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Student Information Network unveils Web-based SA elections

"YOU WANT TO SIN, DON'T YOU?"

Judging by the looks on some of their faces, the University Center diners who sophomore Armistead Booker greeted Monday, Feb. 14 weren't expecting an invitation to iniquity on their way to supper. But those who slowed down at the SIN display long enough to hear him out discovered that Booker's pitch was far from evil. The director of design for the Student Information Network—SIN—Booker and his colleagues were celebrating their project's second anniversary, or as their T-shirts say, "two years of revolution."

The revolution has occurred at www.sin.wm.edu, an on-line campus community where students find rides, apartments and textbooks and get the skinny on campus events, from the Filipino-American Student

Association's dinner to Lindy Hop lessons. And with the new services SIN introduced on its anniversary, students can listen to local bands on SIN Radio, keep up with campus events via the multimedia SIN News and cast their vote in what may be the nation's first web-based student elections Feb. 29.

The elections software—which, like the rest of SIN, was written exclusively by students—is the latest and best example of SIN's innovation. Students can learn about the candidates and vote from any computer on campus, and the entire process will be conducted without a scrap of paper.

"The point of SIN," says founder and mastermind Pitamber "Pitou" Devgon, "is to put the power in the hands of people who are trying to get

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Armistead Booker (second from left, foreground) demonstrates the serendipity of SIN for Conor Sipe, Emily Phillips and Carter Rabasa, all members of the class of 2000. Behind them, Julieta Valenzona '01 pitches SIN to passers-by. Graphics courtesy of SIN.

Students Take College's Case To Capital

College family fights for Millington, faculty salaries

Prospects for securing state funding for a renovated Millington Hall are looking a good deal brighter—thanks to a team effort mounted by students, faculty, administrators, alumni and friends and recent actions of the Virginia General Assembly. Last Sunday, College officials learned that \$16 million to renovate the 30-year-old building for the biology and psychology departments has been included in the budgets developed by both the House of Delegates and the Senate.

"This is a critical time," explained President Timothy Sullivan. "Both houses of the General Assembly recognize the need for the Millington project, but only the Senate included cash. The House includes the project in an omnibus capital projects bill to be financed with

bonds. As the budget goes into a conference committee to resolve the differences, we must continue to press our case."

Sullivan pointed out that

there was additional good news in the two budget bills. Both the House and Senate bills include monies needed to maintain faculty salaries at the 60th percent-

tile of that of the College's peers. The need to secure additional funding for student financial assistance was also recognized by the House, which added \$5.2 million to address the issue statewide. Both houses recommended funding the replacement of the College's administrative computing system with an Enterprise Resource Planning System.

The Millington renovation was not included among projects recommended in Gov. James Gilmore's budget. Therefore, a great deal of effort was expended to carry the message to legislators. The Board of Visitors passed a resolution at its meeting last November calling for emergency funding to renovate the building, which is badly outdated and ravaged by leaks.



John Chichester, chair of the Senate Finance Committee, discusses the future of Millington Hall with junior Jason Sibley and senior Sarah Schwartz. Thirty-five students traveled to Richmond Feb. 9.

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Two Cases Of E. Coli Reported

Two College students have been diagnosed with a bacteria likely to be *E. coli*, often caused by contaminated food. *E. coli* causes a form of diarrhea, and anyone who has experienced that symptom within the past few days should call the Health Center at 221-4386. The College has notified the Virginia Department of Health, which is trying to determine the source of the bacteria.

One of the students was taken to Williamsburg Community Hospital on Sunday and treated for dehydration caused by the diarrhea. The second student was treated at the Health Center on Monday. Both students are doing well and are expected to recover fully. While there is no specific treatment for this infection, patients often need support to prevent dehydration. Most individuals recover within several days.

The health department is reviewing the circumstances to identify common eating patterns, whether on or off campus, and to seek additional evidence that may pinpoint the source of contamination.

news makers

Anthropology Department UnCOVERS New Archaeology Ph.D.

When the College's facilities management team discovered a centuries-old foundation adjacent to the Wren building, they didn't have to look far to find a team of archaeologists to preserve and interpret the discovery. William and Mary's Center for Archaeological Research, staffed largely with graduates of the College's master's program in historical archaeology, is well on the way to solving the mystery of the 18th-century bricks.

Such rare opportunities and expertise will come together in William and Mary's new doctoral program in anthropology with emphases in histori-

cal archaeology and historical anthropology, approved by the Board of Visitors at their Feb. 5 meeting. The College will now forward the proposal to the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia for approval to launch the program during the 2000-2001 academic year.

"No better foundation for a Ph.D. program in historical archaeology could be found than the College's anthropology department, and no better place than Williamsburg," said Provost Gillian Cell. "The department is poised to provide its students with the highest level of training in their field."

The provost went on to say

The Wren Yard's excavation unearthed all manner of historic ephemera, including (clockwise from top left) shards from a flowerpot, a coin, bits of a glass jar, cufflinks, a gun flint, a bottleneck and a Minié ball.

that William and Mary is ideally suited to offer the terminal degree in historical archaeology and anthropology because the College serves an area replete with sites of archaeological and anthropological significance—from Jamestown to Yorktown to its own campus—and already has a nationally recognized master's program in historical archaeology. William and Mary is among only 13

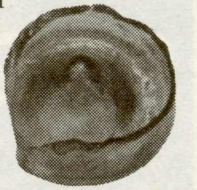
nationally ranked universities to offer an anthropology doctorate in historical archaeology. Of those, only three have faculties equal in size to William and Mary's and only one other is east of the Mississippi.

Public interest in cultural heritage and preservation has increased the demand for anthropologists with training in historical archaeology. Recent legislation providing for the identification and preservation of the nation's archaeological sites has also influenced a burgeoning job market. For example, more than 500 private consulting firms employ archaeologists in the United States, and only one in four members of the Society for Historical Archaeology works in a college or university.

The community of scholars at work in William and Mary's anthropology department is prepared to train professionals to meet the demand.

Collaborative relationships with the College's doctoral programs in history and American studies, the Center for Archaeological Research, the Omohundro Institute for Early American History and Culture and the Colonial Williamsburg and Jamestown-Yorktown Foundations, will enable the department's doctoral candidates to benefit from an abundance of training opportunities. ■

by Jackson Sasser



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Provost Gillian Cell

Students And Seniors Dance The Night Away

He's not exactly Cupid, but senior Brian Wessman played matchmaker between the College and the community on Valentine's Day weekend by organizing a dance for area senior citizens on Friday, Feb. 11. Wessman and other members of the Latter-day Saints Student Association booked Trinkle Hall and extended invitations through local churches and retirement homes. They strung lights and other decorations and arranged for refreshments. They hired a disc jockey to spin the oldies and asked student groups to provide dance partners and entertainment. Students even supplied transportation for seniors who needed a lift.

It was a labor of love, says Wessman. "We wanted a larger service project to benefit the community. People seemed excited about the opportunity to interact with the students."

Wessman and other members of the dance committee—freshman Erika Bottomly and seniors Betsy Haws and Heather Halpin—made sure there was something for everyone.

When the crowd of about 75 wasn't doing the twist or the hokey pokey, they enjoyed performances by the Accidentals, the Intonations and Reveille—three a cappella vocal ensembles—the Pointe Blank jazz and tap group and the Tribal Dancers dance and drill team.

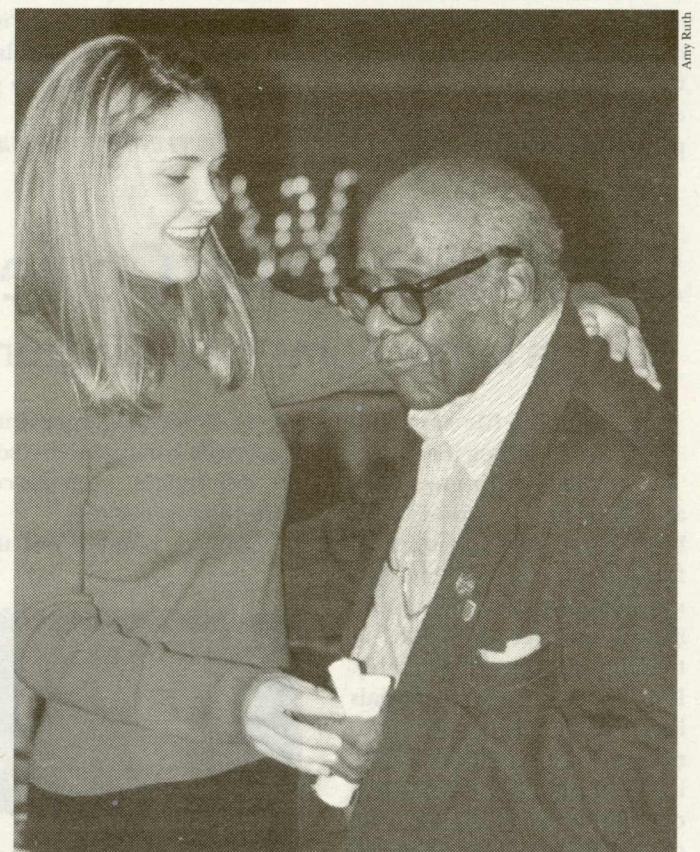
"We wanted to allow people who aren't as active to get out and have a good time, too," said Wessman.

While the limbo dance and the accompanying "How low can you go?" challenge may have stumped some of the older dancers, disc jockey Dan West momentarily mystified a few students with a waltz. But what began as a pause on the dance floor ended with impromptu dance lessons.

"Have you ever waltzed?" one woman asked her dance partners, who hadn't. "I'll show you how."

Junior Charlie Park danced much of the night away with Christine Brown, a lifelong Williamsburg resident who worked for the College in the 1970s.

"I only anticipated dancing for an hour or so," said Park. "But after the senior citizens showed up, and after we danced for a while, I really didn't want to leave. Christine and I had a great time dancing and talking."



Freshman Erika Bottomly takes a spin on the dance floor with Ronald Cooper. At left, students and seniors find out exactly how low they can go with a Valentine's limbo.

Brown, who fondly remembers William and Mary students from her days as a housekeeping supervisor, agreed. "I have always liked to dance and I thoroughly enjoyed myself," she said. "It was the best time I've had in five years." ■

by Amy Ruth



making headlines

Faculty Receive Promotions, Tenure

The Board of Visitors during its meeting Feb. 3-4 recognized several faculty with academic tenure and promotion. A. Mechele Dickerson and Alan Meese, both of the School of Law, received tenure and promotion from associate professor to professor.

Receiving tenure and promotion from assistant professor to associate professor were James Armstrong, music; Jonathan Arries, modern languages and literatures; Elizabeth Canuel, marine science; Martha Case, biology; Paul Davies, philosophy; John Eisele, modern languages and literatures; Laura Ekstrom, philosophy; Julie Galambush, religion; Grey Gundaker, anthropology; Marguerite Mason, education; Stephen Ndegwa, government; Diane Shakes, biology; and Virginia Torczon, computer science.

W&M Economist To Advise Dept. Of Labor

Cummings Associate Professor of Economics William Rodgers III has been named chief economist of the U.S. Department of Labor. His one-year appointment as a high-level policy adviser to U.S. Secretary of Labor Alexis M. Herman began Jan. 16.

The post involves serving as chief economics spokesman for the labor secretary. In this capacity, Rodgers will inform the public and the media about the state of the nation's labor market and meet with various constituencies, including members of the labor and business communities. Next month he is scheduled to meet with a Swedish labor delegation as well as Brazil's labor minister.

Conference Draws Multicultural Leaders

The College's Precollegiate Multicultural Leadership Conference will show high school students from Virginia, North Carolina and Washington, D.C., how much they have to offer their schools—and how much William and Mary has to offer them. Close to 200 high school sophomores, juniors and seniors will gather March 2-5 for the fourth annual conference, which takes as its theme, "UNITY: Lifting Our Voices as One."

The weekend's events include several nationally recognized speakers, including Sandra Guzman, editor-in-chief of *Latina Magazine*, and a "Cultural Extravaganza," where campus cultural organizations will perform for the students. "We're excited about welcoming these students to William and Mary," says Chon Glover, the College's director of multicultural affairs. "Hopefully, in all this, there's an opportunity for students to develop their leadership skills and get a sense of the opportunities that await them at William and Mary."

campus news

Student-run on-line community expands its scope

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things done. It's a perfect democracy."

The on-line innovations were inspired by the frustrations of Devgon's freshman

What Devgon came up with, while studying for a calculus exam, was an on-line solution. "I was studying in the reference section of the library and noticed a book—*Learn HTML in 24 Hours*." So he did just that, and while he didn't do so well on that calc exam, SIN was in the works.

Devgon honed his Web skills and with a few friends launched SIN I on Feb. 14, 1998. The network received 25,000 "hits" before the school year was up. "We were absolutely blown away," Devgon remembers. "Our budget for the year was \$13."

Soon all that changed, when the site received the attention of an impressed Information

Technology staff. With the College's support, Devgon hired a staff of seven and set to work on SIN II, which appeared last August. SIN III followed closely thereafter, and by the beginning of this month had welcomed 4,500 students.

During the summer of 1998, Devgon and Jeffrey Hittner '99, a marketing major, decided to take their idea nationwide by complementing student-run information networks with advertisements. The

idea raised the eyebrows of several venture-capital firms, and one group of Boston investors was prepared to back Hittner and Devgon to the tune of \$4.3 million. And then, just 11 hours before catching his flight to sign the contract, Devgon got a call from a dispirited Hittner. Their investors had backed out. "In about an hour we went from starting our own company to starting classes for the fall semester," Devgon says.

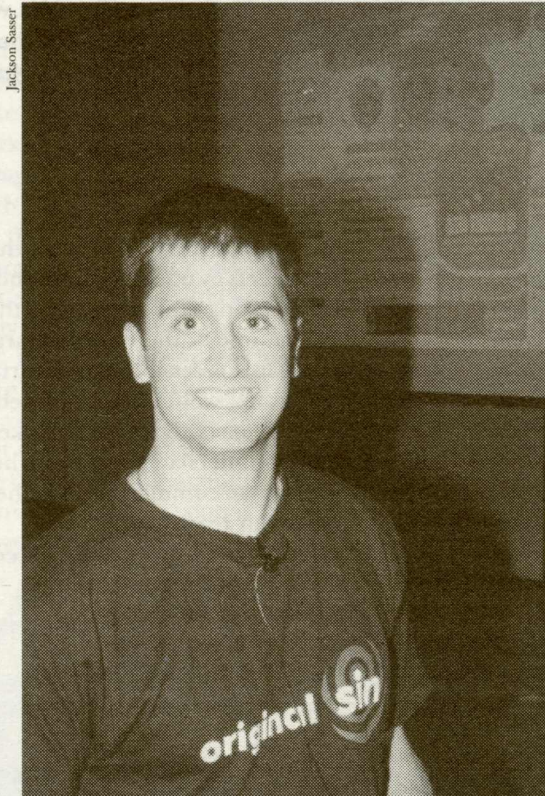
Instead of abandoning their project, the sinners, as they call themselves, rededicated themselves. Devgon renewed his recruiting, assembling a team of intrepid designers and programmers, including 11 employees and 25 to 30 volunteers—every one a student. Booker, the heir apparent as director when senior Devgon graduates in May, is responsible for the site's graphics. Mark Russell, a 26-year-old former Navy journalist, monitors the site's content. And the code is produced by senior Dave Leichtman. Each director leads a team of several volunteers.

Much more is to come from SIN: around spring break, on-line menus for the campus dining facilities will appear, and ultimately, cameras posted at the Commons and U.C. will allow students to check the lines before leaving their rooms.

Laurie Ehrsam '01 and Lesley Johnson '02 discovered the beauty of SIN at its anniversary celebration. Members of the sorority Pi Beta Phi, neither was familiar with the Student Information Network. Until Booker explained exactly what it could do for them and their organization.

Within a few days, Pi Phi's "Casino Night" was the SIN feature of the day. "When we call our history 'two years of revolution,' we mean it," Booker says. "We're broadening communication among students every day." ■

by Jackson Sasser



SIN founder and director Pitou Devgon '00 demonstrated the web-based election program for Student Assembly candidates on Feb. 20.

year. First, he missed a concert in D.C. despite wallpapering the campus with flyers soliciting a ride. "Nobody called," he says. Then, he spent \$532.40—he remembers the exact amount—on a semester's worth of textbooks. "Got something in the range of 50 bucks back when I resold them," Devgon recalls. Finally, he drew an unfortunate number in the housing lottery and found himself biking to Food Lion to grab a local apartment guide.

"The general theme of my experiences was that there was no way for students to communicate easily about their day-to-day needs," Devgon summarizes. "So I complained a little, and then I got to thinking."

a commitment to me."

"Legislators get tired of seeing William and Mary administrators," said Michael J. Fox, director of government relations. "Students who are directly affected by the budget decisions make a stronger case for the College."

Fox said this is the fourth year in a row that students have visited the Virginia General Assembly to lobby for the College's budget priorities.

"If we receive funds in the

state budget for Millington," said Vice President for Public Affairs Stewart Gamage, "it will be due in large part to the efforts of alumni, faculty, staff, board members and especially students." ■

by Bill Walker



"The condition of Millington Hall is a disgrace," Sen. Tommy Norment told William and Mary students Feb. 9 in Richmond.

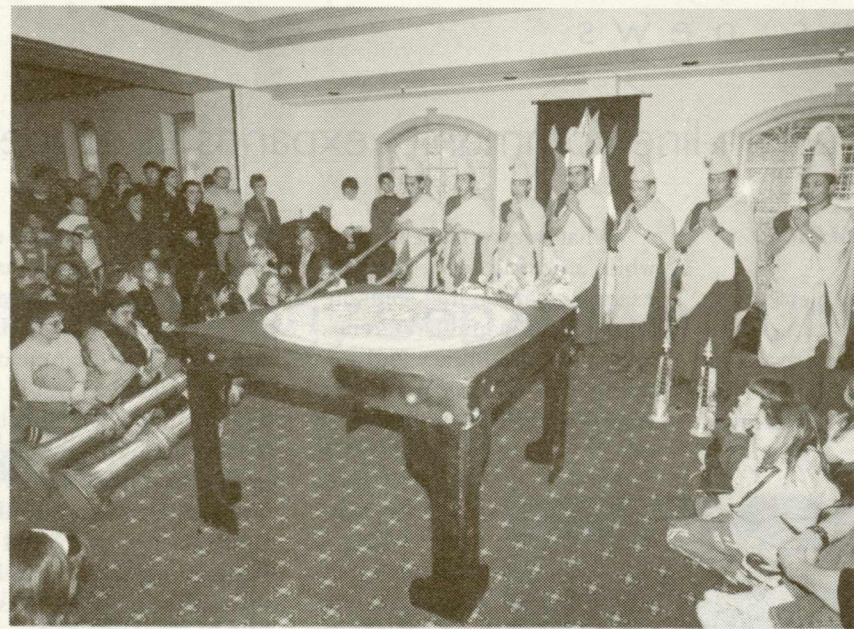
Assembly conference committee to consider Millington

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Sullivan gave a great deal of credit to 35 students who took Richmond by storm on Feb. 9. The crew left campus in a van well before dawn, stopped by Ukrop's for a breakfast compliments of alumni Jim and Bobby Ukrop, and reached the capital's legislative halls before many of the delegates and senators arrived. After a pep talk from Sen. Tommy Norment and President Sullivan, the stu-

dents divided up to visit 17 members of the Senate Finance Committee, 29 members of the House Appropriations Committee and legislators who graduated from William and Mary. According to reports, the lawmakers were quite receptive.

"We got Sen. Chichester [chair of the Senate Finance Committee] and started talking with him," said Jason Sibley, a junior from Clifton, Va. "He said, 'Millington Hall—I think we can get that done.' That sounds like



Nine Buddhist monks from the Drepung Loseling Monastery in Atlanta built a sand mandala (right) at Bruton Parish Church Feb. 11-13. The monks consecrated their work in a closing ceremony (left) before sweeping away their work (far right) to demonstrate the Buddhist belief in the impermanence of all things. Joan Wu, daughter of graduate alumnus Meng-Chou Wu, was enraptured by the monks' work (below right).

Three Days In Williamsburg

the construction of a sand mandala, a Buddhist ritual which symbolizes the universe with three levels of meaning. The outer level of meaning depicts the divine universe, the inner level of meaning describes the route toward enlightenment, and the secret meaning represents an appropriate balance between body and mind.

"Buddhism involves a heavy reliance on ceremony as an agent of revelation," says Associate Professor of Religion Jack Van Horn. All eight members of Van

Horn's senior seminar, "Buddhism in the Modern World," attended Friday's opening ceremony, and most came back to observe the mandala as it progressed during the weekend. The visiting monks were an ideal example for their class to witness.

"A lot of discussion in our seminar concerns how east meets west," said junior religion major Ryan Grelecki. "That's what's fascinating about this weekend," he continued, "that so many people unfamiliar with this tradition are getting an introduction through the mandala. It's rare to have an opportunity to embrace something like this."

The monks began work on the mandala after a brief opening ceremony, which involved chanting to consecrate the site and invoke the forces of goodness. Using very fine funnels called *chak-pur*, the monks arranged sand—actually ground marble—dyed almost every imaginable color in an elaborate design. During Sunday afternoon's closing ceremony—just hours after the mandala's completion—it was destroyed to symbolize the Buddhist belief in the impermanence of all things. After sweeping away their work of three days, the monks offered the sand to their audience as a blessing.

Brink and Alaina Ambler were among the guests

to receive a gift of sand, and couldn't have been more excited about the entire weekend, according to their mom, Ginger Ambler, assistant to Vice President for Student Affairs Sam Sadler.

"I went to Friday's opening by myself, but I was so enthralled I brought my entire family back on Saturday," Ambler said. "We went for ice cream after watching for a while, and before we went home our children demanded to go back."

Several of the many William and Mary students who attended the weekend's exhibition were similarly impressed. "We put so much emphasis on technology that I think we're surprised to see such remarkable precision in work done by hand," said freshman Sarah Cramsey. Senior Gina King was equally awed. "If you study it long enough, you see that it really has perspective. It's almost like you're inside it," she said.

According to Shedrup, imagining yourself inside the mandala is a critical part of the experience. "Mandala" is a Sanskrit term, he explained, "that means 'sacred circle.' The drawing is like a model or a blueprint of a mansion, and the mansion is the universe. If you can visualize yourself in the mandala, you can picture yourself in the universe."

Despite the vast differences between Buddhist and western cultures, the William and Mary students who attended Saturday's discussion recognized many similarities between their training and the monastic lifestyle. "Be careful if you go to a monastery," Shedrup advised his audience. "Monks will debate you all day and then half of the next."

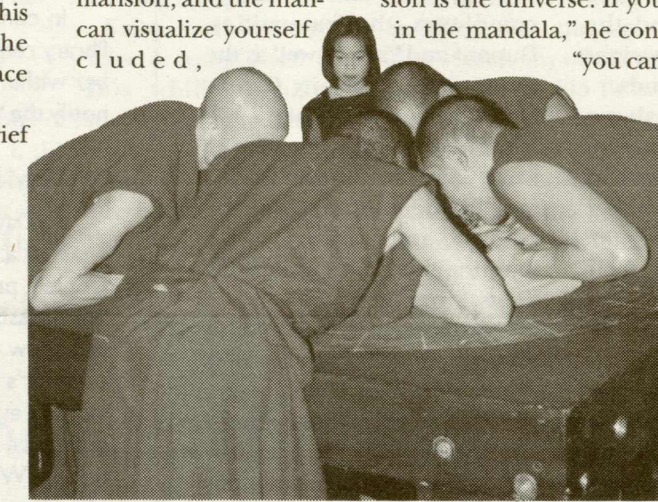
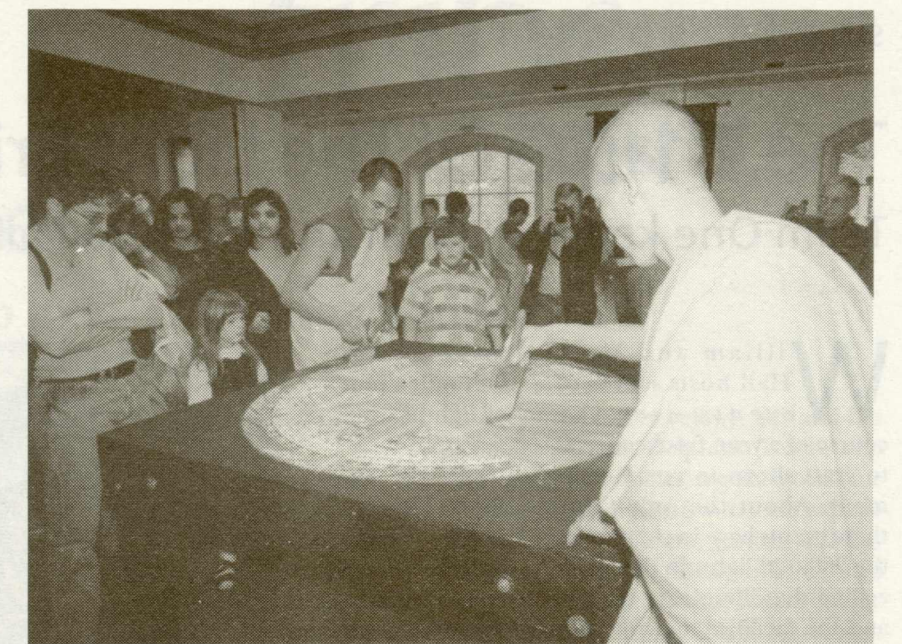
He went on to explain that debate is the foundation of the monastery's teaching and often lasts into the morning. Some of the monk's descriptions of the masters, or *geishas*, resonated with the students.

"The masters don't so much like the monks who sit in the corner and seek not to answer. They enjoy those who will debate with them," Shedrup said.

Though obviously cheered by the suggestion of a debate with his American audience, Shedrup demurred, then reminded them that such debates differed from their western counterparts. "The purpose of the debate is not to win or lose," he explained, "but to freely exchange ideas."

"We have an obligation to preserve our culture," Shedrup explained, "and the best way to preserve anything is to share it." ■

by Jackson Sasser



Jackson Sasser

"I don't believe I can debate in English," Shedrup said with the slightest bit of a chuckle. With that, the 40 other faces in the room fell. The William and Mary students and Williamsburg area residents gathered at Bruton Parish Church Feb. 12 realized that, unfortunately, their cultural exchange with the nine monks visiting from Atlanta's Drepung Loseling Monastery would not include a traditional monastic debate.

The monks, whose monastery originated in Tibet, were in town to share their culture as part of an ongoing outreach effort. Due to China's well-publicized re-

ligious oppression of their homeland, the monks seek to share their beliefs by traveling throughout the United States, demonstrating and teaching as they go.

The fact that one of the Williamsburg residents attending the discussion session with Shedrup, the spokesman for the group, would suggest a debate speaks to the depth of the exchange that did take place. "Even though we don't understand Buddhism in the same way you do," one woman commented, "our hearts still burn when we hear your teachings."

The centerpiece of the monks' three-day visit was

William And Mary's Sonn Rises In The East

Assistant professor of medieval philosophy, Tamara Sonn learned that Muslim philosophers introduced Europe to Aristotle and other classic Greek philosophers. Intrigued that Muslim intellectuals spurred the development of Europe's Renaissance, Sonn, now the College's William R. Kenan Distinguished

Professor of Humanities in the Department of Religion, redirected her studies. She earned a master's degree in philosophy from the University of Toronto and a doctorate from the University of Chicago in Near Eastern Languages, studying with the world's foremost scholars of Islamic philosophy. Today, Sonn specializes in Islamic intellectual history and Islam in the contemporary world, particularly the political manifestations of Islamic teachings.

"There is a tremendous intellectual heritage which we have received from the Muslim world," says Sonn. "It was at its high point when Europe was coming out of its so-called Dark Ages."

The Muslim legacy includes our mathematical system—the foundation of our technological development. Muslim intellectuals gave us optics and astronomy and discovered the circulation of the blood. Muslims also established Azhar University in Cairo, the western world's first university.

"Our very language—a professorial chair—comes from Azhar's huge plaza where professors sat in chairs and students gathered around them on the ground," says Sonn. "Our academic robes and Ph.D. hoods also come from Azhar."

As a teacher, Sonn particularly enjoys leading students to this shared intellectual heritage. William and Mary students—motivated and enthusiastic—are especially receptive and appreciative.

"In general what I find students respond most to is the great thrill of discovery of commonalities between Islam and their own traditions," she says. "This is the greatest thrill of teaching."

Despite these commonalities, misperceptions of Islam do exist and often lead to stereotypes of Muslim men as terrorists and Muslim women as oppressed.

"Terrorism is readily condemned in Islam as it is in any other religious tradition," says Sonn,

who is attracted to Islam's belief in individual responsibility and social justice, ideals that contradict terrorism and female oppression. "And the Muslim world has had more women prime ministers than anywhere else."

The author of three books and co-author of two others, Sonn is a president-elect of the American Council for the Study of Islamic Societies and a member of the board of directors of the Center for the Study of Islam and Democracy. A member of the editorial boards of several academic journals, she has contributed to the Oxford Encyclopedia of the Modern Islamic World, the Oxford Dictionary of Islam and Collier's Encyclopedia. This prolific scholarly output has taken her to the nations of the Middle East, South Africa and other countries with large Muslim populations. She lectures and conducts research freely.

"I am always treated with the utmost respect and hospitality," she says. "The fact that I am a woman or that I dress differently from women in traditional cultures isn't considered strange."

During her first trips to the Muslim world in the 1970s, Sonn was surprised, however, by Muslims' perceptions of Americans.

"I was most unprepared for the Middle Eastern view of America," she says. "They know more about us than we know about ourselves."

Most recently, Sonn's research has taken her to Pakistan and South Africa, where Muslim leaders are struggling to establish effective governments in the post-colonial era.

"The Muslim world was under colonial domination for the past couple of centuries, and now the great challenge is to establish and maintain governments that are effective in reaching Islamic goals."

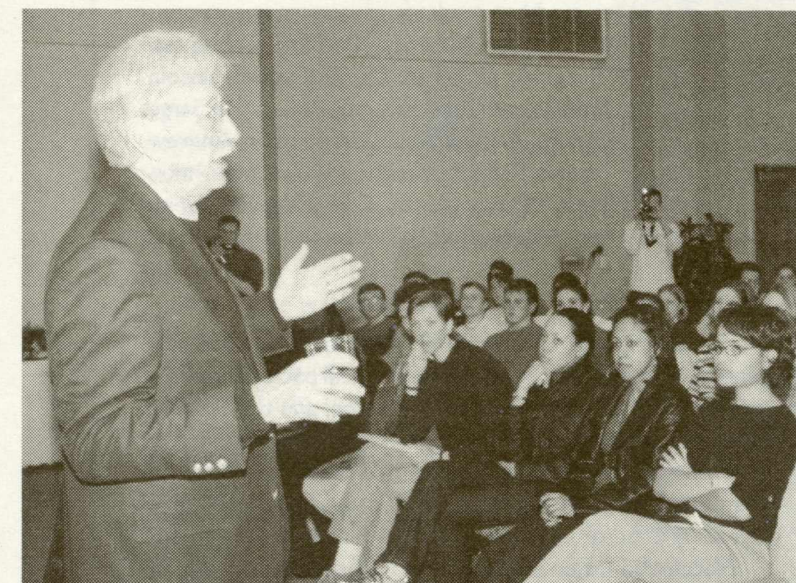
In the United States, Sonn and other Islamicists have worked with the National Endowment for the Humanities to develop social studies curricula about Muslims and Islam. The fastest-growing religious minority in the United States, Islam is no longer a foreign religion, but the faith of our friends and neighbors, says Sonn. ■

by Amy Ruth



Professor Tamara Sonn bought this hand-embroidered Bedouin dress in Jordan. She says that the Muslim populations among whom she often travels rarely remark on her Western dress.

Students Share Their 20-10 Vision



President Sullivan discusses the College's future with the students who packed the University Center's Tidewater Room for the "William and Mary—Decision 2010" town meeting on Feb. 8.

President Timothy Sullivan welcomed students into the ongoing dialogue about the College's future—"Decisions 2010"—at a town meeting in the University Center Feb. 8. Students packed the Tidewater Room to consider and contribute sugges-

and for me to listen. We want people who care about William and Mary to look a decade out, and tell us what they see for our College."

The students in attendance did exactly that, presenting the president with questions and comments ranging from parking spaces to bench presses. The frank exchange centered around more substantive issues, however, such as diversity among the College's students and faculty, the campus' sensitivity to environmental issues and the idea of student "ownership" of their community.

Vice President for Student Affairs Sam Sadler was especially impressed with this last emphasis. "Many of the comments, at their most basic level, sought to enhance a sense of investment among students," he said. "This interest will be an important part of our vision for the William and Mary of 2010." Sadler hopes to hear more

about the students' "investment" when he takes the town meeting to the residence halls in the coming weeks. The meetings were scheduled partly in response to student requests for the discussion to continue.

The discussion of nettlesome issues like budgets and parking was leavened with real progress on more specific initiatives. When, early in the exchange, a student suggested that the Office of Admission pro-

duce a brochure highlighting the College's student cultural organizations, a list began to circulate. By the time the meeting finished, more than 30 students had signed up to help see the project through. And when a representative of the Student Environmental Action Coalition suggested that the campus undergo an "environmental audit," President Sullivan affirmed that

he was all for it. "The meeting was a wonderful idea," said junior Laura Keehner, "and much more effective than just 'Hey, call me.' Students are passionate about the College, and I think it's great that the administration's ready to tap into that enthusiasm."

According to Professor Clemens' count, students raised "about 40 different themes" at the meeting, and rightly so. "Nobody has a better idea of what William and Mary looks like today," he said, "and nobody will more directly affect what it looks like for the next generation of students."

Students may contribute to the continuing "Decisions 2010" dialogue by addressing comments to President Sullivan, Office of the President, The Brafferton, or responding on-line at www.wm.edu/decisions. ■

by Jackson Sasser

William & Mary DECISIONS 2010

staff spotlight

The Charge Of The Light Brigade

Team One keeps William and Mary Hall all lit up

William and Mary Hall hosts scores of events over the course of a year, from concerts to craft shows to commencement. About the only thing these events have in common is the 200-odd lights in the Hall's ceiling that illuminate them—and the facilities management team that maintains those lights.

Take Saturday's basketball matchup with the University of Richmond, which brought nearly 4,000 spectators to the Hall. Though none of them likely gave the lights any thought, facilities management's Team One had spent most of the previous week making sure the lighting would be sufficient for the game's television broadcast.

All five members of Team One have worked on the lights in the Hall's attic—the project requires attention about once every three months—but electrician Tommy Thompson and utility tradesman Larry Bruner made most of the repairs and changes last week. They shimmed up a 15-foot ladder into the Hall's attic, where elaborate safety chains secure the lights over holes in the attic floor. It's a little warm and more than a little dark in the attic, but Thompson and Bruner approached their work with the right attitude. "We're just happy to be up here, on top of the

world," Bruner said with a hint of lighthearted sarcasm.

While up there, Thompson's and Bruner's responsibilities are twofold: replace burned-out bulbs and repair lights with other problems. Replacing the bulbs is shorter work, but no easy job, either. There are four different kinds

of lights—500 and 1000 watt incandescent and 400 and 1000 watt metal halide—and the housing of each light weighs between 40 and 50 pounds.

"Working safely is always the first priority," said Thompson. "Just this morning we had a safety meeting, and working above the students running the bleachers or working on their basketball is a good reminder of how important it is to be careful up here."

That's a lesson—among others—that Mike Miller, Team One supervisor, knows well after 25 years with the College's facilities management division. Miller supervises work on a cross section of campus that



"I've seen just about everything that can go on around here," says Team One Supervisor Mike Miller in his Yates Hall office.

includes the residence halls of the Botetourt and Randolph complexes, the fraternities, Dupont and Yates as well as the Commons, University Center and William and Mary Hall. "Seventy-five percent of our work is in the dorms," Miller says. "Student requests are our priority, and we work other maintenance, like the Hall's lights, around those."

Bruner says that he and his team are proud of the work they do behind—or in this case, above—the scenes. "We feel privileged to work for such a great College," he says, all business this time. "It's quite an honor." ■

by Jackson Sasser



Electrician Tommy Thompson works on one of William and Mary Hall's 200-odd lights while Tribe forward James Haunty works on his jump shot below.

Thompson and Larry Bruner spent the better part of last week replacing bulbs and repairing lights in preparation for Saturday's televised basketball game against the University of Richmond.

notes

Seniors Van De Water, Leichtman Honored

Senior physics concentrators Ruth Van de Water, of Alexandria, and David Leichtman, of Virginia Beach, were honored recently with the Don Edward Harrison Jr. Awards for Excellence in Physics. The annual prize celebrates the highest demonstrated achievement in physics.

Van de Water, a member of Phi Beta Kappa, is currently investigating the properties of a hypothetical elementary particle that might play a role in experiments at the Jefferson Lab and other particle accelerators. Leichtman's senior honors project also involves particle research, as he uses powerful computers to address the fundamental relationship between a particle's matter and mass.

Both Van de Water and Leichtman intend to continue their study of physics at the graduate level.

The Library Has Got Your Number

The College's library circulation system identifies each borrower numerically, preferably with his or her social security number. The list of borrowers and their social security numbers is protected from unauthorized use.

In compliance with Virginia Code, Section 2.1-385, the library requests permission to use your social security number within its database. If you find this unacceptable, please notify the William and Mary libraries in writing by March 23.

St. David's Day Gathering March 1

St. David's Day will be celebrated on Wednesday, March 1, at 10 a.m. in the Friends Room of Swem Library. John Conlee, professor of English, will make a presentation on "The Castles of North Wales," and John and Mary Owen will show a video of "The Churning of the Bard" from last summer's National Eisteddfod in Wales.

The event is sponsored by the Friends of Wales, a group of faculty, staff and area residents promoting an appreciation of Welsh language and culture. The St. David's Day observance remembers the patron saint of Wales and Goronwy Owen, Welsh bard, who was master of the College's Grammar School from 1758 to 1760. For more information, call Bob Jeffrey at 221-1954.

Graduate Students Recognized In Who's Who

The 2000 edition of *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges* has named 23 William and Mary arts and sciences graduate students as outstanding campus leaders. They are: Stephen Bowman, Caroline Carpenter, Richard Chew, Benjamin Coleman, David Corlett, Lincoln Farish, Roxana Gonzalez and Christopher Grillone. Also, Serge Hallyn, Aaron Hawkins, Amanda Kaye, Carrie Krop, Andrew Meyer, Roxane Pickens, Rebecca Plesko and Michelle Rightler. And Kathleen Scott, Wendy Vogan, Corey Walker, Keith Wandtke, Shannon Watson, Stacey Wilson and Kyle Zelner.

Meningitis Vaccination Available

Recent reports of three University of Richmond students who have contracted meningococcal bacterial meningitis have raised awareness of the disease, and the Student Health Center would like to review some information.

Meningitis is a contagious, potentially fatal infection of the membranes surrounding the brain and the spinal cord. It is spread by close or intimate contact with an infected person.

Vaccination is an effective way to guard against one of the more common strains of this infection. However, this vaccine does not protect against all bacteria that can cause meningitis or any viruses that can cause the illness.

Vaccinations are available to faculty, staff and students at the Student Health Center. The single dose of vaccine produces protective antibody levels within seven to 10 days, and the cost is \$71. You do not need an appointment; the immunizations are available 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on all weekdays except for Wednesdays, when they are available from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

If you have any questions, or if you want more information, call the Health Center at 221-4386 or visit their website: www.wm.edu/OSA/shc/stuhelth.html.

tribe sports

Taking Tribe Tennis To The Top

Coach Brian Kalbas leads his women's team to a No. 12 national ranking

Brian Kalbas is not a happy man. Not the other evening, at least, when I caught up with him in Madison, Wis. Kalbas and his 12th-ranked women's tennis team braved a snowstorm to compete in the National Team Indoor tournament, only to lose to Notre Dame in the first round. What's worse, Notre Dame is Kalbas's alma mater, and the defeat came courtesy of a former coaching colleague, Jay Louderback. "He enjoys beating up on me," Kalbas said with a sigh.

Before you feel too sorry for Kalbas, consider this: since coming to the College in 1992, his squads have defeated teams ranked Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 and have toppled top-10 teams 13 times. He has coached the Tribe to the last seven of their 14 consecutive CAA championships and has a winning percentage of .790. And, best of all, his team came back



Brian Kalbas has put together a 158-42 record in just over seven years at the helm of the Tribe women's tennis team.

to defeat South Carolina and Tennessee in their second- and third-round matches in Wisconsin.

All this is pretty impressive given the fact that women's tennis is the most popular sport in NCAA Division I athletics: 308 schools field teams, and about 250 of those offer a full complement of eight scholarships. During Kalbas's tenure, William and Mary has become a member of the elite 10 or 15 teams of those 308, as their invitation to the selective Wisconsin tournament and national ranking indicate.

Kalbas and his charges have accomplished all this while regularly

playing one of the toughest schedules in Division I; this season they'll play 17 of the top 19 ranked teams. "In order to get better, you have to challenge yourself against the best," Kalbas explains. "At the

end of the year, we won't be afraid of anybody."

The Tribe women are apparently a little ahead of the game—they've played fearless tennis all season. Their upset win over No. 5 Duke at McCormack-Nagelsen Feb. 9 set a commanding tone early. "It's great to have a young team that's a little inexperienced get a win like that," Kalbas says. Not to mention the two victories in Wisconsin, when the team overcame an unfamiliar format, an early loss and a team epidemic of the flu to pull out six of eight tiebreakers and two big wins.

Many thought this season would be a "rebuilding year" for Tribe women's tennis. With a record of 8-2, (4-0 CAA), it's clear that Kalbas and company have paid those low expectations as much mind as Duke's ranking or their illnesses in Wisconsin—they are a non-factor. "I don't think any of us ever felt that way," says senior Carlijn Buis. "Once you hit the courts, you just play the best you can—no matter what people expect."

Buis has led the charge in defying expectations this season by battling a shoulder injury while still contributing to

the team (see story below). She and her doubles partner, Delphine Troch, who also plays No. 1 singles, regularly combine for key victories. Along with team captain Carlijn van Rossum, junior Lindsay Sullivan, senior Elizabeth O and sophomore Jessyca Arthur round out the team's veteran players. The four freshmen who complete the squad promise a bright future in the years to come.

What's more, six of Kalbas's eight regular starters are Academic All-Americans, and the team's average GPA hovers right around 3.30. In more than seven years, Kalbas has never coached an athlete who failed to complete her studies at the College.

The Tribe women have a tough spring ahead of them, when they'll regularly play the best the nation has to offer. But come May and the NAAs, Kalbas says, his team will be "battle-tested and ready to go." There'll be one especially important match along the way, too. Mark April 9 on your calendar—Kalbas already has.

"When Notre Dame comes to town," says Kalbas, "we'll be looking for some revenge." ■

by Jackson Sasser

sports briefs

Men's Tennis Earns No. 42 Ranking

The Tribe men's tennis team has also drawn some attention of late, earning a national ranking of No. 42 from the ITA on Feb. 16.

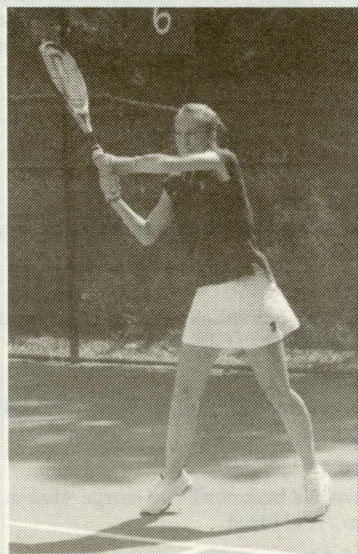
With a record of 9-3 (4-0, CAA) that includes an early six-match win streak, the men are led by the doubles team of junior Brian Lubin and sophomore Jody Strik, who rank No. 53 in the nation.

The Tribe will host their final pair of home matches against CAA foes East Carolina and James Madison this Saturday, Feb. 26 at the McCormack-Nagelsen Tennis Center.

www.TribeAthletics.com

Follow your favorite Tribe sports on the Internet via their new web page: www.TribeAthletics.com. Media releases, schedules, results and statistics are available there first. Follow the site's links to listen to Tribe basketball and football or "watch" home and selected road basketball and football games as they happen through the technology of TotalCast. Summer camp information for many sports is also available.

The Captain And The Courageous



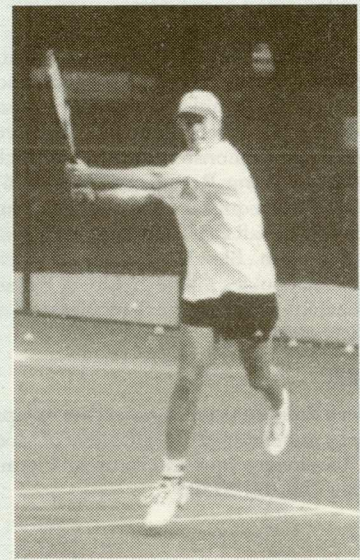
Going Dutch: senior Carlijn van Rossum (left) and junior Carlijn Buis lead the women's tennis team on and off the court.

shoulder. But that has not stopped her from contributing to the team's success—even if it means serving *underhanded*.

You don't have to have the Tennis Channel in your cable package to understand that an underhand serve gives your opponent an immediate advantage. Don't tell that to Buis, though: she's won key matches with her underhand serve, including two (singles and doubles, with partner Delphine Troch) in the upset of Duke and last Sunday's victory over the University of Tennessee. She has also earned a national ranking of No. 83, and as a doubles team she and Troch are ranked No. 10 in the country.

"It looks a little foolish," Buis says of her unconventional serve, "but if I can get some points for the team, why not? It's a lot better than not playing at all." Van Rossum couldn't agree more. "C.J. has been incredibly tough this season," she says. "Her wins and her approach are invaluable to the team."

Kalbas has similar praise for his captain. "When we win a big match, Carlijn's play usually makes the difference," he says of van Rossum, who plays at No. 2 or No. 3. "During the Duke win her singles match came down to the last game, and when she held her serve that helped clinch it for us." Van Rossum was understandably



excited about her victory. "That kind of win is the highlight of your tennis career," she said.

Though both are a long way from home, van Rossum and Buis are big on William and Mary. "I've loved it here since day one of my freshman year," says van Rossum. "The facilities are great, especially McCormack-Nagelsen, and the people are just generally friendly."

Sometimes, however, their teammates are not so amicable. As junior Lindsay Sullivan told me from Wisconsin, where the team traveled for a recent weekend tournament. "The team's getting together and playing charades later," she said, "and we're all trying to think of words they won't know." ■ JS

Charles Holloway contributed to this story.

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. Call 221-2644 for more information. The deadline for the March 16 issue is Thursday, March 9, at 5 p.m.

Tonight

"Love Your Body Week" (final event): sponsored by the College's Collegiate Awareness Regarding Eating Smart (C.A.R.E.S.) team. Student panel discussion. 7 p.m., Tyler 102. 221-1234 or 221-3300.

Tonight, Feb. 25-27

William & Mary Theatre: *The Tapestry: a play woven in 2*. 8 p.m. (Feb. 24-26) and 2 p.m. (Feb. 27), Phi Beta Kappa Memorial Hall. Tickets \$6. Box office is open. Call 221-2674.

Tonight, Feb. 26

Kappa Delta Shamrock Week: to benefit the National Committee to Prevent Child Abuse (NCPCA). Activities include an a cappella concert, 7 p.m., Tidewater A and B, University Center, cost \$4 (tonight); and campus golf (Feb. 26). Call Emily Lindenberg at 221-4412.

Today, March 2, 16

CWA/Town & Gown Luncheons: "Tapestries, a Production Preview," Susan Chast, assistant professor of theatre and speech (today). "William and Mary in the News-Decisions 2010," Jack Boyd, assistant to the president (March 2). "Who is Our Student?" Virginia Carey, dean of admission (March 16). Noon-1:30 p.m., Chesapeake Room A, University Center. No luncheon on March 9, due to spring break. 221-1365 or 221-1079.

Feb. 25

Physics Colloquium: "Picturing a Bose-Einstein Condensate as Particles," Chris Greene, Joint Institute for Laboratory Astrophysics, University of Colorado. 4 p.m., Small 113. 221-3501.

Feb. 25, March 6

IT Learning Events: "CourseInfo 'Black Bag' Lunch: Using Video Clips to Enhance Learning," Kim Whitley, kinesiology instructor (Feb. 25); reservations not required. "Brown Bag Demonstration: On-line Technology Learning Resources" (March 6); reservations required via e-mail at gfruth@wm.edu or call 221-1929. Both events will be noon-1 p.m., Blow 311. Bring your lunch; sodas and cookies will be provided. For additional information, see Staff Digest 24 or call 221-1821.

Feb. 26

Speech Contest: featuring speeches in Japanese by students in the Department of Modern Languages and Literatures. 1 p.m., Tucker 120. 221-3738.

Feb. 28

Ewell Concert Series: Currents, new music ensemble. 8 p.m. Ewell Recital Hall. Free and open to the public. 221-1085.

Feb. 29

Black History Month Event: 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 (rescheduled from Jan. 20). 221-2300.

March 1

St. David's Day Celebration: "The Castles of North Wales," John Conlee, professor of English. Harp music and refreshments. The public is invited. See item on Page 6. 10 a.m., Friends Room, Swem Library. For more information, call Bob Jeffrey at 221-1954.

Winter Concert: William and Mary Symphony Orchestra, featuring Antonin Dvorak's *Symphony 6* and Aaron Copland's *Billy the Kid*. 8 p.m., Phi Beta Kappa Memorial Hall. General admission \$5, students \$2. 221-1089.

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 lnhoag@wm.edu.

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 lnhoag@wm.edu.

March 4-12

Spring Break

March 4, 11, 18

Muscarelle Museum Gallery/Studio Classes: for children, grades 1-5 and teens. 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Muscarelle Museum. Registration required. Call 221-2703.

March 14

Hourly and Classified Employees Association (HACE) General Meeting and Annual Chili Luncheon:

"Behind the Scenes of the Wren Renovations," Louise Lambert Kale, executive director, historic campus. Noon-1 p.m., Chesapeake A, University Center. Charge for lunch is \$2 per person (includes bowl of chili, condiments, drink and dessert), with \$1 chili refills. The Employee of the Month Award will be presented. All hourly, classified, faculty and administrative staff are welcome. Yearly membership is \$5. Membership is not required for attendance, but non-members are asked to donate \$1 toward ongoing special projects. 221-1791.

March 15

William & Mary Concert Series: Orpheus Chamber Orchestra. 8 p.m., Phi Beta Kappa Memorial Hall. General admission \$20. 221-3276.

March 16

Omohundro Institute of Early American History and Culture Colloquium: "Chesapeake Soundscapes, 1600-1800," Richard Rath, Hamilton College. 4:30 p.m., James Blair 206. 221-1114.

sports

Feb. 26

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

Feb. 27

Women's basketball vs. UNC-Wilmington, 2 p.m., W&M Hall.

March 3

Men's gymnastics vs. Air Force and JMU, 7 p.m.

March 5

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

March 10

Women's gymnastics, state championships

(JMU/Radford), 7 p.m.

March 11

Men's gymnastics, state championship preliminaries, 7 p.m.

March 12

Men's gymnastics, state championships, 2 p.m.

March 13

Women's gymnastics vs. Rhode Island, 7 p.m.

For more information, call 221-3369.

exhibitions

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

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

deadline

Feb. 25

Submission of slides for the American Drawing Biennial 7, a national competitive exhibition to be held June 3-Aug. 20. Open to all American artists residing in the United States. Required prospectus is available at the Muscarelle Museum. Telephone, fax and e-mail requests cannot be accepted. 221-2702.

community

Tonight; March 9, 23; April 6

Latino Literature Series: "One Vision, Many Voices." Ann Marie Stock, Reves Center scholar-in-residence, will lead group discussions about selected books. 7:30 p.m., Williamsburg Regional Library. Free and open to the public. Register by calling 259-4070. For additional information, visit the website at www.wrl.org.

March 7, 9, 12

Concerts by the Williamsburg Symphonia: Young People's Concerts (March 7, 9). Concert featuring works by Cimarosa, Faure and Prokofiev, 8:15 p.m. (March 12). All events in Phi Beta Kappa Memorial Hall. For information about concert times and tickets, call 229-9857.

March 15

Ecumenical Noonday Prayer, 12:30-12:50 p.m., Wednesdays during Lent (beginning after spring break), small chapel, Williamsburg United Methodist Church. Enter from the Cary Street side of the church. For information, call Shandelle Henson at 221-2019.

campus crime report

January 2000

crimes

Intimidation	2
Destruction/damage/vandalism of property	6
Driving under the influence	4
Drunkenness	3
Liquor law violations	1
All other offenses	8
Larceny and motor theft	
From buildings	3
All other larceny	6

arrests

Driving under the influence	4
Public drunkenness	3
Summons (traffic)	34

classified advertisements

FOR SALE

1997 Honda CRV, green, 4 WD, AT, ABS, CD. 69K highway miles. Excellent condition. \$13,500. Call 229-8622.

1991 Honda Civic LX 4-door, AC, PS, automatic. 110,000 miles. Available end of March. \$3,000. Call (804) 684-7483 (work) or (804) 684-2268 (home).

Women's Raleigh touring bike. Nearly new, excellent condition. Detachable wire basket, tire pump, lock. \$100. Call 229-8756.

Soccer table. Good condition. \$145. Call Scott at 564-3803.

Ikea futon/sofa; double bed on convertible pine frame, \$50. Large Papasan chair (bamboo dish) on swivel base with pink cushion, \$30. Four-drawer chest, 18"x32"x42", gray laminate finish, \$35. 1000mm Sigma telephoto mirror lens, never used; Pentax K mount, but adapt-

able; cost \$850, asking \$250. Call 221-2787 (days) or 564-3742 (evenings).

Fender Stratocaster guitar. Great condition. \$150. Call Doug at 564-6921.

FOR RENT

In Duck area, Southern Shores, N.C. Classic beach cottage across street from ocean. 2 BRs, great room with fireplace, sunroom, screened porch, back deck. Ocean view from roof deck. Two TVs, VCR, Nintendo. Sleeps 5-7. \$50/night with 2-night minimum. Call Trisha Macrini at 229-9561.

WANTED

Responsible, mature musicians with concert date at Little Creek looking for oceanfront condo in Virginia Beach to rent for weekend of June 23-25. Call Annette at 221-3116 or 874-9374.

W&M NEWS

The next issue of the *William & Mary News* will be published on Thursday, March 16. The deadline for submission of items is 5 p.m. on Thursday, March 9, 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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