



William and Mary News

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Carter Lowance Named Speaker At Charter Day

Carter O. Lowance, aide and confidant to governors of Virginia since 1947, will be recognized during the 1977 Charter Day Convocation at the College.

Lowance will receive the College's honorary Doctor of Laws degree and deliver remarks reflecting on governmental affairs from 1947 to 1977, according to the announcement by President Graves.

The 1977 Charter Day is scheduled for 2:30 p.m. on February 12, in Phi Beta Kappa Memorial Hall. It will commemorate the granting of William and Mary's charter on February 8, 1693, by King William III and Queen Mary II of England.

The College will also present the Thomas Jefferson Award and the Thomas Jefferson Teaching Award to two persons to be chosen from the faculty and staff.

Lowance, an alumnus of Roanoke College, was a reporter for the Roanoke Times and the Associated Press before joining the staff of Governor William M. Tuck as Executive Secretary. He retained this position through successive administrations until he became assistant president of the Medical College of Virginia from 1958 until 1962.

In 1962, he became executive assistant to Governor Albert S. Harrison, Jr., and in 1966, was named commissioner of administration by Governor Mills E. Godwin, Jr.

From 1970 until 1974, he was executive vice president at William and Mary. He became special assistant to Governor Godwin in September, 1974, and simultaneously held the post of acting secretary of education until a successor took office March 1, 1976.

Lowance has been recognized numerous times for his leadership in the field of State government and public service. In 1968 he received the Virginia Distinguished Service Medal; in 1975 he was awarded Roanoke College's honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree; and earlier this year, was given the Government Day Award by Madison College.

Active in a variety of organizations, he is currently on the boards of the North American Assurance Society of Virginia, the Williamsburg National Bank and the First Virginia Mortgage and Real Estate Investment Trust.

Married to the former Elizabeth Austin of Roanoke, he now resides in Williamsburg.

BICENTENNIAL CHRISTMAS TREE is on display in the Great Hall of the Wren Building. (Story and pictures, p. 4-5.)

Season's Greetings & Best Wishes for the New Year

Newsmakers

English Professor **Carl Dolmetsch** has a review of A.F. Wertheim's *The New York Little Renaissance* (NYU Press) in the November issue of the journal *American Literature*.

Dolmetsch is also the author of "William Byrd of Westover as an Augustan Poet," which appears in the Fall 1976 issue of *Studies in the Literary Imagination*. The article explores Byrd's efforts as a versifier in Virginia and England, giving special attention to his authorship of some anonymous and pseudonymous verses published in *The Tunbrigalia Miscellany* (1719). It is an expansion of a paper originally presented at the annual meeting of The Modern Language Association in New York in December 1974.

At the 10th annual meeting of the Duquesne University Forum, October 21-23, in Pittsburgh, **Dale Hoak** of the history department presented a paper entitled, "Rewriting the History of Tudor Government: The Regimes of Somerset and Northumberland."

Cynthia H. Null, psychology, chaired a paper session on "Timbre" at the First International Conference on Computer Music, held at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Cambridge, Mass., October 27-31. She attended the meetings of the Psychonomic Society in St. Louis, November 11-13, and of the National Conference on the Use of On-Line Computers in Psychology, also in St. Louis.

Ellen F. Rosen also of the psychology department, participated in a National Science Foundation Chautauqua Short Course on "Brain, Behavior, and Consciousness" at the University of Maryland Field Center, November 1-2, and **Glenn D. Shean** recently served as a member of the examining team for psychologists seeking state licensure as clinical psychologists in Virginia.

Staff Appointments

Four appointments have been made in recent months to fill vacancies in the Swem Library staff. **Sandra Coates**, **Mary Angela Fields** and **Margot Tripi** have been appointed clerk typists, while **Mary Ann Collignon** is a clerk at Swem.

New personnel in Buildings and Grounds include **Dennis Horsley**, carpenter; **Richard Kranz**, groundsman; and **Egon Schneider**, carpenter leadman.

Other new employees appointed to the College staff are **David Charlton**, residence hall coordinator in the Office of Residence Hall Life; **Thomas Helton**, campus police officer; and **Gloria Spell**, clerk typist in the purchasing office.

Clerk Typist **Gale Pere** is also new to the College staff. She transferred to the Grants Office last month from the Virginia Institute of Marine Science.

In the School of Education, **James Schlotter's** position as Clerk Typist C has been reallocated to that of Information Technician.

Several promotions have been approved recently. In the Computer Center, **John Peach** was promoted from Computer Operator A to Computer Operations Supervisor.

Ann Barnes has been promoted from Data Entry Operator A in the Registrar's Office to Clerk Typist C in the Law School Library, while **Josephine Crowder**, a Clerk Typist C in the Law School Admissions Office, has been named Accountant A in the Law School Library.

Judy Hodge, Clerk D in the Business Office, has transferred to the Personnel Office, where she is a Clerk Stenographer D.

Jesse S. Tarleton, School of Business Administration, attended a meeting of the Academy of International Business in New York City in November, where he presented a paper entitled "An Innovative Joint Business School/Law School Course in International Business Operations". The paper described an interdisciplinary course which Tarleton and Walter L. Williams of the Law School taught last spring.

James M. Yankovich, dean of the School of Education, chaired the evaluation committee on Lynchburg College that was conducted by the State Department of Education, Nov. 29-Dec. 1, in Lynchburg.

Yankovich represented the College at the inauguration of Simeon Alexander Burnette as the second president of J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College in Richmond, Dec. 8.

Football Coach **Jim Root** has been named by the Southern Conference Media Association as Coach of the Year for 1976. Root won in a landslide victory over Pat Dyd of East Carolina, whose Pirates won the league championship. Root brought William and Mary's football team from a predicted last-place finish in the Southern Conference to a second-place and a 7-4 record at season's end.

Louis P. Messier, School of Education, has been elected treasurer of Region IX, American Association of Mental Deficiency. Messier has also been elected to serve as chairman of their education committee.

Leave Status Check Urged

As the holiday season approaches, the Personnel Office reminds classified employees to be certain of their earned leave status before taking additional days off.

Personnel Director I. H. Robitshek explains that, in order for employees to be eligible for the December 24 through January 2 vacation with pay, they must either work on both the day before and the day after the holiday, or they must charge the day before and the day after the holiday to earned leave.

If an employee has exhausted all leave time, and he or she does not work the day before and the day after the holiday, then he *cannot be paid for the holiday* and must take the time off as leave without pay.

To avoid losing the leave time, employees should stop in the

Faculty Named

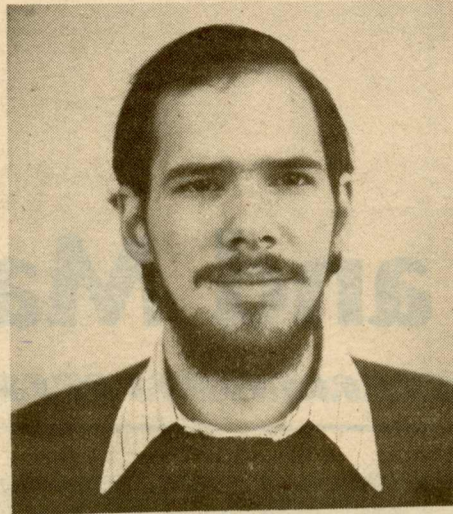
Two faculty appointments for the spring semester have been announced.

Jerry T. Faubion, president and chief executive officer of Dow Badische Company from 1966-75, will be a lecturer in the School of Business Administration.

Faubion, who holds a B.S. degree in engineering administration from Texas A&M University, is currently a management consultant and president of Faubion Enterprises, Inc. During his 23-year tenure with Dow, he served in various management capacities both in Michigan and Texas.

Janet S. Bradley, who has a B.A. degree in zoology and an M.A. in biological sciences from the University of California at Santa Barbara, has been appointed acting instructor in the department of biology for the spring semester.

Both appointments are temporary.



Hoover



Floyd

Kevin Hoover, Joan Floyd Are Drapers' Scholarship Recipients

Seniors Kevin D. Hoover of Falls Church and Joan L. Floyd of Ellicott City, Md., have been named recipients of the Draper's Company Exchange Scholarships for 1977-79.

The scholarships are awarded annually to two William and Mary students for two years of study at a British university of the recipient's choice.

Jeanmarie Brock of Houston, Tex., Deborah Habel of Arlington, and Norman Lamson of Winchester were named as alternates.

A concentrator in philosophy, Hoover is working on an honors

project concerning the role of belief and theory construction in the sciences. He was recently initiated into Phi Beta Kappa and is a member of Delta Phi Alpha German honor society. As a freshman he was elected to Phi Eta Sigma honor society.

During his junior year, Hoover was an exchange student to St. Andrews University in Scotland, where he was a member of the Celtic Society, the German Society and where he participated in the university's basketball team.

At William and Mary, Hoover serves as a student member on the committee on honors and experimental programs. He participated in the Project Plus program as a sophomore and is currently living in the German language house. He has also been active in the Outing Club and the College Wide Reading Program.

Joan Floyd is pursuing a double major in English and French. She has begun research for an honors thesis on 18th century English comedy.

Floyd is a member of Phi Beta Kappa, Omicron Delta Kappa leadership society, Mortar Board and Pi Delta Phi French honor society. As a freshman she was elected to Alpha Lambda Delta honor society. Floyd is also a member of the Society for Collegiate Journalists and has been named to *Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities*.

Floyd is news editor of the *Flat Hat* and is a member of the campus Girl Scouts and the Mermettes aquatic group. Since her freshman year she has played an active role in the Circle K service organization, helping to organize and direct a weekly educational opportunity project for elementary and junior high school students at Chickahominy.

Personnel Office if they plan to take time off in addition to the authorized holiday and are uncertain of the amount of leave time they have earned.

The paid Christmas vacation became possible for William and Mary employees in January 1975, when the College's revised holiday schedule took effect, with the Governor's approval.

Because the College was in session and employees had to maintain normal services on several of the 11 holidays observed by the State government, William and Mary was given permission to rearrange the schedule to give its employees the day off after Thanksgiving and several days during the Christmas - New Year holiday season, when the College was not in session. Grouping the holidays also permits substantial savings to be effected in fuel and energy consumption on campus during the week the College is closed.

O'Bryan Joins Development Staff

D. Wayne O'Bryan, a 1967 graduate of the Marshall-Wythe School of Law, has been named director for special gifts in the Development Office. O'Bryan replaces Andrew D. Parker, J.D. '69, who resigned to join the development staff at Brown University.

O'Bryan will work with alumni, parents and friends of the College in arranging for estate and trust provisions that designate William and Mary the beneficiary. He will also assist donors in making other special gifts, particularly those which require legal counseling.

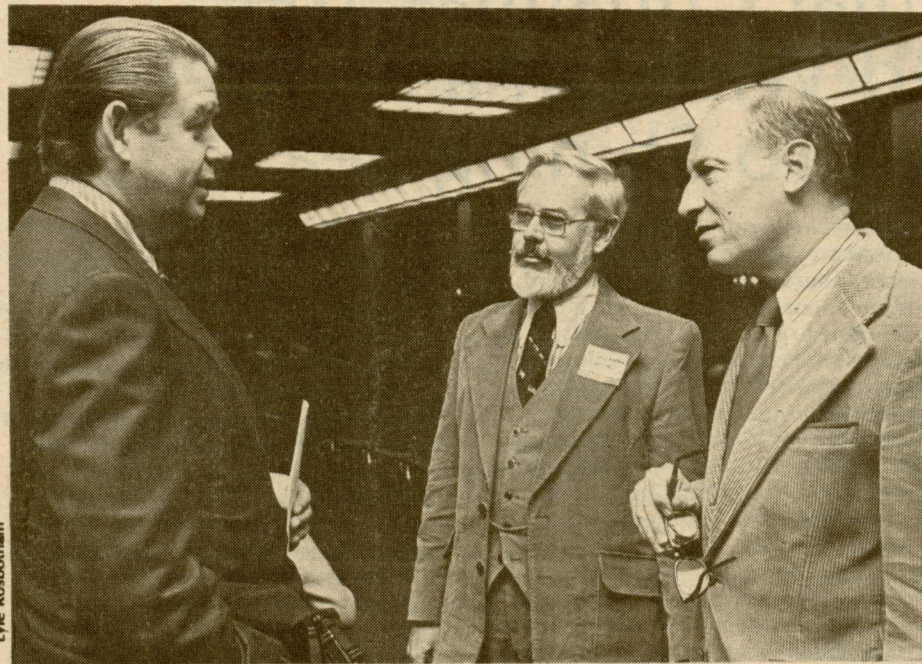
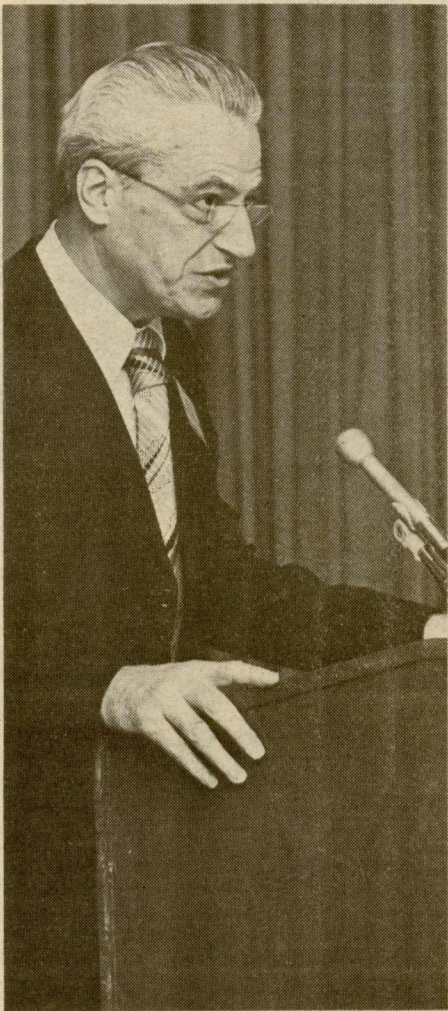
Before joining the College administration, O'Bryan was a partner in the Richmond law firm of White, Cabell, Paris and Lowenstein for six years. He

was an associate in the Norfolk law firm of White, Reynolds, Smith and Winters for three years prior to moving to Richmond.

O'Bryan, who also received his undergraduate degree at William and Mary, was president of the Student Bar Association in 1966-67. He was president of the Law School Association of alumni in 1972-74 and again in 1975-76, and he has been active in fund-raising on behalf of the School of Law.

He has served as president of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society's Tidewater Chapter, in 1970, and the Richmond Chapter, in 1972.

O'Bryan is a member of the American Bar Association, the Virginia State Bar and the Norfolk-Portsmouth Bar Association.



Revolutionary Conference

Some 250 scholars from the U.S. and several foreign countries met in Williamsburg last week for a major conference on "American Literature of the Revolutionary War Era." The conference was sponsored on behalf of the Modern Language Association by the College and the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Above, NEH representative Harold Cannon (at left) confers with Carl Dolmetsch (center), conference director and Professor of English, and President Graves. An address on "Paine and Dickinson" by Alfred Owen Aldridge (pictured in photo at left) opened the conference. Aldridge is professor of comparative literature at the University of Illinois at Urbana - Champaign.

Physicist's Invention Aids NASA Program

A new infrared detector invented by William and Mary physicist Arden Sher may give a boost to a National Aeronautics and Space Administration program on atmospheric pollution.

NASA is trying to develop remote sensing devices that will detect atmospheric pollution from satellites and airplanes, but the sensitivity range of the infrared detectors currently being used is too limited for maximum effective-

ness. The new pyroionic infrared detector invented by Sher may solve the problem. His detector, unlike the ones currently being used, is able to function near room temperatures and is not sensitive to vibrations.

The invention stemmed from a \$5,000 summer grant NASA awarded to Sher and graduate physics student Jim Stubblefield in 1975 to test the idea for the infrared detector.

The results of their research and that of alumnus Carl L. Fales, Ph.D. '75, a physicist in the flight instrument division at NASA-Langley Research Center, were published in "LaF₃ Infrared Detectors" in the Journal of Applied Physics Letters in June 1976.

Last summer Sher's invention was

described in NASA's Tech Briefs, a periodical in which new technology developed under NASA-funded programs is announced, to encourage secondary uses of the technology.

NASA recognized Sher's contribution with a \$50 award for the publication in Tech Briefs and a certificate, both of which were formally presented to Sher last week by President Graves.

Sher has continued his research in pyroionic materials and is currently exploring the possibility of using them as solar cells capable of converting sunlight directly into electrical energy.

Professor Sher joined the William and Mary faculty in 1967. He holds degrees from Washington University in St. Louis.

Oil Painting, Jefferson Letter Given To College

William and Mary has received a valuable oil painting for the College art collection and a Jefferson letter and book for its Special Collections at Swem Library.

A large seascape by American marine painter F.K.M. Rehn, 1848-1914, is the gift of Mrs. Roger Wilson of Gastonia, N.C.

Well known for his marine landscapes and portraits, Rehn won many prizes for his work in both the United States and Europe. He was a member of the National Academy and the New York Watercolor Society.

Mrs. Wilson, a former Williamsburg resident, has many ties to the College. Her daughter, Mrs. Robert C. Clements is an alumna, class of 1949, and Mrs. Wilson's father, Carter Beverley Harrison, and his brothers also attended William and Mary.

A 1780 letter signed by Thomas Jefferson and a book, "Sketches of the Life, Writings and Opinions of Thomas Jefferson," believed owned at one time by Clarence S. Darrow, are the gifts of Mrs. Conrad Platner of Kendallville, Ind.

The letter, which concerns the sale of ships owned by the Commonwealth of Virginia, was written while Jefferson was governor of the state.

Mrs. Platner's son-in-law, James T. Kerns of Fort Wayne, Ind., and Mr. Kerns' daughter, Elizabeth Chandler, a sophomore at William and Mary, presented the gifts to the College.

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News, photographs and advertisements should be sent to the News Office, 308 Old Rogers Hall.

The deadline for all submissions is Wednesday at 5 p.m. for publication the following Tuesday.

W&M News Holiday

The December 14 issue of the William and Mary News will be the last before the Christmas holidays. Publication will resume with the January 18, 1977, issue.

Notices

STUDY IN CAMBRIDGE--Applications are still being accepted for the Cambridge Summer Program in England. Professors Hoak (history), Chappell (fine arts) and Fehrenbach (English) will be teaching with the program. Applications are available in Dean Deery's office, James Blair Hall 210.

SURPLUS PROPERTY SALE

Some 100 miscellaneous equipment items are listed on the latest surplus property sale notice from the State Department of Purchases and Supply. The sale is "as is and where is" without warranty. Bids will be opened January 11, 1977, at 2 p.m. Successful bidders will be required to remit within ten calendar days and remove property within 20 calendar days from date of notice of award.

The 1970 Virginia Conflict of Interest Act prohibits any employee, spouse or relatives residing in the employee's household, to purchase property belonging to the agency by which that person is employed.

A schedule of items on sale, including several from William and Mary, is available in the Purchasing Office, the College News Office and the Plant Office.

Swem Exhibit Shows Victorian Christmas

American Christmas customs in 1976 would hold few surprises for Charles Dickens or any other visitor from the Victorian era in England.

Aside from the religious ritual, in fact, our modern Christmas customs are largely inherited from the way the Victorians celebrated the event in England in the mid-1800's. The decorated tree, gift giving, greeting cards, roast goose or turkey and jolly Santa Claus as part of Christmas were popularized by the Victorians and quickly adopted in the United States.

For a look at a Victorian Christmas, stop in the Zollinger Museum at Swem Library. Sally Gray of the Periodicals Department and Margaret Cook of the Manuscripts Department have decorated a tree in the manner of the period and arranged life-size scenes depicting a Victorian Christmas. Several displays feature books written by Charles Dickens, William Thackeray, Alfred Tennyson and other Victorian authors who helped to popularize the institution of Christmas.

Charles Dickens was one of the most influential forces in shaping the Victorian Christmas celebration. In their introduction to the exhibit Gray and Cook cite one authority who says, "Our modern Christmas was not the invention of Dickens, though with his

Christmas Books he probably did more than any man living to promote the cheerful kindness and those charitable feelings which properly belong to the season."

Dickens published "A Christmas Carol in Prose" in 1843 and four other Christmas books in the next five years. He also wrote numerous short stories for periodicals on the holiday and included Christmas scenes in many of his narrative works. Several of these works are on display.

Plum pudding was as essential to the Victorian Christmas fare as turkey and cranberries have become to the American Thanksgiving menu, and a display in the exhibit gives tasteful prominence to the treat.

According to Gray and Cook, Victorians used greenery in abundance for decorations.

Christmas presents were exchanged, but gifts were seldom wrapped. Instead, they were grouped around the tree or hung as decorations.

Queen Victoria's consort, Prince Albert, did much to popularize the decorated Christmas tree in England. Borrowing the custom from Germany, he introduced the decorated tree into the royal family circle at Windsor Castle in 1840. The custom was soon imitated throughout England.

Gray and Cook have created a typical Victorian tree for the exhibit by decorating with fruits and cookies. Although the Victorians used the real thing, Cook and Gray have used a modern recipe for the "cookies"--they look the same, but will last for years.

The 19th century also saw a revival of interest in carols, beginning with the publication of the first modern collection of traditional carols by Davies Gilbert in 1822.

The museum exhibit includes a tape recording of carols and a selection from Dicken's "A Christmas Carol," read by Howard Scammon.

Victorian England is responsible for the first Christmas greeting card. In 1843 John Calcott Horsley--later a Royal Academician--designed such a card on the initiation of Henry (later Sir Henry) Cole. It cost one shilling, and about a thousand were sold during that Christmas season, according to Sally Gray.

Santa Claus was unknown to England until the 19th century when, in the early years of the Victorian era, he was adopted by the English from the German Americans, explained Gray. In England he became known as Father Christmas.

Official Memoranda

From: Dennis K. Cogle, Business Affairs Office
 To: College Community
 Subject: **Campus Post Office Holiday Schedule**

In the holiday schedule which appeared in a recent issue of the *News*, it was indicated that the Campus Post Office will be closed from December 24, 1976 through January 2, 1977.

Subsequent to that notice, a few people have indicated that they are expecting important mail during that period and they have requested access to the Campus Post Office.

Accordingly, arrangements have been made to have the back door of the Post Office open from 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m., Monday through Friday (December 27-31), in order that faculty members and administrative personnel might pick up mail from their personal mail boxes.

It is emphasized again, however, that *no outgoing mail will be processed, and there will be no Campus delivery during the holiday period.*

From: Personnel Office
 To: College Employees
 Subject: "Employees' Nights"

As a token of the esteem and appreciation of the College community for our employees, the following dates have been designated as "Employees' Nights" for basketball games in William and Mary Hall:

January 8, 1977 -- Appalachian State
 February 2, 1977 -- George Washington

Each employee will be admitted to the above game free of charge upon presentation of their current College of William and Mary identification card.

From: Personnel Office
 To: College Employees
 Subject: **Membership in the State Employees Credit Union**

Effective immediately, there is no waiting period for a permanent employee to join the State Employee's Credit Union. Employees are eligible effective the date they are put on the permanent payroll. Hourly or part-time employees are not eligible for membership.

From: Personnel Office
 To: College Employees
 Subject: **Payment for Overtime**

The College has received the following notice from Charles B. Walker, comptroller of the Commonwealth:

Some agencies apparently have accumulated overtime earnings for employees for payment in a lump sum at a later date. If your agency has done so, we must insist that earned overtime *not* be accumulated and carried on the books for several weeks. Overtime that has been worked must be paid no later than the pay period following the pay period worked.

Deans and department heads who have received prior approval from the Office of the Vice President for Business Affairs for their employees to work overtime

must submit to the Personnel Office the hours and the dates on which this overtime work was performed. This information should be in the Personnel Office *not later than* the first working day of the week following the week during which this overtime work was performed.

The following is a list of changes and corrections which have been reported and which should be made in your *Official Telephone Directory* for faculty and staff.

PAGE		CORRECTIONS
14	Add:	Ext. 369 and 341, to listing for ALTSHULER, Nathan
15	Change:	Ext. 649 to 652, for BEYER, Carlyle
15	Change:	Ext. 524 to 336 for BLOOM, Robert
18	Add:	Ext. 336 to 524 or 525 for BLOOM, Robert B.
24	Change:	EDWARDS, Jack, Ext. 243 or 683, JB-112
24	Change:	Ext. 246 or 612 to Ext. 247 or 515 and JB-217 to JB-205 for MATTHEWS, Barbara
24	Change:	Ext. 229-2771 to 229-3239 for MCGIFFERT, Michael
26	Add:	OFFLEY, Lisa, Ext. 647
29	Add:	SMITH, Helen, Ext. 329, MO-125
30	Add:	Ext. 283 and 240 to listing for TERMAN, C. Richard
32	Add:	YOUNG, Chris, Ext. 596 or 597, Security Office
31	Change:	Ext. 339 or 579 to Ext. 339 or 552
44	Change:	Address for GIBBS, Norman E. to 22 Ensigne Spence
57	Add:	PANDEY, Madhu, Physics Dept., 1442 A. North Mt. Vernon, 229-1676 (Chandra)

Employment

The following positions are open to all qualified individuals; however, current faculty and classified employees will receive first consideration. Except where noted, inquiries and applications should be made at the Personnel Office, 201 James Blair Hall, and not at the department where the opening exists. Call 229-JOBS (229-5627) for an updated listing and 24-hour service. An EEO/AA employer.

COMPUTER SYSTEMS ANALYST B-- (temporary, 4-6 months) \$6.60 to 7.21 per hour based on experience; college graduate with major in computer science; math, engineering, accounting, or business administration plus two years experience in systems analysis and design; Admin-

istrative Information Services, deadline Dec. 20.
 LANDSCAPE SUPERINTENDENT-- \$10,992 per year; college graduate with major in agriculture or related field and one year experience in grounds planting and maintenance at the supervisory level; Buildings and Grounds; deadline Dec. 20.

Paycheck Notice

Paychecks for permanent employees will be available at the normal location--Payroll Office, second floor of James Blair Hall from 9 a.m. to 12 noon only on Thursday, Dec. 30.

Development Office Grant Opportunities

NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Chautauqua Field Centers -- Proposals invited for operating Field Centers for Short Courses for college teachers over a three-year period commencing in 1977-78. Proposal deadline is *January 12, 1977*. Contact J. Leverenz, Ext. 391 for more information.

Science Faculty Professional Development Program -- 150 grants to be awarded to college teachers to improve the effectiveness of their teaching and research in understanding and satisfying national needs. Awards are made for study or work in the mathematical, physical, medical, biological, engineering, and social sciences, and the history and philosophy of science. Applications must be post-marked by *January 7, 1977*. A descriptive brochure is available in Room 310, Old Rogers Hall, Ext. 391.

NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE HUMANITIES

Summer Seminars for College Teachers -- 1,272 college teachers will be selected from applications to attend one of 106 seminars in the subject area of their choice. Stipend and travel allowance included for two-month seminars. Application deadline is *March 15, 1977*. Additional information available from Grants Office, Ext. 391 or call NEH at (202) 382-7114.

Regional Conferences: New Directions in the Humanities -- Teams of three people from each of 20 institutions will be selected to attend Southeast Region Conference February 27 - March 4, 1977, in St. Petersburg, Fla. Participants will be selected on the basis of intention to use the resources of the conference to help solve an institutional problem related to teaching/learning in the humanities. Deadline is *January 3, 1977*. Contact Program Office at (202) 293-6440 or Grants Office, Ext. 391.

Post-Doctoral Fellowships: Human Values in Medicine -- For interdisciplinary study in projects related to the role of the humanities in medical education. For more information and applications, contact the Institute on Human Values in Medicine, 723 Witherspoon Building, Philadelphia, Pa. 19107, or the Grants Office.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION AND WELFARE

The HEW Fellows Program -- Deadline is *January 1, 1977* for applications. Fellowships provide for 12-month assignments in central and regional offices of HEW. For information, call Program Director, (202) 245-6087, or contact the

Grants Office.

Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education -- Awards grants in the following areas for reform, innovation and improvement of postsecondary education:

- creation of programs for new paths to career and professional training, and new combinations of academic and experimental learning;
- establishment of programs based on technology of communications;
- carrying out changes in internal structure and operations designed to clarify institutional priorities and purposes;
- design and introduction of cost-effective methods of instruction and operation;
- introduction of institutional reforms designed to expand individual opportunities for entering and re-entering institutions and pursuing programs of study tailored to individual needs;
- introduction of reforms in graduate education, in the structure of academic professions, and in the recruitment and retention of faculties; and
- creation of new programs for examining and awarding credentials to individuals, and the introduction of reforms in current institutional practice in this area.

A descriptive brochure with proposal guidelines may be obtained from the Grants Office. Deadline is *January 14, 1977*.

OFFICE OF EDUCATION

Community Education Program -- Program priorities include programs to train persons for planning and operating community education programs in local educational agencies, and programs to assess appropriate training competencies needed in local and state educational agencies for planning and administering community education programs. For further information, call Program Office at (202) 245-0691. Deadline: *February 7, 1977*.

ENERGY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION

Special Projects in Energy Education and Training -- Proposals solicited to assess or study a problem or to test the proposed solutions to a problem important to the nation's energy education on a national basis. *No deadline*. Contact Dr. James C. Kellett, ERDA, at (220) 376-9208 for further information and guidelines.

The Question of '76

by Michael McGiffert

The immediate question in the spring of 1776 was whether the connection with Great Britain should be broken. But underlying and determining the issue of independence was another question—one that was no less challenging. Because independence required a positive justification, Americans who chose to risk it were forced to ask themselves what kind of country they wanted American to become, and what they themselves would have to do to realize their desire.

When Americans committed the act of revolution, the question of '76 became the question of the significance of America itself. It was not the question of 1776 alone. In its essentials it is our question, too—in 1976.

As Americans made up their minds on independence, they reflected on the liabilities of their colonial status. Over the quarter century before 1776 the British government had made persistent efforts to tighten the bonds of imperial rule. As protest and resistance proved unavailing, many colonists were compelled to conclude that they were the objects of deliberate exploitation and oppression. In the words of Edmund Burke, they "snuff[ed] the approach of tyranny in every tainted breeze" blowing from England.

In this same period, American travelers in England were sending back shocking accounts of the corruption that infected politics there—and not politics only, but the entire fabric of English society. Thus the young Pennsylvanian, John Dickinson, studying law in London in 1754, reported in amazement that over £1,000,000 had been spent to influence the most recent parliamentary election. "Bribery," he wrote, "is so common that it is though there is not a borough in England where it is not practiced."

Observations of English politics and society, coupled with experience of English colonial administration, drove Americans first to question and finally to deny England's right to rule them any longer. They went to war to strike off the shackles of tyranny, as they perceived it, and to preserve their precious portion of the New World from contamination by the corruptions of the Old.

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Concentrating intellect and passion on the public concerns of their time, our national ancestors undertook to create a new country, define its character, and project its destiny. To these tasks they brought a set of moral and political convictions which may be called the "ideology of virtue."

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The eighteenth-century conception of virtue prescribed a moral code for personal and public behavior. This code enjoined industry, self-discipline, frugality, honesty, and like values, not only as means to the good life of productivity and happiness but also as ends in themselves. It also inculcated a strong sense of civic responsibility: the virtuous man, in his capacity as citizen, devoted himself to the public good, subordinating his self-interest to the service of the commonweal.

This conception of virtue mirrored an ideal of the good society. Virtue could operate only within a sustaining context of social relations, laws, and institutions. The conditions of men did not have to be equal; indeed, the ethic presupposed a social hierarchy in which each person's rank was clearly defined and each person's role was governed by specific canons of appropriate conduct. But within this graded system, the relations of persons had to be civil

and decent, with due degrees of mutual respect, deference, and obligation.

These tenets were crystallized into ideology by changes that were taking place in 18th-century England. The English "country party," as it came to be known, held that the power of government was always and everywhere a direct threat to the liberty and virtue of citizens. While government was necessary, it was at best a necessary evil, and it had to be so managed as to minimize the inherently corruptive influences of its own power. To the arrogance of governmental power the "country ideologists" opposed the claims of personal and civil liberty. To the threat of corruption they opposed the principles of public and private virtue.

Americans adopted the "country" view because it persuasively explained their own disillusioning experience with English power in the 1760s and 1770s, when the imperial regime laid on taxes, tightened controls over trade, sent redcoated troops into American cities, and attempted to restrict American self-government. The "country" ideology enabled Americans to interpret these actions, in the words of the Declaration of Independence, as "a history of repeated injuries and usurpations, all having in direct object the establishment of an absolute tyranny over these states." The Revolutionaries of 1776 thus identified the cause of virtue with the defense of American liberty.

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To the inventors of the new nation, who in resisting the tyranny of king and Parliament had committed themselves to the principle of the sovereignty of the people, the answer to the question of '76 had to be worked out in institutions founded on that republican principle. Thus they engaged in political experiments in the several states to contrive governments that would conform to the rules of virtue—neither too weak to enact the good will of the people nor so powerful as to become the springs of new evil.

At the same time, however, they recognized that the reign of virtue depended less on institutional contrivances than on the public and private character of the people themselves. "It is," said Jefferson, "the manners and spirit of a people which preserve a republic in vigor. A degeneracy in these is a canker which soon eats to the heart of its laws and constitution."

In a land where 90 of every 100 men and women were occupied in agriculture, character was naturally conceived in the image of the yeoman farmer—independent, hard-working, freedom-loving. Americans, Jefferson told James Madison in 1787, would remain free "as long as we remain virtuous, and I think we shall be so, as long as agriculture is our principal object, which will be the case, while there remain vacant lands in any part of America." In contrast, he added, "when we get piled upon one another in large cities, as in Europe, we shall become corrupt as in Europe, and go to eating one another, as they do there." In his more sanguine moods Jefferson envisioned the spread of the virtuous yeomanry to the country's westernmost bounds—then the Mississippi River; he bought the Louisiana Territory in order to enlarge those bounds, and then sent Lewis and Clark exploring still farther west.

But Thomas Jefferson was a man of many moods, disconcertingly volatile, his fear competing with his hope. Worrying about the frailties of human nature—"the same," he admitted, "on every side of the Atlantic" no better in the New World than in the Old—he could not help reflecting that "the spirit of the times may alt[e]r, will alt[e]r. Our rulers will become corrupt, our people careless" of their rights. Even the most carefully contrived institutions could not prevent the decay of character; and even God's chosen people, when tempted would "forget themselves, but in the sole faculty of making money." They would yield to the lure of luxury and, pursuing it, would surrender their liberties and their very selves to some Man of Power, an American Caesar, in whose rise the Republic would fall.

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During the Revolutionary period, in opposition to Jefferson's appealing but problematic vision of the freehold empire, another prescription for

America acquired force. Its principal agent was Alexander Hamilton.

The policies Hamilton promoted were designed with the ends of power foremost in mind. It was his intent to make America economically and militarily secure so that it might grow in time into an imperial state, puissant and prosperous, immense and mighty. America's survival, he maintained, depended on America's strength, and America's strength—his goal of greatness—depended on the vitality of the national economy, the vigor of the national government, and the efficiency of national arms. In pursuing these ends, and in devising means to achieve them, Hamilton gave little if any thought to the problem of safeguarding civic virtue against the corruptions of the drive for political and economic power. Moral metaphysics, as he called it, did not interest him; he thus cavalierly dismissed the question of '76.

From the standpoint of accomplished statecraft—of getting things done—Hamilton's attitude is refreshing. For him, surely, it was liberating: his freedom from scruples enabled him to drive with singleminded concentration toward the goal of national greatness, defined by power and wealth. But when he dismissed as trivial the problem that lay at the heart of the question of '76—the problem of wanting to be not only nationally great but also naturally good—he became, together with his vision and his program, a part of the problem itself. He was the father of an illustrious line of American achievers who in their successive generations would drive the national juggernaut. These have been our Men of Power—in many ways our most representative men—and their line will not have stopped at the door of a certain room in a certain building known as the Watergate.

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The question of '76 is not exactly the same today, of course, as two hundred years ago—not in its frame of reference, its characteristic formulations, or the particular problems to which it is addressed. Yet I believe that the question remains crucial to our conceptions of national identity, purpose, and destiny. Indeed, the question has grown with the country's growth—has become vastly more complicated and critical—the issues of power and freedom, corruption and virtue, having been immensely magnified by the mass and force of the institutions in which our lives are so complexly and vulnerably enmeshed. Moreover, our relations to the question, like those of the Revolutionaries of 1776, are markedly ambivalent.

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There is a tension in our deepest values: we desire, as a people, to be both powerful and free, both prosperous and virtuous, both great and good.

Out of the trouble of their times, in mingled doubt and hope, our Revolutionary progenitors framed the question of '76, staked America on it, and committed it, freighted with possibility and obligation, to their successors. Although it may lie far less within our power than it did in theirs to "begin the world over again," as Thomas Paine proclaimed, or even to redress the problems of the world we have, their question becomes our question, too, for it appears to be the crucial question of America itself.

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Calendar

To schedule an event, contact the Campus Center Office, Ext. 235 or 236.

When a special program is planned for a meeting on campus, the William and Mary News welcomes further information about speakers, discussion topics, tickets and other details. Contact the News Office, 308 Old Rogers Hall, Ext. 331 or 371.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14

Residence Hall Life, CC Gold Room, 10:30 a.m.
Interhall Meeting, CC Theatre, 4 p.m.
S.A. Senate, CC Theatre, 7 p.m.
Chess Club, CC Room C, 7:30 p.m.
Law Wive's Bridge, CC Room D, 7:30 p.m.
English Department presentation by Thomas Heacox, PBK Dodge Room, 7:30 p.m.
FILM: German House presents "Der Kommissar," German House, 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15

Residence Hall Life, CC Gold Room, 9 a.m.
DISSERTATION DEFENSE--James Lake, a graduate student in marine science, will defend his doctoral dissertation, "Effects of Oil Contamination on the Salt Marsh Environment," Byrd Hall, Virginia Institute of Marine Science, 9:30 a.m.
Faculty Luncheon Group, CC Room D, 12 noon.
Residence Hall Lunch, CC Room C, 12 noon.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16

BSA, CC Room C, 4 p.m.
Science Fiction Club, CC Rooms A&B, 7:30 p.m.
Chess Club, CC Room C, 7:30 p.m.
Fellowship of Christian Athletes, CC Green Room, 7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17

Minority Student Affairs, CC Theatre, 8 p.m.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18

Yule Log Ceremony, Wren Building, 6:30 p.m.
Minority Student Affairs, CC Theatre, 9 p.m.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19

No Events Scheduled.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 20

Organ Recital, Wren Chapel, 11 a.m.
DISSERTATION DEFENSE--Carol Lake, a candidate for the doctoral degree in marine science at VIMS, will defend her dissertation concerning "Absorption of Ortho-phosphate and Poly-phosphate by Clay Minerals," Byrd Hall, VIMS, 2 p.m.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21

Last day of examinations.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24

College closes for Christmas holiday, 8 a.m.

MONDAY, JANUARY 3

College reopens after Christmas-New Year's holiday, 8 a.m.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 8

Basketball vs. Appalachian State University, W&M hall, 8 p.m.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 14

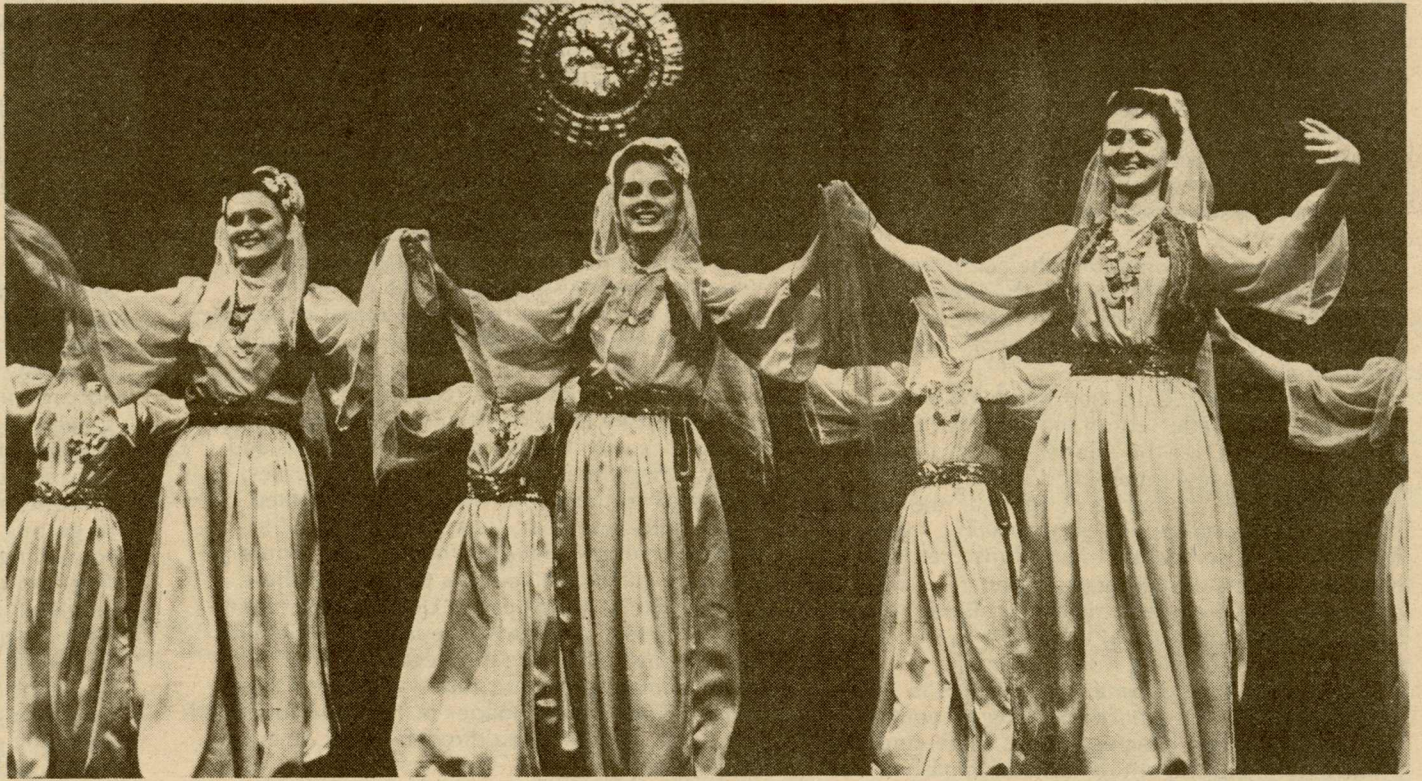
Registration of new and graduate students.

MONDAY, JANUARY 17

Classes begin, 8 a.m.
CONCERT SERIES: National Folk Ballet of Yugoslavia, PBK Hall, 8:15 p.m.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 18

Basketball vs. East Carolina, W&M Hall, 8 p.m.



MARK JANUARY 17 on your calendar, before you get caught up in the holiday season. The National Folk Ballet of Yugoslavia will perform that evening at 8:15 p.m. in Phi Beta Kappa Hall as part of the William and Mary

Concert Series. Making their first tour of America this season, the company will perform ethnically inspired dance compositions representing the cultural heritage of the six republics of Yugoslavia--a kaleidosopic view of a fabled

and exotic land. Individual tickets may be purchased in advance at the front desk of the Campus Center at \$3 for W&M students and employees, \$4 for the general public.

Exhibits

BICENTENNIAL CHRISTMAS TREE, a gift to the College from President and Mrs. Graves, will be on exhibit in the Great Hall of the Wren Building throughout the Christmas season. The tree is decorated with homemade ornaments representing the 50 states. Viewing hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. The exhibit ends January 1.

A VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS--Decorations, books and pictures depict an English Victorian Christmas. Zollinger Museum, Swem Library. Gallery hours are 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. on Saturday. Dec. 6 - Jan. 6.

COLLEGE SUNDIAL--on exhibit in Zollinger Museum of Swem Library, beginning Dec. 5.

NUDES/WATERCOLOR by David Buckles, Andrews Hall Gallery, November 29 through December 17.

CERAMIC by students, Andrews Hall Glass Foyer, November 29 through December 17.

Religious

BAPTIST - Smith Memorial Baptist Church provides bus transportation for students for Sunday School at 9:45 a.m., and worship services at 11 a.m. and 7:45 p.m. each Sunday. For information, call 229-2998.

CATHOLIC - Mass, Tuesdays, Wren Chapel, 7 p.m.; Sundays, 5:30 p.m., St. Bede's Parish Center, supper following, \$1.

CATHOLIC - Special Masses have been announced for the Advent period. They are as follows: EEM Masses Dec. 15 & 16, 12:15 p.m., Wren Chapel; and Dec. 20, 10 p.m. at St. Bede's. Other special Masses will be Dec. 17, 8 a.m., Project Plus; and Dec. 19, 10 a.m., Wren Chapel. A Christmas Social will follow the Yule Log Ceremony at the College on Dec. 18, at the Parish House.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE organization, Thursdays, Campus Center Green

Room, 4:30 p.m.
EPISCOPAL HOLY Communion, Thursdays, Wren Chapel, 5:30 p.m.
EPISCOPAL - St. Martin's Episcopal Church provides transportation for students to attend the 10 a.m. Sunday services. Call 229-1100 weekdays.
EPISCOPAL - Candelit Evensong, Sundays, 5:30, at Bruton Parish Church. Service is followed by a Canterbury Dinner, 6:30 p.m., at the Bruton Parish House, Duke of Gloucester St. Admission to dinner is \$1.25, \$1 for those holding cafeteria cards. The service and dinner will be held every Sunday that William and Mary is in session.
HILLEL SHABBOT Services, Fridays, Temple Beth El, 6:30 and 7:30 p.m.
MORMON Student Association, Wednesday, CC-Room D, 8:30 p.m.
W&M CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP - Fridays, Campus Center Sit 'n Bull Room, 6 p.m.

Classifieds

FOR SALE

MEN'S LEJEUNE 10-speed bicycle. Mafac brakes, Simplex derail. Lights and luggage rack. Barely used, in excellent condition. \$125 or best offer. Call Joyce at 220-3514. (12/14)

LOOKING FOR a great Christmas gift? How about a pair of peach-faced love birds? Food and health care instructions, \$60/pair. Also cockatiels. Great pets, easily trained. Free food and training instructions, \$50. Call 877-8955 after 6 p.m. (12/14)

ASTRONOMICAL TELESCOPE, Edmund Scientific 4 1/4" diameter reflector with clock drive, \$90. Old farm style foot powered grind stone, \$45. Full size scythe with wooden snath. \$30. Call 229-1080. (12/14)

1974 **CELICA TOYOTA** - Air conditioned, standard shift, luggage rack, sports model, excellent condition. Call 843-3212. (1/18)
OODLES of household items: Washing machine - \$15 and works, stove, air conditioners large and small; dishwasher, FREE dryer, needs thermostat; portable stereo, rugs, chairs, desk, curtains, bike and more. If you need something, we may have it. Call 229-2018 after 2 p.m. (1/18)

GENERAL ELECTRIC 10-inch color TV, hardly used. Excellent condition. \$200. Call Bruno, Ext. 626. (1/18)

TUXEDO, 40-R, black, latest fashion (wide lapels), \$25. Also white double-breasted brocade dinner jacket w/black lapels, very

elegant, 40-R, \$15. Both for \$35.00. Call 229-1277 after 5 p.m. (12/14)

1971 **VW-CONVERTIBLE** w. AM/FM radio, low mileage, excellent condition. Delivery Dec. 17th. Best offer above \$1600. Call 229-1277 after 5 p.m. (12/14)

BICYCLE, girl's 24" Roadmaster. Excellent condition. \$30. Call 229-1689 after 5 p.m. (1/18)

1971 **MGB-GT**. \$1850. 229-5782. (1/25)

BEGINNER'S GUITAR, \$10; girl's Free Spirit spider bike, excellent condition, \$20; portable, manual Royal typewriter w/case, elite type, \$10; Monolux, 250x, telescope, \$20. Call 229-3592. (1/25)

SEARS LADY KENMORE portable dryer. Avocado. 2 1/2 years old. Used only 8 months. No special wiring needed. \$85. 229-6119. (1/25)

FOR RENT

FURNISHED ROOM for rent, kitchen privileges, 2 miles from campus, \$60 a month. Please call Mrs. Whitehead at 229-0032 evenings. (1/25)

Notices

LIBRARY HOURS during interim holiday period--

Dec. 22--8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Dec. 23--8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Dec. 24-Jan 2--CLOSED

Jan. 3-Jan. 16--hours are 8 a.m.-5

p.m. on weekdays; 9 a.m.-6 p.m. on Saturdays; and 1 p.m.-5 p.m. on Sundays.

Regular hours resume Monday, Jan 17.

HEALTH SERVICE holiday schedule--The Student Health Service will be closed and no personnel available there from 5 p.m., Dec. 22, to Jan. 3, 1977, at 7 a.m. Any employees on the job during this period, which is (with the exception of December 23) the official campus-wide Christmas vacation, should go to the Williamsburg Community Hospital Emergency Room in case of on-the-job injury.

During Christmas Break from 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 22, until Monday, Jan. 10, at 8 a.m., regular clinic hours for students will be suspended. Twenty-four hour nursing coverage will begin on January 13. From January 3 through January 12, nursing coverage will be provided from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.