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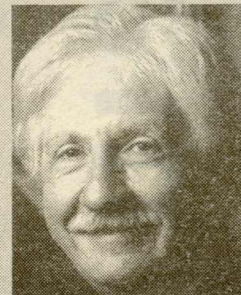
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## Welcome Freshmen You Bring A Lot Of Class To W&M



If you're part of the Class of 2003, welcome to campus and congratulations! You're a member of one of William and Mary's brightest classes—among the very best students in the country. If statistics are an accurate measure of promise, you're destined to set the next millennium on its ear.

Just consider the facts. While 7,565 fine high school seniors applied for admission, far less than half received that long-awaited letter from Blow Hall with an offer of admission. And of that num-

ber, 1,300 decided to join us.

Approximately 118 of you graduated either first or second in your high-school classes, and an astounding 73.6 percent ranked in the top 10 percent. From this number, we chose 197 of you as Monroe Scholars—the largest number awarded these prestigious scholarships in the history of the College.

While William and Mary bases its admission decisions on much more than standardized scores, we're gratified to know that your SAT record is just as impressive as your academic performance in high school. The

middle 50 percent of your scores on the standardized test ranged from 1240 to 1390.

Statistics cannot capture, of course, the wealth of skill, talent, energy or enthusiasm contained in your class. So on Page 6 in the *William and Mary News* we've profiled three of the many students who exemplify these qualities.

You are joining one of the finest student bodies in the country. William and Mary is consistently ranked the best small public university in the nation, and we have the bright students and dedicated faculty to prove it.

You can expect some stiff tests and a substantial intellectual challenge—after all, that's why you selected William and Mary. But here, you'll also find a warm community and a helping hand whenever you need them. Just let us know.

Welcome aboard—you are now part of one of America's finest and oldest academic communities. ■

*Jim Sullivan*  
President

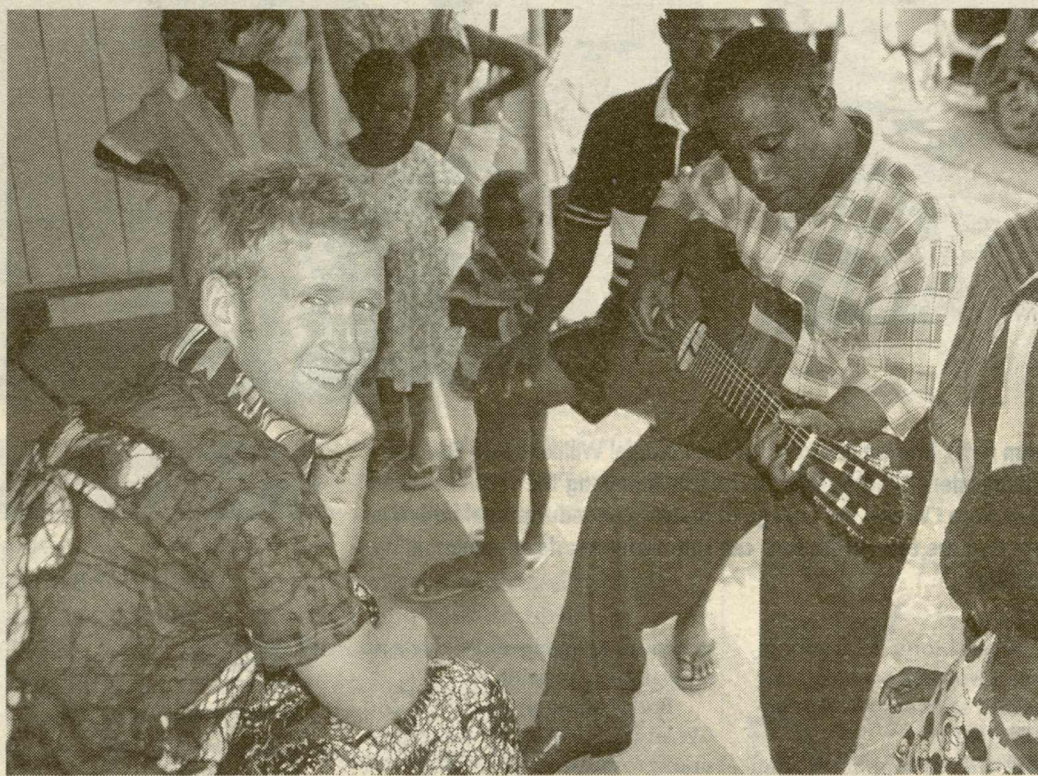


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Sophomore Peter Maybarduk shares his guitar with a Ghanaian during a visit to a kente cloth weaving village outside of Kumasi.

### Bridging Cultures

William and Mary showed its international reach once again this summer by inaugurating a summer study abroad program to Ghana, in West Africa. Eight students, both undergraduate and graduate, participated in the educational and cultural experience, which took place from June 26 to July 28. For a perspective on how the program changed one participant, see Page 4.

### Pulitzer Prize-Winning Columnist Headlines Convocation Aug. 27

Continuing a tradition inaugurated during the celebration of the College's 300th anniversary in 1993, William and Mary will launch the new academic session with Opening Convocation exercises on Friday, Aug. 27. Held on the west side of the Wren Building at 4 p.m., the event features the formal introduction of the Class of 2003, remarks by President Timothy Sullivan and an address by Clarence Page, Pulitzer Prize-winning columnist for the *Chicago Tribune*.

Following the ceremony, Sullivan will lead the new freshmen on the traditional walk through the Wren Building to Wren Yard, where they will be welcomed by the College community. A picnic with live entertainment will follow.

Page is an occasional guest panelist on *The McLaughlin Group*, a regular contributor to the Public Broadcasting System's *NewsHour with Jim Lehrer* and a host of documentaries on PBS. He is a regular panelist on Black Entertainment Television's weekly *Lead Story* news program and a biweekly commentator for National Public Radio's *Weekend Sunday*.

After graduating from Ohio



Clarence Page

WBBM-TV, and he returned to the *Chicago Tribune* in 1984.

Page's awards include a 1980 Illinois UPI (United Press International) Award for community service for an investigative series on "The Black Tax," the Edward Scott Beck Award for overseas reporting on the changing politics of Southern Africa and awards from the Illinois and Wisconsin chapters of the American Civil Liberties Union for his columns on civil liberties and constitutional rights.

The convocation ceremony will also feature the unveiling of a flag for the Class of 2003 and the annual presentation of public service awards to members of the College community. ■

by Bill Walker

## The Great Student Hook-Up

*IT pledges to connect all freshman computers by Aug. 24*

The Department of Information Technology is welcoming members of the Class of 2003 with this pledge: to connect all first-year students' personal computers to the campus network in just four days. With 80 percent of 1,300 freshmen bringing computers to campus, IT will facilitate more than 1,000 connections between Aug. 20 and Aug. 24.

"Access to the Internet has become so important to students and their academic work; this project is our response to this evolution," said Gene Roche, IT's director of communications and organizational development. "With almost instant access to the Internet, e-mail and other services, freshmen can familiarize themselves with these electronic tools before classes start."

The task is even more impressive when you consider that in past years, connecting freshmen to the Internet stretched over three to four weeks.

IT staff are well-prepared for their massive undertaking. A survey of enrolled freshmen helped estimate the workload. Other mailings explained that residence halls are equipped with digital phones and private voicemail and wired for cable television and network access. Students were encouraged to bring computers with network cards already installed.

Students can visit a Website to schedule convenient network connection appointments, available between 8 a.m. and 10 p.m. Already, more than 400 students have signed up. Roche estimates that more than half of the 20- to 30-minute appoint-

ments will fall on Friday, Aug. 20.

IT designed a tiered strategy—with three levels of expertise—to keep its 20 professionals and 50 trained students on schedule. When network connectors encounter snags, they will call in a back-up from a higher tier and proceed to the next appointment.

"We'll get people connected one way or another because we've prepared ourselves for almost any scenario," said Roche.

More computer-savvy students can connect themselves using the installation CD-ROM and instructions provided in every dorm room on campus.

And IT's commitment doesn't end when the last freshman is connected. To make sure first-year students are thoroughly comfortable with the technology in their

rooms, the department hires student consultants to support freshman users in their own residence halls. All year long, IT support will be just a few steps away.

IT's student hook-up exemplifies William and Mary's ongoing commitment to technology, a commitment evident across campus, from electronic classrooms to technology-enhanced curricula to the \$25-million expansion of Swem Library currently under way.

"This commitment is real," IT student worker Kristin McGough told prospective students in a letter detailing the College's technological features. "And you can expect to benefit even more from enhancements before you graduate. Services will continue to evolve and improve." ■

by Amy Ruth

## College And CW Form New Alliance

*Partnerships to focus on economic development and education*

More than 60 years ago, William and Mary and Colonial Williamsburg joined forces to plan what would become one of the premier tourist destinations in the United States. That spirit of leadership and cooperation is being brought to bear once again on another watershed juncture in the community's development.

In the second of a series of summits, some 20 officials from William and Mary and Colonial Williamsburg, including the presidents of both organizations, met on Aug. 16 to consider a number of joint initiatives in economic de-

velopment and education. if national retailers that would be of interest to William and Mary students are to be attracted. Nahm invited College officials to participate in discussions with leasing agents who will be evaluating Merchants Square in the next several weeks.

Stewart Gamage, vice president for public affairs, pointed out that the College and CW face many of the same marketing challenges, especially in attracting younger consumers. William and Mary, she noted, hopes to learn from CW's research efforts in tracking visitors' experiences in the Historic Area.

To show its support for incoming students, CW will host a reception tomorrow evening for an expected 600 parents of freshmen and transfer students at the DeWitt Wallace Decorative Arts Gallery. Musicians and character interpreters will be on hand to provide entertainment.

"We've designed this event to be fun and to take their minds off what we know is a very emotional time for them," said Nahm.

CW will also host a reception for members of the Class of 2003, on Saturday at the Governor's Palace and Palace Green. An information table will be set up at the event detailing employment opportunities at CW for students.

In another joint initiative, the College and CW are coordinating the training of 100 student orientation aides and campus tour



Rick Nahm (left), interim president of the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation, and President Timothy Sullivan huddle following the second summit of officials from CW and the College to discuss joint educational initiatives and ways that the two institutions can spur economic development in Williamsburg.

guides. Several joint educational initiatives involving business, law and arts and sciences are also being considered.

Nahm offered support for the Crossroads project and for the College's commitment to spurring economic development in Williamsburg that expands the number of high quality, non-service sector jobs, especially for William and Mary graduates.

While affirming William and Mary's commitment to working with local elected officials, Sullivan said, "It would be foolish to say we can control the future. But we have an opportunity right now for con-

structive leadership and we have an obligation to provide it."

Both Nahm and Sullivan said CW and the College have a responsibility to ensure that development does not result in the "lowest common denominator."

"There is tremendous opportunity for the two institutions to help each other," said Sullivan. But, added Nahm, "It's a big two-way street and we have a lot to do. We have to make sure we keep this going."

Officials from the College and CW plan to meet again in early October. ■

by Poul E. Olson

### campus crime report

July 1999

#### crimes

Simple assault and indecent exposure	2
Destruction/damage/vandalism of property	5
Burglary/breaking and entering	1
Trespass of real property	1
All other offenses	7
Larceny and motor theft	
From motor vehicle	1
From buildings	14
All other	14
Summons (traffic)	29

## making headlines

**Yunker Named University Registrar**

Susanna Yunker, formerly registrar at Boise State University in Idaho, has been appointed university registrar, pending approval by the Board of Visitors. Yunker—who has worked in similar posts since 1971—assumed her duties this week. *The William and Mary News* will profile the new registrar as soon as fall registration is completed.

**Barnes & Noble To Mount \$1.5-Million Expansion Of Bookstore**

Barnes & Noble, the company that operates the William and Mary Bookstore on a contractual basis, will spend \$1.5 million to expand the facility. The additional space, which will be constructed on a portion of the lot adjacent to the bookstore where the condemned Clark House currently stands, will be used to sell general books related to academic topics and to house a coffeebar. Clark House will be demolished to make room for the addition.

Barnes & Noble's five-year contract with the College ran out this summer but was renewed following a review of bids from several other companies, including finalist Follett College Stores. Barnes & Noble will be working closely with the College to determine the design of the bookstore addition, according to Charles Maimone, director of auxiliary services. Construction is expected to be completed during the fall of 2000.

**Swem Opens Construction Display**

A construction alcove has opened in the lobby of Swem Library with a display of the floor plans for the library expansion mounted in hanging display cases. A computer has been set up to display timely information about construction activities and service disruptions. There is also a model of the new building along with a bulletin board to post construction-related notices. Information in the alcove will change as construction progresses.

**Alcohol Program Ranked In Top 10, Again**

For the fourth time in just 10 years, the College's alcohol education program has received a national award from the Inter-Association Task Force on Alcohol and Other Substance Abuse Issues. This consortium of alcohol educators ranked William and Mary's 1998-99 program among the top 10 in the United States and Canada. The College was the only Virginia institution to receive this year's award.

Substance Abuse Educator Mary Crozier attributes the program's enduring effectiveness to the campus community's commitment to alcohol education. "This award is definitely the result of campus-wide efforts," she said. "There are so many players involved with alcohol prevention, from students to staff and faculty, and even community leaders. They all recognize the need for long-term involvement to generate long-term results."

The consortium praised the College's creative programming, which last year reached thousands of students via awareness lectures, residence hall programs, student-run initiatives and alcohol-free activities. Crozier and her colleagues in the Student Health Center collaborate with numerous campus offices and organizations to reach even more students, including target groups such as freshmen. Intervention training sessions educate off-campus alcohol providers.

Alcohol awareness and prevention efforts are guided in part by the College's 15-member Alcohol Task Force. Since 1980, students, faculty and staff have met weekly to discuss a broad range of issues relating to student alcohol use and to evaluate policies and services.

## spotlight

**Building Connections And Collaborations**

*Schilling poised to write the next chapter of career services*

**B**lanketing Mary Schilling's unassuming office in the basement of Blow Hall are some dozen photographs of places where she has vacationed, including Death Valley, Lake Tahoe and the Swiss Alps. The colorful scenes provide Schilling, an avid hiker, a brief escape from the daily grind and cleverly serve as a conversation starter with students.

"I think it's important for students whom I counsel to see that I do things outside of work," said Schilling.

After 19 years at Denison University in Granville, Ohio, 12 of which were spent as director of career development, Schilling made what she called a "bold move" to the College this June when she was hired as the new director of career services.

"People were surprised and shocked that I would choose to leave after that many years," she recalled. "But I thought it was too easy to stay. I wanted a new challenge [and] William and Mary seemed like a wonderful match."

Schilling, who said the similarities between Denison and the College have made the transition easy, has spent the summer getting "connected" with her staff and planning for the upcoming school year.

In contrast to her predecessor, Leo Charette, who was recognized nationally for his innovative use of technology in career services, Schilling said her focus will be on building new connections and collaborative relationships with students, employers and alumni.

She specifically hopes to duplicate several of her successes at Denison, where she worked closely with both the development and alumni offices. Schilling found that many employers who had positive experiences hiring students at Denison were inclined to become benefactors. By the same token, companies that gave to the university became potential recruiters.

"Everyone wins when these ties are cultivated," said Schilling, who has already had several discussions about this initiative with William and Mary's development office.

Schilling sees equal promise for expanding the involvement of alumni in recruiting and as sources of career information. "The alumni network is one of our best sources of potential employers," said Schilling, "and provides a great opportunity to get more alumni reinvolved in the life of the university."

While praising the successes of career services, Schilling believes efforts should be enhanced to connect freshmen with the office. In particular, she hopes that more undergraduates will consider pursuing "real world" experiences such as internships, externships or the Shared Experience program.



Mary Schilling plans to continue efforts to enhance career services for graduate students in the arts and sciences.

"The earlier we get students started with the career exploration process," she said, "the better prepared they'll be for life after graduation."

On the other end of the spectrum, Schilling plans to continue efforts to enhance career services for graduate students in the arts and sciences. "We want to help them realize that there are many jobs available to them outside the academy," she said.

In a related effort, career services will launch a year-long 13-part program titled "The Arts and Sciences Career Initiative." Featuring alumni and employers, the program is open to both undergraduate and graduate students.

Schilling holds a bachelor's degree in sociology and a master's degree in religion from Northwestern University. She conducted post-master's work in educational policy and leadership at The Ohio State University. Schilling can be reached at 221-3228 or via e-mail at meschi@wm.edu. ■

by Poul E. Olson

**Nurturing The Social Conscience**

*Stelljes hopes to make reflection sessions an integral part of the student volunteer experience*

**D**rew Stelljes eagerly looks forward to his weekly visits with "Miss Emma" at the Patriot Retirement Center in Williamsburg. Despite the infirmity of her years, the 90-year-old's ebullient spirit constantly reminds Stelljes about the value of helping others.

"I'm rejuvenated every time I go to see her," said Stelljes. "Her wisdom on career, family and faith is priceless. I'm always learning something new from her."

Stelljes, the new coordinator of student volunteer services, wants to help more students better under-

stand the impact of their public service on both themselves and those whom they help.

As a complement to existing programs, this fall Stelljes will begin developing structured "reflection sessions" for students to talk about their volunteer experiences and how they relate to their overall educational experience at William and Mary.

Having organized similar discussion groups while working as a graduate assistant in the student volunteer office at James Madison University, Stelljes believes reflection sessions make volunteering

more meaningful and ultimately enrich the contributions students make in the classroom.

Stelljes has observed that many students bring a strong interest in public service to William and Mary through volunteer work in high school. "The reflection groups will enable students to develop a greater sense of belonging and responsibility as members of a larger community," he said. "As future leaders, it is essential that our students develop an understanding of

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study abroad

# Rediscovering Our Humanity

*How four weeks in West Africa changed my life*

by Poul E. Olson

If you look closely, you can see the moon actually move in the night sky of Ghana. Three newfound friends and I discovered this marvel of the West African country's proximity to the equator late one night during our stay at Coconut Grove outside of Elmina, a small fishing village on the country's southeast coast. Sitting on a bank of volcanic rocks that had become accessible with the recession of the tide, we watched mesmerized as the crescent moon climbed behind a thin cloud. The remarkable scene, however, was rivaled on the opposite end of the horizon by a lightning storm that danced over a small corner of the Atlantic Ocean. And all the while overhead, the night sky—void of light pollution—twinkled with more stars than I had ever seen at once.

Experiences of this intensity and novelty were almost daily occurrences for myself and the eight students who participated in William and Mary's first study abroad program to Ghana, from June 26 to July 28. Whether it was the natural beauty of the land or the rich culture of its people, our encounters regularly forced us to reexamine our views of the world and our place in it. The four-week program, organized by Lafayette College Professor Kofi Asare Opoku and William and Mary Assistant Professor of Education Norma Day-Vines in cooperation with the Reeves Center and the School of Education, brought us in contact with a number of noted political, cultural and religious figures, including a regional minister, a traditional healer and a Catholic bishop, with whom few visitors to Ghana would have the opportunity to interact. Most of our time was spent in Accra—the country's bustling capital—where we attended classes on Ghanaian culture and society at the University of Ghana, worked on research projects and visited museums and other cultural sites.

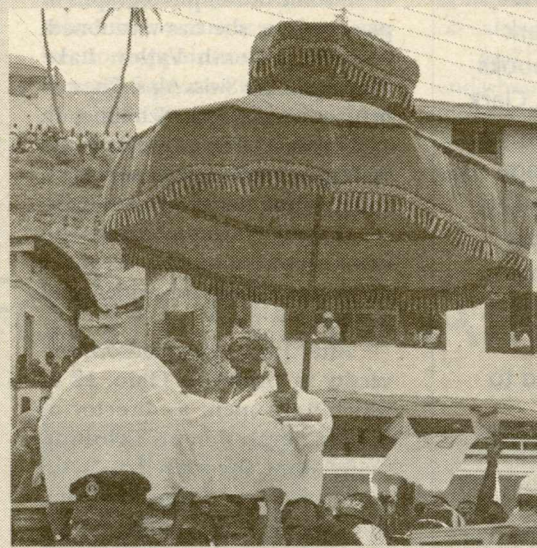
Visits to the slave castles at Cape Coast and Elmina, where untold numbers of Africans were forcibly held before being shipped from the continent, left indelible impressions on each of us and brought to life the brutality of the European slave trade that we had only read about in history books. Equally meaningful, however, were our individual cultural experiences. These often involved simple interactions with the people: bartering for wood carvings and other art, playing soccer with schoolchildren or enjoying lively conversation at a Bubra, the Ghanaian equivalent of a tavern.

On numerous occasions, the program succeeded in shaking us from the security of our own Eurocentric world by forcing us to step outside of ourselves. We all experienced some level of discomfort, and at times desperation, when, lacking a frame of reference, we found ourselves unable to determine our reaction to a particular situation. For many, it took several group discussions to come to terms with our feelings about the widespread poverty that stared us in the face daily. Unlike Americans, Ghanaians, we learned, don't dwell on what they lack in life. Instead, they make do with what they have and focus their energies on sustaining and nurturing relationships and community. For this reason, Ghanaians can take comfort in never having to worry about being alone.

Flowing from these bedrock values, Ghanaians display a heartfelt friendliness and sincere desire to make visitors feel welcome. We experienced this phenomenon on a daily basis, but one evening in particular remains etched in all our minds. During our first week in Accra, we went as a group to Labadi Beach, a strip of outdoor dance clubs along the Atlantic Ocean. The natural beauty of the moonlit sea bore a striking similarity to a view from the Outer Banks of North Carolina. But the people captured our senses far more than the water and in wholly unfamiliar ways. Complete strangers, driven by no motive other than a desire to meet and to learn about someone new, struck up conversations of a depth that we rarely have with even our closest friends in the United States.

For almost an hour, I listened to a 28-year-old Ghanaian who worked as an airport skycap share his life experiences and most intimate hopes and dreams. Having been socialized, like many Americans, to keep my feelings and thoughts to myself, I stood there speechless, unable to understand how someone could be so forthcoming and genuine. At that moment, I looked at the world with a new awareness of my humanity. Ghana showed me that our differences with others run only skin deep. At the core, we are all, as the Ghanaians say, brothers. ■

For more information about the Ghana Study Abroad Program, contact the Programs Abroad Office in the Reeves Center at 221-3594.



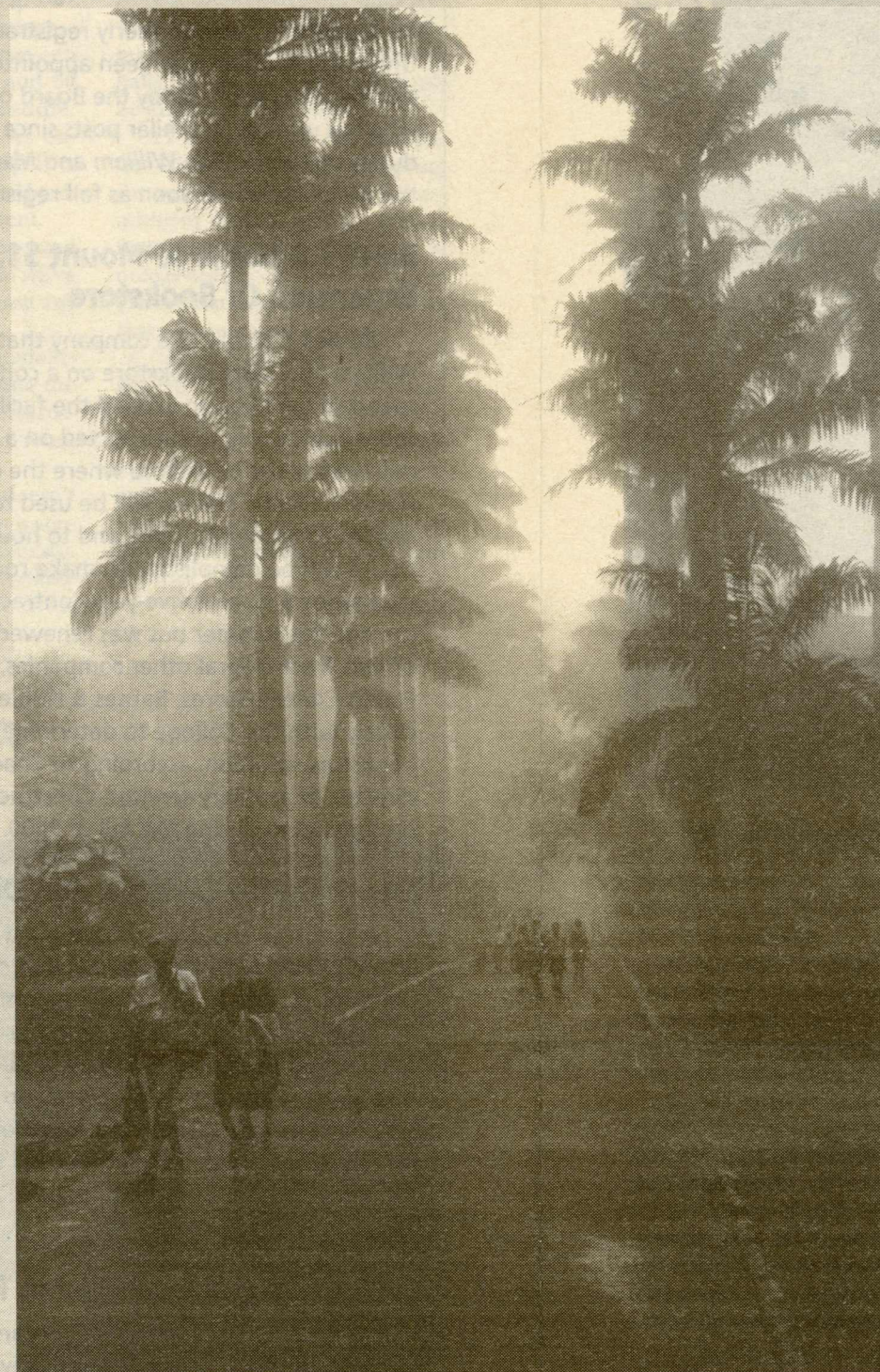
Village chiefs are carried through the crowded streets of Elmina to witness the Bakatue, the annual festival heralding the start of the fishing season.

Schoolchildren walk through mist shrouding the entrance to Aburi Botanical Gardens, located about an hour's drive outside of Accra. Featuring a wide variety of Ghana's native plants, the gardens were among several natural sites visited during the program.



Standing at the entrance to the University of Ghana is the first group of William and Mary students and teachers to participate in the College's summer study abroad program to West Africa. They are (front, from left to right) Jennifer Tingley, Kolby Wragg Bilal, Lafayette College Professor Kofi Asare Opoku, Jamie Page and Natalie Shafer. At rear from left to right are Keisha Hill, Claytee White, Assistant Professor of Education Norma Day-Vines, Peter Maybarduk and Tim Hopkins.

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peace studies

# Students Design Peace Projects For War-Torn Bosnia

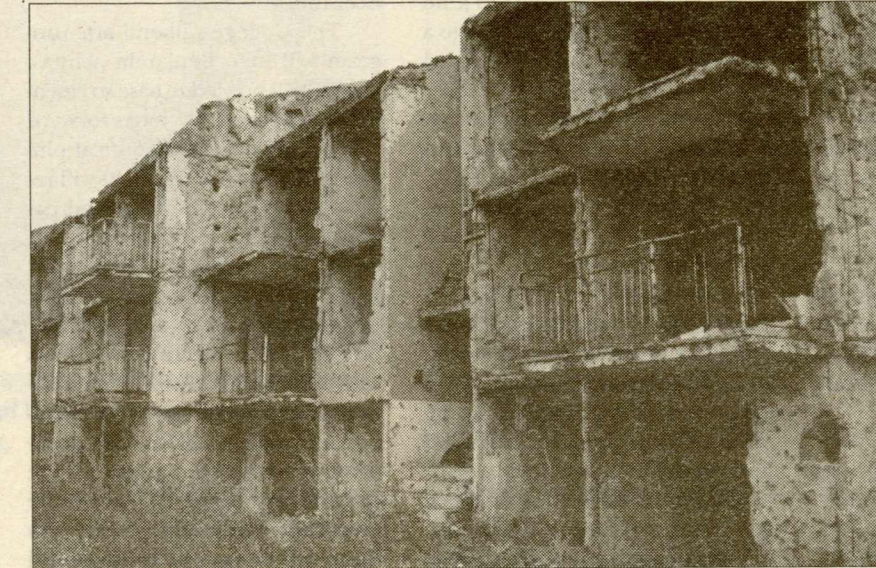
*Summer program continues people-to-people exchange*

"No man's land" will never again be a mere figure of speech for junior Sean Fagan. While traveling in Bosnia-Herzegovina this summer, the history major visited the ethnically divided city of Mostar and stood at the edge of this proverbial wasteland. In Mostar, no man's land is a street—lined with bomb-ravished buildings and littered with shrapnel—which separates Croatian and Muslim residents. "No attempts have been made at reconstruction," Fagan said. "Because neither side 'owns' no man's land, neither wants to take care of it. I think Mostar must have the look and feel of the divided Berlin."

Fagan, senior Nina Hornauer, Anne Boyle '99 and Lindsay Flury '00 visited Bosnia this summer as part of the Reeves Center's Borgenicht Initiatives in International Peace. Primarily a fact-finding mission with stops in Mostar, Zenica and Sarajevo, the trip included meetings with humanitarian organizations to identify partners for the people-to-people project the students are designing. Next summer, another group of William and Mary students will implement the project.

Joining the American foursome were Bosnian students who participated in the Borgenicht Peace Initiative conference last spring at the College. Mihailo Crnobrnja, the 1999 Borgenicht Scholar-in-Residence who taught a course on the Balkans, also traveled with the group.

The students described Bosnia as an unstable society with varied and complex problems. Steadfast ethnic tensions are exacerbated by an unstable economy. In some areas the unemployment rate is as high as 80 percent. The slow recovery process discourages funding from international humanitarian organizations, many of which have shifted their focus to Kosovo.



A bombed-out apartment complex in Sarajevo serves as a vivid reminder of the Bosnian civil war that ended in 1995.

Twenty-two hours after leaving the United States, the students landed in Zagreb and took a bus southeast to their first destination: the small, industrial town of Zenica. During the war, high numbers of refugees fled to this community, and today Zenica is home to many war orphans. "Journeying to Bosnia brought the human element to the forefront," said Fagan. "I think as passive observers we allow ourselves the luxury of intellectualizing problems. With the human element staring you straight in the face, it isn't easy to do. Nor would you want to."

The group was constantly reminded of the war's human element. Members of a youth group told the students that the minefield next to their school had been cleared just two weeks earlier. In a refugee camp near Zenica, the students met children who knew no other home. Completely destroyed during the war, the rural town of Turbe has yet to be rebuilt, but its residents are committed to staying.

"They had such a strong will to help build it up again," said Hornauer. "I admire their positive view despite their terrible experiences." Throughout Bosnia, communities like Turbe are barely recovering from the war, and the students quickly realized that the country's most pressing needs are in rural communities, which receive less funding than urban areas.

"Whole communities look like medieval ruins," Boyle said. "Many houses are mere concrete frames with vegetation growing in them." Back in the United States, the students are busy planning the people-to-people projects to be implemented next summer and beyond. One possibility is teaching English and computer skills to war orphans in Zenica.

"This can give kids confidence in their abilities," said Hornauer. "And it would be psychologically beneficial to kids who do not get a lot of support." Down the road, the students hope a people-to-people project will reach university students in Mostar, the ethnically divided city.

"This would allow us to attempt to bring Croats and Muslims together in a neutral environment," explained Flury. "Ideally the end result of any project is to bring the various ethnic groups together to reconcile differences," added Fagan, summing up the main objective of the Borgenicht Initiative.

The project should also generate hope among its Bosnian participants, said Boyle. "The prospects for peace are in direct proportion to the people's states of mind," she said. "Those who actively contribute to community service and ethnic-bridging programs are the most optimistic about long-term peace."

"I believe that a group of dedi-

cated students can help bring about small changes to the peace process," added Flury. "I am positive that if students from the College commit themselves to the project in Bosnia, all those involved will be greatly rewarded." ■

by Amy Ruth

## WILLIAM & MARY NEWS

The next issue of the *William & Mary News* will be published on Thursday, Sept. 2. The deadline for submission of items is 5 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 27, although submissions before the deadline are encouraged. Call 221-2639 with any questions or concerns. For information about classified advertising, call 221-2644. Ads are only accepted from faculty, staff, students and alumni.

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Bosnian students Damir Arnaut (second from left) and Lana Obradovic (far right) with William and Mary students (left to right) Anne Boyle, Sean Fagan, Lindsay Flury and Nina Hornauer on a ridge overlooking Sarajevo.

class of 2003

**W**ith bylines in several national publications and experience designing national policy, Benjamin Domenech is almost as well prepared to take on the world as many graduating seniors.

The 17-year-old from Round Hill, Va., has been hooked on politics since his father ran Mike Farris' 1993 campaign for lieutenant governor of Virginia. The following year, 13-year-old Benjamin combined his political interests and his writing talents, publishing an essay about the environment in the book *Our Planet*.

But it was an internship at *Human Events*, a periodical covering Capitol Hill, that cemented his interest in political journalism.

"That experience really clinched it for me," he said. "It allowed me to look at the field I planned to go into from the inside, and convinced me that this was what I really wanted to do."

The internship turned into a paying job, and before long Benjamin was contributing articles to *The Washington Times*, *American Conservative*, *Reason* and other periodicals. In 1998, *The Washington Post* published his commentary about

## George Will, Beware

Focus on the Family President James Dobson.

Impressed with an article Benjamin wrote about Social Security, then Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich appointed him to a bipartisan summit on retirement savings, hosted by the White House in June 1998. This opportunity also led to a meeting with President Clinton and Vice President Al Gore.

"I think Gingrich picked me because I could offer a different perspective," Benjamin said. "And because I was the youngest delegate, most of the reforms being discussed would affect only me."

As a home-schooled student, Benjamin was free to pursue these somewhat nontraditional learning and extracurricular activities because they complemented an already individualized and self-paced home-school curriculum.

"Home schooling isn't for everyone," he said. "It takes a lot of effort. But one thing that is really valuable is that you do learn to be very independent in your study techniques. I

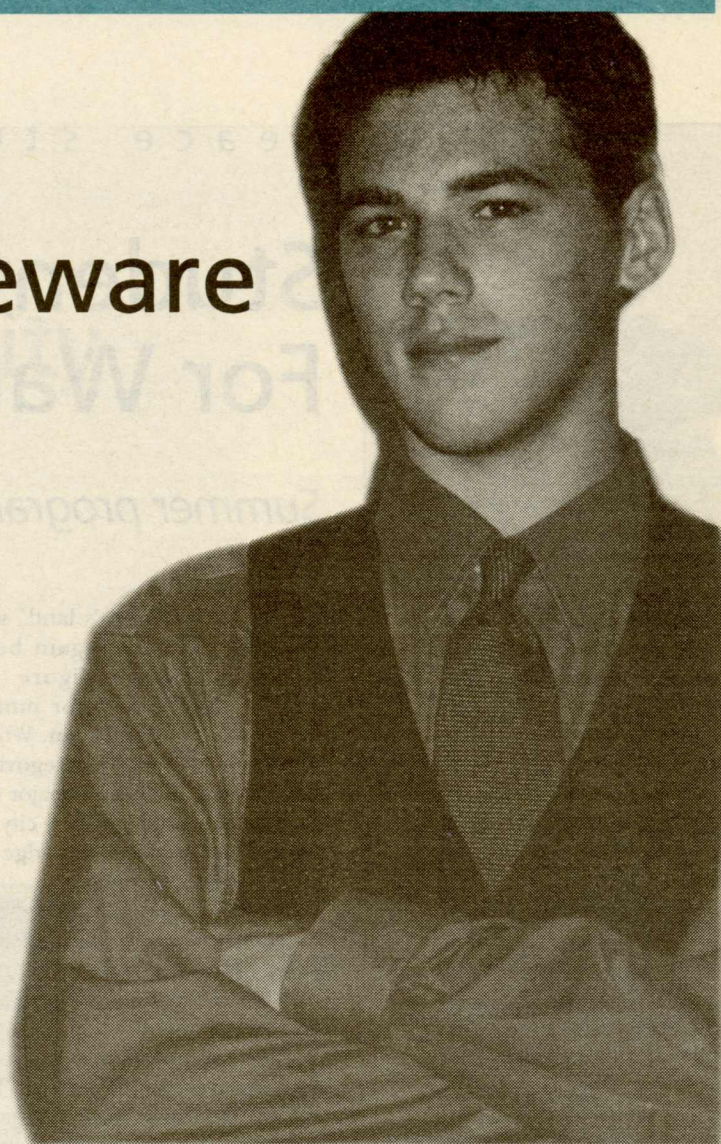
think that will be a good thing to bring with me to college."

Benjamin was as certain of his college plans as he was of his career goals. With William and Mary's "excellent government program" as his motivation, he applied early decision.

The College's liberal arts program will help Benjamin achieve the broad knowledge base so essential to reporting. He looks forward to studying different political philosophies and theories and will remain active in community and political affairs.

"People are becoming even more disenfranchised from their communities and governments," he said. "We're electing presidents with less than half of the population voting. By the time my generation is in office, will we elect presidents with less than a quarter of the population voting? We have to be politically involved or eventually there will be no one to safeguard our individual freedoms." ■

by Amy Ruth



Benjamin Domenech has been hooked on politics since age 12.

## Queen Of The Roses



Christina Ferrell was chosen from a field of 800 contestants to become the 1999 Rose Bowl Queen.

**C**hristina Ferrell of Arcadia, Calif., is the type of freshman with the qualities every university covets: poise, speaking ability, intelligence and presence. In fact, those are the same qualities the Tournament of Roses in California looks for in its queen and court for the Rose Bowl.

And Christina, who will enroll at William and Mary this fall, has them in abundance. Out of 800 young women who applied for the competition, Christina was not only selected as a finalist but was named the 1999 Rose Bowl Queen.

Surviving the scrutiny of 10 judges over a period of a month

with poise and quick-witted responses, she fielded the question: "Who outside your family do you consider a role model and why?" She had an easy answer: Shirley Temple, the child actress and former ambassador to Ghana who has been a friend of her grandmother's and whom she grew up admiring.

When the group was reduced to 29, two members from her high school were chosen as finalists, with one last spot open. Christina was certain she would not be selected because of the other two from Arcadia, but when the announcement was made Christina was the choice.

In October, after etiquette training, speech classes, media training, a new \$10,000 wardrobe from Nordstrom and new hairstyles—and 150 personal appearances—the seven went to Balboa Island, and on the 21st, the judges picked Christina as the best leader.

All the activity took a toll on her class time as she missed two to four days of school a week, but she still earned almost a perfect record with only two Bs during her four years. She had intended to go to UCLA, thinking she wouldn't get into William and Mary. She was thrilled when she was accepted after two visits to the College. "I fell

in love with the campus," she says. "Everyone was so friendly, I really got a good feeling from it."

What was it like to become an overnight celebrity? "Absolutely phenomenal," says Christina. "People wanted photos and autographs."

Christina's obligations didn't end with the Rose Bowl. She will continue to make public appearances, and in October she will fly with her mother and an escort to Osaka, Japan, for an appearance.

What has the experience been like? "The greatest thrill of my life!" exudes Christina. ■

by S. Dean Olson

## 'I Am A Person First And Disabled Second'

**W**hen Chancey Fleet of Richmond enters William and Mary this week, she will bring a host of accomplishments. She graduated at 16 after skipping the fourth grade; she's an expert debater, having won a tournament with 60 competitors and earned her way to the state level in other competitions. She writes poetry good enough to be recognized at the district level of an organization called Reflections. And she was accepted at her dream school, William and Mary, "the best school in the state. I loved the campus and the people I

met," she says.

Although Chancey is 95 percent blind, she dismisses that drawback and refuses to categorize herself in any way. "I am a person first and disabled second," she emphasizes. With plans to go into the field of clinical psychology, she says, "A lot of blind people go into the disability field. I chose not to do that. I see myself as a member of society rather than as a member of the blind community."

Not that her accomplishments were without battles. In grade school, the school didn't want to teach her Braille, but through the advocacy of her mother and uncle, a disability lawyer, she cleared that hurdle. She at-

tended a school for the blind for two years—the 8th and 9th grades—but decided she wanted the opportunity for broader socialization and enrolled in a mainstream high school. If she hadn't gone that route, Fleet believes she wouldn't have gotten into William and Mary. "I wanted the opportunity to attend advanced classes and expand my education," says Chancey.

Although she doesn't dwell on her disability, she uses her free time to help others who are blind. Chancey has even found time to teach younger blind students computer and social and independent living skills. She worked the last two years for two

to three weeks with children 10 to 14 years old in a host summer program.

In addition, Chancey had a full-time job as a Braille proofreader, one of two in a company called Instructional Materials Resource Center, a state agency in Richmond. She read about 300 pages a day in Braille and ferreted out the errors for books that go to all the schools for the blind in the state. ■



Chancey Fleet

by S. Dean Olson

## campus news

## Drastic Reforms Required For Japan To Recover, Says Keio University Economist

Japan's struggling economy will not recover without decisive—and sometimes drastic—changes to that country's economic policies, a distinguished Japanese economist told William and Mary faculty and administrators hosting a Japanese delegation from Keio University SFC. The group was on campus earlier this month to discuss academic collaborations between the two institutions.

Heizo Takenaka, a professor of economics at Keio and advisor to Japan's Prime Minister Keizo Obuchi, said although the Japanese economy is showing slight signs of improvement, he isn't optimistic about the near future.

"In the coming two years we cannot predict a dramatic recovery of the economy," he said.

A member of the Economic Strategy Council, Takenaka has advised the Japanese government throughout its recent attempts to revitalize and restructure the country's economy.

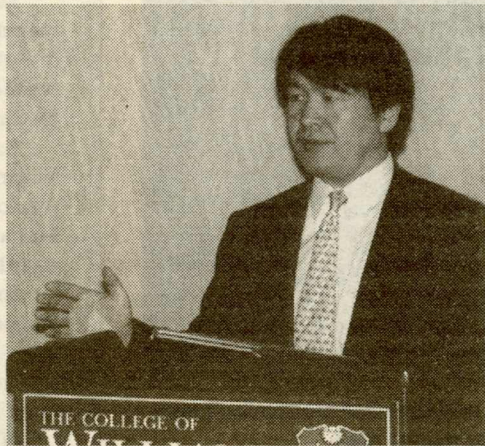
One such effort, which Takenaka said has consensus among economists, is to achieve and maintain a positive gross domestic product growth rate of just more than 2.0 percent. Last year's growth rate was -2.0 percent, down drastically from 1997's -0.4 percent.

Some of Takenaka's reforms are more controversial, including his proposal to reduce government

expenditure by 20 percent and increase the consumption tax rate from 5 percent to 10 percent by the year 2003.

Furthermore, he recommends reducing the maximum income tax rate from 65 percent to 50 percent. This measure, proposed last year by the Economic Strategy Council, so shocked the government that the Council withdrew it. Takenaka, however, continues to advocate tax reforms similar to those initiated by the Reagan administration in the 1980s, adding the two nations can and should learn from each other. Japan, he said, benefited from watching the United States recover from financial struggles in the 1970s and 1980s to arrive at stability and increased productivity in the 1990s.

Keio professors and administrators were on campus to develop collaborative academic programs with their William and Mary counterparts. For almost a decade, Keio and William and Mary have pursued an academic partnership that has produced several successful programs, including the innovative, Web-based "Classroom Across



Heizo Takenaka doesn't foresee a significant recovery of the Japanese economy for at least two years.

the Pacific" course taught jointly to students in Japan and at the College.

"We have made excellent progress in further developing and expanding the partnership between William and Mary and Keio," said Mitchell Reiss, William and Mary's dean of international affairs and director of the Reves Center for Director of International Studies. "I am confident that, together, our two institutions can and will create important new opportunities for distance learning, faculty and student exchanges and collaborative research and teaching." ■

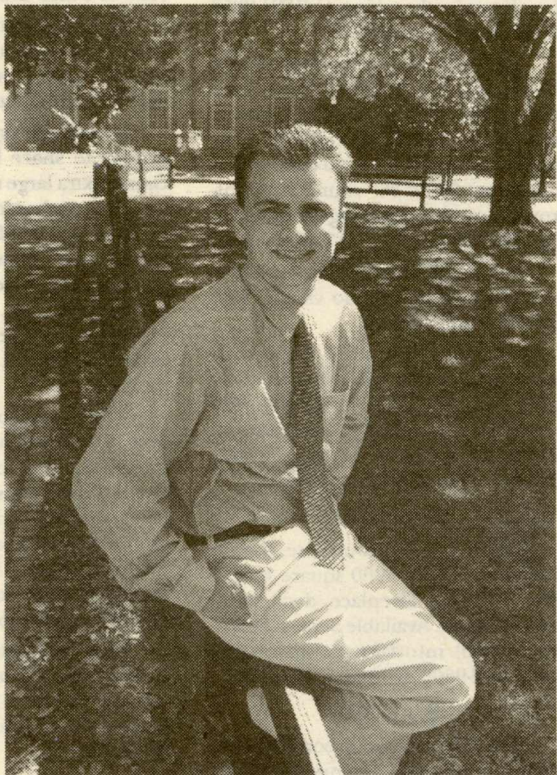
by Amy Ruth

## Stelljes Looks To Expand Partnerships With Service Agencies

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and respect for the social issues that are a part of our society."

Drew Stelljes believes providing students an opportunity to reflect on their volunteer experiences in a structured setting is essential to the meaningful development of the social conscience.



Another goal of Stelljes for the upcoming school year is to increase the number of service agencies with which the College places stu-

dent volunteers. Currently, William and Mary works with 70 community organizations.

For his part, Stelljes, who earned a master of education degree in counseling psychology with a concentration in college student personnel administration this spring from James Madison University, has been involved in public service since his days as an undergraduate at the Harrisonburg college. In addition to volunteering at retirement centers, he has tutored elementary school children.

Stelljes' wife, Amy, also volunteers at the Patriot Retirement Center. The first-grade teacher spends at least three days a week at the facility taking part in activities and visiting with the residents.

The Office of Student Volunteer Services works directly with more than 2,000 students in the community. Many of these students sign up for service opportunities at the annual volunteer fair, which will be held this year on Wednesday, Sept. 8 from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the University Center lobby. ■

by Poul E. Olson

## notes

### College Required To Be Open Dec. 31

Assuming that no additional holiday time is authorized by Gov. James Gilmore, William and Mary will close at 5 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 23 and reopen at 8 a.m. on Friday, Dec. 31. The Commonwealth has identified Dec. 31 as a workday in recognition of the century date change. In observance of the New Year's holiday, the College will be closed on Monday, Jan. 3. If additional holiday time is granted, the College will determine how it will be allocated soon after the governor makes the announcement.

Consistent with recent College policy, some employees must be available to meet the needs of the public, students, parents and other state agencies. Decisions about the exact level of staffing will be made by individual vice presidents and deans, who will inform affected employees no later than Monday, Nov. 1. Of particular concern this year is the possible impact of the Year 2000 transition. As a result, all managers are encouraged to evaluate the need for additional staffing to ensure the College's smooth transition from 1999 to 2000.

Any questions about this policy should be addressed to individual supervisors or the Offices of the Provost or the Vice President for Management and Budget.

### Apps Available Aug. 23 For Teacher Programs

Undergraduate students who have transferred to the College or late-decision students planning to concentrate in an arts and sciences field may apply to either the elementary or secondary education certification program in the School of Education. Applications are available Aug. 23 through Sept. 7 in Jones 100 and are due by Sept. 8 at 5 p.m. Some program areas may schedule individual interviews. Applicants will be notified of decisions by the first week of October. Students interested in certification in a secondary school program must get instructor approval and register for education classes this fall. For more information, contact Patti Burleson at 221-2308 or by e-mail at paburl@wm.edu.

### CWA Fall Lineup Includes 46 New Courses

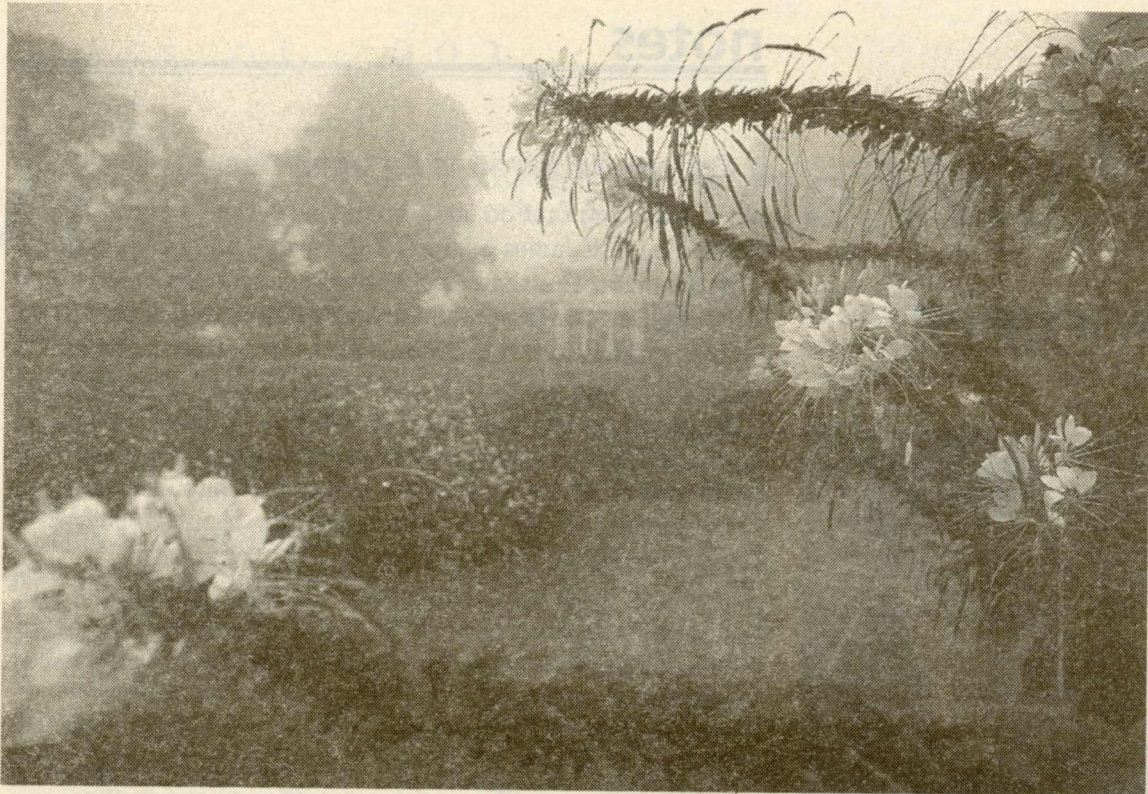
Forty-six new courses are included in this fall's lineup of 61 courses offered to the 900 members of the Christopher Wren Association. They include "Cancer—Myths and Realities," taught by Dr. John Marsh, who recently retired from Yale University's medical school faculty; "The CIA in the 21st Century," taught by Dick Stolz, who retired recently after 34 years with the agency; and classes on Virginia genealogy, the Internet and archaeology.

Class sizes are limited. Catalogs have been mailed to all former CWA members, and registration is by mail only. Classes run from Sept. 13 through Dec. 9. Newcomers can obtain a catalog and registration form by calling Tillie Millen, associate director of the CWA, at 221-1079.

The CWA opens its fall semester with a convocation ceremony for new members on Sept. 8 at 2 p.m. in the Wightman Cup Room in William and Mary Hall.

### Students Encouraged To Participate In Shared Experience Internship Program

More than 100 internships are open this fall to undergraduates interested in exploring career options, building their résumés or giving something back to the community. Students are asked to work seven to 10 hours per week in these unpaid internships, available in organizations including Colonial Williamsburg, James City County, the Peninsula Fine Arts Center, Avalon and Merrill Lynch and with a host of local attorneys, physicians and departments at the College. To see the list of internships, visit the career services Website at [www.wm.edu/csrvcareer](http://www.wm.edu/csrvcareer) or visit the Career Library in Blow 124. The application deadline is Sept. 16.



The Swem exhibition of Chiles Larson's photographs of Virginia includes one of a mist-shrouded Monticello, where spider flowers line the serpentine walk that leads to Thomas Jefferson's home. See item at right.

# Calendar

Any member of the College community may submit an item about an upcoming event at the College. All information must be provided in writing via campus mail to the *William & Mary News* Office, Holmes House, 308 Jamestown Rd., by Friday, Aug. 27, e-mailed to [wmnews@mail.wm.edu](mailto:wmnews@mail.wm.edu) or faxed to 221-3243. Items may be edited for clarity or length. Call 221-2644 for more information.

## Tomorrow

**Opening preview:** Exhibition of photographs by Chiles Larson '59, 4-5:30 p.m., Botetourt Gallery, Swem Library. Larson will be available to sign copies of his book *Virginia's Past Today*. See item at right. 221-3060.

## Aug. 27

**Opening Convocation:** 4 p.m., Wren Portico. Picnic follows in Wren Yard. 221-1236.

## Aug. 28

**Exhibition Opening:** "Imagining the World Through Naive Painting," 6-8 p.m., Muscarelle Museum. Music and refreshments to welcome returning students and celebrate exhibition opening. 221-2703.

## Sept. 6

**Labor Day:** the College and VIMS will be closed for Labor Day. Except for employees required to maintain essential services, most administrative offices and the plant department will be closed. Management should inform employees who must work of this need as soon as possible. Classes will be in session. 221-1993.

## Sept. 8

**Volunteer Fair,** sponsored by the Office of Student Volunteer Services. 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m., University Center lobby. 221-3263. See article on Page 3.

**Christopher Wren Opening Convocation:** 2 p.m., Wightman Cup Room, W&M Hall. Classes begin Sept. 13. See item on Page 7. 221-1079.

## Sept. 13, 30; Oct. 21;

## Nov. 3, 30

**Lunch with the President:** President Timothy Sullivan will host a series of luncheons to give students an opportunity to meet with him informally in groups of 10. Lunches will last approximately one hour. Noon, The Brafferton.

Students may make reservations by calling Lilian Hoaglund at 221-1694 or e-mailing her at [lnhoag@wm.edu](mailto:lnhoag@wm.edu).

## Sept. 23; Oct. 26; Nov. 10, 29

**Visit with the President:** President Timothy Sullivan has reserved office hours for students to discuss issues that concern them, or just to chat. 4-5 p.m., The Brafferton. Individual students or small groups may reserve 10-minute appointments by calling Lilian Hoaglund at 221-1694 or e-mailing her at [lnhoag@wm.edu](mailto:lnhoag@wm.edu).

## "Mexico! Photographs by Carrillo."

*These exhibitions are on display 10 a.m.-4:45 p.m. weekdays and noon-4 p.m. on weekends at the Muscarelle Museum.*

## Aug. 20 through Oct. 31

**An exhibition of photographs by Chiles Larson, author and photographer of *Virginia's Past Today*.** See item at right.

## Through Dec. 31

**"Three Sites: Three Centuries of Williamsburg."**

*These exhibitions are on display in Swem Library during library hours.*

## sports

### Aug. 31

Women's soccer vs. East Carolina, 7 p.m.

### Sept. 1

Men's soccer vs. Mt. St. Mary's, 7 p.m.

*For additional information, call 221-3369.*

## deadlines

### Sept. 30, Oct. 7, Oct. 14

Sept. 30: **Minor Research Grants.** Faculty, staff and students may apply for grants up to \$500. Oct. 7: **Faculty Semester Research Assignments.** Only tenured faculty may apply. Oct. 14: **Faculty Summer Research Grants.** Only full-time faculty may apply. Policies and forms are available at <http://www.wm.edu/grants/WMGRANTS>. Hard copies are available from the Grants Office, Rowe House, 314 Jamestown Rd. 221-3485.

## exhibitions

### Aug. 28 through Sept. 26

**"Imagining the World Through Naive Painting."**

## looking ahead

### Sept. 6, 13, 14

**Public Lectures:** "National Sovereignty vs. Human Rights: The Case of Augusto Pinochet," Curt Bradley, University of Colorado School of Law (Sept. 6). "The Crisis in Kosovo," Julie Mertus, Ohio Northern Law School (Sept. 13). Both lectures are at 2 p.m., McGlothlin Moot Courtroom. "Neither Hero Nor Villain: The Supreme Court, Race and the Constitution in the 20th Century," Michael Klarman, Distinguished Lee Professor of Law (Sept. 14). 4:30 p.m., Law School 120. 221-3810.

## community

### Aug. 21

**Jamestown-Hampton University program:** "The Angola to Virginia Connection: 1619-1999," commemorating 380 years of African-American heritage. 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Jamestown Settlement. Admission \$10.25 adults, \$5 children 6-12, free to students with William and Mary ID.

## Virginia's Past Today On Display In Swem

**A**n exhibition of photographs by Chiles Larson, author and photographer of *Virginia's Past Today*, will open tomorrow in Swem Library and run through Oct. 31. Larson will be available from 4 to 5 p.m. to sign copies of his book at the preview, to be held in the Botetourt Gallery on the library's ground floor.

Larson, a member of William and Mary's Class of 1959, retired from the Securities and Exchange Commission's Office of Public Affairs 10 years ago to run a public affairs consulting business in Albemarle County. He has collected a huge file of pictures through the years while traveling around Virginia.

Larson's book features many pairs of photographs that link Virginia's past with its present. The exhibition shows 53 such photos—from coal miners to Mennonites, from watermen to Mattaponi tribespeople, and with all facets of the Commonwealth in between.

In 1959, on a freelance assignment from *National Geographic*, Larson began to see a strong father-to-son connection, as he photographed Hampton Roads harbor pilots. That same summer, he traveled to Shirley Plantation and learned it had been in the Hill and Carter families for 10 generations.

"I wasn't thinking about doing a book then—these were only feature stories at the time—but I started seeing this connection to the past," he said. "I realized there must be numerous subjects around Virginia with this strong connection to the past that have this intangible quality that makes Virginia the special place it is."

"Larson captures the Virginia missed by many visitors," said Ann Lloyd Merriman in her review of *Virginia's Past Today* for the *Richmond Times-Dispatch*. "The Old-Time Fiddlers' Convention in Galax, the coal-mining enterprise in Grundy, the oyster-harvesting operation on Smith's Island, the James River Bateau Festival along the James." He also photographed the familiar, according to Merriman—VMI, the State Capitol, Monticello, Williamsburg—but even in those pictures, he offers new interpretations.

In June, as part of the 10th anniversary celebration at the Fredericksburg Area Museum and Cultural Center, the exhibition was displayed over six weeks. That was preceded by a showing in Charlottesville. The exhibition was mounted by the Virginia Historical Society, in Richmond.

Richard Moe, president of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, said, "Chiles Larson beautifully brings Virginia's past alive, not only for today's Virginians but for all who are constantly drawn to this special place." ■

by Ann Gaudreaux

## classified advertisements

### FOR SALE

1992 Geo Prizm, white, 4-door. 79K miles, automatic, PB, PS. \$4,000. Call Paul or Paula at 253-8834.

Large wooden desk in good condition. Yours for the taking. Call 221-2858 or 221-0415 (evenings).

Two twin beds (headboard and footboard) with firm Sears foam mattresses/boxsprings, matching sheets and three matching coverlet sets, nightstand and dresser; all in excellent condition; \$700. 36" round wrought-iron table with 4 matching chairs, \$175. Call 221-2305 or 565-1317 after 6 p.m.

Futon with chintz cover, excellent condition, \$150. Tae Bo videos, \$50. Call Alex at 253-0559.

Wooden computer table with bookcase/storage and computer chair (rollers/swivel), \$300 negotiable. 486 computer with rebuilt hard drive and additional memory, \$80 negotiable. Call 888-0940 and leave message.

### FOR RENT

James Square townhouse, 5 minutes from W&M. 1960 square feet, 3 BRs, 3.5 baths. Fireplace, deck, walk-out basement. Available Sept. 1. \$830/mo. E-mail [info@jkm.com](mailto:info@jkm.com) or call (804) 642-9600 or (800) 774-7865.

### WANTED

Research assistant to conduct electronic ethnography and questionnaire

surveys on campus. Must have excellent analytical and writing skills and knowledge of NetMeeting/Courseinfo/Digital videocamera. Work Monday nights. \$1500 for the three-month project. 229-6555 or e-mail [thamad@wm.edu](mailto:thamad@wm.edu).

Volunteers to train as docents at the Muscarelle Museum, beginning in September. Applications accepted through Aug. 30. Call Lanette McNeil at 221-2703.

Roommate (grad student/professional) to share house in Chanco's Grant. Extra large room with cable, private bath, washer/dryer, fireplace, quiet neighborhood. Must be non-smoker and like pets (I have dog and cat; can't accept any more pets). Available immediately. \$400/mo., includes all utilities except phone; one month's rent as deposit. Call Joan at 564-9205 and leave message.

W&M grad looking for house to rent in Williamsburg area. Single, responsible professional with lab named Owen. Prefer house with garage/basement/shed or suitable area for art studio. Owen would prefer fenced yard but is happy in house. Call 253-6685 (work number) and ask for Courtney or e-mail [ckyle@james-city.va.us](mailto:ckyle@james-city.va.us).

Male Asian-American law student seeking immediate housing close to campus for 1999-2000. Interested in sharing. Contact Yoon Han at [yoohan@yahoo.com](mailto:yoohan@yahoo.com).