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Health Benefits Update

Premiums To Increase

Semi-monthly health insurance premiums have increased for the new fiscal year. The following rates will be reflected for the first time in 7/16 paychecks.

Key Advantage

Employee Only, \$4; Employee plus one, \$49; and family, \$85.

CIGNA

Employee only, \$8; Employee plus one, \$57; and family, \$96.50.

SENTRA

Employee only, \$9; Employee plus one, \$59; Family, \$99.

PRUCARE

Employee only, \$8; Employee plus one, \$57; Family, \$96.50.

MD/IPA

Employee, \$20; Employee plus one, \$81; Family, \$130.

Open enrollment will be held during the month of April this year. This is the only time employees may make changes in their health benefits, to opt-in or opt-out of premium conversion and make medical and dependent care account elections.

Changes for these programs will be effective July 1 through June 30, 1994. Detailed information will be distributed during the early part of April. This information, including *SourceBook 93/94*, will provide details on health insurance plans, as well as other important information. See schedule of sign-up sessions, page 2.

Leave Sharing Approved

The Commonwealth has just implemented a new leave-sharing plan for all full-time and part-time classified employees.

This will permit an employee to donate annual leave to another employee who may need additional leave as the result of an illness or accident.

Certain criteria must be met in order to be a recipient or a donor, and these details have not yet been worked out. However the basic concept has been approved and further information will be provided in the near future.

If anyone has questions which require an immediate answer, call Lois Parker at ext. 13163.

Retirement Counselor On Campus April 13

The TIAA/CREF retirement counselor will be in room D of the Campus Center from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Tuesday, April 13, to discuss questions concerning accounts. Call Eurka Robinson at 1-800-842-2008 to schedule an appointment.



Barbara Lawless '46 works on the mural she has created for the Koenig-Rawleigh Lobby in Ewell Hall, which will be dedicated tonight. See story on page 5. (Photo by C. James Gleason/VISCOM.)

Campus Visits Begin Monday For Six Finalists for Post of Provost

The six finalists for the position of provost will be on campus beginning Monday to meet with faculty and students, search committee chair Kate Slevin said last night.

The weekend storm, she said, had disrupted the committee's schedule so a complete listing of campus visits is still being arranged.

The first visit on March 22-23 will be made by Dorothy Buckton James, provost and dean of the faculty and professor of government at Connecticut College; and former dean of the School of Government and Public Administration, The American University, Washington, D.C. She will meet with faculty at an open forum 3:30 to 5 p.m. on March 22 in Small 113. She will meet with student leaders from 5 to 5:45 p.m., March 23 in the basement conference room of the Campus Center.

Gillian Townsend Cell, provost and professor of history, Lafayette College; and former dean of the College of Arts and Science and the General College, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, will be on campus March 25-26. Cell will meet with student leaders from 5 to 5:45 p.m. March 25 in room C of the Campus Center. She will meet with faculty at from 3:30 to 5 p.m., March 26 in Small 113.

Daniel Fallon, dean of the College of Liberal Arts and professor of psychology, Texas A&M University; and former dean, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, University of Colorado at Denver, will be here April 1-2. Fallon will meet with student leaders 4:45 to 5:30 p.m., April 1 in rooms A and B, Campus Center. He will meet with faculty in an open forum from 3:30 to 5 p.m., April 2 in Small 113.

Schedules for the other three candidates have yet to be finalized. The candidates are:

Mary Sue Coleman, vice chancellor of Graduate Studies and Research and professor of biochemistry and biophysics, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; and former associate provost and dean of research, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Samuel Gorovitz, dean of arts and sciences and professor of philosophy, Syracuse University; former chair, Department of Philosophy, University of Maryland, College Park.

Dalmas A. Taylor, senior fellow for policy, The American Psychological Association; and former provost and senior vice president and professor of psychology, University of Vermont.

Forum Works For Black Issues On Campus

The Black Faculty and Staff Forum of the College of William and Mary has been recognized for advancing the interests of the black community at the College. Although the idea for the forum was originated in the spring of 1989, it was not until the fall of 1992 that it was formally organized with bylaws and duly elected officers.

The Forum was established to promote the recruitment, retention, promotion, tenure, professional development and career advancement of Black faculty, administrators, and staff.

According to Ronald Sims, president of the forum and professor in the School of Business Administration, there are approximately 275 black exempt and nonexempt employees. Currently, the forum has 40 members and hopes to increase membership to 100 percent during its current membership drive.

The forum will work to enhance the status and opportunities of black personnel by advocating issues that are of direct concern. "We want to help William and Mary plan for the future by being a major resource to other campus organizations. By developing a more positive image of the College, we can create an environment that is receptive and inviting to potential black employees and students," explained Sims. He also said that students need to be assured that they will be well received, and that they can reach their highest learning potentials at William and Mary. William and Mary has a higher success rate of blacks graduating than any other predominantly white institution.

"Our goal is to expand and strengthen the relationship and involvement of black faculty and staff of the College with the wider College community. We feel we can enhance a sense of community and support through teaching and networking," said Sims.

The forum is presently working with President Timothy J. Sullivan to fill a senior level, policy-making position of assistant to the president for affirmative action. This position would provide leadership in the ongoing effort to foster a positive climate for everyone at William and Mary. The assistant to the president would be the principal policy adviser to the president, the provost and other senior administrators regarding the development and implementation of programs and policies designated to enhance racial, cultural and gender diversity. Responsibilities would include overseeing efforts to ensure that the College's

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Premier Volume Of Commonwealth Center Series Published



From the cover.

Newly released by Oxford University Press, *Pillars of Salt, Monuments of Grace: New England Crime Literature and the Origins of American Popular Culture* is the premier volume of the Commonwealth Center's book series, *Commonwealth Center Studies in American Culture*. The author, Daniel A. Cohen, is a former postdoctoral fellow at the Commonwealth Center and is now assistant professor of history at Florida International University.

Advance reviews of the book are enthusiastic. "A highly impressive work," writes Karen Halttunen (University of California at Davis). Richard D. Brown (University of Connecticut) describes the book as "a major contribution to our understanding of popular print culture." David Hackett Fischer (Brandeis

University) found the book "deeply absorbing—a work on crime and capital punishment that powerfully concentrates the mind." Its "richly detailed evidence illuminates a wide range of questions about marginality and society, about class and gender relations, and about intriguing connections between the rise of the novel and crime reportage," writes Patricia Cline Cohen (University of California at Santa Barbara).

Chandos Michael Brown, director of the Commonwealth Center and associate professor of history, is delighted with the reception the book has received. "We're delighted that the Center's first postdoctoral fellow set such high standards for the series and brought it a lot of visibility with an important book. The appearance of the Oxford series will draw yet other candidates to our fellowships and expand our base in interdisciplinary studies. If the book reaches the wide readership it deserves, then we'll have achieved among the most important of our goals. We're all very pleased."

Changes In TEAMate

Campus users of off-campus computing facilities will have to change their procedures if they have been using the TEAMate (NEWS) system to link to other places.

The Computer Center received a complaint from the University of Western Ontario that a hacker was taking advantage of the "guest" telnet program set up for William and Mary users. The hacker was first linking through the Internet to the TEAMate machine and then using the anonymous "guest" to connect back to other systems without having to identify him/herself.

To stop this "ID-laundering" the Computer Center has removed the guest telnet program from the system. Members of the campus community who need to use telnet will have to initiate the TEAMate system, identify themselves, then select "Telnet Service" from the menus.

More information on the process is available from the Technical Support Group, ext. 13002.

Sims Heads Black Faculty, Staff Forum

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programs are accessible to persons with disabilities, directing the Office of Affirmative Action and Equal Employment Opportunity and undertaking other activities appropriate and necessary to the position.

Officers of the Black Faculty and Staff Forum include President Sims; Vice President Kay P. Kindred, deputy director for the Institute of Bill of Rights Law at the Marshall-Wythe School of Law; Secretary Milton M. Brooks Jr., supervisor for classification and compensation in Personnel Services; Treasurer Cheryl A. Pope,

director of grants fiscal administration; Staff Representative Ann M. DeLeon, secretary in the Office of the President; Administrative Faculty Representative Gretna Y. Smith, director of Personnel Services; and Instructional Faculty Representative Berhanu Abegaz, associate professor in the economics department and faculty of arts and sciences.

For information on membership or the next meeting for the Black Faculty and Staff Forum please contact Ron Sims, at ext. 12855.

Departments & Schools

Aberdeen To Give Sullivan LL.D.

The University of Aberdeen will award an honorary Doctor of Laws degree to President Timothy J. Sullivan on April 23, when the university's Marischal College will celebrate its 400th anniversary.

Marischal College and William and Mary share a link in James Blair, a 1667 graduate of Marischal College, who became the first president of William and Mary.

At Charter Day ceremonies, Marischal College gave William and Mary a regal mace, a silver replica of a mace used at the University of Aberdeen's ceremonies.

Biology

Sir Cyril A. Clarke, Doctor of Science, Honoris Causa, '92, Lady Frieda M. M. Clarke, and Professor Bruce Grant co-authored a paper titled "*Biston betularia* (Geometridae), the Peppered Moth, in Wirral, England: an Experiment in Assembling," which appears in the latest issue of the *Journal of the Lepidopterists' Society* 47:17-21.

English

Adam Potkay, assistant professor, recently received an award for best dissertation in the humanities and fine arts, 1988-1993, by the Northeast Association of Graduate Schools; there will be an award ceremony in Boston on April 16. Potkay completed his dissertation, "The Ideal of Eloquence in the Age of Hume," in May 1990 (Rutgers University). He joined the William and Mary faculty in Sept. 1990.

Potkay and Professor Robert Maccubbin have co-edited a special issue of the journal *Eighteenth-Century Life* (Nov. 1992) titled, *Manners of Reading: Essays in Honor of Thomas R. Edwards*. The volume contains Potkay's essay, "The Sense of Ending in Johnson and Hume" (pp.153-66), as well as 17 other essays from distinguished contributors in the fields of 18th- and 19th-century British and American literature.

Marshall-Wythe School of Law

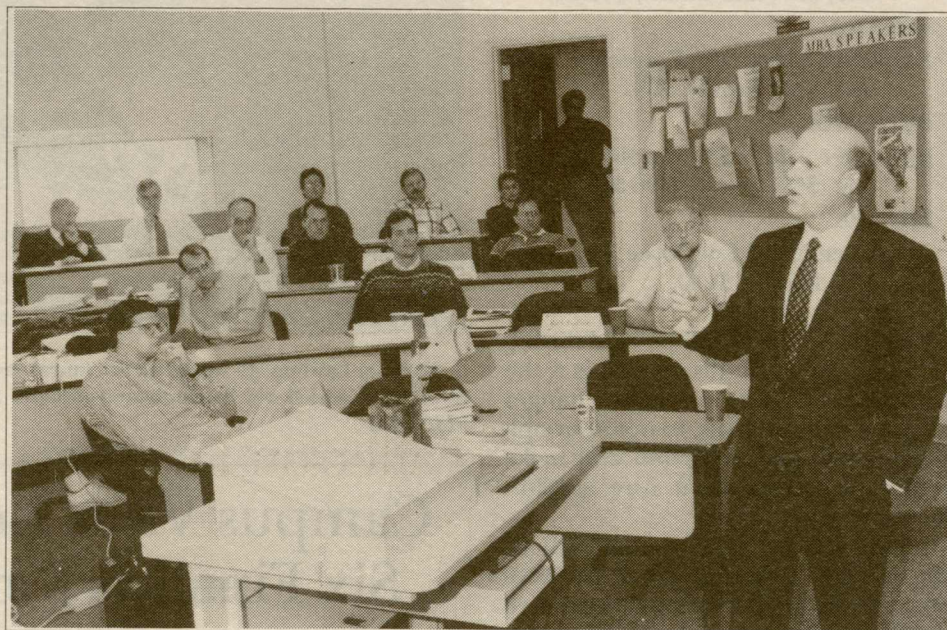
Rethinking Professor Westbrook's Two Thoughts About Insider Preference, by Peter Alces, professor of law, was recently published in the *Minnesota Law Review*.

Alces is editor of the *Journal of Bankruptcy Law and Practice*. The January/February issue, Vol. 2, #2, contains the second "William and Mary Survey." This piece, titled "The Administrative Freeze and the Automatic Stay," was authored by Ami Kim and Christopher Hedrick, both '92 graduates, with assistance from Alces.

Law Librarian Jim Heller is on the lecture circuit this month, making presentations to various library groups: the Louisiana/Mississippi Library Association in New Orleans; the Philadelphia Law Library Association and the Army Library Institute.

In mid-April he will speak on copyright matters at the annual meeting of the Southeastern Chapter of the American Association of Libraries.

"Ethiopia: Problems and Prospects for Democracy," by Alemante Selassie, associate professor of law, recently appeared as part of the "Winds of Change" symposium published by the *Bill of Rights Journal*.



MCI President Visits EMBA Class

Dan Akerson, president and CEO of MCI Communications Corp., spoke to students in the Executive MBA program at the School of Business Administration, on "Competition and Technology—Domestic and International."

"You must win in the marketplace if you want to survive in business," Akerson told his audience. "I know it's a statement of predatory capitalism, but competition means you can't be pals. The objective is to put your competition out of business. ... Shareholders pay executives for one thing—to increase shareholder wealth." As shareholders exercise more and more of their shareholder rights, said Akerson, they are asking hard questions about what and how top executives are paid, and their performances.

Akerson shared with students some of the envisioned changes for the future, including increased opportunities for home shopping, which will be possible through electronic information interaction.

Health Plan Open Enrollment Schedule

For those who would like assistance making changes in their health benefits during the open enrollment period these sessions have been scheduled:

William & Mary-Thiemes House

Friday, April 9, Thiemes House, 10-11 a.m., 2-3 p.m.

Monday, April 12, Thiemes House, 9-10 a.m., 10-11 a.m.

Wednesday, April 21, 2:30-3:30 p.m., 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 27, 9:30-10:30 a.m., 10:30-11:30 a.m.

VIMS-Watermen's Hall

Tuesday, April 13, 2-3 p.m., 3-4 p.m.

Friday, April 23, 9-10 a.m., 10-11 a.m.

CEBAF

Friday, April 16, Room 47, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

For employees who wish assistance in completing applications on flexible benefits, representatives from Colonial Life will be on campus at the following times: Wednesday, April 14 from 9-11 a.m. in

room D of the Campus Center, and on Monday, April 19, from 1-3 p.m. in the small conference room of Waterman's Hall at VIMS.

Questions regarding the plans and specific benefits offered may be answered by contacting each plan directly at the toll-free numbers included in the *Sourcebook*. For assistance in changing plans, call Rita Metcalfe at ext. 13158, or Brenda Johnson at ext. 13151.

Muscarelle Loans Karsh Portraits

Photographic portraits of men and women of science, art, religion and politics, taken by Yousuf Karsh, are on exhibit at the Williamsburg Regional Library's Arts Center gallery until April 25.

The collection is on loan from the Muscarelle Museum of Art.

Judaic Studies Lectures Begin March 23

The Judaic Studies Fund of the Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences is sponsoring three spring semester lectures in Judaic studies. On Tuesday, March 23, in Morton 342, film maker Aviva Kempner will speak on "The Making of *Partisans of Vilna*." Williamson Murray, professor of military history at Ohio State University, will speak on Thursday, April 7, in Washington 302 on "Why the Allies Did Not Bomb Auschwitz." Rabbi Jacob J. Schacter of the Manhattan Jewish Center will speak on Tuesday, April 20, in Morton 342 on "The Jewish Theological Response to Catastrophe." All lectures run from 3:30 to 5 p.m.

Judaic Art Celebrated

Temple Beth El of Williamsburg and William and Mary Hillel will celebrate National Jewish Art Week on Friday, March 19.

The celebration is inspired by the week's Bible portion from Exodus 35, describing the work of artisans with "wisdom of heart" who built the portable sanctuary in the wilderness.

Following a brief Sabbath service at 7:30 p.m., nationally known Virginia Beach sculptor Linda Gissen will speak on "Judaica: The Art of Inspiration." The public is invited to attend.

Gissen, whose sculpture is represented in museums, private and corporate collections, and synagogues throughout the United States, will explore the process of creating religious art. Her work will be on display that evening. Judaica by several members of Temple Beth El will also be exhibited, including fabric art by local graphic artist Valerie Bluett, needlepoint by synagogue president Ethel Sternberg, carved wood mezuzahs and Purim noisemakers by Flo Gussman, acrylic portraiture boxes by Andrew Kator and drawings by Rich DeRosa.

Art work by students in the religious school will be shown upstairs.

Women's Studies Plans Luncheon March 19

Students are invited to register for participation in a luncheon seminar, sponsored by the women's studies program, titled "What I Had to Unlearn to be Successful: One Woman's Perspective," at 12:30 p.m., Friday, March 19 in the Campus Center Room E. The speaker will be alumna Carol Woody.

To register call Deborah G. Ventis, coordinator of women's studies at ext. 12457.

Woody manages a team of internal consultants supporting financial business systems for Yale University. She has also worked in banking, manufacturing, and retailing. She holds a B.S. in mathematics from William and Mary and an MBA with honors from Wake Forest University.

Upcoming Events At Reves Center

Charity Ball—The Wendy and Emery Reves Center for International Studies will hold an international charity ball, Friday, March 26, beginning at 9 p.m.

Tickets are \$8 per couple; \$5 per person. Tickets will be sold at the door or may be reserved by calling Dan at ext. 15713 or Amina at ext. 15720.

Proceeds from the dance will go to UNICEF for Audrey Hepburn's Global Immunization Fund.

Coffee Hour—Discussion at the Coffee Hour at 5 p.m., Friday, March 19 in the Reves dorm will focus on "Fleeing Your Country: Escape from a Totalitarian Government."

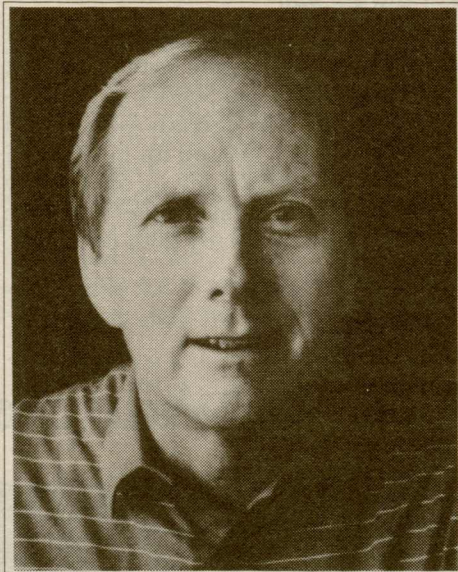
Every Minute Helps

A new regulation from Parking Services has set back the 4:15 p.m. start time to 4 p.m. for students with evening decals who park in faculty/staff or student spaces. The only exception to this is the Jones lot, which is reserved 24 hours a day for faculty/staff.

Time Changed For Sunday Dance Program

The 3 p.m. Sunday performance by the Alvin Ailey Dance Company in Phi Beta Kappa Memorial Hall, part of the current William and Mary Concert Series, has been changed to 2 p.m. to accommodate the travel schedule of the performers.

Patrons who are unable to come to the 2 p.m. performance are invited to change their tickets for one of the evening performances on Friday, March 19, or Saturday, March 20, at 8 p.m., by calling the William and Mary Concert Series line at ext. 13276. This office is currently notifying patrons who have Sunday afternoon tickets to apprise them of the change. Individual tickets are still available for the three performances.



Ronald Graham

Graham To Give Patterson Lecture

Ronald Graham, university professor of mathematical sciences, Rutgers University, will give the 1993 Cissy Patterson Lecture in Undergraduate Mathematics on "What Makes a Graph Random" at 3 p.m., Wednesday, March 24 in Small 113. Funding for this talk has been provided through the generosity of the Cissy Patterson Trust.

Graham, in addition to his faculty position at Rutgers, is adjunct director of research information sciences at AT&T Bell Laboratories. He is the author of *Rudiments of Ramsey Theory*, co-author of three other books and has published more than 250 research papers.

Wehmiller To Lecture In Small March 24

John F. Wehmiller, professor of geology at the University of Delaware, will speak here at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday March 24, in Small 238, under the sponsorship of the geology department.

His topic will be "Amino Acid Geochronology of Quaternary Coastal Plain Units: Some New Insights with Regional Lithostratigraphic and Taphonomic Implications."

The Law School Needs You.

Would You Like To Be A Juror?

Volunteer jurors (students, faculty, staff) are needed for mock criminal trials in the law school's Criminal Justice Advocacy class.

The trials will be held from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the Moot Courtroom. Third-year law students take the roles of attorneys before working judges.

If you would like to volunteer to serve as a juror, please contact Margaret Spencer, associate professor of law, room 227, ext. 13856.

The schedule of cases is as follows:

April 1—Judge James Spencer, United States District Court, Eastern District of Virginia presiding – murder.

April 4—Magistrate Judge Tommy Miller, Magistrate, U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Virginia presiding – rape, burglary and assault.

April 15—Judge Robert Merhige, United States District Court, Eastern District of Virginia, presiding – drug distribution and conspiracy.

April 22—Judge Evelyn Queen, District of Columbia Superior Court – murder.

Poetry Reading Thursday In Tazewell

Louisiana performance poets Ava Leavell Haymon and Janet Wondra will read original poetry at the Tazewell Hall lounge at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, March 18.

This program is being sponsored by the women's studies program in honor of Women's History Month and is open to the public as well as to the College community.

Haymon's latest chapbook is *Kitchen Heat*. She writes about grief, women, memory, incest, the river and Louisiana cooking. She has written numerous plays for children which have been produced all over Louisiana.

The Wandering Mother is Janet Wondra's latest chapbook. Also a videomaker, Wondra's work has been shown at the Atlanta Festival for the Arts and at the North Carolina Film and Video Festival.



She is currently working on a science fiction video about Louisiana politics.

The poets will also give readings in several other southern cities as part of a tour they have titled "Breaking the Code."

Sanchez-Jankowski To Talk On Street Gangs

Martin Sanchez-Jankowski, associate professor of sociology at the University of California at Berkeley, will give a seminar on "Gangs in American Culture," at 4 p.m., Thursday, March 25 in the Boteourt Theatre of Swem Library. This seminar is sponsored by the Commonwealth Center for the Study of American Culture.

The lecture will explore how gangs have become enmeshed in various as-

pects of American culture and the significance of those connections for the issue of governance.

Sanchez-Jankowski is the author of *City Bound: Urban Life and Political Attitudes Among Chicano Youth* (1987) which won the the 1987 Choice Award for "Outstanding Academic Book," and *Islands in the Street: Gangs and American Urban Society* (1991) winner of the American Sociological Association's 1992 Robert E. Park Award.

Harpending To Discuss Role Of Genetics In Demography Of Ancient Populations

Henry Harpending, professor of anthropology at Penn State University, will speak on "The Demography of Ancient Populations: Insights from Molecular Genetics," at 4 p.m., Thursday, March 18 in Washington 307.

Harpending will talk about the research on human mitochondrial DNA at Penn State. Researchers in the anthropology department are using mt DNA to understand the origins of early humans. Harpending will focus on how diversity

of mt DNA in modern populations reflects the population density and distribution of earlier generations.

The author and co-author of many journal articles, Harpending, with Renee Pennington, assistant professor of anthropology, has co-authored a new book, *The Structure of an African Pastoralist Community: Demography, History, and Ecology of the Ngamiland Herero*, published by Oxford University Press.

Committee On Degrees Meets March 29

The Committee on Degrees will meet on March 29 and April 28.

These will be the only regular meetings before fall semester 1993.

All undergraduates who plan to petition for waivers of or changes in degree requirements must do so no later than March 22 for the March 29 meeting and

April 21 for the April 28 meeting.

Petition forms are available from Mrs. Crouch in the Office of the Dean of Undergraduate Studies, Ewell 123.

All petitions must be typed and must be accompanied by a letter from the appropriate department chairperson.

Summer School Courses Taken Elsewhere

Students wishing to take elective courses in summer school at other institutions must have written permission from the Office of Academic Advising prior to enrolling in these courses.

Students should obtain permission before they leave William and Mary in May. Appropriate forms are available in the Academic Advising Office (Ewell 127).

Only courses that meet for at least four weeks and 37.5 contact hours will be considered for transfer. No courses taken in summer session elsewhere may be used to meet concentration, minor, area/sequence or proficiency requirements. All exceptions must be considered via petition to the Committee on Degrees.

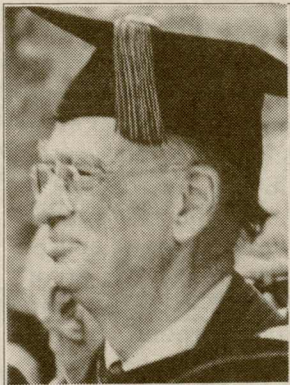
Retroactive permission to transfer credit for summer school courses taken at other institutions will not be granted.

Moss Taught Students Had An Obligation To Participate In Affairs Of State

Because William Warner Moss cast such a giant shadow in the life of the College for many decades the clipped sentences of an obituary fail to reflect the true measure of the man. The faculty profile by S. Dean Olson, originally carried in the September 1972 issue of the Alumni Gazette when Professor Moss retired, does a better job.

Longtime government professor W. Warner Moss looked around the platform at Commencement last spring, and, in his own words, wondered "what in the hell had happened to William and Mary." A lifetime Democrat, he was surrounded by Republicanism—Judge Ted Dalton, who had been the Republican nominee for governor twice; the current Governor, Linwood Holton, and President Nixon's appointee to the Supreme Court, Lewis F. Powell Jr. In his 35 years at William and Mary it was a scene he had not often witnessed.

After the College had conferred honors on Judge Dalton, Governor Holton and Justice Powell, President Graves called Dr. Moss forward and gave him the Thomas Jefferson Award. His immediate reaction, Dr. Moss recalls, was that it must be an attempt to balance off the program.



W. Warner Moss

In retrospect, of course, Dr. Moss—and certainly all of his colleagues and students over the year—knew differently. The award was a fitting capstone to a career that had spanned three-and-a-half decades at William and Mary. When he retired at the age of 70 at the end of June, Dr. Moss, like very few others, had left a very meaningful mark on the College.

Scholar, teacher, advocate, political activist and most of all his own man, Dr. Moss cut a wide path in the classroom and on campus. He was a political progressive before liberal causes were popular on campus and he spoke his own mind when silence might have been diplomatically wise. In 1968, when presidential candidate Richard Nixon visited campus, some of Dr. Moss' colleagues were astounded to see him at 66 years of age, wielding a massive Humphrey campaign sign in the midst of a group of students. The students were from Dr. Moss' class, and they had asked him how they could express their own deeply held feelings. Admonishing them to behave themselves, Dr. Moss not only told them to go ahead and protest in the best traditions of the Democratic process, but joined in with them when the moment arrived.

"I am not one," he says, "who believes in standing on the sidelines."

Indeed, he never has. He grew up with the idea that people in America had not only a right but an obligation to participate in politics. He attended the University of Virginia for two years, but had to drop out during the depression of the early Twenties. After a year, he enrolled at the University of Richmond where he studied under Samuel Childs Mitchell. Mitchell reinforced Moss' political orientation. He insisted that his students had an obligation to broaden their experience after college, and then return to Virginia and participate in the affairs of the state.

Moss went to Columbia University to study for his doctorate in political science. In the next few years he earned the degree; taught at Williams College and the Washington Square campus of New York University; participated in the Roosevelt campaign for the Presidency, and in Fiorello LaGuardia's successful bid for the mayoralty of New York; took a trip to Russia to see what had hap-

pened in the aftermath of the Revolution; and wrote a book on Irish political parties.

Moss still loved Virginia, however, and remembered his old professor's admonition to his students about their obligation to the Commonwealth. In 1935-36 he came back for a year on a leave of absence from NYU to teach at the University of Virginia. In 1937 he received an offer from William and Mary to head up its government department. Except for a year during the war in the Office of Strategic Services and a year at the University of Manchester in England as a Fulbright Research Fellow, he has remained ever since.

Dr. Moss' political involvement has taken a number of forms. He campaigned for Stevenson and Humphrey, helped write the Virginia Retirement and Personnel Act, and gathered data on voting trends throughout the state. NBC hired him to help provide some of the information that goes into their computer, which spins out a prediction on an election minutes after the polls have closed.

Moss himself had been predicting the outcome of elections long before the computers made it into such an exact science. In the 1936 presidential election, he predicted Roosevelt's reelection, despite the *Literary Digest* poll that said Alf Landon would sweep Roosevelt out of office. But he doesn't consider that any great feat. "Anyone who knew elementary statistics knew Landon couldn't win," says Moss.

A more difficult prediction was Truman's victory over Dewey, which Dr. Moss correctly made during a radio broadcast analyzing the Democratic Convention. Moss said he made it on the basis that anyone who could carry that convention could carry the country.

"Strom Thurmond had swept off the right wing and Henry Wallace had taken the extreme left," says Dr. Moss, "and that left the middle of the road for Truman. Dewey was not a gut fighter. I felt sure Dewey would take for granted his social status and republicanism would carry the election for him."

Dr. Moss specializes in the nature of party organization and the political party as an institution. He is probably one of the most knowledgeable scholars around on southern political parties. His students would marvel at his lectures in which he would recount the development of political parties.

"Usually," says a former student, "he would know more than the man who had written our text, and frequently he had been closely associated with the events described in the books."

Moss went to Russia in the late '20s, and later visited Vienna after social riots occurred there, to see first-hand if violent revolution is worth the cost. He is convinced that it is not.

"Most of the good that comes from a revolution would have happened anyway without the terrible price," he says. He is watching closely the upheaval in Ireland where a one-party system based on segregation has dominated the populace for years. Now that the system has collapsed, Dr. Moss wants to see what kind of new political structure comes out of the ruins. He says the Irish situation has parallels in the South where a one-party system has existed for years.

W. Warner Moss

W. Warner Moss, professor of government emeritus died, Saturday, March 6, in Williamsburg. He was 91.

He is survived by two sons, William W. Moss of Alexandria and Richard Knight Moss of Walnut Creek, Calif.; and a daughter, Anne Paxton Moss of Appleton, Wis.

The family suggests that memorial contributions be made to the general scholarship fund of the College. A memorial service was held on Wednesday, March 10, in Bruton Parish Church. Burial was in Cedar Grove Cemetery in Williamsburg.

By contrast, however, the South is making the transition to a viable two-party system peacefully.

Dr. Moss directed the Marshall-Wythe Institute for Research in the Social Sciences from its inception in the mid-'60s until his retirement. The Institute sponsored an annual symposium, comprised of distinguished scholars, to study such topics as violence, equality, divided nations and hunger.

Dr. Moss spurns labels, but he concurs that he may be considered something of a maverick in Virginia. He op-

posed the Byrd organization, frequently found himself at odds with his own party and disagreed more than once with the ruling structure at the College.

"While I have always counted myself as a Virginian and am devoted to Virginia," he says, "I have considerable experience outside the state. I inevitably look at things with a little different perspective than my fellow Virginians. This has perhaps made me a maverick, but certainly not a radical."

In retirement, Dr. Moss will still be closely allied with the College. He is writing a book on a former Mississippi governor, Alexander G. McNutt, an economic and political phenomenon of the late '30s and early '40s who became a successful writer as well. He is plunging into retirement the same way he attacked life.

"Life has always been a matter of new things all of the time," he says, "and now I am anxious to see what retirement is like."

There will continue to be something reassuring about seeing Dr. Moss, his hefty *New York Times* tucked under his arm, striding sternly up Jamestown Road on Sunday mornings.

To: Faculty, Administration and Staff

From: University Librarian Nancy H. Marshall Chair, Honorary Degrees Advisory Committee

The Honorary Degrees Advisory Committee invites and encourages all members of the faculty, administration and staff to suggest names of possible honorary degree recipients for upcoming Charter Days and Commencements.

For the 1993 Tercentenary Year, we will be expanding our list of honorary degree recipients, and will be especially interested in recognizing Virginians, alumni, women, minorities, scholars (particularly Southern scholars), Southern writers and heads of universities who have a specific tie to William and Mary.

When considering candidates for honorary degrees, the Board of Visitors bears in mind the following guidelines. Since the Committee is especially interested in imaginative nominations, no name should be withheld simply because an otherwise deserving candidate does not precisely fit every guideline:

1. Candidates are considered without regard to sex, race, color, age, religion, national origin, sexual orientation or disability.
2. Since they will always be associated with the College of William and Mary, honorary degree recipients must be of sufficient eminence and character to honor the College.
3. Candidates should have qualities and records of achievements that make it particularly appropriate for an institution of higher education to recognize them.
4. Ideally, but not invariably, something about them should make it especially fitting that this honor should come from the College of William and Mary in Virginia.
5. Finally, candidates should not include benefactors or prospective benefactors of the College unless they clearly meet the other criteria and are evaluated on those criteria only. In awarding honorary degrees, William and Mary should give no suggestion that it is recognizing past or prospective financial contributions.

In addition to these guidelines, the Committee has recently sought nominations of:

- persons who unquestionably deserve honorary degrees but who somehow have been overlooked.
- younger persons of great promise who have only recently arrived at the point where an honorary degree is appropriate
- persons who would deliver a stimulating address at Commencement or Charter Day.

While it is helpful for nominations to be accompanied by a brief memo explaining why the nominee is well-suited for an honorary degree, the Committee is more interested in receiving an excellent list of names. When questions arise or additional information is required, the Committee will contact nominators.

Nominations may be submitted at any time. However, the Committee will be meeting the first week in April. We encourage your submission of names prior to this time.

Please submit nominations to the chair of the committee, or to any member of the committee, including Eugene M. Burreson, School of Marine Science; Gary C. DeFotis, chemistry; William E. Fulmer, School of Business Administration; Paul Marcus, Marshall-Wythe School of Law; and Joyce Van Tassel-Baska, School of Education.

