

Like a soccer midfielder or star point guard, a setter identifies the strengths and weaknesses of her opponent and distributes the ball to her teammates accordingly. This is where her more than 4,000 career assists come from: good vision on the court and deft hands.

"As setter, I make a lot of decisions as to who gets the ball, when they get the ball, what they're running and what they're hitting," she says. "It's a leadership role in that you have to bring what the coach is telling the team to do onto the court. Then you have to be quick-thinking and make the right decision."

But Tribe volleyball for Mount is not just literally setting others up for success. Sometimes, she has to take it upon herself to make a big play, like in a Nov. 26, 2007 game against Northeastern, when Mount had to dive for 19 digs in a single game. The kneepads are there for a reason.

"Our conference is funny because any team can beat anyone on any day," she says. "Whoever comes out to play that day can win. There's not that easy weekend or easy match that you can roll through."

In her first collegiate start, she found herself on the top-10 list for assists in a game, with 61 against Hofstra in 2005. That season



found her with 938 total assists, making her the Tribe's first outright CAA Rookie of the Year since 1994. By the end of the 2008 season, in which she led the conference in assists per set, Mount had been named the CAA's Setter of the Year — an award never before won by a Tribe player. She also found herself with teammate Erin Skipper '11 on the all-conference first team.

The big numbers are easier to deal with, with Mount only months away from a mathematics and kinesiology double major. Named to the 2008 Dis-

trict III All-Academic third team, Mount enjoys the precision of math, an unorthodox major for an athlete.

"I've always enjoyed kinesiology because I'm learning about the human body and how it works. It's related to sports and everything we do on the volleyball court," says Mount. "Then, I've always enjoyed math, and I just thought I should challenge myself."

North of San Francisco in Corte Madera, Calif., Mount grew up watching her older brother play high school volleyball. The memories inspired her to take the sport up herself. As a member of a team with a lot of Western roots (Mount is among three players from California, along with teammates from Texas, Colorado, Arizona and Oklahoma), she was surprised not to feel much culture shock after coming to the College. It helps to have a close-knit team, which spends a lot of time together both on and off the court. With graduation looming, Mount is very much aware of the future.

"It's going to be tough, because we spent four years with the same people," she says. "But looking at people coming back at Homecoming, everyone's kept in touch and so I'm not too worried about losing touch with these girls."

The support network extends beyond the current team, as well. Last spring, William and Mary volleyball gathered to honor outgoing coach Debbie Hill's 30 years of coaching and welcome new coach Melissa Aldrich Shelton '91. Around 100 current and former players attended the dinner, with ages ranging from 50-year-old alumni to 18-year-old freshmen. The event underscored for Mount what kind of community exists within Tribe volleyball, both athletically and personally.

"I really want to be able to remember my teammates and the connection we had," says Mount. "Obviously I want to say that I tried my hardest and did everything I could to get as far volleyball-wise that we could, but in the end I think you're really going to remember the time you spent with your teammates."

And the time spent is not all hitting, setting and spiking. Before each match, the team gathers for a visualization exercise, which helps to hone their focus on the task at hand — as well as their artistic skills.

"We draw a picture that depicts the William and Mary Tribe beating up on the opponent's mascot," she says. "Sometimes it can get gory."

[SPORTSBRIEFS]

Men's Cross Country Returns to the NCAA Championships

The William and Mary men's cross country team, ranked 17th nationally, used a total-team effort Nov. 15 to upset No. 13-ranked Virginia at the Southeast Region Championship, winning by a single point, 66-67. With the win, the Tribe clinched an automatic berth to the NCAA Championships, one of just five schools to make every national meet since 1997. The team title was the ninth regional or district crown in school history, and the first since 2005.

William and Mary was the only team that placed five runners on the all-region squad, which includes the top 25 finishers. **Jon Grey '11**

led the way for the Green and Gold, finishing sixth in 30:28.2 for his second career all-region award.

Colin Leak '09 also finished in the top 10, crossing the line in 30:39.4 for ninth place and his first All-Southeast honor. **Patterson Wilhelm '10** was 13th in 31:00.8, and **Ben Massam '10** was 16th in 31:06.9, as both repeated on the all-region team

for the second year in a row, and **Lewis Woodard '10**, who had an outstanding first season in uniform for the Tribe, finished 22nd in 31:22.9.

Mens Soccer Tops League with All-CAA Selections

The men's soccer team topped the Colonial Athletic Association and tied a school-record with five all-league honorees, the conference announced at its annual awards banquet on Nov. 13. Midfielder **Nat Baako '11** led the way for the Green and Gold, earning first-team All-CAA honors, while forward **Andrew Hoxie '09** was a second-team selection for the second time in his career. **Doug McBride '09**, **Roger Bothe '10** and **Price Thomas '10** were all named to the All-CAA third team. It marks the sixth time W&M received five All-CAA selections.

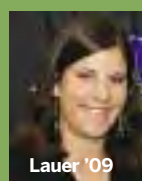
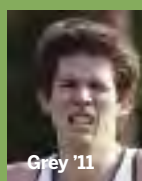
The College also hosted its first-ever NCAA tournament game when the Tribe played Winthrop on Nov. 21. Receiving an at-large bid, W&M has been to the tournament 13 times, most recently in 2002. The home playoff game is the first since 1992, when current coach **Chris Norris '95** started for the Tribe.

Women's Soccer Finishes Strong

William and Mary senior All-Americans **Dani Collins '09**, of Cream Ridge, N.J., and **Claire Zimmeck '09**, of Fairfax, Va., were both named to the CAA All-Tournament team for their performances during the 2008 tournament. W&M was the first CAA team ever

to hold the No. 1 seed in the conference tournament three consecutive years. **Abby Lauer '09**, of Oak Hill, Va., was also named the CAA co-Defensive Player of the Year, becoming the first Tribe player to earn the award since **Stephanie Loehr '99**. William and Mary beat South Carolina in the first round of the NCAA women's soccer tournament, but fell to No. 18 Duke in the second round. W&M

has made the field of 64 each of the past two years as an at-large team, also reaching the second round last season.



Men's Gymnastics Wins National Academic Championship

The already impressive résumé of William and Mary men's gymnastics got longer this year when it was announced that the team won the NCAA's national academic championship for 2007-08. Posting a team grade point average of 3.42, the Tribe earned its fourth academic title, with others coming in 1991, 1992 and 2002. Head coach Cliff Gauthier credits the success to the College's commitment to its student-athletes.

"The first group of guys on the team really helped me solidify a philosophy with respect to being a student-athlete," says Gauthier. "I think William and Mary is in the lead on that. As a result, I've tried to produce a program that is the vanguard of what I believe collegiate athletics should be."

William and Mary teams graduate 96 percent of their athletes, which is 10 points higher than the College-wide mark. In particular, men's gymnastics student-athletes go on to success after graduation, thanks in part to a well-developed network of alumni who maintain a strong commitment to the program.

"We've had so many alumni who have gone on to medical school. When they come back and come into the gym, they're auto-



Members of the William and Mary men's gymnastics team, whose combined grade point average won them the 2007-08 NCAA academic championship for the fourth time.

matically incorporated into helping the guys in the gym. Then we'll strike up a conversation about what it's like in medical school."

Gauthier's success also rides on the idea that a good coach develops his athletes as people as much as he develops them as athletes. The result is an even stronger bond between the current team and past gymnasts.

"We're getting 40 percent of our alumni

donating to our men's gymnastics team," Gauthier says. "I feel a real obligation to them when I'm recruiting to get athletes who have a love of learning and are going to take advantage of the opportunities provided here at William and Mary."

Those students then are inclined to make the very most out of the exceptional education offered at the College. Gauthier encourages his gymnasts to take the absolute best professor available, not simply the easiest or one who assigns the least work. The reward has been even better performance in the classroom than anticipated.

"It's counterintuitive," he says, "but the bottom line in recruiting is trying to determine if they have a love of learning. If they have that, they're going to do well here. We can find people all over the place that will inspire them to pursue a love of learning."

"I want William and Mary to be the best possible place for these athletes, and I want to get people who are going to take advantage of the opportunity provided," says Gauthier. "This is a great school and it provides a real special opportunity to its student-athletes."

And so even though the gymnastics team is scored on individual performances at events, the real success is measured in the classroom and in the real world after graduation. Once the meet is over, Gauthier and his gymnasts remain all about the team.

—Ben Kennedy '05



The William and Mary Athletic Hall of Fame honored its impressive Class of 2008 on April 19 at a ceremony at the Crowne Plaza Williamsburg hotel. Left to right: Josh Beyer '97, Natalie Neaton '95, Darren Sharper '97, Vaughn Hughes '97, Jennifer Noble Smith '90, David Williams '92 and Thomas Jasper '71.

Gridiron Turnaround

A change of fortune for the William and Mary football program was due this fall after the opening of the state-of-the-art Jimmye Laycock Football Center. After a 3-8 2006 campaign and a 4-7 2007 season, the Green and Gold surged this year to a 7-4 finish and the first winning season since the 2004 trip to the national semifinals.

After a respectable loss at North Carolina State in September, the Tribe rolled past non-conference foes Virginia Military Institute and Norfolk State before falling to ranked Villanova on Family Weekend. The College shook off the loss shortly thereafter, downing fourth-ranked New Hampshire on Oct. 11. The next game brought W&M to visit conference power Delaware, and the Tribe trounced the Blue Hens 27-3 to earn its first top-25 ranking of the season.

Rhode Island was up next for Homecoming weekend, losing to W&M 34-24. The wins continued to pile up after a second-half attack against Towson the following week. Northeastern next came to town for a 38-17 thrashing, providing the Tribe with a five-game win streak and No. 12 rank.

The William and Mary faithful then traveled to Harrisonburg, Va., to take on the No. 1 James Madison Dukes. The game ended with a rough loss to the conference rival, so the postseason hopes rested on the oldest rivalry in the South. While the Tribe came back from a 20-point deficit against Richmond to send the game into overtime, a blocked field goal ended the Green and Gold's playoff hopes. The 2008 season, though, showed dramatic improvement and signals success for years to come.

—Ben Kennedy '05



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[GAMESTOWATCH]

Few achievements in Tribe men's basketball history compare with last year's thrilling run to the Colonial Athletic Association (CAA) championship game. Even though the Green and Gold faithful left the Richmond Coliseum disappointed, they have many reasons to be excited about head coach Tony Shaver's 2008-09 squad.

The women's team will have its hands full replacing senior leadership. Coach Debbie Taylor '86 will need to use her young team to surprise some people, led by shot-blocker and rebound queen Tiffany Benson '10. In either case, Kaplan Arena has become known as home to some pretty big surprises — time will tell if the new season continues the trend.

MEN'S

Home: Feb. 4; Away: Jan. 3

Though they exited last season's CAA tournament in the second round (to eventual champ George Mason), Northeastern earned a second-place rank at the start of this season thanks to the increasing talents of junior guard Matt Janning. A hard-fought defensive game will wear down both teams, neither of whom have a particularly experienced bench.



Home: Jan. 5; Away: Feb. 25

Monarch basketball relies heavily on junior forward Gerald Lee, who was the only ODU player to start all their games last year. Still, coach Blaine Taylor likes to change his starting lineup, which means junior Danny Sumner '10 and the other Tribe forwards can't focus too much attention on Lee. The key for these matchups will be the crowd: nobody invades Kaplan Arena like ODU fans. The Kaplan Krazies better show up — and bring a friend or two.



Home: Dec. 6; Away: Feb. 7

Despite rumors that star guard Eric Maynor would depart for the NBA or that head coach Anthony Grant would be recruited to coach elsewhere, both of the anchors of preseason No. 1 VCU basketball came back for the 2008-09 season. After being swept by the Rams in the regular season, W&M finally turned the tables in the tournament. Arkansas transfer Sean McCurdy '10 will be the great unknown for the Rams to defend against in the early season matchup.



WOMEN'S

Home: Feb. 19; Away: Jan. 25

The northernmost CAA school will have to come out of the cold if it wants to contend for a conference title this season. Standing in its way will be the Tribe, facing big challenges in the 2008-09 season. One of the most important will be earning wins against the lower half of the conference. Northeastern started out ranked No. 9 in the conference and shouldn't be much better than No. 10 W&M.

Home: Jan. 22; Away: March 4

How many conference titles will ODU win before the magic runs out? The 2007-08 matchups with the Tribe were a bit of a step back from the previous year, after a near miss in 2006-07. The Tribe's guard-heavy offense may have size matchup trouble against the Monarchs, who often lean toward the taller forwards and centers. The Tribe has shown it can be competitive in the past, though — maybe this season will be the breakout year.

Home: March 1; Away: Feb. 15

Losing standout Kyra Kaylor '08 to graduation means that the Tribe will need to find a way to neutralize VCU senior center Quanitra Hollingsworth. Stepping in will be senior guard Courtney Portell '09, who is a dangerous threat from three-point land. The only other senior on the Tribe's young roster is Dani Kell '09, who will play both the guard and forward position, making her a versatile option against the Rams, who were the CAA's preseason second-place team.

W&M

ARTS AND CULTURE



Nicolaes Berchem (1620-1683)
Roman Fountain with Cattle and Figures (Le Midi), c. 1645-46
Oil on oak panel
On loan from the Dulwich Picture Gallery, London, England

Dutch Italianates Come to Williamsburg

Muscarelle Is First Stop for Touring Exhibition ~ HANNAH GOLDBERG '10

The Muscarelle Museum of Art will premiere the national tour of *The Dutch Italianates: Seventeenth-Century Masterpieces from the Dulwich Picture Gallery, London*. Featuring a group of 40 paintings from a royal collection in the Dutch Italianate style, this exhibition presents scenes of the Italian landscape from the perspectives of great Dutch artists of the time, such as Aelbert Cuyp, Nicolaes Berchem and Adam Pynacker. ~ Italy has always been a powerful source of inspiration for artists; many Dutch artists turned to the Italian *campagna* for their subject matter. These artists played a crucial role in the birth of a new genre of pure landscape painting. Painters such as Berchem returned from Italy bringing with them seductive visions of mountains and peasants basking under golden skies, in stark contrast to the flat and often cloudy Holland. The Dutch Italianate genre was vastly influential throughout the 18th century in France and England, and even carried over into 19th-century American art. ~ This selection of works is part of the permanent collection of the Dulwich Picture Gallery, London, called the best small museum in all of Europe. ~ The exhibition will be on view at the Muscarelle from Nov. 14, 2008 through March 22, 2009. ~ For more information, please call 757.221.2700 or visit www.wm.edu/muscarelle.

[BOOKNOTES]

CHILDREN'S

Everything a child might want to know about lighthouses is included in **Katherine L. House's '86** book, *Lighthouses for Kids* (Chicago Review Press, 2008). *Lighthouses* explores the "history, science, and lore" of American lighthouses, while also providing 21 activities for the interested kiddies — including instructions for a "Solar Marshmallow Roaster."



To help prevent or reverse obesity in future generations, **Vernon A. Quarstein M.B.A '75**, Ph.D., along with Joseph P. Bunn, M.D., and Polly A. Peterson, Ph.D., has written a series entitled *Healthy Jingles for Kids: Walking and Running* (Healthy Jingles Publications LLC, 2008). In this series, children are taught how walking and running are beneficial for a healthy fitness routine through jingles and cartoons, while parents are given notes of explanation for these fitness concepts.

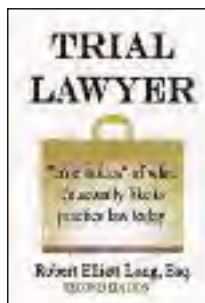
FICTION

M.H. Herlong '76 is sure to have an instant young adult classic on her hands with her debut novel, *The Great Wide Sea* (Viking, 2008). The novel relates the story of three boys who, after recently losing their mother, begrudgingly embark on a year-long sailing trip with their father. The boys are thrown into an adventure when their father goes missing and they are tossed about by storms and marooned on an island. And for those alums who ever took a creative writing class with Stephen Marlowe, the dedication of this novel will come as a pleasant trip down memory lane.

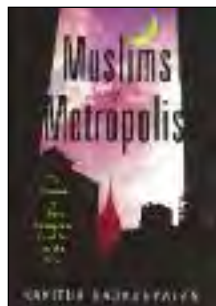


NONFICTION

Robert Elliot Long J.D. '74 brings law to life in his book *Trial Lawyer: "True Stories" of What It's Actually Like to Practice Law Today* (Robert Elliott Long, Esq., 2008). Through fictionalized accounts of his own trial experiences, Long paints a portrait of contemporary law practice that is both witty and engaging. Starting with the "case" of Long's high school friend and wrongfully accused parking ticket recipient, Long methodically chronicles a series of cases that describe the plight of a trial lawyer in everyday terms. Former Sen. George Allen writes, "If you are interested in how the law really works and the unpredictable surprises in courtrooms and law offices, this book belongs on your reading list."

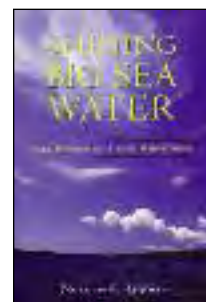


Kavitha Rajagopalan '99 recently released a new book entitled *Muslims of Metropolis* (Rutgers University Press, 2008). In it, Rajagopalan visits the narratives of three distinct Muslim families: a Palestinian family who moves to London, a Kurdish family who moves to Berlin, and a Bangladeshi family who moves to New York. These narratives explore the reasons why each family feels compelled to leave their home and begin anew in a foreign land. Her humanizing and personalized accounts of these families help in distinguishing the vast subcultures within the Muslim community. Rajagopalan also includes in her book interviews with political, community and academic leaders within each of the



countries, providing additional levels of insight into the political, nationalist, immigration and antiterrorist issues surrounding the Muslim population searching for happiness and economic stability.

A comprehensive work of historical value, **Norman K. Risjord's '53** *Shining Big Sea Water: The Story of Lake Superior* (Minnesota Historical Society, 2008) is a wide-ranging account of one of the nation's most important lakes. Beginning with geological formation and continuing through the present day, Risjord creates a portrait of Lake Superior rife with early explorers, Indians and settlers. In further detail, Risjord accounts for lighthouses, shipwrecks and the development of nearby cities. Risjord ends with a look towards the future, cataloguing the many challenges that the lake faces today. Surprising and informative, *Shining Big Sea Water* is a must-read for both lovers of history and those interested in the Great Lakes region.

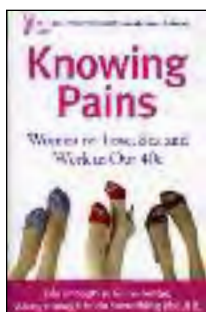


Shannon Lee Dawdy '94 documents the rich French colonial history of New Orleans in her new book, *Building the Devil's Empire* (The University of Chicago Press, 2008). Beginning with New Orleans' colonial origins in 1718 through the revolt against Spanish rule in 1768, Dawdy explores the characters who inhabited the city, all of whom are roguish figures, and gave New Orleans its distinct flavor. Sprinkled throughout Dowdy's commentary are paintings, maps and city plans from the era. Dawdy also scrutinizes the demo-



graphics of New Orleans at the time, and how the diverse demographic community impacted the developing city. Finally, Dawdy reveals the significance of New Orleans and its “rogue colonialism” within the global community. At the time French colonialism came to an end in New Orleans, it had become one of the most vital urban centers of the New World.

Jennifer Lear '88 has contributed to a group of essays titled *Knowing Pains: Women on Love, Sex and Work in Our 40s* (WingSpan Press, 2009). The book is a collection of thoughtful, humorous pieces on what it is like to be a woman in her 40s. Molly Rosen edits the compilation of female voices, and leaves no subject off limits, from singlehood to motherhood, passion to obsession. Contributions range from a variety of sources including teachers, doctors and artists. Lear's contribution, titled “Good Enough,” is a rumination on her personal fear after the sudden death of a close friend. All net proceeds from *Knowing Pains* will be donated to breast cancer education and advocacy.



MEMOIRS

Though now overtaken by other mediums, 16mm films were once considered the standard-bearers of the motion picture industry. In *Hollywood—Home Style: Making Motion Pictures During the Brief Heyday of 16mm Industrial Films* (Vantage Press, 2008), **Fred L. Frechette '46** looks back on this time during the 1960s and '70s when 16mm films were at their prime. These films were used for a wide range of purposes, from public relations to fundraising and motivation. Beginning with his first script in 1960, and ending



with his final effort in 1981, Frechette describes the triumphs and hardships of being a 16mm filmmaker during the medium's heyday. A candid look at both the film-making industry and Frechette's own life experience, *Hollywood—Home Style* is a must read for both lovers of film and those interested in the motion picture industry.

Marna A. Krajewski '85 has edited a collection of memoirs in *Household Baggage Handlers: 56 Stories from the Hearts and Lives of Military Wives* (Wyatt-MacKenzie Publishing Inc., 2008). In Krajewski's book, military wives recount the joys and hardships of being married to military men. The collection includes pieces by 47 women relating to every branch of service, dating from WWII to the present. The issues discussed include moving overseas, coping with defunct vehicles and even natural disasters. The collection also includes pieces by William and Mary graduates **Susan Hudgins Franz '85** and **Angela Owens '85**.



POLITICS AND RELIGION

In *Russian Orthodoxy Resurgent: Faith and Power in the New Russia* (Princeton University Press, 2008), John Garrard and **Carol Garrard '69** explore the role that Christianity has played in forming “new Russia.” Focusing chiefly on the time from the collapse of the Soviet Union in 1989, and continuing until the present day, John and Carol Garrard explore fully the often misunderstood role that Christianity has played in transforming Russia over the past 20 years. In 1991, the Orthodox Church contributed to the trouncing of an attempted Communist coup. Today, most Russians have deeply embraced the Russian Orthodoxy. As an expansive and unprecendented look into Russian life and history,



Russian Orthodoxy Resurgent is certainly a book not to be missed.

Susan Wise Bauer M.A. '94, Ph.D. '07 dives straight into American politics with *The Art of the Public Grovel: Sexual Sin and Public Confession in America*. (Princeton University Press, 2008). In this work, Bauer explores the nature of public confession in America. While sexual misconduct in public office could have been overlooked in the past, the advent of the 20th century created new standards of public confession. The difference between successful and unsuccessful confession, Bauer concludes, depends upon the speech's evangelical nature. Thus, using examples from Bill Clinton to Eliot Spitzer, Bauer links public confession in politics intrinsically with American evangelicalism. As Alan Jacobs writes, “This very fine book will enrich and deepen the conversation about religion and public life in America.”



REFERENCE

R. Brigham Lampert's M.Ed. '07 recent release for teachers in AP classrooms, *Advanced Placement Classroom: Romeo and Juliet* (Prufrock Press, 2008), is part of the new series of user-friendly guides for upper-level classrooms. In this reference text, Lampert helps teachers approach Shakespeare's classic with fresh perspective, while also providing engaging activities for students.



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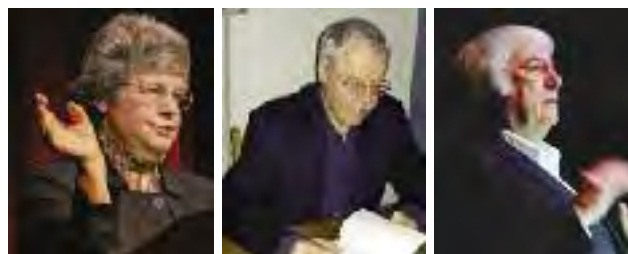
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Jack Martin, chair of the English department, calls the Donaldson gifts "indispensable" to the department's mission. "It's like a dessert — something extra and wonderful," Martin says. "We don't have a lot of money, and this is one area where we are able to scout around and bring first-rate writers to campus for a semester or a year."

Past writers-in-residence include, among many others, Nancy Schoenberger, Christopher Bram '74, Rosalind Brackenbury, Henri Cole '78 and David Robbins, a writer of historical novels.

This year's visiting writer is Tom De Haven, whose position is funded by the Class of 1939 Artist-in-Residence Endowment, which rotates among humanities departments every three years. In October 2008, as part of the Patrick Hayes Writers Festival, De Haven, a professor at Virginia Commonwealth University, read passages from his novel, *It's Superman*, and discussed the 70-year history of the world-famous superhero.

For English Professor Henry Hart, the program's impact is equally super. "Our writers help our students find their true voice. They give students rare insight and practical experience into the profession of writing."

—David F. Morrill M.A. '87

real people, not just names in a book," he says. "Talking with writers about their experiences, you can see yourself doing the same thing and getting published."

Indeed, many William and Mary alumni have gone on to literary careers. Andrew Zawacki '94, for instance, is a respected poet, critic, editor and translator at the University of Georgia, and poet Brian Henry '94 enjoys a distinguished career at the University of Richmond. Both serve as co-editors of the international literary magazine *Verse*. Other alumni writers include poet-philosopher Rebecca Lilly '91, who won the 2001 Peregrine Smith Poetry Competition; Laura Sims '95, who won the 2005 Fence Books Alberta Prize for her first book of poetry, *Practice, Restraint*; and Courtney Brkic '94, who has published both a memoir and a collection of stories with prominent literary publisher Farrar, Straus and Giroux.

"The Writers Festival enhanced their careers in a big way," says Hart. "We don't have a master's of fine arts in English, but I'm always pleased that we attract so many students who go on to do great things with literature."

Also attracted is the Williamsburg community at large. Such authors as A.S. Byatt (*Possession: A Romance*), Christopher Bram '74 (*Father of Frankenstein*) and James Ellroy (*L.A. Confidential*) have filled Colonial Williamsburg's

Kimball Theatre to bursting. Other draws include literary giants Allen Ginsberg, Charles Simic, Billy Collins and Ntozake Shange. In February 2003, the Festival once again packed the Kimball auditorium when it staged *June Recital*, a one-woman play based on several of Eudora Welty's short stories.

Especially popular was Byatt's 2005 lecture on the pitfalls of writing historical novels. "We had students and faculty attend, but a great number of the audience were people from the community," Schoenberger says. "They stayed, they asked questions, they bought books."

Williamsburg residents Don and Lillian Woolfolk were in that audience, enjoying wisdom from a favorite author. Through the Festival, they also discover new favorites, such as poet James Tate, who read in March 2006. "We found him to have such depth that we bought several of his books," Lillian says.

Philip Zapfel '09, an English major studying modern contemporary poetry, was similarly inspired by Tate. "It's an amazing opportunity to see first-hand what is coming out of writers who are publishing consistently — how they work, how they write, what they do on the side," he says.

The Festival — which used to take place over four days in April — has morphed into a year-long series during which three to four



In class or just for recreation, literature thrives at William and Mary.

writers come to campus each semester. This year, the program will host faculty members Henry Hart, Hermine Pinson, Tom Heacox, Ava Coibion and Lee Alexander, as well as novelist Jane Kotapish '93 and music writer Amanda Petrusich '00. The eminent poet John Ashbery will also read in March 2009.

For student writers like Zapfel, the series brings literature to life. "The Writers Festival puts a contemporary face on the work we do in class," he says. "It's nice to get a fresh look at the world of literature and poetry — you see how the whole thing is alive and still a big part of our culture."

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For information about upcoming speakers, call Carrie Perry-Hoyt at 757.221.3903.

Generosity Fuels Writers Festival

It wasn't long after he arrived on campus in 1986 that Henry Hart was recruited to head up William and Mary's Writers Festival, which had begun in the early 1970s. Now a professor of English, Hart remembers being given the task of organizing the event — and very little money with which to do it.

"I was handed something like \$300 to put everything together," Hart laughs. "I could do that with local writers, colleagues and people from the community, but I was also hoping to invite writers with a national reputation. I talked to students and they also had large ambitions."



Henry Hart



Nancy Schoenberger

A combination of grants and other funding brought the late major American poet A.R. Ammons to campus for Hart's first festival, and kept the annual event afloat for several years. However, it wasn't until Patrick Hayes provided financial support in 1991 that the Festival began to truly flourish.

"We do a lot with what we have, regularly bringing in one or two major international writers each year, as well as local and emerging writers," says Festival organizer Nancy Schoenberger. "Thanks to the generosity of Patrick Hayes, the Writers Festival is the gift that keeps on giving."

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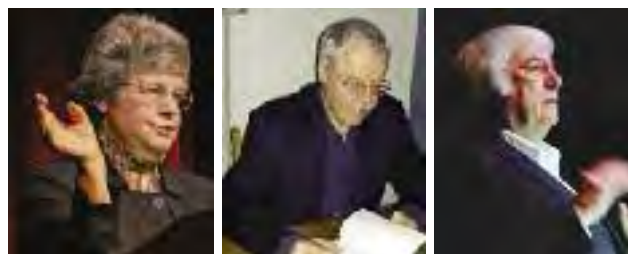
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Jack Martin, chair of the English department, calls the Donaldson gifts "indispensable" to the department's mission. "It's like a dessert — something extra and wonderful," Martin says. "We don't have a lot of money, and this is one area where we are able to scout around and bring first-rate writers to campus for a semester or a year."

Past writers-in-residence include, among many others, Nancy Schoenberger, Christopher Bram '74, Rosalind Brackenbury, Henri Cole '78 and David Robbins, a writer of historical novels.

This year's visiting writer is Tom De Haven, whose position is funded by the Class of 1939 Artist-in-Residence Endowment, which rotates among humanities departments every three years. In October 2008, as part of the Patrick Hayes Writers Festival, De Haven, a professor at Virginia Commonwealth University, read passages from his novel, *It's Superman*, and discussed the 70-year history of the world-famous superhero.

For English Professor Henry Hart, the program's impact is equally super. "Our writers help our students find their true voice. They give students rare insight and practical experience into the profession of writing."

—David F. Morrill M.A. '87

real people, not just names in a book," he says. "Talking with writers about their experiences, you can see yourself doing the same thing and getting published."

Indeed, many William and Mary alumni have gone on to literary careers. Andrew Zawacki '94, for instance, is a respected poet, critic, editor and translator at the University of Georgia, and poet Brian Henry '94 enjoys a distinguished career at the University of Richmond. Both serve as co-editors of the international literary magazine *Verse*. Other alumni writers include poet-philosopher Rebecca Lilly '91, who won the 2001 Peregrine Smith Poetry Competition; Laura Sims '95, who won the 2005 Fence Books Alberta Prize for her first book of poetry, *Practice, Restraint*; and Courtney Brkic '94, who has published both a memoir and a collection of stories with prominent literary publisher Farrar, Straus and Giroux.

"The Writers Festival enhanced their careers in a big way," says Hart. "We don't have a master's of fine arts in English, but I'm always pleased that we attract so many students who go on to do great things with literature."

Also attracted is the Williamsburg community at large. Such authors as A.S. Byatt (*Possession: A Romance*), Christopher Bram '74 (*Father of Frankenstein*) and James Ellroy (*L.A. Confidential*) have filled Colonial Williamsburg's

Kimball Theatre to bursting. Other draws include literary giants Allen Ginsberg, Charles Simic, Billy Collins and Ntozake Shange. In February 2003, the Festival once again packed the Kimball auditorium when it staged *June Recital*, a one-woman play based on several of Eudora Welty's short stories.

Especially popular was Byatt's 2005 lecture on the pitfalls of writing historical novels. "We had students and faculty attend, but a great number of the audience were people from the community," Schoenberger says. "They stayed, they asked questions, they bought books."

Williamsburg residents Don and Lillian Woolfolk were in that audience, enjoying wisdom from a favorite author. Through the Festival, they also discover new favorites, such as poet James Tate, who read in March 2006. "We found him to have such depth that we bought several of his books," Lillian says.

Philip Zapfel '09, an English major studying modern contemporary poetry, was similarly inspired by Tate. "It's an amazing opportunity to see first-hand what is coming out of writers who are publishing consistently — how they work, how they write, what they do on the side," he says.

The Festival — which used to take place over four days in April — has morphed into a year-long series during which three to four



In class or just for recreation, literature thrives at William and Mary.

writers come to campus each semester. This year, the program will host faculty members Henry Hart, Hermine Pinson, Tom Heacox, Ava Coibion and Lee Alexander, as well as novelist Jane Kotapish '93 and music writer Amanda Petrusich '00. The eminent poet John Ashbery will also read in March 2009.

For student writers like Zapfel, the series brings literature to life. "The Writers Festival puts a contemporary face on the work we do in class," he says. "It's nice to get a fresh look at the world of literature and poetry — you see how the whole thing is alive and still a big part of our culture."

— David F. Morrill M.A. '87

For information about upcoming speakers, call Carrie Perry-Hoyt at 757.221.3903.

Generosity Fuels Writers Festival

It wasn't long after he arrived on campus in 1986 that Henry Hart was recruited to head up William and Mary's Writers Festival, which had begun in the early 1970s. Now a professor of English, Hart remembers being given the task of organizing the event — and very little money with which to do it.

"I was handed something like \$300 to put everything together," Hart laughs. "I could do that with local writers, colleagues and people from the community, but I was also hoping to invite writers with a national reputation. I talked to students and they also had large ambitions."



Henry Hart



Nancy Schoenberger

A combination of grants and other funding brought the late major American poet A.R. Ammons to campus for Hart's first festival, and kept the annual event afloat for several years. However, it wasn't until Patrick Hayes provided financial support in 1991 that the Festival began to truly flourish.

"We do a lot with what we have, regularly bringing in one or two major international writers each year, as well as local and emerging writers," says Festival organizer Nancy Schoenberger. "Thanks to the generosity of Patrick Hayes, the Writers Festival is the gift that keeps on giving."

— David F. Morrill M.A. '87

‘STRONG AND TRUE AND CLEAR’

A Q&A WITH W. TAYLOR REVELEY III, THE COLLEGE’S 27TH PRESIDENT

BY MELISSA V. PINARD

ON SEPT. 5, 2008, W. TAYLOR REVELEY III WAS SWORN IN AS THE 27TH PRESIDENT OF THE COLLEGE OF WILLIAM AND MARY, AFTER SERVING AS INTERIM PRESIDENT SINCE FEBRUARY. IN OCTOBER, I SAT DOWN WITH THE PRESIDENT IN HIS OFFICE AND DISCUSSED HIS PLANS FOR THE FUTURE OF WILLIAM AND MARY AND HIS REFLECTIONS ON WHAT IT TAKES TO LEAD THIS COLLEGE.

You were a finalist for the William and Mary presidency during the search in 2004. How have your thoughts on the presidency changed since then?

After the search ended early in 2005, I stopped thinking about the presidency and went back to being a very happy law school dean. [Reveley was appointed dean of the William and Mary Law School in 1998.] When the presidency suddenly reappeared in February 2008, my view of what the job would likely entail hadn’t changed, though it was clear the context in which I would get started had shifted dramatically. In 2005, William and Mary was moving forward briskly at the end of a long, successful Sullivan presidency. In February 2008, we were awash in controversy and the College’s progress had slowed quite a bit, because of the stormy weather through which we were moving.

As the son of a college president, how have you seen the role of college president change over the last few decades?

My father was president of Hampden-Sydney College from 1963 to 1977. Certainly, over the last 40 years, a job that was always demanding has become even more demanding. American higher education has grown radically in size and complexity. If you compare the William and Mary of 40 years ago to today’s William and Mary, the university is much larger; has far more moving pieces, is enormously more diverse, and lives in a seriously more competitive and transparent world. Similarly, students and their parents — the consumers of higher education — are much more insistent about getting value for their money and first-rate service in many areas, not just the classroom. Like much else in American society, higher education has changed a lot over the last 40 years — and it’s going to keep changing.

What have been the biggest surprises — positive and negative — with this position?

No significant surprises, but it has been grand to discover the depth of loyalty to William and Mary from all parts of the family — students, faculty, staff, alumni, friends. If there hadn’t been such a powerful underlying commitment to the welfare and progress of the university, it would have been *much* more difficult for the College to come back together again so quickly after its recent time of troubles, when we became entangled in the national culture wars and caught up in Virginia politics, as well as becoming the butt of much negative attention from the print and electronic media.

I suppose one minor surprise has been to learn how hard it is to see all the people, talk to all the groups and go to all the events important to William and Mary. On this score and a lot of others, it would be really helpful to be able to be in several different places at once.

What are your plans for the next six months and the next three years?

Well, first, we must keep doing that which William and Mary does so well — teaching, learning, advancing human understanding. Then, too, there is the vast range of activities outside class at which the College and its people excel, from athletics to the performing arts to service trips to the far ends of the Earth.

Beyond our customary missions, there are four additional areas of emphasis on which we began working last academic year as soon as the crisis passed. I’ve begun calling them RPFC. Sadly, “RPFC” can’t be pronounced. In bare outline, we are heavily into the following areas.

First, *relationships*. They became frayed within the William and



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Mary family during the recent controversies. We have to restore the ties of trust and affection within the family that are so crucial to the happiness and success of the College.

Second, there is the need for *planning*. It's been 15 years since our last strategic plan. It's essential that we take a fresh look at what we're doing, why we're doing it, where we hope to go during the next five to 10 years, and how we plan to get there (for instance, how we will pay for it).

Third, the wolf was at our financial door long before the global economic meltdown began. Very focused attention must go to how we propose to *finance* the university going forward. The old model — primary reliance on state support — no longer works. That era has passed, never to return. We have become, inescapably, a privately funded university that also receives some taxpayer support. The crucial question is how we make the new financial model work.

Fourth, there is a mix of *communications and culture*. There is no point having a new strategic plan if you don't have the capacity to communicate it effectively to all interested and affected parties, and no way on earth to raise lots of new private money if you can't explain why it's needed to potential donors, and no point in sending messages via forms of communication that don't get through to those whom you need most to reach. So, what are our most compelling messages — what is the essence of William and Mary? What would be lost to America if the College ceased to exist? Do we send our messages by

print, by e-mail, by video, by Facebook, by blogs, by all of the above and more, keyed to different subsets of our alumni and friends? How often should we communicate? Then there is culture — how do we build a more powerful tradition of giving back and of mutual support among William and Mary alumni wherever they are in the world, starting while they are on campus?

So: RPFC — *relationships, planning, finance, communications and culture*. William and Mary is in full cry now on all four fronts.

Whom do you look to as a role model of leadership?

No one person. But there have been many people who've seemed to me to be very effective leaders — starting with my parents. Another person who comes immediately to mind is Bill Bowen, a highly successful president of Princeton and then of the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, as well as a leader in many for-profit and not-for-profit organizations.

What sets William and Mary apart from other institutions?

All sorts of things — William and Mary is immeasurably rich in things money can't buy. We're certainly richer in things that money can't buy than any other institution of higher education in the United States. What sort of things? Things such as roots running deep into American history. Such as more William and Mary people having seminal roles

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in the revolutionary and early national eras in our country than those associated with any other university. Such as generation after generation of extremely able and public-spirited people — students, faculty, staff and alumni. Such as a great constellation of physical and architectural beauty on campus. Such as being the school where the honor system began in American colleges and universities, where Phi Beta Kappa began, where legal education began. Such as being among the first U.S. colleges to become coeducational.

Today, William and Mary is one of the few universities that actually — not just rhetorically, but for real — combines a heavy emphasis on faculty research and scholarship with a heavy emphasis on teaching, and not just teaching graduate students or professional students, but also teaching undergraduates. This is rare. Usually as a university turns toward research, undergraduate teaching gets pushed onto the back burner. That hasn't happened here. Tenured and tenure-track professors still teach undergraduates in a very rigorous and engaged fashion. Professors know their students by name. They care about them in class and outside class. They involve them in their research. They do not view them as impediments to their work as scholars.

Another way in which we are quite unusual is our extraordinary combination of academic excellence, on the one hand, and limited financial resources, on the other: The schools that we are most like academically are all private and all wealthy. From a financial standpoint, we are remarkable overachievers. This is, of course, very admirable and a source of seemingly pride. It is also, I fear, not sustainable in a highly competitive, transparent environment.

What lessons have you learned over the past years being on campus as dean of the Law School?

While at the Law School, I did learn a good bit about the rest of the university. This gave me a powerful leg up last February when I moved over to the main campus.

You don't have to be at William and Mary very long, in any capacity, to realize that people care intensely about this place. Our students, faculty and staff are here, with rare exception, because they have enthusiastically chosen to be here. They want the College to be as good as it can be. Most of our alumni feel the same way. They have the deep loyalty that I mentioned before — it comes from all directions and keeps us moving forward. But it's a loyalty that needs to be honored and cultivated — never taken for granted.

One lesson I'm still learning — words to the "Alma Mater." I've nailed the tune, but the words beyond "William and Mary, loved of old" keep slipping through the brain cells. Got to work on this.

How does it feel to relate to undergraduates compared to law students?

I've found that all William and Mary students, graduate and undergraduate, combine exceptional ability with exceptional collegiality. That's an extremely engaging combination — people who are very smart and who do a lot with their lives both in class and out, who are also very nice, not arrogant, not obsessed with how special and entitled they are. It's how I found the law students for years and now find the undergraduates.

How do you connect so well with people from different generations?

People as a species, as a whole, interest me — what they're doing and thinking. I've never been hung up on whether someone is young, middle aged, or old. And, of course, the older I get, the more I keep pushing back when old age begins. It's back to 85 and likely to keep moving north. Getting along with different generations probably has its roots, too, in my close ties to my parents and grandparents.

What book are you reading now?

I've almost finished a book written by Nick Katzenbach about his time

working for Robert Kennedy and Lyndon Johnson. The book's title is *Some of It Was Fun: Working with RBK and LBJ*. What a perfect title, I thought, "some of it was fun"! This resonates. I just finished a big book that exceeded all my expectations — Arthur M. Schlesinger Jr.'s *Journals: 1952–2000*. I grew up in the 1950s and early '60s, so a lot of what Schlesinger talks about brought back memories. The book is also fun because Schlesinger was perfectly willing to say exactly what he thought about everyone. Reading for a while is my reward at the end of the day.

If there was one thing you could change about yourself, what would it be?

Well, off the wall, I guess — this would take a true magic wand — if I could have all of the stamina and enthusiasm I had when I was younger, coupled with the practical wisdom I've amassed over the years; this would be a dynamite combination. Or, equally good, if the tooth fairy came through with the \$5 billion in unrestricted endowment for William and Mary I keep asking for, that would certainly brighten my day. Actually, a billion would be OK; it doesn't have to be five all at once.

What is your favorite spot on campus?

Over time I'm going to have a revolving list of favorite spots. At the moment, it's walking out the front door of the President's House down the marble steps into the Wren Yard with all its trees and red brick walks, past Lord Botetourt and on to the ancient Brafferton. This is a really extraordinary stroll in the cool of the morning.

What would surprise alumni to find out about you?

Sticking to a relatively tame one — I still build sand castles at the beach. You get to build them, they go up quickly — you build them as the tide is coming in — you watch what you've built resist the invading water until, ultimately, the waves triumph. I get a kick out of all that. Only one of Helen's and my four children has stuck with me over the years building sand castles. He inherited the sand-castle gene.

Something else you would like to communicate?

I'm honored and pleased to be William and Mary's 27th president. It's both a privilege and a challenge. It's exciting to be about the business of nurturing William and Mary with the aid and comfort of so many others equally devoted to this grand old school. ■

PRESIDENT TAYLOR REVELEY: A SHORT BIOGRAPHY

Before assuming his current post, Taylor Reveley served as dean of William and Mary Law School for almost a decade, starting in August 1998. He is the John Stewart Bryan Professor of Jurisprudence.

Reveley received his A.B. from Princeton University's Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs in 1965. At Princeton, he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa and rowed on the lightweight crew for two years. Reveley went to law school at the University of Virginia, receiving his J.D. in 1968. During the United States Supreme Court's 1969 term, he clerked for Justice William J. Brennan Jr.

Reveley has studied and written extensively about the constitutional division of the war powers between the president and Congress. In 1972-73, he spent 13 months studying the war powers while an international affairs fellow of the Council on Foreign Relations in New York City and a fellow of the Woodrow Wilson Center for Scholars in Washington, D.C. He is the author of *War Powers of the President and Congress: Who Holds the Arrows and Olive Branch?* (University of Virginia Press, 1981).

Before joining William and Mary, Reveley practiced law for many years at Hunton & Williams, where he specialized in energy matters, especially those involving commercial nuclear power. He was the managing partner of the firm for nine years.

Much of Reveley's extracurricular time over the years has gone to nonprofit organi-

zations. He has served on many educational and cultural boards, including those of Princeton University (where he is a trustee emeritus), Union Theological Seminary in Virginia, St. Christopher's School, the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, JSTOR, the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, the Virginia Historical Society, the Virginia Foundation for the Humanities, the Richmond Symphony and the Presbyterian Church (USA) Foundation.

Reveley and his wife, Helen, have four children — Taylor, Everett, Nelson and Helen Lanier — and a daughter-in-law, Marlo.



The Reveley family poses for a photo while celebrating Mrs. Reveley's birthday (l to r): Nelson, Everett, Marlo, Helen, Taylor, Taylor IV and Helen Lanier.

2009 ALUMNI MEDALLION RECIPIENTS

By Melissa V. Pinard and Ben Kennedy '05

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On Nov. 17, 1934, the Alumni Association of William and Mary held a special meeting on Homecoming Day to award the first Alumni Medallions. Since then, more than 260 alumni have been granted this coveted honor. It is the highest alumni award a graduate can receive from the College, honoring exemplary professional accomplishments, service to community, state or nation, and loyalty and dedication to William and Mary through exceptional

involvement, advocacy and support. This year's awards will be presented during Charter Day weekend, at 2 p.m. on Feb. 6 in the Sadler Center.

These five alumni have each enriched and benefited William and Mary, demonstrating the power of alumni involvement to improve the College they love. Whether with their time or their talent, the 2009 Alumni Medallion honorees serve as excellent examples of lasting commitment and affection for the Green and Gold.



SARAH KEMP BRADY '64

When Sarah Kemp Brady '64 graduated from the College and began her teaching career, there was no way she could know how dramatically her life would change, and that she would have such a significant impact on this country's legislation. "You never know the twists and turns life will bring," she says.

Brady grew up in Alexandria, Va., the daughter of an FBI agent. She remembers her first day at the College: her parents left and all the students sat in the Wren Chapel listening to someone talk about William and Mary and "all the firsts"—Phi Beta Kappa and the honor code among others. "I really felt part of something," she says.

Maybe it was that feeling of being part of something bigger that led Brady to seek a career in politics and eventually lobbying. After she graduated, she taught for two years in Virginia Beach, Va., and then for two years in Alexandria, Va. While in her hometown, integration occurred and changed her perspective forever. She remembers her first act of civil disobedience. "I was very proud of it," she says. After Martin Luther King Jr. was shot in 1968, the African-American teachers at her school asked if they could stay home to watch the funeral, but were denied. They decided to skip school that day and asked Brady if she would join them, so she did.

Shortly afterward she decided to get into politics and went to work as the assistant to the campaign director for the Republican Congress-

sional Campaign Committee from 1968 to 1970. That same year she met James "Jim" Brady and went to work for congressmen Mike McKeivitt of Colorado and Joseph Maraziti of New Jersey, and then went on to work for the Republican National Committee in the mid-1970s. Sarah and Jim married in 1973 and had a son, James Scott Brady Jr., in 1978.

On March 30, 1981, during an assassination attempt on President Ronald Reagan, Jim Brady was shot. That was the day that changed Sarah Brady's life forever. After some necessary time of healing, caring for Jim and raising her son Scott, she decided to become active in the gun control movement and contacted an organization called Handgun Control Inc., becoming chairwoman of the lobbying arm in 1989 and then chairwoman of the education and research arm, the Center to Prevent Handgun Violence, in 1991.

Through working with this organization and lobbying her friends and contacts in Washington, D.C., Brady was able to get the Brady Law enacted. When it first passed in the House in 1991, she described it as "one of the biggest thrills of my life." The bill became law on Nov. 30, 1993, when President Bill Clinton signed it. Beginning on Feb. 8, 1994, licensed gun sellers were required to do background checks on individuals who wanted to purchase a gun: this would require a waiting period of five days. The waiting period provision of the law expired in 1998 when the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) came online, which in most cases could provide an instant background check.

Since the passage of the Brady Law, Handgun Control also has helped regulate assault weapons and the amount of plastic parts allowed in guns, among other initiatives. The organization was renamed in honor of the Bradys in late 2000.

The educational branch of the organization is called the Brady Center for Handgun Control, and the lobbying branch is the Brady Campaign for Handgun Control. Although no longer chairwoman, Brady still serves as a volunteer traveling around the country making speeches. As to what will be the next gun issue she takes on, Brady says the state of the economy is taking precedence right now.

"I believe strongly in keeping guns out of the wrong hands," she says, "but you have to keep it in perspective."

Sarah Brady has delivered speeches all around the world, but admits to being a little nervous when she has returned to her *alma mater* to speak, at Convocation in 2004 and at a law school event. "I could speak anywhere, but there's a respect factor at William and Mary. Maybe because, of all people, I feel the most unworthy."

She has received several "Woman of the Year" awards from numerous organizations, ranging from the USO to *Glamour* magazine. In 1997, she was named one of Sara Lee's Frontrunners alongside College Chancellor Sandra Day O'Connor. She served on the Alumni Board of Directors in 1990-92 and was a member of her 40th Reunion gift committee.

A sense of humility and graciousness surrounds Brady and is probably the reason she has been such an effective lobbyist. With many friends on both sides of the aisle, Sarah Brady is truly one of the most bipartisan people you will ever meet. ■



LYNN MELZER DILLON '75

There are not too many jobs that would allow you the opportunity to tour the timberlands of a paper manufacturer, ride a tank at a defense company site or attend the launch of a satellite at Cape Canaveral. Understanding the customer base was part of the business for former banker Lynn Melzer Dillon '75 — not a difficult task for someone who is naturally inclined to listen to people and value their stories, no matter if it is in her volunteer work or her chosen profession.

"Handling customer portfolios was one of the favorite elements of my career," says Dillon. "It was varied, full of challenge, and required significant interpersonal contact, both with customers and managing the team of First Chicago colleagues. I always believed an organization's greatest assets walk out the door every evening."

Lynn Dillon, who grew up outside of Los Angeles and later suburban Chicago, was drawn to the College for several reasons, including its liberal arts curriculum, national reputation, Orchesis dance program and location in the mid-Atlantic.

After graduation, the history major began her career at Riggs National Bank in Washington, D.C. It was also during this time

that she married classmate John Dillon '75, whom she met during her freshman year.

In 1981, she was recruited by the First National Bank of Chicago (now JPMorgan Chase), where she would spend the next 18 years of her career. The following year Dillon received her M.B.A. from George Washington University. After handling various customer portfolios in the mid-Atlantic region, she was promoted to head the D.C. office in 1987. From there she moved to Chicago in 1990 as a vice president and credit officer for all of the bank's regional offices in the U.S. and Canada. In succeeding years, she served as a managing director in the Midwest banking division, responsible for a team of bankers handling customers throughout a six-state region.

In her last three years with First Chicago, 1997-99, she went from senior vice president of New York banking (12-state region) to head the corporate banking marketing department and finally to lead the Eastern states corporate banking division (22-state region). In 1999, after nearly 10 years of commuting among D.C., Chicago and New York and having to live in a separate city from John, she decided to take a new path to focus on volunteer work and financial consulting.

Although her last career took her all over the world, Dillon still remembers the quiet strolls along DoG Street fondly. Her passion for the College brought her back in 1997 to serve on the Alumni Association Board of Directors, becoming president from 2001 until 2003. She volunteered on both her 25th and 30th Reunion committees. The Dillons are also members of the Robert Boyle Legacy Society. Currently she serves on the Fund for William and Mary board, where she chaired the alumni volunteer committee and served on the executive committee.

"One of my goals is trying to touch people informally and getting them re-engaged with the College at a time when private support is critical," she says.

Along with several other charities, such as the Boys and Girls Clubs, Achievement Rewards for College Scientists, the Joffrey Ballet and ChildHelp, most of the volunteer service she has done utilized her skills in governance and fund-raising. The Dillons have taken on a charity that requires a great deal of sacrifice, both of the home and of the heart, and a lot more hands-on experience.

For the past eight years, they have worked with Guiding Eyes for the Blind as puppy raisers. Neither of them ever had a dog growing up, so the first puppy, Hadley, was quite a learning experience. Hadley never qualified, so he came home to live with them. In the Guiding Eyes program, raisers have the puppies from eight weeks old until 18-24 months, and then they have to say good-bye for final training with Guiding Eyes. Three of their five puppies have ended up working, which means that three people are being helped every day because of the Dillons' sacrifice. "It's such a joy to help others," she says, "especially when you can see so tangibly how it changes lives." ■

HENRY H. GEORGE '65

Henry George '65 learned to love William and Mary from his father: Brooks George '32 was an influential member of numerous College boards and committees and was never shy about bringing his two sons along with him to Williamsburg.

"I think a lot of people have hobbies and things — my father's hobby was the College of William and Mary," George says. "He just loved the place. I got indoctrinated very early into the College and grew up with the Tribe."

Henry's older brother Billy '62 also attended the College and introduced him to his Kappa Sigma fraternity brothers and friends. Among Billy's roommates was Bill Smith '62, who played the William and Mary Indian and famously brought his horse Wampo to the George home to stay the night before a football game against the University of Richmond.

"When it came time to apply to colleges, I knew where I wanted to go and I have always appreciated the opportunity to come to William and Mary," he says.

George — who was a Kappa Sig, baseball player and former vice president of the student body himself — has a keen memory for William and Mary stories. When he was young, his father would take him to sporting events all over the place — whether Tribe football was breaking attendance records versus North Carolina or if Indians guard Bill Chambers '53 was playing basketball in Madison Square Garden. A photo of the 1948 football team hangs on the wall of his office in downtown Richmond, and George is still a regular sight at Tribe sporting events year-round.

"They say that your college years can be the best years of your life and I can see why," he says. "We got a great education, had fun and most important, met friends for life." His freshman roommate, Win Luther '65, is still a close friend and readily responds to fix-it calls from the George house in Richmond.

Following some time in the Army and a master's degree from the University of Virginia, George returned to his native Richmond, Va., to work in the city's banking industry. George worked at the old Bank of Virginia — later Signet — for 27 years, running Signet Asset Management. When First Union took over Signet in 1994, he left for Scott and Stringfellow Asset Management. Finally, after BB&T bought Scott and Stringfellow, George went on to form Investment Management of Virginia, an independent firm where he is a managing director.

From the beginning of his career, he was encouraged by his father to get involved with the College.

"My dad said, 'Well, Henry, the Richmond alumni chapter's going to have a meeting next week, and I think

you might want to go,'" he says. "I remember they had two speakers: one was a professor, and one was our football coach, Lou Holtz. He pulled an empty chair over to the podium, got up on the chair and gave this speech that got everyone in there fired up." A few days later, Jim Ukrop '60, L.H.D. '99 called him up to help the Tribe Club, and George's dedication as an alumnus had begun.

His wife, Nancy, named an honorary alumna in 2003, joins him for their sometimes twice-weekly trips to Williamsburg. She and women's basketball coach Debbie Taylor '86 have become close friends and golfing partners.

"Nancy has been there just as much as I have," says George. "She's always enjoyed going down, meeting the coaches, meeting the players and going to the games. She's been very much involved."

Henry himself is on campus plenty. As a past president of the William and Mary Alumni Association, George was a familiar presence in and around the Alumni House during his terms, from 2001 until 2007. He is also a past president of the Tribe Club, associate of the Omohundro Institute of Early American History and Culture and current treasurer of the Virginia Institute of Marine Science Foundation board. Many of his contributions stem from vast experience in the financial world.

His involvement extends to his hometown of Richmond, where he has been the president of the Richmond Financial Analyst Society and vice president of the board of the Children's Home Society of Virginia, a 100-year-old organization that places children in adoptive homes and provides counseling for birth families. It's clear George's energy is boundless for the people — and campus — that need it.

"Like anything else, the more you put into something, the more you get out of it," he says. "I try to participate in every way I can." ■





HARRISON R. TYLER '49

From his historic estate on the banks of the James River, Harrison Tyler '49 is mere miles — if not steps — away from the places and events that have shaped his storied family. His father, Lyon Gardiner Tyler LL.D. 1919, was a tremendously influential president of William and Mary during the tumultuous period from the reopening in 1888 to 1919. His father — Harrison Tyler's grandfather — was John Tyler 1807, the 10th President of the United States. And the president's father, John Tyler 1765, was governor of Virginia from 1808 to 1811. Each of these Tyler men and more, stretching back to the earliest years of the Virginia colony, has more than a family name in common: each has found his way to the College of William and Mary and made an impact.

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By Melissa V. Pinard and Ben Kennedy '05

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These five alumni have each enriched and benefited William and Mary, demonstrating the power of alumni involvement to improve the College they love. Whether with their time or their talent, the 2009 Alumni Medallion honorees serve as excellent examples of lasting commitment and affection for the Green and Gold.



SARAH KEMP BRADY '64

When Sarah Kemp Brady '64 graduated from the College and began her teaching career, there was no way she could know how dramatically her life would change, and that she would have such a significant impact on this country's legislation. "You never know the twists and turns life will bring," she says.

Brady grew up in Alexandria, Va., the daughter of an FBI agent. She remembers her first day at the College: her parents left and all the students sat in the Wren Chapel listening to someone talk about William and Mary and "all the firsts"—Phi Beta Kappa and the honor code among others. "I really felt part of something," she says.

Maybe it was that feeling of being part of something bigger that led Brady to seek a career in politics and eventually lobbying. After she graduated, she taught for two years in Virginia Beach, Va., and then for two years in Alexandria, Va. While in her hometown, integration occurred and changed her perspective forever. She remembers her first act of civil disobedience. "I was very proud of it," she says. After Martin Luther King Jr. was shot in 1968, the African-American teachers at her school asked if they could stay home to watch the funeral, but were denied. They decided to skip school that day and asked Brady if she would join them, so she did.

Shortly afterward she decided to get into politics and went to work as the assistant to the campaign director for the Republican Congress-

sional Campaign Committee from 1968 to 1970. That same year she met James "Jim" Brady and went to work for congressmen Mike McKeivitt of Colorado and Joseph Maraziti of New Jersey, and then went on to work for the Republican National Committee in the mid-1970s. Sarah and Jim married in 1973 and had a son, James Scott Brady Jr., in 1978.

On March 30, 1981, during an assassination attempt on President Ronald Reagan, Jim Brady was shot. That was the day that changed Sarah Brady's life forever. After some necessary time of healing, caring for Jim and raising her son Scott, she decided to become active in the gun control movement and contacted an organization called Handgun Control Inc., becoming chairwoman of the lobbying arm in 1989 and then chairwoman of the education and research arm, the Center to Prevent Handgun Violence, in 1991.

Through working with this organization and lobbying her friends and contacts in Washington, D.C., Brady was able to get the Brady Law enacted. When it first passed in the House in 1991, she described it as "one of the biggest thrills of my life." The bill became law on Nov. 30, 1993, when President Bill Clinton signed it. Beginning on Feb. 8, 1994, licensed gun sellers were required to do background checks on individuals who wanted to purchase a gun: this would require a waiting period of five days. The waiting period provision of the law expired in 1998 when the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) came online, which in most cases could provide an instant background check.

Since the passage of the Brady Law, Handgun Control also has helped regulate assault weapons and the amount of plastic parts allowed in guns, among other initiatives. The organization was renamed in honor of the Bradys in late 2000.

The educational branch of the organization is called the Brady Center for Handgun Control, and the lobbying branch is the Brady Campaign for Handgun Control. Although no longer chairwoman, Brady still serves as a volunteer traveling around the country making speeches. As to what will be the next gun issue she takes on, Brady says the state of the economy is taking precedence right now.

"I believe strongly in keeping guns out of the wrong hands," she says, "but you have to keep it in perspective."

Sarah Brady has delivered speeches all around the world, but admits to being a little nervous when she has returned to her *alma mater* to speak, at Convocation in 2004 and at a law school event. "I could speak anywhere, but there's a respect factor at William and Mary. Maybe because, of all people, I feel the most unworthy."

She has received several "Woman of the Year" awards from numerous organizations, ranging from the USO to *Glamour* magazine. In 1997, she was named one of Sara Lee's Frontrunners alongside College Chancellor Sandra Day O'Connor. She served on the Alumni Board of Directors in 1990-92 and was a member of her 40th Reunion gift committee.

A sense of humility and graciousness surrounds Brady and is probably the reason she has been such an effective lobbyist. With many friends on both sides of the aisle, Sarah Brady is truly one of the most bipartisan people you will ever meet. ■



LYNN MELZER DILLON '75

There are not too many jobs that would allow you the opportunity to tour the timberlands of a paper manufacturer, ride a tank at a defense company site or attend the launch of a satellite at Cape Canaveral. Understanding the customer base was part of the business for former banker Lynn Melzer Dillon '75 — not a difficult task for someone who is naturally inclined to listen to people and value their stories, no matter if it is in her volunteer work or her chosen profession.

"Handling customer portfolios was one of the favorite elements of my career," says Dillon. "It was varied, full of challenge, and required significant interpersonal contact, both with customers and managing the team of First Chicago colleagues. I always believed an organization's greatest assets walk out the door every evening."

Lynn Dillon, who grew up outside of Los Angeles and later suburban Chicago, was drawn to the College for several reasons, including its liberal arts curriculum, national reputation, Orchesis dance program and location in the mid-Atlantic.

After graduation, the history major began her career at Riggs National Bank in Washington, D.C. It was also during this time

that she married classmate John Dillon '75, whom she met during her freshman year.

In 1981, she was recruited by the First National Bank of Chicago (now JPMorgan Chase), where she would spend the next 18 years of her career. The following year Dillon received her M.B.A. from George Washington University. After handling various customer portfolios in the mid-Atlantic region, she was promoted to head the D.C. office in 1987. From there she moved to Chicago in 1990 as a vice president and credit officer for all of the bank's regional offices in the U.S. and Canada. In succeeding years, she served as a managing director in the Midwest banking division, responsible for a team of bankers handling customers throughout a six-state region.

In her last three years with First Chicago, 1997-99, she went from senior vice president of New York banking (12-state region) to head the corporate banking marketing department and finally to lead the Eastern states corporate banking division (22-state region). In 1999, after nearly 10 years of commuting among D.C., Chicago and New York and having to live in a separate city from John, she decided to take a new path to focus on volunteer work and financial consulting.

Although her last career took her all over the world, Dillon still remembers the quiet strolls along DoG Street fondly. Her passion for the College brought her back in 1997 to serve on the Alumni Association Board of Directors, becoming president from 2001 until 2003. She volunteered on both her 25th and 30th Reunion committees. The Dillons are also members of the Robert Boyle Legacy Society. Currently she serves on the Fund for William and Mary board, where she chaired the alumni volunteer committee and served on the executive committee.

"One of my goals is trying to touch people informally and getting them re-engaged with the College at a time when private support is critical," she says.

Along with several other charities, such as the Boys and Girls Clubs, Achievement Rewards for College Scientists, the Joffrey Ballet and ChildHelp, most of the volunteer service she has done utilized her skills in governance and fund-raising. The Dillons have taken on a charity that requires a great deal of sacrifice, both of the home and of the heart, and a lot more hands-on experience.

For the past eight years, they have worked with Guiding Eyes for the Blind as puppy raisers. Neither of them ever had a dog growing up, so the first puppy, Hadley, was quite a learning experience. Hadley never qualified, so he came home to live with them. In the Guiding Eyes program, raisers have the puppies from eight weeks old until 18-24 months, and then they have to say good-bye for final training with Guiding Eyes. Three of their five puppies have ended up working, which means that three people are being helped every day because of the Dillons' sacrifice. "It's such a joy to help others," she says, "especially when you can see so tangibly how it changes lives." ■

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Henry George '65 learned to love William and Mary from his father: Brooks George '32 was an influential member of numerous College boards and committees and was never shy about bringing his two sons along with him to Williamsburg.

"I think a lot of people have hobbies and things — my father's hobby was the College of William and Mary," George says. "He just loved the place. I got indoctrinated very early into the College and grew up with the Tribe."

Henry's older brother Billy '62 also attended the College and introduced him to his Kappa Sigma fraternity brothers and friends. Among Billy's roommates was Bill Smith '62, who played the William and Mary Indian and famously brought his horse Wampo to the George home to stay the night before a football game against the University of Richmond.

"When it came time to apply to colleges, I knew where I wanted to go and I have always appreciated the opportunity to come to William and Mary," he says.

George — who was a Kappa Sig, baseball player and former vice president of the student body himself — has a keen memory for William and Mary stories. When he was young, his father would take him to sporting events all over the place — whether Tribe football was breaking attendance records versus North Carolina or if Indians guard Bill Chambers '53 was playing basketball in Madison Square Garden. A photo of the 1948 football team hangs on the wall of his office in downtown Richmond, and George is still a regular sight at Tribe sporting events year-round.

"They say that your college years can be the best years of your life and I can see why," he says. "We got a great education, had fun and most important, met friends for life." His freshman roommate, Win Luther '65, is still a close friend and readily responds to fix-it calls from the George house in Richmond.

Following some time in the Army and a master's degree from the University of Virginia, George returned to his native Richmond, Va., to work in the city's banking industry. George worked at the old Bank of Virginia — later Signet — for 27 years, running Signet Asset Management. When First Union took over Signet in 1994, he left for Scott and Stringfellow Asset Management. Finally, after BB&T bought Scott and Stringfellow, George went on to form Investment Management of Virginia, an independent firm where he is a managing director.

From the beginning of his career, he was encouraged by his father to get involved with the College.

"My dad said, 'Well, Henry, the Richmond alumni chapter's going to have a meeting next week, and I think

you might want to go,'" he says. "I remember they had two speakers: one was a professor, and one was our football coach, Lou Holtz. He pulled an empty chair over to the podium, got up on the chair and gave this speech that got everyone in there fired up." A few days later, Jim Ukrop '60, L.H.D. '99 called him up to help the Tribe Club, and George's dedication as an alumnus had begun.

His wife, Nancy, named an honorary alumna in 2003, joins him for their sometimes twice-weekly trips to Williamsburg. She and women's basketball coach Debbie Taylor '86 have become close friends and golfing partners.

"Nancy has been there just as much as I have," says George. "She's always enjoyed going down, meeting the coaches, meeting the players and going to the games. She's been very much involved."

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BY JAY BUSBEE '90

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With all apologies to the hundreds of esteemed professors at the College, pranks are the real memories that students carry with them forever. You may not remember what you learned in econ or Elizabethan literature more than three days after the final exam, but you'll be telling your grandkids about the time you soaked a tennis ball in cologne, lit it on fire and hurled it down your dorm hall.

Certain college pranks have achieved legendary status, inspiring awe, admiration and legions of copycats. Perhaps the finest college prank of all time took place in 1961, when Caltech students infiltrated the Rose Bowl game between Washington and Minnesota. The students placed colored placards in the seats of the Washington fans, and then, dressed as Washington cheerleaders, exhorted the crowd to hold their placards high. The result? "CALTECH" spelled out across one entire side of the Rose Bowl.

Similarly immortal pranks have involved stealing sacred icons or mascots from a rival school, or hoisting unbelievably large objects into unlikely places. While William and Mary can't lay claim to such world-beating pranks as those, we do hold up our end of the bargain, even if we skirt the bounds of propriety and legality doing so.

The College administration tries to take an understanding view of pranks, within reason. "What for one person is a prank, for another person goes too far," says Dave Gilbert, associate dean of students

and director of student conduct. "It's a difficult line to express, but what we try to do is ensure the individual rights of every student to enjoy their College career as long as their conduct doesn't infringe on the rights of others."

College pranks have surely been around since the earliest days of William and Mary, though no records exist of, say, Thomas Jefferson 1762, LL.D. 1782 hoisting effigies to the roof of the Wren Building or turning all of his roommate's possessions upside down. Even so, College students have always proven resourceful when inspiration strikes, so we can assume that such tales have been lost to history.

Recently, the Alumni Association surveyed the College community to recall favorite pranks from undergraduate days, and we received dozens of fine (and hysterical) recollections. Many, sadly, can't be published; this is a family magazine, after all. Many more remain locked firmly in the memories of the participants, to be shared only when they're certain that statutes of limitations have run out. These are some of the best of what we received, however, with some names withheld to protect both victim and victimizer.

Dorm Room Pranks

Dorm rooms are ground zero for pranking activity. Woe to the poor undergrad who has a prank-minded roommate or suitemate; the possibilities for victimization are endless. At the College, pranksters have:

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— *Courtesy of Michael P. Hennessy '80, Heidi Elizabeth Pixton Copa '68*

- ✦ Blasted rooms from afar by tilting garbage cans full of water against the door and knocking; filling paper bags full of shaving cream, inserting the open end under the door and then stomping; or piling baby powder at the crack under the door and then using a hairdryer to blow the powder into the room. (Since these involve property damage, they often end up on Gilbert's desk.)

— *Various Contributors*

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— *Courtesy of Emily Lowry '00*

Fraternity Pranks

Most of the pranks submitted could end up as state's evidence and thus cannot be repeated here, but some of the printable ones include the following:

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— *Courtesy of Rich Saunders '82*

- ✦ During pledge week 1986, Theta Delta Chi foolishly challenged its pledges to try to turn some of the hazing heat back on the brothers. The pledges retaliated for a week of harsh treatment by simulta-



neously collecting huge trash cans full of slushy ice water and coating almost all of the unit's stairwells with Vaseline. On command, the pledges dumped the ice water on sleeping brothers closest to the doors; those frat brothers who had not been drenched tried to give chase, they slipped on the Vaseline, and the pledges — who knew where to step to avoid the Vaseline — got away scot-free.

— *Courtesy of Jas Short '90*

✦ One night in the early 1950s, Kappa Alpha (KA) recognized that its supply of alcohol was running low, and hatched an ingenious scheme. Several brothers visited nearby Sigma Alpha Epsilon (SAE) and informed them that a party was afoot with more available women than KA could handle. SAE eagerly agreed to help out with the problem, and left their lodge to join in the party. While they were gone, brothers from KA snuck into their lodge and stole their entire beer-filled fridge. And SAE showed up to the “party” only to find a few guys playing poker.

— *Courtesy of Jim Dillard '59*

Property Pranks

College students usually don't have many possessions, which makes those possessions all the more valuable — and all the more vulnerable to pranks.

✦ One unfortunate soul who owned a small two-door Honda Civic awoke one morning in 1983 to find it wedged tightly between two trees near the Yates parking lot. Students had lifted the economically friendly but relatively light car right out of its parking space.

— *Courtesy of Jim Pratt '86*

✦ Students in the Botetourt Complex came back to their dorms one afternoon around 1980 to find a bed suspended three stories high above the courtyard. Students had hoisted the bed into the air via long, long ropes run through the exterior staircases at each dorm. Everyone got a good laugh out of it, even the victim — until he realized whose bed it was.

— *Courtesy of Reed Hopkins '81*

✦ In the fall of 1972, a few residents of Old Dominion Hall decided their residence needed a little freshening up. They swiped a Jolly Green Giant figure from a Delta Delta Delta Homecoming float and hoisted it up to the roof of the building. The giant overlooked the campus for several days afterward.

— *Courtesy of Bob Wilson '75*

Quick Hits

Sometimes the simplest pranks are best: quick hits are often the most effective ... and the most memorable.

✦ Many students in animal physiology lab were participating in a test to evaluate kidney function by testing their own urine at intervals throughout one day. For the final samples, one group of partners — Ana Kuhn '84, David Brand '84, Kenneth Manning '83 and Laurie Thornton '84 — appeared confused by their results, wondering why they were so out of line with previous readings. “Maybe we'll get better results if we run it through again,” one partner said, and the team drank its “urine” cups empty. The cups were full of apple juice, but the other students in lab that day did not know that.

— *Courtesy of Laurie Thornton '84*

✦ In the fall of 1986, one student accompanied his family to a Parents' Weekend dinner at Berret's Seafood. When his father ordered a whole lobster, the student recognized an opportunity. He asked for the lobster's cleaned-out carapace, and the shell started making its way around Dupont Hall, showing up everywhere from beds to closets to toilet seats.

— *Courtesy of Jay Busbee '90*

✦ The exit doors from many dorms resemble those that lead into individual rooms. A couple of Stith Hall students took advantage of this similarity by decorating the exit door with fake nametags and a message board. More than a few students wandered around lost at





the far end of the hall, not wanting to barge into “Debbie’s” and “Lisa’s” room by accident.

— *Courtesy of Patty Anderson '85*

✦ In the fall of 1971, one procrastinating student annoyed his fellow roommate by staying up all night writing a paper. The student finished his paper, paper clipped it, and left it on the center of his desk while he went to breakfast. The roommate safely stashed the paper, then burned several blank pages and left the paper clip sitting in the midst of the ashes. One can only imagine the horror in the writer’s heart at seeing his work burnt to a crisp.

— *Courtesy of Bob Wilson '75*

That list only scratches the surface; every student who’s ever attended the College can certainly think of a few more to add. The vast majority of pranks are one-and-done, quick hits that leave (hopefully) everybody laughing ... and the victim plotting retribution.

The College receives relatively few reports where pranks have gone awry, and in almost all of those instances, Gilbert says, the prankster mends his or her ways as soon as the College steps in.

“Most people don’t even think about pranks being a potential safety hazard,” he says, “and once they do, they’re quick to apologize. When it comes to punishment, intention counts, as does the outcome.” He points to the classic “penny in the door” trick — jamming a penny into a door to wedge it shut — as a prank that could have serious consequences if, say, a fire broke out. Fortunately, however, pranks at the College generally don’t hurt much more than the ego ... and perhaps some dorm room furniture now and then.

The best thing about pranks is that the possibilities are literally endless; as long as there are incoming freshmen, there are new prank targets and new pranks to be created. Odds are that as you’re reading this, some enterprising College students are planning, preparing or executing a prank.

And when that prank hits, make sure to let us know at alumni.magazine@wm.edu. We’d love to run a sequel to this article, and that’s no joke. ■

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HOMECOMING 2008

OCT. 23-26



... brought thousands of William and Mary graduates and friends back to campus for another weekend of familiar friends, fond memories and great times. Alumni from ages 21 to 97 returned to Williamsburg for (mostly) good weather, plenty of events and a big win for the Tribe football team.

Thursday evening, the Order of the White Jacket, the College's food service alumni group, gathered in the Wren's Great Hall. The next morning, Tribe alumni golfers met at the Golden Horseshoe Golf Course for the annual Homecoming Golf Tournament. The Academic Symposium, featuring talks from campus luminaries on hot topics, concluded with a well-attended question-and-answer session with President W. Taylor Reveley III, who was celebrating his first Homecoming as president.

Friday also was occasion for the Olde Guard Luncheon, held in Trinkle Hall. Over 130 attendees watched a presentation by Larry Pulley '74, dean of the Mason School of Business, as he went over the details of brand-new Alan B. Miller Hall, currently under construction. Armond Caplan '33, joined by granddaughter Michele and great-grandson Ryan, celebrated his 75th Reunion [see photo on page 54]. Later in the afternoon, alumni

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SATURDAY NIGHT BASH





PARADE



ORDER OF THE WHITE JACKET



'51-'58 CLASS GATHERING



W&M VS. RHODE ISLAND



PARADE



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GRAND MARSHALS

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gathered in the Wren Courtyard for the Sunset Ceremony to remember those they had lost in the past year. Once the sun went down, everyone came to the Alumni House for the Friday Night Fest, featuring alumni band the Dimeslots and plenty of food and drink for all.

The Homecoming Parade, starring Grand Marshals Sam '64, M.Ed. '71 and Mary Liz Smith Sadler '65, marched proudly down Duke of Gloucester Street and Richmond Road with students and alumni alike. Following the parade, future William and Mary alumni found games and costumed characters at the Children's Carnival before joining their parents for a Picnic-on-the-Lawn. While the Young Guard got together at the '96-'06 tent, the Class of 2003 caught up at a pregame tailgate on the Alumni House lawn.

Then it was time for kickoff against the University of Rhode Island

Rams. Despite a slow start by the Tribe, the Green and Gold came back in force in the second half to defeat their opponents, 34-24. Following the victory, Tribe fans grabbed some Chick-Fil-A and drinks at the postgame tailgate at the Alumni House. The Hulon Willis Association also gathered in Leadership Hall for their annual reunion.

Later on, at the Williamsburg Lodge, old friends, ex-girlfriends and ex-boyfriends, fraternity brothers, sorority sisters and past roommates got together for the first time in years at the reunions for the classes of 1963, 1968, 1973, 1978, 1983, 1988, 1993 and 1998. Then, everyone started dancing at the Saturday Night Bash, where all alumni enjoyed the smooth grooves of 14 Karat Gold and the Dimeslots. By the conclusion of the night, William and Mary alumni from across the decades were reveling at the end of yet another successful and memorable Homecoming. ■



POSTGAME TAILGATE



GO TRIBE!



75TH REUNION



CHILDREN'S CARNIVAL



SUNSET CEREMONY



YOUNG GUARDE AND '96-'06 TENT TAILGATE



SUNSET CEREMONY



GOLF TOURNAMENT



FRIDAY NIGHT FEST



HULON WILLIS ASSOCIATION



THE DIMESLOTS



**SANDY KELLY ALUMNI
TENNIS TOURNAMENT**

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BACKSTORY



Phil DiBenedetto ~

Director of Dining Services

Alma Mater: University of Massachusetts – Amherst

Family: Wife Jennifer; son Matt, 23; daughter Katie, 20.

Where are you from? I am from the western part of Massachusetts, a little town called Charlemont. It's on the Mohawk Trail — Route 2 — about 15 minutes from Vermont and 40 minutes from New York state. It's way up in the boonies, a little town of about 800 people. I literally grew up in a restaurant — a bed and breakfast. That was our home, so it's really in my blood.

How did you get to W&M? Well, I've been working for ARAMARK for 32 years. [DiBenedetto manages the College's contract with ARAMARK on campus.] Most of my career at ARAMARK has been on higher education campuses, which is really the most enjoyable part of the company. I saw that and I applied for it. We visited Williamsburg and Busch Gardens when we were living in Massachusetts at another college. My wife and I were driving home and we said, "Wouldn't it be nice to live there sometime?" Lo and behold, we came here.

If you weren't in food service, what would you be doing? If I hadn't gone into food service, I'd have gone into landscape design. I like working with my hands. When you do a project on a house, you can finish. You see the results; you see the grass growing, you see the trees, you see the color combinations. Food is art. It's not just cooking a hamburger: What does it smell like? What does it look like? What is the finished product? Landscape and those types of things, they're art. That would have been my second career.

What do you do to relax? My brother still lives up in North Conway, N.H., so we either go to the ocean and relax or go skiing. I love music, especially jazz. I like history. I like spending some time walking through the woods.

What do most people not know about you? I cry at movies. I'm very sensitive to animals and kids. I'll slam on my brakes for a turtle walking across the road, stop and put him off.

What's your favorite restaurant? I've been to so many, none of them really stuck in my mind over the years. Tavern on the Green in Manhattan is probably one of the nicest places I've ever eaten. Maybe because it was the holiday season and there was snow on the ground. Central Park in winter is beautiful.

What kinds of food do you like? I like a good hot dog as much as I like any good meal. I'm not a food snob. Give me a hot dog or a burger or fried eggs and that's good for me.

Interview by Ben Kennedy '05