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## Charter Day 2000: Lady Thatcher Makes Last Visit As Chancellor

Lady Margaret Thatcher (above left, at Charter Day 1994) and James McGlothlin (above, with Thatcher in 1997) will receive honorary degrees—and the thanks of a grateful College—at Charter Day, Feb. 5.

College celebrates relationships with chancellor, alumnus

The College's first Charter Day of the new millennium will honor an historic relationship when former Prime Minister of Great Britain Margaret, The Lady Thatcher makes her last visit as chancellor, a post she has held since 1993. Lady Thatcher will deliver the Charter Day address on Saturday Feb. 5, and she and alumnus James McGlothlin, founder, president and chief executive officer of The United Company, will receive honorary degrees at the ceremony. Colonial Williamsburg will join the College in honoring Lady Thatcher at an afternoon luncheon with representatives of the College and the General Assembly, in town for a commemorative session at the restored Capitol building.

To ensure that as many as possible can attend the Charter Day convocation, which begins at 10:30 a.m., the ceremony will be held in William and Mary Hall. Tickets to Charter Day are available at the William and Mary Hall box office and must be picked up in person, between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. on weekdays. Students of the College may pick up tickets at the Campus Center or University Center.

The Charter Day convocation celebrates the day in 1693 when King William III and Queen Mary

II granted the charter that made William and Mary the second institution of higher learning established in what became the United States. This convocation marks the 307th anniversary of the royal charter.

"This year we are privileged to grant honorary degrees to two individuals who have been great friends of the College, while also serving the needs of the Commonwealth's larger educational community," said President Timothy Sullivan. "Our honorary degree recipients have distinguished themselves not only in their professional careers, but in their allegiance to the betterment of humanity."

### James W. McGlothlin

A devoted William and Mary alumnus, visionary civic leader and distinguished member of the business community, Jim McGlothlin earned a bachelor's degree from the College in 1962 and a law degree in 1964. He has worked tirelessly for the advancement of higher education, and he and members of the extended McGlothlin-Street families are well-known for their active support of educational and philanthropic activities throughout Virginia.

For the past decade, the families have generously supported the College, contributing not only financial support, but also

their time and expertise to guide William and Mary into the future. McGlothlin has served as a member of the Board of Visitors, trustee of the William and Mary Endowment Association and vice chair of the steering committee of the successful Campaign for the Fourth Century fund-raising drive. In 1988, he was the recipient of the Alumni Medallion, the highest honor bestowed by the Society of the Alumni. This Charter Day, he will receive an honorary doctor of laws degree.

Many of McGlothlin's family members have attended the College in the past four decades, including his wife, Fran McGlothlin, and his daughter Martha Ann McGlothlin Gayle, who earned bachelor's and law degrees in 1989 and 1995, respectively.

"My family's long association with the College, and our combined efforts to maintain and enrich the William and Mary experience for future students, have been mutually rewarding," said McGlothlin. "To be honored in this special way, and in the company of Lady Thatcher, is a privilege I will always cherish."

McGlothlin is dedicated to supporting education throughout the Commonwealth, serving on the board of trustees of the

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## William & Mary DECISIONS 2010

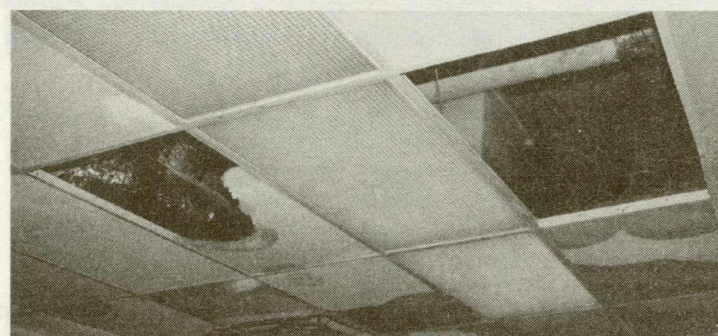
### President Sullivan Invites Students To Share Ideas

A town meeting has been scheduled for Feb. 8, to give William and Mary students the opportunity to offer advice about the College's future. The meeting—to be held in the Tidewater Room of the University Center at 7:30 p.m.—is part of a year-long dialogue on the future of the institution, called W&M 2010.

"The first decade of the 21st century is a critical period for William and Mary," said President Timothy Sullivan. "As we strengthen our ability to educate a new generation of global leaders, we will rely to a great extent on what our current students tell us. I look forward to hearing their ideas about how we should proceed."

The meeting will consist of a brief presentation by Sullivan, and then comments and questions from the audience. Three broad areas are under consideration: William and Mary's campus experience, William and Mary and the community and William and Mary and the world.

Meetings are also being scheduled for faculty and staff members to offer advice about these considerations. ■



Millington Hall has been plagued by rain penetration through the roof, through the bricks and around windows and doors.

## Search For Funding Advances To Assembly

Top priorities: Millington, salaries

The Governor's 2000-2002 Operating and Capital Budget Recommendations have now been sent to the General Assembly for legislative action, but missing from the document were funds for several of William and Mary's most pressing needs—including the Millington Hall project.

While the recommendations include a commitment to maintain faculty salaries at the 60th percentile of the average salaries of the peers of Virginia institu-

tions, the amount proposed for funding the commitment is not sufficient. But in a move that will ease the burden of in-state undergraduates and their parents, tuition will remain frozen for the coming biennium.

The renovation and expansion of Millington Hall received a boost last fall from the Board of Visitors, which endorsed a resolution calling for emergency fund-

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## Reves Center Receives Freedom Award

Council for America's First Freedom recognizes efforts in Bosnia

Recent efforts of William and Mary students, faculty and staff to promote cultural and religious tolerance in Bosnia have prompted the Council for America's First Freedom to name the Reves Center for International Studies an honoree of its annual International First Freedom Award.

Presented to individuals and organizations that advance the religious freedoms outlined in the 1786 Virginia Statute for Religious Freedom, the award recognizes the accomplishments of the 1999 Borgenicht Initiative in International Peace, which focused on the Balkans.

"The Reves Center's outstanding grassroots initiatives have contributed significantly to fostering the Jeffersonian principles of individual freedom and tolerance among Bosnian people of all faiths," said Carol Negus, president of the Council.

Each Borgenicht Initiative, made possible by an endowment

from New Jersey entrepreneur Jack Borgenicht, brings together William and Mary students and scholars and students from a region of world conflict. Together, the groups confront issues and devise resolutions in a variety of academic and non-academic settings. The 1999 Borgenicht Initiative included an academic conference, an undergraduate course taught by Borgenicht Scholar-in-Residence Mihailo Crnobrnja and a visit from six Bosnian students who developed projects with their William and Mary counterparts. Last summer, four William and Mary students journeyed to Bosnia to implement the projects, and additional students will continue their work there this summer.

"This award really belongs to the students who traveled to Bosnia and laid the foundation for the work to come," said Mitchell Reiss, dean of international affairs and director of the Reves Center. "As-



Professor of Law Linda Malone, Reves Center Director Mitchell Reiss, Anne Boyle '99, senior Nina Hornauer, Borgenicht Scholar-in-Residence Mihailo Crnobrnja and President Timothy Sullivan, left to right, gathered in Richmond to accept the First Freedom Award.

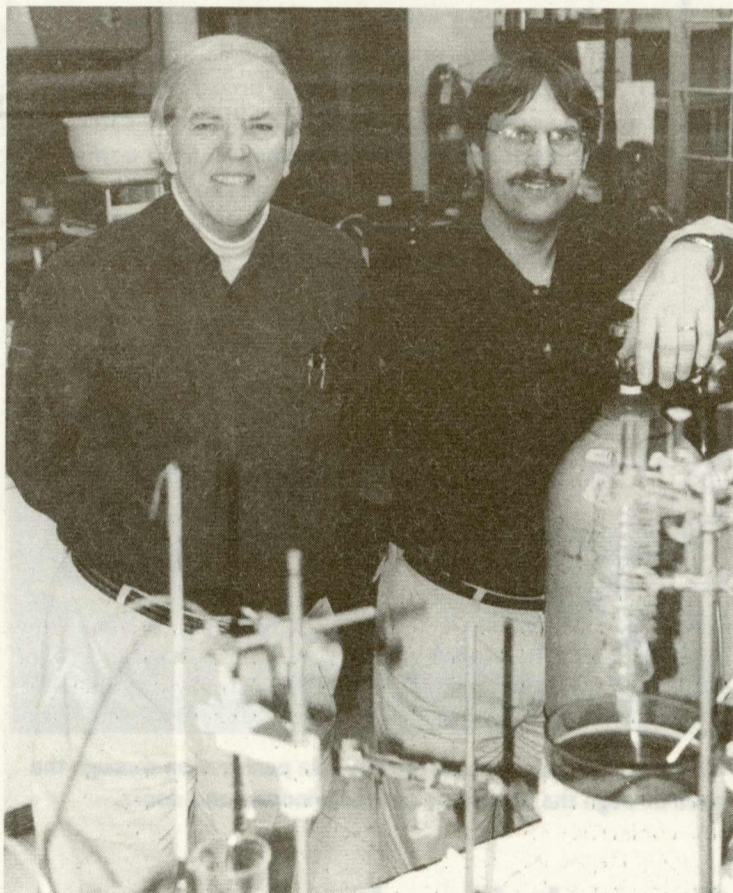
sisted by Mihailo Crnobrnja and supported by Jack Borgenicht, William and Mary students are fully engaged in the reconciliation process in Bosnia and the Balkans."

Reiss and Crnobrnja accompanied senior Nina Hornauer and Anne Boyle '99, two of the student travelers to Bosnia, to accept the award at the National First Free-

dom Day Awards Dinner in Richmond on Jan. 15.

"I am very proud to be part of a team committed to help in the reconciliation process in Bosnia," said Hornauer. "This award shows that we, the students, can make a change by turning our idealism into action." ■

by Amy Ruth



Collaborating chemists William Starnes (left) and Robert Pike are looking for ways to make PVC less flammable.

and organometallics, Starnes and Pike have constructed the science behind what may become a new technology capable of preventing the dangerous smoke and flame produced when vinyl polymers burn. Poly(vinyl chloride), also known as PVC, is the most commercially important synthetic polymer and the world's second-largest selling plastic material.

The College received the only NSF chemistry grant awarded this fiscal year to support polymer smoke suppression and fire retardance research, something Starnes and Pike attribute in part to the opportunities their research creates for their students. William and Mary chemistry students have assisted Pike and Starnes from the beginning of their collaboration. With its specific support for student stipends, the NSF grant provides further research opportunities for undergraduate and graduate students.

"It's unusual that even though our chemistry department doesn't have a Ph.D. program, we can do research at this level using undergraduates," said Pike. "Science education takes place largely through doing the science, so it's vital that we can offer these research opportunities to our students."

### Indispensable PVC

Used to make a host of goods, from toys to automotive parts to shower curtains to pipes in home and commercial construction, PVC has been reliably estimated to have an impact on more than 10 percent of the nation's gross national product. The material's wide appeal is rooted in its versatility: when heated, PVC can be processed. But PVC's versatility is also its weakness, a dilemma which has long interested Starnes, an internationally recognized authority on PVC who has devoted much of his career, both in industry and academia, to improving the material.

"Although PVC is not inherently flammable, it produces dangerous amounts of toxic smoke when burned," said Starnes. "We're developing technology that will lead to additives that inhibit both smoke and flame."

Working like a double agent, the additive would be inactive until excessive heat was applied to the polymer, inducing a reaction that would liberate the actual smoke-suppressing substance. Starnes and Pike are experimenting with metal-based additives and have found that copper-based additives are particularly promising.

"Copper is attractive because it's innocuous—copper toxicity very rarely occurs in humans," said Starnes. "And it hasn't yet been used in commercial PVC formulations."

Starnes and Pike have already determined that certain copper-based additives can cause PVC crosslinking, a chemical process that greatly reduces the burning tendency of PVC. The next step is applying the science to usable technology, a step that doesn't always happen.

"There's a danger that science never filters down into the technology," said Pike. "We think it's important to bridge the gulf between scientists and technologists."

Grant funds will allow the researchers to purchase a cone calorimeter—an essential piece of equipment that measures heat and smoke release. The only one of its kind at a Virginia college or university, the apparatus will be used to conduct small-scale fire test experiments.

Should Starnes, Pike and their research assistants produce the technology for a smoke and flame-suppressing additive, their work will be of great interest to the worldwide plastics industry, which produces an estimated 40 billion pounds of PVC each year. ■

by Amy Ruth

### Pike Wins Dreyfus Award

Associate Professor of Chemistry Robert Pike has been recognized with a Henry Dreyfus Teacher-Scholar Award—one of only six such awards given this year by the Camille and Henry Dreyfus Foundation to support chemistry instruction and research at undergraduate institutions.

Award recipients are nominated by their academic departments in recognition of past accomplishments and future promise.

Pike will use the unrestricted \$60,000 gift, awarded over five years, to develop a separate laboratory course for second semester sophomore chemistry majors and to provide summer research opportunities for students. In total, the award will support 12 undergraduate students, 10 of whom will work with Pike in two research areas, polymer additives (see article at left) and inorganic polymers. The remaining two undergraduate stipends will be awarded by the department at large. In addition, the Dreyfus Award will provide funds for Pike's students to present their findings at scientific meetings.

"Professor Pike is a true teacher-scholar," said Richard Kiefer, chair of the chemistry department. "He maintains a productive research program with constant external funding and also spends many hours working with undergraduate students. This award is well deserved." ■

—AR

## W&M's Firefighters

Chemistry professors' collaboration lands record NSF grant

In receiving the largest National Science Foundation (NSF) grant ever awarded directly to William and Mary's chemistry department, two professors are proof that the chemistry between people is just as important as the chemistry that occurs in the laboratory.

The \$250,000, three-year NSF grant allows Floyd Dewey Gottwald

Sr. Professor of Chemistry William Starnes, an organic polymer chemist, and Associate Professor of Chemistry Robert Pike, an inorganic chemist, to continue a five-year-old collaborative research project with the potential for far-reaching effects and major health and safety implications.

By combining their individual expertise in polymer chemistry

# making headlines

## W&M: Y2K O.K.

The College's critical computer systems experienced no problems as internal clocks and calendars rolled into the new millennium at one minute past midnight on Jan. 1, 2000.

Almost immediately after the date change, Ted Lyman, who led the College's Y2K-compliance efforts, began collecting internal status reports from personnel who were administering critical systems across campus.

"All initial reports were positive, and no exceptions have surfaced since," said Lyman.

It was quickly apparent that the College's contingency measures were not needed, and the rented back-up generators were returned and the three toll free emergency numbers simply provided callers with the reassuring message that the College would be open as scheduled.

Lyman was quick to point out that hundreds of College employees contributed a great deal of behind-the-scenes work to make the Y2K rollover a nonevent.

"Just imagine what could have happened if we *hadn't* been prepared," he said. "Y2K readiness was like buying insurance and keeping the premiums paid."

Problems may surface now that faculty and students have returned to campus and turned on individual computers. For assistance, users may call the Information Technology Help Desk at 221-4357 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. on weekdays, send e-mail to support@wm.edu or access <http://www.wm.edu/year2000>.

## Athletes Sterba, Brown, Ranone Honored

Junior Brett Sterba and seniors Adin Brown and Mary Ranone have recently garnered honors for their athletic prowess. Sterba, the Tribe's all-Atlantic 10 placekicker, was named to the 1999 Burger King Division I-AA Coaches' All-America Team. Sterba led the nation's I-AA kickers with 18 field goals in the season and led the conference in points scored by a kicker, with 86.

Brown was a finalist for collegiate soccer's most prestigious awards, the Hermann Trophy and the Missouri Athletic Club's Player of the Year Award. He is the first William and Mary student to be a finalist for either award. He holds every goalkeeping record at the College and is an all-American candidate.

Ranone was named Player of the Week by the Colonial Athletic Association (CAA) after she led William and Mary to the Dartmouth Blue Sky Classic Basketball Championship in December.

## Reveley Named To Carnegie Endowment Board

Dean of the School of Law W. Taylor Reveley has joined the board of trustees of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, headquartered in Washington, D.C. Founded in 1910, the Carnegie Endowment is a private, nonprofit organization dedicated to advancing cooperation among nations and promoting active international engagement by the United States.

The endowment's research projects are grouped in two areas, the Global Policy Program and the Russian and Eurasian Program. The endowment also publishes *Foreign Policy* magazine and operates the Carnegie Moscow Center.

## Smoke On The Water

Dense smoke permeated all three stories of Byrd Hall at the Virginia Institute of Marine Science after a faulty heater switch malfunctioned.

Lab technician Katie Staron called for help at 10:15 p.m., Dec. 30, when she smelled smoke. She said the heater kept water in the tanks at the correct temperature for fish. Although the campus was closed for the holidays, she was in the lab to do maintenance work and feeding.

Professor of Marine Science and Dean of Graduate Studies Michael Newman assessed his experiments the following day. "Any damage or setbacks in research was minimal," he said. "After the initial trauma of the news of the fire, the biggest impact will be the cost of replacing a heating element, about \$1,200."

## HACE Inducts New Officers

The Hourly and Classified Employees Association (HACE) enjoyed a bountiful luncheon served with a side of holiday spirit at its December meeting. President Timothy Sullivan addressed more than 140 employees gathered for the festivities and inducted the new HACE officers for 2000.

The new executive board includes Linda Melochick of the Office of Private Funds as president, Donna Beard of the Office of Equal Opportunity as vice president, Laura Sherman of Grants and Research Administration as treasurer, Mariellynn Maurer of Conference Services as recording secretary and Tina Coleman of Information Technology as corresponding secretary.

"The 1999 executive board promised employees opportunities for growth and information, and they kept their commitment," Sullivan said. "They held programs worthy of the tradition of a liberal arts institution—among them programs about fire safety, Virginia elections, the 403b retirement savings plans and statewide Y2K plans—subjects that impact our employees. The 2000 board members are anxious to serve the College as well." He then detailed William and Mary's Decisions 2010 program.

"It is time for all of us to think constructively about William and Mary's future," Sullivan said, "to help us produce a report on what all our stakeholders think William and Mary will look like in 2010."

He spoke about his open conversations with alumni, students,



The new executive board of HACE with President Sullivan, who inaugurated them at the December meeting. New officers are, left to right, Linda Melochick, Donna Beard, Laura Sherman, Tina Coleman and Mariellynn Maurer.

members of the Board of Visitors, faculty and staff about the project. "We want to ensure that the College provides a first-rate residential education to those in a wired world; to train students to be global citizens; and to provide students with an education of heart

and soul, not just intellect.

"Don't lose sight of the fact that this is a special place because of the people who are here," Sullivan said. "In 2010, we can all look back and say we did it right." ■

by Ann Gaudreaux

## Graff Recognized

Ruth Graff, administrative staff specialist in the Provost's Office and past president of HACE, who retired from the College in December, accepted special honors at the December HACE meeting.

Graff, a staff member since 1980, served on the HACE board in every office but treasurer and oversaw numerous HACE efforts such as the Salvation Army stocking stuffers, the employee holiday food baskets and Virginia Institute of Marine Science trips. Graff was also a master of ceremonies for the joint HACE/Black Faculty and Staff Talent Show. She was presented with retirement gifts that included a memory album and a William and Mary chair.

"I have very fond memories of William and Mary, and I am glad to see the College growing," Graff said. "I am also happy to see the HACE growing alongside the College." ■ —AG



Ruth Graff

## College, CW join forces to honor Thatcher, McGlothlin

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Medical College of Virginia Foundation in Richmond and on the board of the Mountain Mission School, a children's home and school in Grundy, Va. He is a member of the Virginia Business Higher Education Council and also serves on the boards of CSX Corporation in Richmond and Star Oil & Gas Ltd. in Alberta, Canada, among others. An avid golfer, he is a board member of the PGA Tour Golf Course Properties Advisory Board.

After receiving his law degree from William and Mary, McGlothlin served as a partner in the Grundy, Va., law firm of Street, Street & McGlothlin, from 1964 to 1972. In 1970, he founded The United Company. United's progressive corporate philosophy and McGlothlin's business acumen and entrepreneurial spirit combined to make the Bristol, Va.-based energy company one of the nation's largest privately held companies with selective diversification in non-energy areas, including real estate, manufacturing and financial services.

## Lady Margaret Thatcher

In 1993, Margaret, The Lady Thatcher was appointed the College's first woman chancellor and the first British subject to hold

the post since the American Revolution. During her tenure as chancellor, Lady Thatcher has made six visits to Williamsburg. She was formally installed as the College's 21st chancellor at the 1993 Charter Day ceremony, and the following year she delivered the Charter Day keynote address. In 1995 she made a rare address to the Virginia General Assembly, and in 1996 she participated in an academic global affairs conference on campus. She was the College's 1997 commencement speaker, and in 1998 the Virginia General Assembly named her an honorary Virginian.

Thatcher, who was minister of education and science in Great Britain before becoming prime minister, often met with William and Mary and local students during her visits.

Lady Thatcher became Britain's first woman prime minister on May 4, 1979, following the success of the Conservative Party. When the Conservative Party subsequently won the general elections in 1983 and 1987, she became the first prime minister of the 20th century to successfully contest three consecutive general elections. She resigned as prime minister on Nov. 28, 1990.

Margaret Hilda Thatcher was born on Oct. 13, 1925, the daughter of a grocer who was active in local politics as borough council-

lor, alderman and mayor of Grantham. She was educated at Kesteven and Grantham Girls' High School and won a bursary to Somerville College, Oxford, where she obtained a degree in natural science. She is also a master of arts of Oxford University. In June 1983, she was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society.

On leaving Oxford, she worked for four years as a research chemist for an industrial firm, reading for the Bar in her spare time. She was called to the Bar by Lincoln's Inn in 1954 and practiced as a barrister, specializing in tax law.

Lady Thatcher was first elected to the House of Commons in 1959. Her first ministerial appointment came in 1961, when she became a parliamentary secretary. She became a front-bench spokesman for the Conservative Party in 1964 and was appointed secretary of state for education and science and a privy counsellor after the Conservatives returned to office in 1970. She became leader of the Conservative Party in 1975.

In June 1992, she was appointed Baroness Thatcher of Kesteven and remains active in the House of Lords. Her autobiography, *The Downing Street Years*, was published in 1993, followed in 1995 by *The Path to Power*. ■

by Amy Ruth



Hans von Baeyer stands in front of "A Century of Physics," a collection of posters that adorns the walls of Small Hall and 20,000 other educational institutions. The posters are just one example of von Baeyer's efforts to share his love of science with students and popular audiences.

## Chancellor Professor von Baeyer Recognizes The 'Obligation To Share'

Mentor's writing reaches students, public

Hans von Baeyer has made an impact.

The particle physicist, a Chancellor Professor of Physics, will receive the 2000 Thomas Jefferson Award on Charter Day Feb. 5 at William and Mary Hall.

Von Baeyer distinguishes himself as a scholar by his desire to reach his students at the College and his commitment to communicate the world of science to the layperson. His many achievements indicate that he continues to make an impact in the classroom and to a wider audience.

Von Baeyer proudly flips through a stack of the latest issues of *Discover* magazine, in which columnist Martha Heil '97, a former student, expounds on topics scientific in a style similar to her former teacher.

"Everyone remembers one professor from college that made a difference in his or her life, and Hans von Baeyer is the person I remember as my mentor," Heil said. "I was accepted into graduate school for science writing on the strength of his recommendations."

Heil completed a master's degree in journalism at New York University last summer and works on the editorial staff of *Discover*. "I learned the technical aspects of journalism from NYU, but I learned about writing from him," she said. "His one-on-one mentoring was great."

Heil was happy to learn that von Baeyer was receiving the Thomas Jefferson Award. "I hope that Professor von Baeyer can start a science writing program at the College," she said. "Good writers are needed so that the public can keep up with science and technology."

Adorning the walls of Small Hall is a series of posters, with colorful graphics and well-written text, that show the viewer "A Century of Physics," authored by von Baeyer. The American Physics Society distributed the posters to more than 20,000 high schools and universities.

"Scientists have an obligation to share our scientific knowledge over and above teaching and research," von Baeyer said, "just as our community service is offered over and above our everyday activities. I am pleased and honored that

the university acknowledges and encourages those of us who perform public education and outreach. I think this Jefferson Award is a good thing for me and for my colleagues."

Von Baeyer has been connecting people with science for more than 35 years, 32 of them at William and Mary. By working with students interested in science writing, by introducing courses like Great Ideas in Physics for non-science majors and by teaching Electromagnetism and Astronomy to more advanced students of science, Von Baeyer has spent more than a decade as a "bench" scientist, proving his mettle as a physicist and earning the respect of his colleagues.

Outside the College, von Baeyer lectures for the National Science Foundation-sponsored Chataqua short courses, has served on the editorial board of *Discover* magazine and now writes for *The Sciences*, the magazine of the New York Academy of Sciences. In addition, he has written several award-winning books including *Rainbows, Snowflakes and Quarks*, *The Fermi Solution* and *Warmth Disperses and Time Passes*; lectured at the Smithsonian Institution; and consulted on exhibits for a science museum in Phoenix. His writing of the public television documentary *Quantum Universe* was nominated for an Emmy.

Some universities, said von Baeyer, think that public education or popularization of science is not scholarship. "I think that educating people about science is important—there is a widening gap between people who read, understand and appreciate science and those who don't. I am pleased that William and Mary has chosen to reward this outreach."

Von Baeyer went on to speak about the parallels between his philosophy and the College's philosophy of outreach. "President Sullivan has reinforced the idea that the College's students have a responsibility to reach out to those in society who may need their help. My role is to promote the intellectual part of that service. Many William and Mary students, for example, know about science but the general

population doesn't. The gap between rich and poor is similar to the gap between those who know science and technology and those who don't. This can be dangerous. It leaves too much power in the hands of those who know science."

"Von Baeyer's academic credentials qualify him and more for this distinguished award," said Geoff Feiss, dean of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences. "But, we should look beyond a mere litany of awards, publications, committees served and lectures given to the symbolism of this award's namesake. Jefferson was a natural philosopher, a polymath, an enlightenment thinker and proselytizer whose craft was steeped in deep conviction and principal, a man interested in all things. So, too, is

Hans von Baeyer."

Von Baeyer, a distinguished teacher and a proven research scientist, has been rewarded for his science writing by the American Institute of Physics, the American Association for the Advancement of Science and the German science publication *Bild der Wissenschaften*. He is a fellow of the American Physics Society, and he received William and Mary's Thomas Jefferson Teaching Award in 1974 as well as the Virginia Outstanding Faculty Award in 1990 from the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia. He received his undergraduate degree from Columbia College, a master of science degree from the University of Miami and his doctorate from Vanderbilt University. ■

by Ann Gaudreaux



# Following In Jefferson's Footsteps

The College's annual celebration of Charter Day includes an opportunity to honor three of its scholars with awards named for William and Mary's most distinguished alumnus, Thomas Jefferson. The Thomas Jefferson Award is presented to a faculty member whose scholarship recalls Jefferson's own; the Thomas Jefferson Teaching Award recognizes a younger faculty member for his or her gift for mentoring students; and the Thomas Jefferson Prize in Natural Philosophy goes to a student with a special talent in the sciences. This year Hans von Baeyer, Carol Sheriff and Ian Swanson follow in Jefferson's footsteps and will be honored for their achievements on Saturday Feb. 5.

## Sheriff Praised For 'Unflinching Devotion'

History professor encourages analytical thinking

Carol Sheriff has no illusions about her teaching. She thinks maybe a few of her students will become historians, but she is interested in all her students becoming true learners, people capable of critical and analytical thinking and writing.

"Some of my goals as a teacher," she said, "are to stretch students to their intellectual limits, challenge them to do their very best work and encourage them to become better writers."

Sheriff, an associate professor of history and director of the history department's graduate program, is set to receive the Thomas Jefferson Teaching Award at this year's Charter Day ceremonies Feb. 5.

"I get just as excited about teaching those students who are not interested in history as those who are," Sheriff said, "because then I can show my students that history is not just a list of boring facts. History is stories about people like us and the decisions they made. The most important part of my teaching is encouraging students to be active thinkers, encouraging them to ask good questions about how and why people—both 'great men' and ordinary people—made the decisions that they did."

Sheriff has been active as director of graduate studies for the history department. "While

I think my greater strengths are in the classroom," she said, "directing graduate studies has allowed me to see students' education in a broader sense." She has helped organize workshops to prepare graduate students for the academic job market and to improve oral communications skills.

Sheriff was also instrumental in establishing the History Writing Resources Center, located in James Blair Hall. She said the hard part was to come up with the idea of the writing center. "That was done by my colleague Jim Whittenburg," she said. Working closely with Sharon Zuber of the Writing Resources Center, Sheriff helps train doctoral candidates as mentors and writing tutors for undergraduate students.

"Our new writing mentors are getting rave reviews from the undergraduates they have advised," Whittenburg said. "The writing center is Carol's creation, and as modest as she is about this, make no mistake, the History Writing Resources Center would not exist without her insight and her effort. Seldom have I encountered such a combination of intellect and the will to harness it in the interest of teaching as I see in Carol Sheriff."

Former and current students have heaped praise on Sheriff both in award nomination letters and in course evaluation forms which James McCord, chair of the history department, describes as "effusive."

"In the many writing conferences I have had with her," said Amanda Creekman '00, "I have



Thomas Jefferson Teaching Award honoree Carol Sheriff encourages her students to be active thinkers by, in the words of one of her acolytes, "not just teaching history, but living it."

been grateful for her special ability to listen to my ideas, to comprehend my train of thought and to discover its strengths, weaknesses and unexplored avenues. She has sharpened my compositional skills and encouraged my ability to articulate ideas, and I am the better for it."

Jason Styles '98 said that "Professor Sheriff has two goals for all her students—to understand and analyze the material and to maximize their improvement potential.

She considers excellent analysis of the material to be of the utmost importance and sets ambitious standards of analysis in both writing assignments and small group discussion seminars."

"Professor Sheriff continually showed an unflinching devotion to her work and to her students," said James Heslep '01. "She used every facet of her class, from assigned essays to field trips, to help her students find new and exciting ways to learn. Professor Sheriff understands the value of education and the importance of challenging her students to perform to their best ability."

A personal view of the time period is what Sheriff provided in her own dissertation at Yale University. Two Faculty Research Grants at William and Mary gave her time to turn her work into a book, *The Artificial River: The Erie Canal and the Paradox of Progress, 1817-1862*, now used as assigned reading at dozens of colleges.

"I thought of the Erie Canal as a challenge," she said. "It's a challenge to take something that people thought they already knew about, and that they thought was not a very exciting topic and then to delve into the human story. I try to do this in my teaching as well—what did it mean to people like us, living there and then, who experienced those times?"

Sheriff received a bachelor of arts degree with honors in history from Wesleyan University and a master of arts and doctorate in history from Yale University. Among her awards and honors are the Thirteen Club Faculty Award in 1998, the Best Manuscript Award from the New York State Historical Association, a Prize Teaching Fellowship at Yale and a Whiting Fellowship in the Humanities from the Mrs. Giles Whiting Foundation. ■

by Ann Gaudreaux

## Senior's Bright Future Soars With The Stars



Senior Ian Swanson's collaboration with several physics professors—generating research projects and published papers—indicates the good things to come in his own career in the academy.

A memorable childhood experience brought senior Ian Swanson close to the stars and instilled in him a curiosity about the universe that he has been pursuing as a physics major at William and Mary.

"Living in Colorado, my family goes backpacking a lot, and when you get up to 14,000 feet the stars are just gorgeous," he said. "I remember one backpacking trip, when I was about four, I was sitting with my dad, looking at the stars, and he was telling me what he knew about Einstein's relativity theory and black holes. It was just amazing to me to look out into the universe and imagine how the stars existed and to know that there exists a fundamental harmony in all the complexity we see in nature."

Swanson's keen perceptions, whetted at a tender age, foretold the superior aptitude and ability to come. Today, Swanson's many academic accomplishments are fueled by an impressive intellect and a passion as intense as the forces he studies.

As a freshman, he sat in on advanced undergraduate classes and initiated his own physics project before he had ever taken a college-level physics class. He enrolled in graduate classes as a sophomore and spent winter break that year solving several complex equations relating to neutron stars. That summer, he began an astrophysics research project with Class of 1962 Professor of Physics Carl E. Carlson, a project which culminated in a published paper. By the time he graduates in May, Swanson will have completed, with straight As, the necessary coursework for a master's degree in physics. His advisors and mentors describe him as "brilliant," "extraordinary" and "outstanding."

The College has recognized the superb quality of Swanson's scholarship by selecting him as the 2000 recipient of the Tho-

mas Jefferson Prize in Natural Philosophy.

"Ian is the sort of student you talk with about a project, and he then goes away and comes back a week or two later with a huge amount of work done, generally correct and generally in exactly the right direction," said Professor of Physics Marc Sher. "I have never seen a student as advanced as Ian Swanson."

Together, Sher and Swanson are exploring an enigma in physics concerning the expansion of the universe and structure formation—how galaxies and clusters form.

"He has come up with some major insights," said Sher. "Often it is difficult for graduate students to make the transition from coursework to independent research. Ian has already made the transition—he thinks like a scientist."

While this work in cosmology may become Swanson's honor's thesis, he is also deeply interested in astrophysics, in particular the new theory, developed with Carlson, about the source of gamma ray bursts. As a rule, Swanson's contributions to these and other research projects are inimitable. "Ian worked on one particular mechanism, but in a context where it had never been used before," said Carlson of the gamma ray research. "He was efficient, inventive, even brilliant in finding that the mechanism could succeed in producing the needed energy. For an undergraduate, his work was fantastic."

Swanson credits the physics department for providing him a challenging and supportive learning environment.

"There are some world-class scientists in the department, and it's been an amazing experience working with them," he said. "They are willing to let you venture out on your own, and they are always eager to work closely with you."

## in memoriam

## Robert A. Johnston: Student, Department Advocate

Robert A. Johnston, professor and chair of the College's department of psychology, died Sunday, Jan. 9. Johnston, who taught at William and Mary for more than 30 years, was 68.

Johnston received his bachelor's degree from Haverford College in Pennsylvania, and his master's and doctoral degrees from the University of Iowa. He joined the William and Mary faculty in 1963 as associate dean of the faculty and associate professor of psychology. He was promoted to professor of psychology in 1973 and served as chair of the department from 1994 until his death.

Colleagues remembered Johnston's tenacity as an advocate for his department. "He was the best chairman the department has had in 20 years," Professor John Nezek recalled. "As a teacher and a department chairman, his goal was the success of other people."

Johnston taught a variety of courses including Statistics, Personality, Motivation and Emotion, Developmental Psychology and Abnormal Psychology. Fellow faculty members applauded Johnston's

openness to students and their ideas. "Bob was always welcoming students," said Professor Larry Ventis. "His door was always open."

Johnston's service to the College extended beyond the classroom to his several committee appointments, including most recently the Millington Hall Renovation and Expansion Planning Committee. His professional activities also included service on the executive committee of the Howard Hughes Medical Institute and as chair of the psychology section of the Virginia Academy of Science. In the Williamsburg community, Johnston was heavily involved in the Elderhostel program and the local chapter of Child Development Resources.

His scholarship, which focused on personality and motivation, included many articles, book chapters and conference proceedings. He also authored *Introductory Psychology: Readings for Discussion* in 1982.



Robert A. Johnston

"Bob Johnston's service as an administrative leader and faculty member materially enhanced the quality of William and Mary's educational program," said President Timothy Sullivan. "He will be missed by his friends and colleagues, but his legacy of service and scholarship will long be remembered."

Survivors include his wife, Janet Johnston; three sons, Robert Paul Johnston, Kenneth Moffett Johnston and Scott Andrew Johnston; two stepdaughters, Robin McCleary Deas and Marlynn Nadine Shelton; and six grandchildren.

The family requests that memorials be made to Peter's Place, a shelter founded by Johnston's sister, 251 State St., Hackensack, NJ 07601, or to Child Development Resources, 150 Point O' Woods Rd., Norge, VA 23127. ■

by Jackson Sasser

## notes

## Reves Establishes Unique Internship Program

A joint venture between the Office of Career Services and the Reves Center for International Studies will simplify the process of securing summer internships. Typically, students research opportunities independently, an extensive and time-consuming process. But the Foreign Affairs Internship Program allows undergraduate and graduate students to choose from a smorgasbord of high-quality organizations and foundations that have agreed to place one or more William and Mary students in summer internships.

Approximately 30 institutions have joined the program, including the Pentagon, the Brookings Institution, the Peace Research Institute Frankfurt, the International Institute for Strategic Studies and the Council on Foreign Relations.

"Many places that have never before considered using interns have created internships because of the reputation of the College and the students," said Mitchell Reiss, dean of international affairs and director of the Reves Center. "To my knowledge no similar program has been developed at other universities. We're offering our students a unique service."

Interested students should review the internship opportunities on the Reves Center's homepage (<http://www.wm.edu/academics/reves>) and submit application materials to the Office of Career Services, 133 Blow Memorial Hall, by 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 26. Each internship requires different application materials. The Reves Center will review the applications and nominate students. The sponsoring organizations will make the final selections.

## Students Invited To Meet With Sullivan

Students who wish to meet with President Timothy Sullivan informally may schedule an appointment with him this semester, either for lunch or during his office hours. Luncheons will be held from noon to 1 p.m. on Feb. 7 and 16, March 1 and 20 and April 14, with the April lunch reserved for four-year roommates. Individual students or small groups who would like to chat with Sullivan or discuss issues of concern may schedule 10-minute meetings with him between 4 and 5 p.m. on Feb. 8, March 2 and 16 and April 18. Luncheons will be held at the President's House, and office hours will be held at the Brafferton. To attend a luncheon or make an appointment, call Lilian Hoaglund at 221-1694 or e-mail her at [lnhoag@wm.edu](mailto:lnhoag@wm.edu).

## A Bibliophile's Buffet

Chefs from Berret's Restaurant, the Kitchen at Powhatan Plantation and Nawab, among others, will again delight the palettes of gourmets at this year's Swem Savories at Swem Library, Thursday, Feb. 3 from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Library's Botetourt Gallery. Tickets are \$40 each—\$15 for students—and will include tastings from the kitchens of some of Williamsburg's finest restaurants.

For tickets or more information, call 253-7060.



Dean of University Libraries Connie McCarthy with chefs who participated in the 1999 Swem Savories.

## College Reorganizes Public Affairs Office

The College's Office of Public Affairs has reorganized its efforts with two promotions and one new staff member. Bill Walker, who served for four years as William and Mary's director of university relations, is the new associate vice president for public affairs. His responsibilities include university relations, publications, the College's presence on the Web and the print shop. After two years as a public relations coordinator at the College, Amy Ruth has been named associate director of university relations and will lead the College's news operations, including the *William and Mary News*. Jackson Sasser, a 1998 graduate of the College and former assistant editor of the *William and Mary Magazine*, has been appointed the acting editor of the *News*.

## Robert F. Sharpe: Friend, Benefactor To The College

The founder of the College's National Planned Giving Institute, Robert F. Sharpe Sr., passed away Friday, Jan. 7. A resident of Memphis, Tenn., and benefactor of the College, he was 73.



Robert F. Sharpe

Sharpe transformed both the theory and practice of planned giving—the use of wills, trusts and estates to make gifts to non-profit organizations.

"Bob Sharpe was one of the most farsighted, generous people with whom I have had the pleasure to work," said President Timothy Sullivan. "He was not content to keep to himself the gift-planning techniques and methods he pioneered and perfected, but he went on to establish the National Planned Giving Institute as a way to share his knowledge with new generations of development officers. So that this educational work would be continued in perpetuity, Bob gave the institute to the College in 1993. We intend to maintain and strengthen its programs as a lasting tribute to Bob's vision and generosity."

Sharpe was also the founder and former chief executive officer of Robert F. Sharpe & Co. Inc., a firm with offices in Memphis and Rockville, Md., that assists churches, health agencies, colleges and universities and a wide range of non-profit organizations. Known as the Sharpe Group, the firm's clients include the National Geographic Society, the Mayo Clinic Foundation, Public Broadcasting Service, Habitat for Humanity and the World Wildlife Fund.

In 1967, Sharpe established the National Planned Giving Institute to conduct educational seminars in

charitable giving. After giving the institute to the College, he continued to serve as its executive director and participated in sessions offered in Williamsburg and Colorado Springs, Colo. Since its founding, the institute has recorded more than 27,000 individual registrations for courses and seminars and has thus trained generations of new development officers to serve the non-profit sector.

"Bob designated that proceeds from the work of the institute would be used to establish the Robert F. Sharpe and Jane A. Sharpe Professorship in Philanthropy and American Institutions," said Susan Pettyjohn, William and Mary's interim vice president of development. "Bob intended the holder of this chair to provide a theoretical base for philanthropy."

Sharpe was the author of *Before You Give Another Dime, The Planned Giving Idea Book* and *Planned Giving Simplified*, published last year. He was a member of the board of trustees of the William and Mary Endowment Association and was active in Memphis civic affairs, having served on the boards of the Metropolitan Inter-Faith Association, Memphis Symphony Orchestra, Memphis Museum System and Church Health Center, among others.

Sharpe is survived by his wife, Jane Allen Sharpe, and four children: Susan Sharpe Hedge of Dyersburg, Tenn.; Robert F. Sharpe Jr. and Paul A. Sharpe of Memphis; and Timothy D. Sharpe of Rockville, Md. ■

by Bill Walker

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## Comments received about the College's future:

"The size of the College allows it to be exceptional. By keeping it small, students are taught by professors, not TAs. By focusing on undergrads and expanding graduate programs only when they will not infringe upon the College's character, William & Mary can continue to be more than exceptional." — Class of 1988

"Judging from the current *U.S. News*, W&M has retained its lofty status among the nation's best universities. [I] knew it was esteemed locally but was surprised when I was told by [our company's] human resources head based in New York... that my degree from W&M... showed much about my capabilities." — Class of 1975

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## history

## Professor Finds Meaning In Medieval Miniatures

Prevenier uses art to examine Middle Ages family life

To understand the motivations and experiences of ordinary people in the Middle Ages, medieval scholar and social historian Walter Prevenier employs traditional historical sources in novel ways, often with illuminating results.

Prevenier, a professor of medieval history at the University of Ghent in Belgium and the College's Visiting James Pinckney Harrison Professor of History, will discuss social conditions and problems in the Middle Ages in the Harrison lecture series. In "Understanding the Late Middle Ages: Reading the Evidence," Prevenier will explore how historians have interpreted medieval texts.

"One aim of the lectures is to explain social constructions that have been made to hide something in the past in order for individuals to realize a goal," he said. "These constructions have to be deconstructed by historians."

Prevenier is particularly interested in deconstructing small social groups, such as families, and the motivations which drive social bonds, such as marriage—the topic of his first lecture. "Clandestine Marriages," on Jan. 31, will examine the valid but illegal clandestine marriages common in the Middle Ages.

"The fascinating point is that there must be a strong motivation for this type of marriage," Prevenier

said. "Why did these people hide their marriages? And why did a large part of society resist the social control of church and family?"

The second lecture, "The Poor and the Rich in Medieval Revolts," Feb. 7, explores the socioeconomics of the Middle Ages. On Feb. 14, Prevenier will lecture on "Crimes and Letters of Pardon."

While Prevenier uses a variety of textual and visual sources in his research, medieval court records in particular illuminate crime and marriage. These legal records, which include transcripts of criminals' passionate pleas, plus background details provided by advocates or judges, can communicate the emotional motivation of crimes.

"A lot of these court records have mostly been used for the history of jurisdiction, but less for social history," said Prevenier. "When I use them for my purposes, they shed new light on society."

Additionally, illustrations (called "miniatures") from 13th- and 14th-century handwritten books provide considerable material for social historians. Unlike the era's better-known official formal portraits, commissioned by wealthy patrons, miniatures were meant for less official purposes. And because miniature artists were largely unrestricted in their expressions, their work allows us to glimpse the rhythms of daily life.

"A lot of these books are used by historians for the text and not used for the miniatures," said Prevenier. "But much new information came about—especially on marriage and children—from these pictures."

Of particular interest is what the miniatures communicate about the emotional lives of medieval citizens.

"Some years ago historians were dealing with medieval people as if they had no feelings and no emotions," said Prevenier. "But if you look at these miniatures, it is impossible to believe that there was no feeling or that medieval parents were not interested in their children."

The miniatures show mothers tending their children, fathers instructing their sons and families enjoying time together. In one poignant image, a wealthy father and son talk with a street beggar. "The father is teaching his son about poverty and injustice," Prevenier remarked.

In another picture, a grandfather spends time with his grandson.

"It's amazing how modern the behavior of these people is," he said, gesturing around his office to the many photographs of himself and his granddaughter.

Prevenier, who is teaching a class on the Black Death this semester, is the author of numerous works on the Low Countries during the Middle Ages. His book

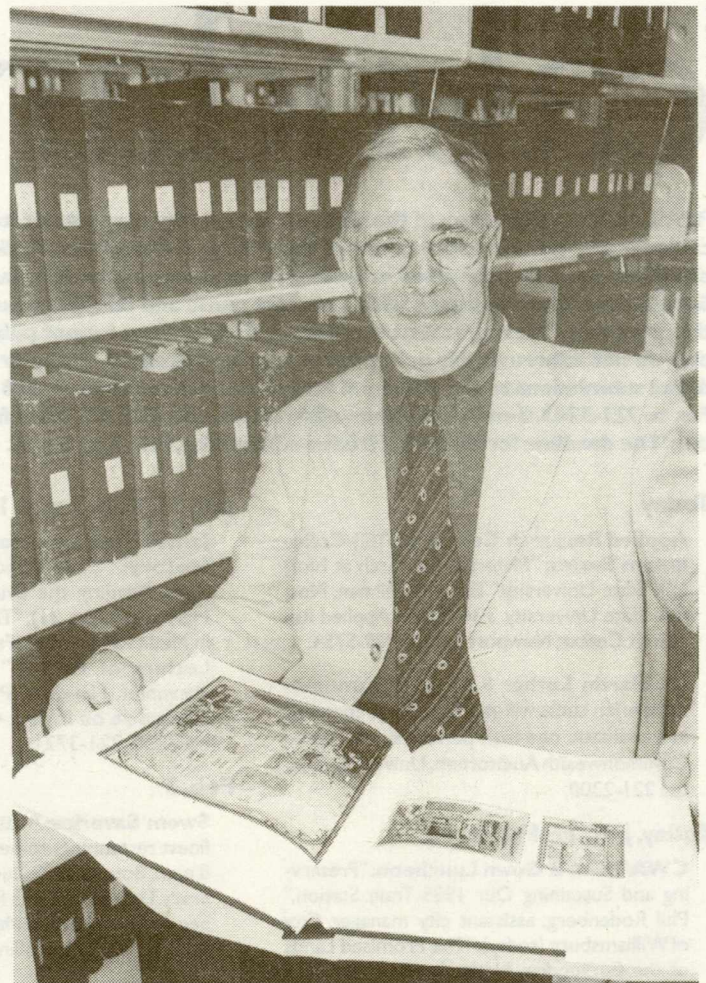


photo by Amy Ruth

Medieval illustrations, such as these in Walter Prevenier's recent book, help the visiting scholar understand social and cultural life in the Middle Ages.

*Princes and Burghers: Images of Late Medieval Society in the Burgundian Netherlands 1384-1530*, originally published in French and Dutch in 1998, will be released in English later this year. And an English version of a historical methods book for college students, co-authored with a colleague at Columbia University, is also forthcoming from Cornell University Press.

Established in 1969 by the

Harrison family of Richmond, the James Pinckney Harrison Chair of History allows the College to host distinguished visiting scholars who teach, conduct research and give public lectures. All lectures in "Understanding the Late Middle Ages: Reading the Evidence," begin at 4:30 p.m. in James Blair Hall, room 229. ■

by Amy Ruth

## Assembly session will influence William and Mary's fiscal future

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ing for the project. The fact that the project had received planning funds during the last biennium also lifted the hopes of College officials and biology and psychology students and faculty who work in quarters that are crowded and unable to accommodate advanced technical equipment and that often fall victim to leaks from rusting pipes and rain penetration.

"Millington continues to be one of our most pressing needs," said President Timothy Sullivan, "and we will carry the case for this funding to Richmond as forcefully as we can."

Over the past year, architects have been conducting the planning study for the project. As a result, they have found many more problems than they originally anticipated, and the cost of the Millington project will be \$18.4 million. Earlier estimates had placed the figure at \$14 million.

While the budget states a commitment to fund faculty salaries at the 60th percentile target, the 2.4-percent increase recommended for William and Mary would not enable the College to meet that goal. Officials estimate that an increase of at least 5 percent would be required. To assist students and parents, the budget extends the freeze on tuition for in-state under-

graduates for both years of the biennium. No increase in financial aid, however, is recommended. Despite the recent reallocation of \$1 million for student aid, the total unmet financial need for William and Mary undergraduates remains \$2.2 million. Graduate and professional students are similarly pressed.

In other recommendations, the governor proposed the following:

### Capital Outlay

No funds are provided for the Millington Hall project or for other major construction or renovation projects at Virginia's institutions of higher education, except for selected projects in Southside and Southwest Virginia funded with the Commonwealth's Tobacco Settlement. The College receives \$3.5 million from the statewide allocation for maintenance reserve. Non-general fund projects authorized at the College for the 2000-2002 biennium include dormitory renovations, construction of a parking deck, planning for the construction of additional student housing and infrastructure improvements to the student recreation center.

### Salaries

A salary increase of 2.4 percent in the first year of the biennium is recommended for each of these groups. As with teaching faculty, second-year funding will be addressed in the off-year session.

### Tuition

Although tuition for in-state undergraduates will be frozen at current levels for the biennium, there is a tuition match requirement associated with annualizing the salary increases provided in FY 1999-2000. Some increase in out-of-state undergraduate tuition may be necessary.

### Operation & Maintenance

Incremental funding is provided for the maintenance and operation of new facilities coming on-line during the 2000-2002 biennium. The College receives support for the Swem Library, Environmental Field Lab and Law School North Wing projects.

### Technology & Equipment

Minimal funding (\$350,000) is provided for the College's number one operating budget priority—replacement of administrative computing systems. The project cost is estimated at \$8.5 million. The Governor's Recommendations continue support for the Higher Education Equipment Trust Fund, providing approximately \$80 million statewide for technology and instructional equipment at Virginia colleges and universities. The College's share of this allocation is approximately \$2.3 million for the biennium.

In addition to the Higher Education Equipment Trust Fund allocation, \$20 million is set aside in the governor's budget for a Tech-

nology Competitiveness Fund. This statewide pool of funds will be used to support a matching program to leverage federal and private research dollars, selected enhancements of academic programs to improve their national rankings and as an industry inducement program enhancing selected departments to support industry needs.

### College Initiatives

Specific initiatives addressed in this budget include the Economic and Community Development Center (partially funded through Thomas Nelson Community College) and the Virginia Microelectronics Consortium (funded as part of the Virginia Workforce Strategy). Both of these initiatives are funded with non-general funds through the Virginia Employment Commission.

### Institutional Performance

Based on the recommendations of the Governor's Blue Ribbon Commission on Higher Education, each institution is expected to develop an institutional performance agreement with the Commonwealth to be effective for FY 2001-02.

"While we are disappointed with the support for higher education and the College as proposed by the budget, these recommendations represent a first step

in the process of developing the 2000-2002 operating and capital budgets," said Sullivan. "We will continue to emphasize to the administration and the legislature the College's operating and capital priorities during the General Assembly session."

Students, faculty and members of the College's Board of Visitors will join President Sullivan on Jan. 26 as the College makes its case before lawmakers in Richmond. ■

by Bill Walker

## campus crime report

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crimes	
Intimidation	1
Destruction/damage/vandalism of property	10
Disorderly conduct	1
Driving under the influence	4
Drunkenness	2
Trespass of real property	1
All other offenses	8
Larceny and motor theft	
From buildings	4
From motor vehicle	1
From coin-operated machine	1
All other larceny	6
arrests	
Driving under the influence	4
Public drunkenness	2
Summons (traffic)	52

# calendar

**PLEASE NOTE...** Members of the College community may submit items to the calendar and classified ad sections of the *William & Mary News*. College events and classifieds must be submitted in writing through campus mail, by fax or via e-mail. Submissions must be signed with a contact name and telephone number for verification purposes. We regret that the *William & Mary News* cannot publish submissions that do not adhere to this policy. Items may be edited for clarity or length. Please direct submissions to the *William & Mary News*, Holmes House, 308 Jamestown Rd. Fax to 221-3243. E-mail to [wmnews@mail.wm.edu](mailto:wmnews@mail.wm.edu). Call 221-2644 for more information. The deadline for the Feb. 10 issue is Thursday, Feb. 3, at 5 p.m.

## Today

**Applied Research Center (ARC) Colloquium Series:** "Materials Research at Norfolk State University," Edward Gillman, Norfolk State University, 3:30-5 p.m., Applied Research Center, Newport News, 269-5754.

**Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Commemoration:** Jim Lucas will interpret King's speeches in a dramatic one-man performance. 7 p.m., Commonwealth Auditorium, University Center. 221-2300.

## Today, Jan. 27; Feb. 3, 10

**CWA/Town & Gown Luncheon:** "Preserving and Sustaining Our 1935 Train Station," Phil Rodenberg, assistant city manager, City of Williamsburg (today). "The Promised Lands of the Burgundian Netherlands in the 15th Century," Walter Prevenier, James Pinckney Harrison Professor of History (Jan. 27). "Changes in Merchants Square," Rick Nahm, acting president, Colonial Williamsburg Foundation (Feb. 3). "20th-Century Virginia Indians," Danielle Moretti-Langholtz, visiting assistant professor of anthropology (Feb. 10). Noon-1:30 p.m., Chesapeake Rooms A and B, UC. 221-1365.

## Jan. 20-22

**Sinfonicron Light Opera Company:** "City of Angels." 8 p.m. (Jan. 20-22) and 2 p.m. (Jan. 22), Phi Beta Kappa Memorial Hall. Tickets \$7. Call the box office at 221-2674 or visit the Website at [www.sinfonicron.org](http://www.sinfonicron.org).

## Jan. 21

**Exhibition Opening Reception:** The public is invited to an opening reception for the Muscarelle Museum exhibition *Lifting the Rose-Colored Glasses: Three Social Realists*. 5:30-7 p.m., Muscarelle Museum. 221-2703.

## Jan. 21, 28

**Physics Colloquia:** "Where Does Friction Come From?" Mark Robbins, Johns Hopkins University (Jan. 21) and "Magnetic Microscopy for Micromagnetics," Dan Dahlberg, University of Minnesota (Jan. 28). Both events begin at 4 p.m., Small 109, preceded by coffee at 3:30 p.m., Small 123. 221-3501.

## Jan. 22

**Go Wild! Second Annual Auction, VIMS:** Silent and live auction of items including resort packages, dinner packages, tickets for area attractions. Tickets \$25 per person, in advance; \$30 at the door. Those who purchase \$10 raffle tickets will have a chance to win bronze oyster shell bookends from Turner Sculpture. Proceeds benefit VIMS Aquarium and the Visitor's Center. 6-9 p.m., Watermen's Hall, Gloucester Point. (804) 684-7099.

## Jan. 27, Feb. 3

**William & Mary Concert Series:** The Martha Graham Dance Company will perform Jan. 27. Jazz pianist Eddie Palmieri's Sept. 15 performance, cancelled due to Hurricane Floyd, has been rescheduled for Feb. 3. Both events are at 8 p.m., Phi Beta Kappa Memorial Hall. General admission tickets \$20, if available. 221-3276.

## Jan. 27-29

**Asian Film Festival:** "Asian Cinema in the Global Context: City, Nation, and Self in the Films of Kurosawa Akira, Kitano "Beat" Takeshi, and Wong Kar-wai." Films include Akira's "Yojimbo" (The Bodyguard), 1961 (Jan. 27) and Takeshi's "Hana-bi" (Fireworks), 1997 (Jan. 28); 7 p.m., McClothlin-Street 20. And, Kar-wai's "Chungking Express," 1997 (Jan. 29), 1 p.m., Tucker 120; Akira's "High and Low," 1963 (Jan. 29), 3:30 p.m., Tucker 120. Mitsuhiro Yoshimoto, University of Iowa, will speak on these films on Jan. 29 at 6 p.m., Tucker 120. Sponsored by The East Asian Studies Committee, the Charles Center, Multicultural Student Affairs and the departments of history and modern languages. All events are free and open to the public. 221-3735.

## Jan. 31, Feb. 7 and 14

**James Pinckney Harrison Lectures in History:** "Understanding the Late Middle Ages: Reading the Evidence," "Clandestine Marriages" (Jan. 31), "The Poor and the Rich in Medieval Revolts" (Feb. 7) and "Crimes and Letters of Pardon" (Feb. 14), Walter Prevenier, Harrison Professor of History. See article on Page 7. 4:30 p.m., James Blair Hall 229. 221-3721.

## Feb. 3

**Swem Savories:** A tasting of Williamsburg's finest restaurants to benefit Swem Library. 6-8 p.m., Botetourt Gallery, Swem Library. Tickets \$40, \$15 for students. See item on Page 6. Make reservations by Jan. 27 by calling 253-7060.

**Black History Month:** Derrick Bell, Harvard Law School, will speak. Sponsored by the Office of Multicultural Affairs. 7:30 p.m., Commonwealth Auditorium, University Center. 221-2300.

## Feb. 5

### Charter Day

**Music in American Culture:** "Living Nickelodeon," a quartet of musicians and film scholars will recreate a night at the movies in 1910, full of sounds, surreal sights and fabulous color. 8 p.m., Ewell Recital Hall. Free and open to the public. 221-1288.

## Feb. 7, 16; March 1, 20;

## April 14

**Lunch with the President:** President Timothy Sullivan is hosting a series of luncheons to give students an opportunity to meet with him informally in groups of 10. Lunches last approximately one hour. Noon, The President's House. The April 14 luncheon is for students who have been roommates for four years. Students may make reservations by calling Lilian Hoaglund at 221-1694 or e-mailing her at [Inhoag@wm.edu](mailto:Inhoag@wm.edu).

## Feb. 8

**Hourly and Classified Employees Association (HACE) General Meeting:** Jack Boyd, assistant to the president, and Bill Walker, associate vice president for public affairs, will speak on the Decisions 2010 Initiative, which President Timothy Sullivan heads. Noon-1 p.m., Chesapeake A, University Center. Yearly membership in HACE is \$5; non-members are asked to contribute \$1 per meeting to ongoing projects. Employees should not be required to attend on lunch hours or submit leave slips. Permission to attend should be requested from supervisors, so that work areas are covered. Supervisors are encouraged to be flexible in granting time, taking into consideration the distance employees must walk and/or drive to attend the meeting. 221-1791.

## Feb. 8; March 2, 16; April 18

**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 make 10-minute appointments by calling Lilian Hoaglund at 221-1694 or e-mailing her at [Inhoag@wm.edu](mailto:Inhoag@wm.edu).

## Feb. 10

**Gallery Talk:** In conjunction with the current exhibition *Lifting the Rose-Colored Glasses: Three Social Realists*, Kimberley Phillips, associate professor of history, will speak. 5:30 p.m., Muscarelle Museum. 221-2703.

## Feb. 12

**Muscarelle Museum Art Classes for Children:** "Art Makes You Smart!" for preschoolers. Registration required. 221-2703.

## sports

### Jan. 21

Women's basketball vs. Richmond, 7 p.m., W&M Hall.

### Jan. 22

Men's basketball vs. ODU, 7 p.m., W&M Hall.

### Jan. 23

Women's basketball vs. JMU, 2 p.m., W&M Hall.

### Jan. 29

Men's gymnastics vs. Temple, 2 p.m.

Women's gymnastics vs. George Washington, 2 p.m.

### Jan. 30

Women's basketball vs. American, 2 p.m., W&M Hall.

### Feb. 4

Men's and women's swimming vs. UMBC, 4 p.m.

### Feb. 5

Men's and women's swimming vs. Duke, 1 p.m.

Men's basketball vs. VCU, 2 p.m., W&M Hall.

### Feb. 9

Men's basketball vs. ECU, 7 p.m., W&M Hall.

For more information, call 221-3369.

## classified ads

### FOR SALE

1994 Ford Aerostar XL. Power locks, windows; cruise; AC; back speaker controls. 129K (almost all highway). Second owner, friend of first owner. No winters. Great condition. \$6,100. Call 259-1192 (evenings until 9 p.m.) or 221-1204 (days).

1993 Ford Probe GT, white, AT/PS/AC, 77,000 miles. \$6,700. Call 221-2741.

Small adult wheelchair, pair adjustable crutches, adjustable aluminum walker, adjustable aluminum cane. Call 221-1781 (days) or 874-1276 (evenings).

Amana chest freezer, 18 cubic feet. Good working condition. \$175. Call 221-2283 (days) or 887-0919 (evenings).

Kenmore side-by-side, frost-free refrigerator, \$300. Full sleeper sofa, corduroy with decorative pillows, \$185. GE two-door, frost-free refrigerator, \$300. Call 221-2305 or 258-3191 (after 6 p.m.).

Dormitory refrigerator, gently used, excellent condition. \$60 or best offer. Answering machine, \$10, caller ID, \$10, two GE telephones, \$10 for both; antiqued statue of Socrates, make offer. Call Cynthia at 877-0964 after 5 p.m.

Camera outfit: 35mm Minolta XG-1; 45mm lens standard; 52mm wide-angle lens; flash unit auto 200X, good up to 50', leather case and strap. Excellent condition. Asking \$100. E-mail [restea@wm.edu](mailto:restea@wm.edu) or call 221-3721.

### FOR RENT

Apartment in quaint, quiet neighborhood, 2 rooms, full bath, private entrance, kitchen privileges. Perfect for grad students, faculty. Call 884-5404 or 221-3438 for more information.

2-BR, 2-bath condo, close to campus. Nicely furnished. Washer/dryer. \$725/mo., six-month lease available. Call 532-7384 and leave message.

### WANTED

Volunteer instructional assistants for the Center for Gifted Education's Spring Saturday Enrichment Program, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Saturdays Feb. 5-March 18. Applications are available at the Center, 232 Jamestown Rd., and must be completed and returned by Jan. 26. Applicants will be placed on a first-come, first-served basis. An orientation session will be held from 9 a.m. to noon on Jan. 29.



The Martha Graham Dance Company performs at Phi Beta Kappa Hall Jan. 27. See item at left.

## deadline

### Jan. 27

**Minor Research Grants.** All faculty, staff and students may apply for grants up to \$500 for expenses related to research. 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. Applications must be received in the main campus Grants Office by 5 p.m. 221-3485.

## exhibitions

### Jan. 22 through March 19

**Lifting the Rose-Colored Glasses: Three Social Realists**

**Work and Progress,** selections from the permanent collection on display in the Herman Graphics Study Room

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### Feb. 24-27

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