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“I Albright to graduates: I am proud to be one of you”

Abright yellow balloon bobbed on a sea of black mortar boards at William and Mary Hall May 13, its wide smile no match for those worn by the 1,700 graduates and their loved ones gathered for the College's 2001 Commencement exercises. Former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright—who joined Media General President and CEO J. Stewart Bryan III in receiving an honorary doctorate—explained that her own irresistible grin owed much to William and Mary's traditional Mother's Day ceremony.

“As a former professor and current mother, I must confess that I love graduations, especially on Mother's Day,” Albright said during The Inaugural Pamela Harriman Address. By turns instructive and impish, the highest-ranking woman in the history of U.S. government called on the Class of 2001 for “courage in trying, even against the highest odds.” They did not have to look far for an example.

“I never dreamed that one day I would become secretary of state. It's not that I was modest; it's just that I had never seen a secretary of state in a skirt,” Albright said to laughter and applause.

Bryan, who counts two William and Mary presidents among his ancestors, also highlighted the rapid rate of change in today's world. A quarter-century ago, about 50,000 computers were in use worldwide, Bryan reminded his audience; today, at least that many are installed daily, and the total fast approaches a half-billion.

“The truth in all these numbers is that technology is rapidly reshaping our

lives,” Bryan said in summary. “The challenge of them is that we not let technology reshape our commitment to our fellow human beings.”

Bryan's analysis of a “communica-

phone might as well take a horse and buggy to Beach Week.

Commencement exercises capped a weekend packed with receptions, picnics and parties. Weekend ceremonies hon-

gether twice on Saturday—once for a reverend occasion, and later for some studied irreverence.

The Class of 2001 may not have risen with its mind stayed on the apocalypse, but Brian Blount '78 soon changed all that. A Methodist pastor and professor at the Princeton School of Theology—and the first W&M religion major inducted into PBK—Blount spoke about his current study of the book of Revelations. Instead of a warning about days to come, Blount reads the text as a challenge for today.

“How do you tame tomorrow? By transfiguring today,” Blount said Saturday morning. “The greatest power of a people of faith is their power to create the future in the midst of their present, to believe enough in changing their world now, today, that they can live that future even before it comes, and, in so living it, actually participate in bringing it about.”

The closest Professor of Government Clay Clemens '80 came to discussing the apocalypse Saturday evening was a prediction that the College's squirrels would soon overrun the campus and enslave students as acorn-gatherers. Refined during eight consecutive visits to the Candlelight ceremony podium, Clemens' playful derision left few untouched, and all amused.

“Come back and see us in a year or



J. Stewart Bryan III, president and CEO of Media General, receives his honorary doctorate of humane letters from President Timothy Sullivan and Rector Ed Grimsley, at right; above, former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright delivers The Inaugural Pamela Harriman Address.



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In a May Seminar With ... Sharon Zuber

Charles Center-sponsored workshops promote faculty development

Not long after the last refrain of the William and Mary hymn bounces around William and Mary Hall, most graduating seniors set about their final commencement ritual: Beach Week. While their former students are recreating the Common Glory parking lot on North Carolina Highway 12, however, a sizeable contingent of the College's faculty goes back to class.

Funded by a National Endowment for the Humanities matching grant, the Charles Center's "May Seminars" have been the Beach Week equivalent of dedicated faculty members for more than a decade. Here, during the two weeks that divide the spring semester and summer sessions, professors gather to explore new interests, polish their classroom skills and, above all, learn from one another. As Sharon Zuber, a lecturer in English and director of the College's writing program, says, "Where else can faculty from applied science to theatre, speech and dance sit down and discuss their classroom experiences?"

According to Joel Schwartz, who brought about and oversees the May Seminar program as director of the Charles Center, it is an important manifestation of the commitment to teaching at William and Mary.

Responding to the increasing emphasis on accountability in education during the last 15 years, "many universities have founded 'teaching centers,' intended to publicly display the institution's commitment to teaching," he says.

"Our 'teaching center' includes programs such as the University Teaching Project and the New Faculty Program,

in addition to May Seminars," Schwartz continues. "It is not a fixed place, but a moving target of seminars and workshops based on a collegial model. The goal is for faculty to engage in the same kind of active learning that they want to inspire in their own classrooms."

Just this year, for example, faculty have the opportunity to explore, with Arnab Basu, assistant professor of economics, "The Economics of Hunger"; with Roberta Hatcher, assistant professor of modern languages and literatures, the new course "Introduction to French Cultural Studies"; and with Clyde Haulman, professor of economics, ways in which his fall microeconomics course will jibe with the new Sharpe Initiative's service-oriented outlook.

However, the biggest draw among May Seminars—one that often has more interested professors than spaces—is Zuber's "Freshman Seminars: Making Them Work." In the sessions, Zuber helps faculty from across the curriculum incorporate the freshman seminar's key elements—written and oral communication—into their syllabi.

"Freshman seminars are so important to the students making that adjustment to college," Zuber says. "It's crucial for the faculty to understand how these courses are different, and in some ways the burden they carry, because

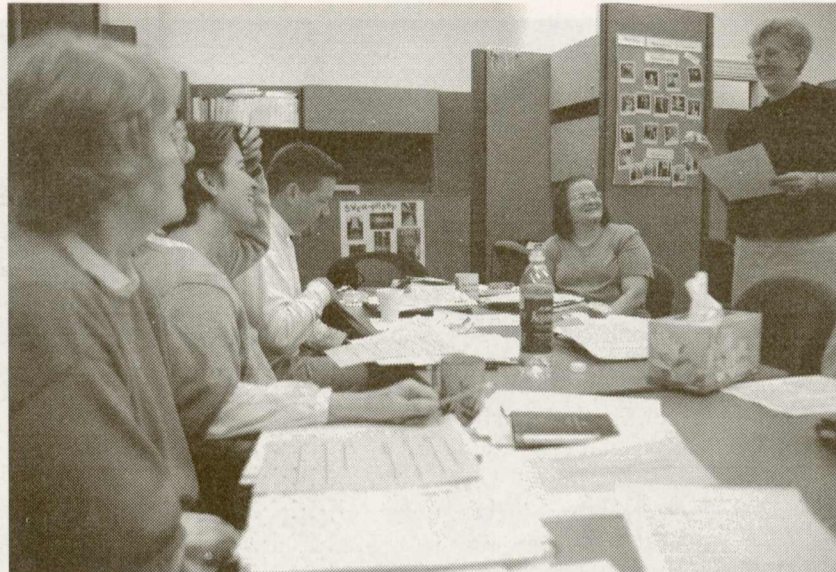
temperatures, theatre, speech and dance and applied science, an interdisciplinary mix she considers key to the course's success.

And the group addressed issues as diverse as their academic backgrounds, including everything from crafting a sensible syllabus to recognizing a well-turned thesis statement. Or the nettlesome question of how to respond to student papers: handwritten or typewritten comments? Post-It notes? One-on-one conferences?

Appropriately enough, Zuber conducts her seminar with an easy-going, conversational tone, not altogether different from her own freshman seminars, "Introduction to Film Studies" and "Writers on Writing." (Though perhaps not many freshman excuse a wayward comment with "I'm being fractious here," as one

professional student did last week.) Zuber, for her part, finds the May Seminar program almost as rewarding as a visit to Nags Head. "Our meetings make you feel a part of a community of learners," she said after class last week. "We're here to help the students learn, but we're all learning, as well." ■

by Jackson Sasser



Sharon Zuber, right, shares secrets of successful freshman seminars with (from left) Marlene Davis, Liz Barnes, Matt Sobnosky and Christine Boyland.

they're discussion-intensive and writing-intensive." Not to mention the challenge of managing the "emotional rhythm" of a course designed to welcome a dozen 18-year-olds to a new world.

Last week Zuber and her colleagues were meeting before any seniors saw the ocean, coming together for three hours on Monday through Friday mornings. Her seminar included faculty from English, history, modern languages and lit-

Cloudy Days Past Shed Light on Present

Conference on History and Climate examines 200-year-old relationship

Why did yellow fever plague Virginians in 1855? What accounts for changes in the Commonwealth's economy, and west-

morrow will suggest that all these historical episodes can be explained, in part, by the weather.

At the Conference on History and Climate, Lara Hamilton '01 will present evidence from her anthropology honors thesis that particularly wet, warm weather in Virginia in 1855 provided an environment in which yellow fever could thrive. Twenty years before that malady seized the Commonwealth—according to Dennis Blanton, director of the College's Center for Archaeological Research and a co-organizer of the conference—"truly turbulent weather" directly influenced both Virginia's economy and migration. And American studies master's student David Lewes discovered that Virginians began keeping systematic logs of weather data in the 1760s and 1770s. This and the si-

multaneous rise of amateur learned societies in the area indicate Virginians' increasing interest in the wider scientific community at that time.

The conference at which they will present their findings also brings together climatologists, historians and archaeologists, including University of Arkansas climatologist David Stahle, whose collaboration with Blanton three years ago determined that the worst droughts of the past 800 years likely played a major role in the disappearance of Roanoke Island's "Lost Colony" and in the "starving time" at Jamestown. Stahle will deliver the conference's keynote address, "Sixteenth Century Megadrought and Megadeath in North America," tonight at 7:30 in the University Center's Commonwealth Auditorium.

Many of the conference's participants are students, staff and faculty at the Center for Archaeological Research who gathered data to complete the region's climatic record. This research, funded by the National Science Foundation, was organized by Blanton and Cary Mock of the University of South Carolina.

Official widespread data on weather, collected by the United States government, began only around 1870. But because even stormy weather sheds light on past events, the College's team of researchers—including Kimberly Ettinger '00, who joined the project while an undergraduate history major—scoured libraries and archives across Virginia to read some 300 sources, including letters, diaries, newspapers, travel journals and ship logs. In so doing, they compiled climate data sufficient to extend and expand the record, covering the Mid-Atlantic and Southeast

regions as early as the 17th century.

While the conference will significantly advance the complementary research of climatologists and historians, presenters will also explore climate change as a current event, and their research findings will offer new insights into such issues as how climate change affects disease and storm frequency. Other research findings point to patterns of increasing temperatures. For example, research by Thomas Cronin of the U.S. Geological Survey indicates that the temperatures of the Chesapeake Bay in the 19th and 20th centuries increased to highs not seen in almost 1,000 years.

Ettinger, who will describe the methodology behind the project at the conference, pointed out that "the weather still makes headlines"—recent examples including El Niño and global warming.

"We're using information from our past to discuss how weather will affect people in the future," said Blanton. "This is a wonderful example of interdisciplinary research involving William and Mary students."

Conference sessions are free and open to the public and will be held in the University Center. The keynote address will be held in the Commonwealth Auditorium, and the sessions on Friday, May 25, will run from 8:15 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in Tidewater Room B. For more information, visit <http://www.wm.edu/CAS/WMCAR/confer/index.htm> or call 221-2580. ■

by Amy Ruth and Kelly Gray



Director of the Center for Archaeological Research Dennis Blanton, graduate student David Lewes, junior Lois Dietz (center) and Lara Hamilton '01 will help host the Conference on Climate and History.

ward migration, in the 1830s? When did amateur interest in science become popular in Virginia? Participants in a conference on campus tonight and to-

The Man With the Green and Gold Thumb

Roy Williams honored for bringing color to the campus during his 20-year career

Emerson's oft-quoted definition of success is full of people—intelligent folks whose respect you should win, honest critics whose appreciation you should earn, and so on—but only one place merits a mention. "A garden patch," according to the poet philosopher, is one of the chief ways to "leave the world a bit better."

For 20 years, the College campus has been Roy Williams' garden patch, a palette on which he has painted in broad strokes and bright colors. When he retires this week—actually, today is his last day as associate director of facilities management for gardens, grounds and support services—he will leave the College more than just a bit better. Those who remember the William and Mary of a generation ago compare Williams' influence on campus to adding Technicolor to a classic movie: the architecture has always been grand, but today, no picture of the College is complete without a splash of color.

Besides the respect and appreciation of people all over campus—dozens of whom honored Williams at a Great Hall reception last Wednesday—he received the College's Algernon Sydney Sullivan

award at Commencement May 13. President Sullivan's citation struck a theme that many would echo in the coming days: Roy Williams' work is all around us, the president pointed out from behind a bank of beautiful flowers. The president picked up on the thought at Williams' retirement reception.

"If you seek his monument, look about you," Sullivan quoted a memorial to Sir Christopher Wren found in London's St. Paul's Cathedral, which Wren designed. "And I would say to you, if you seek Roy Williams' monument, if you want to know what it was that he did for us, what will always be part of us, look about you."

Indeed, when you see something that grows and looks good at William and Mary, you see Williams' handiwork. (During a three-block walk to visit with him last week, I passed three members



Jackson Sasser

Roy Williams (above, left) and scores of his facilities management colleagues listen as Vice President for Student Affairs Sam Sadler reflects on their friendship of more than two decades; at right, Williams shares a laugh with Ginger Ambler, assistant vice president for student affairs.



of his crew working in three different locations.) At last week's reception, Sam Jones, vice president for management and budget, posited a walking tour of campus that would include some of Williams' greatest hits.

"Go to College Corner; go to the Adkins Garden; go to the Alumni House; go to Dawson Circle; go to James Blair square, and make sure you go all the way around; go to Crim Dell and the University Center; go to the Commons Dining Hall, which has some of the biggest plants I've ever seen; then go to Swem Library, and you might have a sense of Roy's influence on William and Mary."

As Williams remarked at his reception, however, it's people—not plants—that are most important in making William and Mary the place that it is. Joyce Hoar was among the guests at Williams' reception who had worked with him for almost two decades, before she retired in 1998. "In the old days, the only rule for gardeners was 'Don't touch the boxwoods,'" Hoar said. "Roy came up with much better ideas."

Ernest Russell, one of few members of Williams' crew who predates him, was not altogether excited about an idea his boss had about five years ago. "I didn't really want to apply for the lead job, but he talked me into it," said Russell, who now supervises a turf crew of three to four workers. "It has worked out good, and Roy would do anything in the world to help me get the job done. I'm going to miss him."

John McFarlane, the College's greenhouse supervisor, laughed when asked what he learned from Williams. "Why plant five geraniums when 500 will do," he said, before turning serious all of a sudden. "Roy manages with kind-

ness and compassion, those qualities are assets instead of faults, like they might be for most managers."

What Williams recalls most fondly, outside of the many friends he's made on the job, is his team's response to the ever-present College challenge to do more with less. "There was a lot to be done when I arrived," he said, "and we began buying half whiskey barrels, using them almost as little mobile gardens." Since there was little money with which to fill the barrels, Williams began growing plants and flowers from seed—in greenhouses he built with whatever happened to be at hand.

Although the greenhouses have improved—these days two are located behind the McCormack-Nagelsen Tennis Center—Williams' crew continues to grow its own plants. "All of the displays at Commencement, for example, all of those were grown from very small plants," Williams said, pointing out that not many universities handle a similar production volume.

For his part, Williams will now turn his attention to the garden at his Queens Lake home, and the Adams Garden, located on the corner of Boundary Street and Richmond Road. Madelynn Watkinson, who volunteers there seven days a week, hopes to recruit his help at least a couple of days a week.

There, if Williams' riotous Wren Building reception is any indication, the pair will go about satisfying Emerson's first step to success: "To laugh often, and much." ■

by Jackson Sasser

making headlines

Grooms Named Beinecke Scholar

Junior Fiona Grooms has been honored with a Beinecke Brothers Memorial Scholarship. As a Beinecke Scholar, Grooms, a double concentrator in French and chemistry, will receive \$2,000 prior to entering graduate school and an additional \$30,000 while attending graduate school, where she will study history and the philosophy of science.

The Beinecke Brothers Memorial Scholarship program enables highly motivated students to pursue opportunities and to be courageous in selecting a graduate course of study. Since its inception in 1975, the program has selected about 10 students annually. Grooms is William and Mary's third Beinecke Scholar. Danielle Sepulveda '93 and Neal Cardwell '96 are previous recipients.

Mills Receives Department of Energy Fellowship

Richard Mills, a graduate student in the Department of Computer Science, has been awarded a Computational Science Graduate Fellowship from the Department of Energy. As a fellow, Mills will complete a three-month practicum at a Department of Energy laboratory and complete coursework toward his degree in computational science. Fellows' benefits include a monthly stipend of \$1,800 and payment of all tuition and fees.

"I am immensely pleased to receive the fellowship," Mills said. "Since my high school days my goal has been to become a computational scientist."

Support the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life

Please help in the search for a cure for cancer by supporting participants in the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life, which will be held at Jamestown High School on June 8-9. Participants from the College community include a team of volunteers led by Becky Raines of the Office of Management and Budget (221-2742) and Daina Henry of the Office of Institutional Research (221-2571), and another led by Betsy Quinzio of the Alumni Society (221-1207) and Jackie Genovese of the Office of University Development (221-1039).

To help these teams raise funds for cancer research, consider pledging 10 cents for each lap that volunteers walk around the Jamestown High track. You can also buy a \$10 luminary, which is a candle that will be lit along the track to guide the walkers during the night. Each candle is named in honor of a cancer survivor, or in memory of a person who lost his or her battle with cancer. You can also make a direct donation to the American Cancer Society.

Please contact any team member for information on how to make a pledge per lap, buy a luminary or make a donation. Help them walk to make a difference!

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so—we'll be interested to see if you have a job," Clemens quipped after offering punch lines aplenty. "After tonight, you may also be interested to see if I have a job."

Senior Charlie Park and Chon Glover, director of multicultural affairs, also addressed the crowd, whose members dodged raindrops long enough to light their candles—after the class officers negotiated damp matches—and join in the alma mater. The Student Assembly and the senior class also joined in presenting senior Philip Woodward with the Kratzer Award, which recognizes exemplary courage, self-sacrifice, leadership and spirit.

Although most students extinguished their candles when the singing died down, a few flickered on into the night—some held by mothers, fathers, grandparents, young siblings. The reluctance of these loved ones to say "Goodnight, William and Mary" was a theme Lauren Morgan picked up on at Commencement, after the Class

of 2001 had gathered again, east of the Wren, for one last walk across campus.

A few more of their number were recognized individually there. Laura Beth Koetter, who earned her bachelor's degree in information technology with a perfect 4.0 grade point average, received the Lord Botetourt Medal, presented annually to the senior who attains the greatest distinction in scholarship. The James Frederic Carr Memorial Cup, awarded to the student who "best combines the qualities of character, scholarship and leadership" was presented to Jason Ciejka, who, like Koetter, graduated at the top of his class.

Professor of English Jack Willis received the Thomas Ashley Graves, Jr., Award, which recognizes sustained excellence in teaching. A member of the College faculty for more than 40 years, Willis has introduced generations of English majors to his beloved modern poetry, and offered his counsel to the College on countless committees.

"Professor Willis is the consummate teacher and College citizen," President Sullivan said, continu-

ing on to quote Willis' colleague and chair, Professor Terry Meyers: "With unstinting generosity at every level of the institution's life and in every way a person can, Professor Willis has manifested his love and enthusiasm for the College and its mission of educating young people and advancing human knowledge."

Seniors Whit Ellerman and Sarah Glass and Associate Director of Facilities Management for Gardens, Grounds and Support Services Roy Williams received the Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award, which recognizes characteristics of heart, mind and conduct as evince a spirit of love for and helpfulness to others. Together, Ellerman and Glass were the driving force behind the Alan Bukzin Memorial Bone Marrow Drive, the nation's largest such collegiate effort. Glass, who also served as senior class president, chaired the drive, and Ellerman donated his bone marrow in April—and volunteered at the drive within the week. Roy Williams' beautification of the campus during his two



decades as a horticulturalist were evident even in the plants onstage, almost all of which he and his crew nurtured from small plants (see story on Page 3).

Mary Sue Backus, who graduated with a degree from the Law School almost 20 years to the day after she received her bachelor's degree at the College, received the Thatcher Prize for Excellence in Graduate and Professional Study. The Thatcher Prize was also a special Mother's Day treat for Backus, who finished first in her class—much to the delight of her children.

President Timothy Sullivan closed the Commencement exercises by reminding graduates that their College experiences were far from a pedagogical experiment. Taken together,

Commencement 2001

Commencement scenes, clockwise from right: Newly engaged senior Becca Smith shows her engagement ring to a group of friends before Sunday afternoon's Senior Walk; 2nd Lt. Greg Tomlin is pinned by his parents at Saturday's ROTC commissioning ceremony; senior Leila Dominick and her grandmother Ina Embrey take in Saturday evening's Candlelight ceremony; sophomore Kristy Nuss offers jellybeans to seniors during their walk to William and Mary Hall; Rector Ed Grimsley (right) and Board of Visitors member Don Patten, who will succeed Grimsley as rector when his term expires on July 1, in the robing room before Commencement exercises; a member of the College's Class of 2018 at the Law School's picnic Saturday afternoon; senior Melissa Gillett listens as class president Sarah Glass offers instructions before the Senior Walk—her mortar board honors her late mother; Sharon Yates Gillett; law school graduate Tameka Collier is congratulated by her family after the Law School's Zable Stadium ceremony.



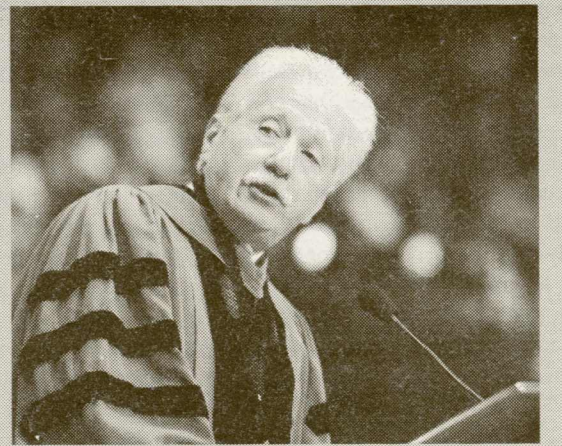
The Possibility of a good life

President Sullivan's Commencement remarks

Commencement custom accords the president the privilege of a few final words—a few final words. After all the emotion of this weekend, after the eloquence of this afternoon, you must—I know—be more than a little bit weary. Besides—you do not yet have in hand the very thing this whole weekend is about—your diploma, that powerful and physical symbol of success at the College of William and Mary. Be patient, would you, a few minutes more—that magic moment will come, and soon.

Nine times I have stood here to say goodbye—first to the Classes of 1993, and now to you. Each time I have felt a catch in my throat and tears in my eyes. Today is no different. My heart is so full of feelings to which I cannot give voice; my mind whirls with a million thoughts—none of which seem quite right. So where do I go? What is the last refuge of a perplexed president with an important duty to discharge? The answer is not so hard—attack a commencement cliché, of which, believe me, there is an inexhaustible supply.

Dame Sybille got it right. Let's think together about the last few years and about you. What happened to you here, what you learned here, what you have become here—none of that was a rehearsal. It was all real—it was all profoundly important—and not just for now, but for the rest of your lives. And while I am about the business of attacking clichés, why not go after another one. How about this:



"The world has become oh, so infinitely more complicated, complex and confusing. The young people of today face choices so confounding that no prior generation could possibly cope." Is any of that

true? Almost none of it, I think. I do concede that the world in which we live—and in which, I fear, you will spend most of your lives—is enormously more cluttered with the superficial than any prior era. Yes, we are drowning in a cascade of electronic gadgets; yes, we seem permanently caught up in a frenzy of largely pointless consumption and, yes, we are confronted daily with choices the banality of which is stupefying. But in this world of too many things and too few

The possibility of a good life is William and Mary's supreme commencement gift to you. . .

Let's try this one: "Today you end your long apprenticeship—you surrender your golden youth—and prepare for a tomorrow when you enter the real world in which you must scratch and claw your way to success." How many of you, how many times, have heard a variation of that thought uttered by some well-meaning worthy sentenced to deliver a commencement address? I would hasten to add here that today's speakers treated us very well. The idea that the world outside the university's walls is somehow more real than the university has become permanently lodged in the dictionary of commencement clichés. Nowhere is it written, however, that clichés must be right. This one—I must tell you—is particularly misguided.

Some time ago, Sybille Bedford wrote: "You see, when you are young you don't quite feel part of it yet—the human condition that is; you do things believing that they are not for real; that everything is a rehearsal, to be repeated adlib, to be put right when the curtain goes up in earnest. Then one day you discover that the curtain was up all the time. That was the performance."

values, of too much information and too little wisdom, you—you—are also blessed. Now I would like to say that you are uniquely blessed—but I am perhaps too prejudiced. You have a William and Mary education. What you learned here—what you have become here—is powerful protection against the beguiling but the empty glitter of contemporary life. Here you have found the talent to know truth—and the moral strength to live by the lessons truth teaches.

Do I exaggerate? I don't think so. Reflect for a moment on who you were when you first came here—then consider how much has happened to you—and how much stronger you are now than you were then.

- A few examples:
- you are undaunted even by the most intractable intellectual complexity.
- you have learned that in any great life ambiguity is inescapable but that simplicity is essential.
- you have discovered by disciplined repetition that genuine excellence can

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never be had at a discount.

- you have learned that the courage to dare never, ever leads to failure, only to new heights of achievement—or to opportunities to try yet again.

- you have discovered that morality without intellect guarantees a stunted life, but that intellect without morality is a one-way ticket to the tragedy of wasted talent.

- you realize your very special talents impose upon you an inescapable obligation to help others—not so blessed—to find their own way to a better life.

- you have been liberated perhaps not from all, but from many of the prejudices that marred your maturity—and blocked the hope that you would become the person that God meant you to be.

These are great gifts indeed, given here, so that every one of you might live a good life—defined wisely by the ancient Greeks “as the exercise of vital powers along lines of excellence in a life affording them scope.” So there it is—the possibility of a good life is William and Mary’s supreme commencement gift to you. And your time here in preparing for that possibility was no rehearsal—it was the first scene of the first act of the rest of your life. And having watched you with deep interest and deeper affection, I can tell you proudly that the play is well begun.

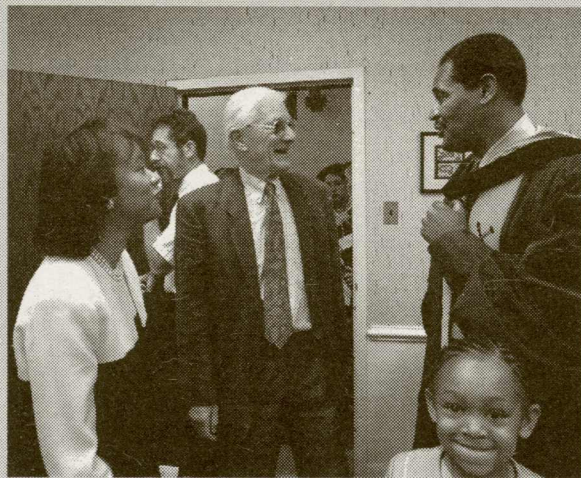
Finally, let me amend a statement I made at the beginning of these remarks. I said I was saying goodbye. I was wrong. You will never really leave William and

Mary—and just as surely, William and Mary will never leave you. As long as you live, some part of this place will abide with you—touch you in unexpected moments and in unanticipated ways. And, so, too, each of you leaves behind a part of yourself that will *forever* make this College different. What you leave cannot be seen—cannot be felt—but it is no less real for that. The dreams you dreamed—the hopes you had—the loves you loved—these will endure “for all time coming” just as surely as the mellow brick of the Wren, the glorious green gold of the spring in this beautiful place and the lingering laughter of Frisbee games in the Sunken Garden.

And when you return, as surely you will, sentimental and successful alumni, you will discover—as have the generations which preceded you—that the William and Mary to which you return is profoundly different—yet so very much the same. Like thousands before you, you will be amazed at how young the students look and shocked by how much you look like the faculty. And the magic of your special places will still be magic, and the sweet smell of youth will still be sweet—but it won’t any longer belong to you. When you do come back in the happy company of the friends you made here and whom you love still—you will discover, as have so many, William and Mary’s most closely guarded and magical secret: for the briefest moment it will again—again be 2001—and all of you *then* will be as you are *now*—young and beautiful and full of hope. ■



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Clockwise from top: Senior Class President Sarah Glass looks on as Vice President Lauren Morgan tries to put the candlelight in the Candlelight ceremony; Phi Beta Kappa inducts new members Friday afternoon; the view seniors enjoyed while descending the west steps of the Wren Sunday afternoon; and convocation speaker the Rev. Brian Blount, his wife Sharon and their daughter Kaylin visit with Tom Finn, a former professor of Blount's who retired this spring.



And Now, Your CAA Champions

Tribe baseball captures conference title, heads for NCAA regional

The year is 1983. Mike O'Kelly is a four-year-old in Richmond and Jim Farr is a relief pitcher for the Oklahoma City '89ers.

And William and Mary is in the NCAA baseball tournament.

This weekend, 18 years later, the Tribe will make its second NCAA appearance, thanks largely to Farr's fine coaching and O'Kelly's big bat, which provided the game-winning home run in the CAA championship game last Saturday against James Madison. On their way to the best season in William and Mary history, the team has proven the old baseball adage that pitching and defense win games. (A footnote: three-run homers don't hurt.)

ond game against James Madison, left the bat of O'Kelly, who was named the tournament's most outstanding player.

"We've got guys who can hit balls out of the park, we've got guys who can hit balls in the gaps, we've got guys who can bunt and do the little things," O'Kelly said. "I think that's why this year we've been successful. When I came in, we were a small team, without much power, and last year, we had a problem moving runners. To have both is outstanding."

Despite different looks from the batter's box, the Tribe's foes all faced the same impressive pitching and defense. Farr, himself a pitcher, is known for cultivating young arms—several of his former players now wear major-

ferent team now than we were in the middle of March," Farr said.

In fact, the team is different from any in William and Mary history, setting a batrack full of school records throughout the season. Among them are Brendan Harris' 17 home runs, 65 RBIs and 72 runs scored; Trey Wakefield's 22 doubles; Whitt Farr's and Saylor's nine wins; the team's 35 overall wins; and the six Tribe players named to the CAA conference teams. Also, Wakefield has a current 29-game hitting streak, and Farr is only the second W&M pitcher to record 100 strikeouts in a season (his 111 led the CAA).

To say nothing of sophomore Michael Brown's 10 home runs in the nine CAA tournament games he has played. "I see the ball down there—it just looks like a beach ball coming in," choosing a particularly appropriate metaphor for the tournament's Outer Banks location.

Here's the best news of all. "This is still a very young team," Farr says. "Two seniors and a handful of juniors really contribute for us—but the nucleus of this team is sophomores, especially on the mound." Harris, the Tribe's outstanding shortstop who hit 17 home runs and has a .749 slugging percentage, is also as good as gone, probably in the first few rounds of baseball's amateur draft.

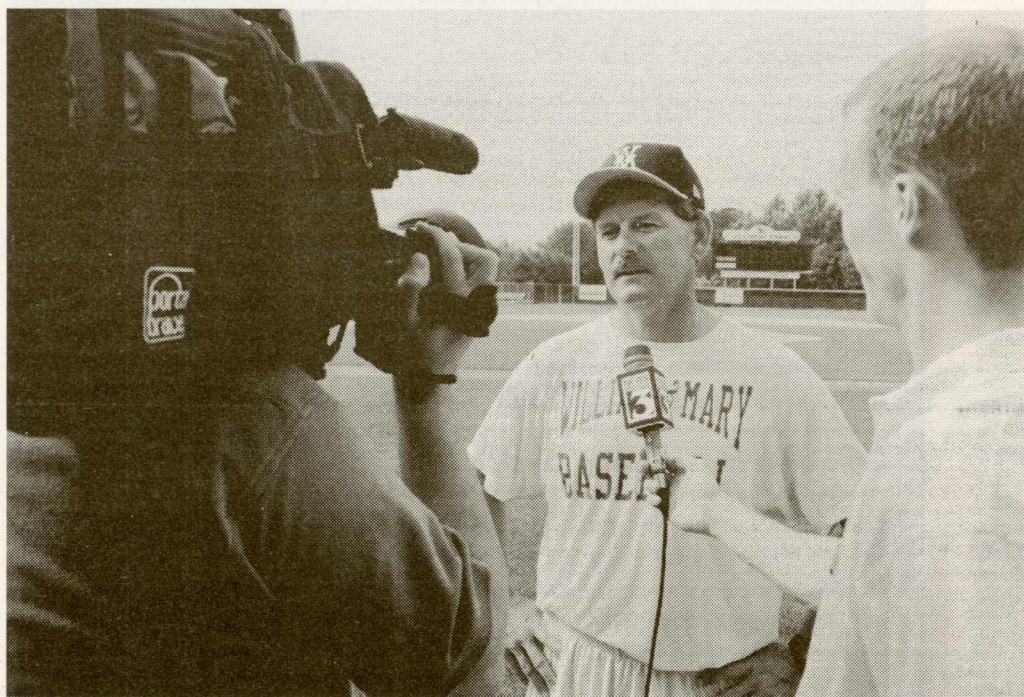
"You take one step at a time, and last year it was for us to get in a position to compete for a conference championship," Farr says. "We did that last year, and this year we took another step and won it.

Now our goal needs to be to make this an annual affair."

Tomorrow evening the Tribe will face Clemson in the first game of their NCAA regional, which also includes the University of South Alabama and Seton Hall. While the prospect of playing Clemson at Clemson doesn't delight the Tribe—they'll likely face a hostile crowd of around 5,000, about 10 times as many fans as they're used to entertaining—there is good news. First, the Tribe took Clemson into the eighth inning last season tied 5-5 (before eventually losing 10-6); and William and Mary's overall record this year against NCAA tournament teams is a respectable 6-7. And then there's the four-team format, which almost welcomes surprises. As Farr says, "You never know: a couple of good pitching performances and before you know it, you're in the finals."

Reflecting on his whereabouts in 1983, Coach Farr looked past the Plumeri Park scoreboard and smiled at the thought of his days with the Texas Rangers. Odds are heavily against the Tribe finishing out of the money in CAA for so long again, but if so, when some wise-guy writer asks him where he was the last time it occurred, you can believe he'll have something to smile about then, too. ■

by Jackson Sasser



Head Coach Jim Farr and his William and Mary baseball club have earned some attention since winning the CAA championship Saturday. They're most interested in getting Clemson's attention tomorrow evening.

Neither does good old fashioned-confidence: all week the team played as if the championship was theirs to lose. A three-game sweep of Old Dominion closed out the regular season on a high note, and only a scheduling complication kept the No. 1 seed out of William and Mary hands. "We felt we were the No. 1 seed going in," Coach Farr said before departing for Clemson, S.C., and the NCAA regional, "and consequently we played like it, and came out of it as we should have."

The versatile team Farr fields this season is capable of beating you with both "small ball"—advancing runners with bunts, walks, stolen bases, whatever means necessary—and big sticks (three W&M players have at least eight home runs). For example, George Mason and James Madison both fell to the Tribe during the CAA tournament, but the losing squads might tell you tales of two William and Mary teams.

The Tribe's first tournament win, over Mason, was largely the result of a six-run seventh inning that included four hits (including two bunts), two walks and an error: classic small ball. During the tournament's final two games, on the other hand, William and Mary scored five of its eight runs on homers. Two of those, including the pivotal shot in the eighth inning of the sec-

league uniforms. This season his staff was especially accomplished, including two nine-game winners (Whitt Farr, who's not related to his coach, and Clark Saylor) and an eight-game winner (Ben Shepard). Supporting the strong starters were relievers including closer Chris Ray, a freshman who recorded the final out of the CAA tournament. Overall, the Tribe compiled a 4.61 earned-run-average, a full run and a half better than their opponents.

William and Mary caught the ball as well as they threw it, compiling a .969 fielding percentage, good for 13th in the nation. Fourteen players—who together handled 911 chances in the field—made no more than one error each during the season.

But the team's most important characteristic can't be captured statistically. Although they're a young group—more about that later—they are most often as cool as the other side of the pillow. Take Saturday afternoon, when two base-running miscues cost the Tribe the first game against JMU, forcing another, winner-take-all matchup.

"That could have really deflated this club, but they stayed composed—the biggest thing about this group is that they don't panic," Farr says. "We've won a number of ballgames late, and that has given us confidence: we're a much dif-

Boyages Recruits Five Promising Prospects

The first class recruited by head men's basketball coach Rick Boyages includes a player at every position, the program announced last week after the spring signing period closed.

Late signees Tom Viglianco, a 6-foot-9-inch swing player from Madison, Ala., and 6-foot-10-inch Nate Loehrke, from Kalamazoo, Mich., round out a class that already included Nick D'Antoni, a 6-foot point guard from Myrtle Beach, S.C.; Steve Sorenson, a 6-foot-8-inch forward from Ohio; and 6-foot-7-inch forward Adam Hess, a transfer from Eastern Michigan University.

"I'm pretty thrilled with the class, considering what we were able to do in a short period of time," Boyages told the *Daily Press*. "We've got to push the fringes of the power conferences. If we go after the same kids that the Patriot League and the Ivy League teams are recruiting, we can't win in the CAA. I'm not satisfied with just being competitive in the CAA. I want to win."

Loyola Downs Tribe LAX; Lowman Player of the Week

Despite Tara Hannaford's three goals in the opening seven minutes of play, the William and Mary lacrosse team fell to Loyola 15-7 in an NCAA Division I Championship first-round game May 10. Loyola sophomore Lauren Peck scored three of her game-high four goals in a 7-0 Loyola run that spanned half time.

Also, senior attacker Lindsey Lowman was named the Colonial Athletic Association's Player of the Week, following her record-breaking performance on the Tribe's senior day, April 28.

Lowman set a school single-game mark by dishing out eight assists, while also adding three goals in W&M's 17-7 win over Davidson College. Lowman vaulted her career assist total to a W&M career-best mark of 68. She also set the school's single season record for assists in 2001, with a national best total of 42.

This is the second time that Lowman has been named the Player of the Week this season.

Magnetism Draws Research Dollars for DeFotis

Chemistry professor earns fifth multiyear National Science Foundation grant

While many of us, scientists or not, might not be drawn to study the magnetism of solid oxygen or of transition metal compounds, Professor of Chemistry Gary DeFotis thrives on such research. And his magnetic research thrives because it

attracts the support of the National Science Foundation.

DeFotis' research continues under his fifth multiyear NSF grant. Over the years, 17 of his grants have drawn nearly \$1 million to fund research that explores the magnetic properties of unique combinations of materials.

"I try to identify magnetic materials that are likely to exhibit unusual behavior," DeFotis said. "A big part of my work involves mixing two different magnets together and studying the very novel sorts of behavior, behavior not seen in pure materials, that can appear."

Magnetism is a fundamental phenomenon of na-

ture, DeFotis explained, and it has been interesting to humans since the earliest times, for example, the "lodestone," a magnetite that possesses polarity. In recent times, people have been testing theoretical predictions and following the detailed behavior of particular magnetic models in ways which could not have been imagined a century or more ago.

"From a practical point of view," DeFotis said, "one never knows what one's basic scientific research or findings will reveal that is useful." Judging from the past, he said, "it is now safe to say that magnetism research has yielded enormous numbers of applications, from moving large pieces of metal, like cars, to high-density recording and advances in computers." He also pointed out that magnets have been proposed for use in industry's plans to remove sludge from sewage, to prevent scale build-up in water pipes and to run levitated trains via superconducting magnets.

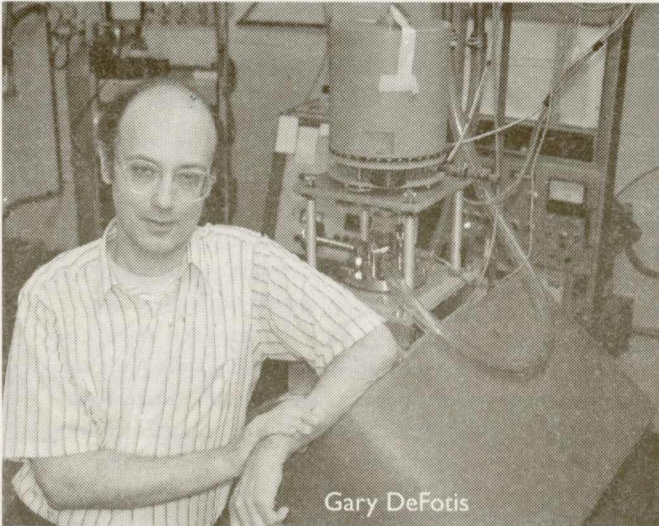
"Most recently, the presence of magnetite in human and animal brains has

been discovered, and its presence is much more widespread than previously realized," DeFotis said. "Is it there for navigation? Why is it there? The scientific community really does not know."

He is currently working on an area of pure science called the study of spin glasses, especially random sorts of magnets. "It is thought that there is a profound connection between these random systems and the way neural networks in brains are structured," he said. The vast majority of DeFotis' work has been done in collaboration with undergraduates at the College, many of whom have had their work appear in published research papers.

DeFotis earned a doctorate in physical chemistry from the University of Chicago and began teaching at the College in 1980. He was the Garrett-Robb-Guy Professor of Chemistry from 1992 to 1997 and has received both state and national awards for his teaching and research. ■

by Ann Gaudreaux



Gary DeFotis

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 by e-mail. Submissions must be signed with a contact name and telephone number for verification purposes. Items may be edited for clarity or length. Direct submissions to the *William & Mary News*, Holmes House, 308 Jamestown Rd. Fax to 221-3243. E-mail to wmnews@wm.edu. Call 221-2644 for more information. The deadline for the June 21 issue is June 14 at 5 p.m.

Tonight

Bookstore Event: Nick Mangieri will discuss his experiences as chief of police in Alaska, as a detective in New York and as a federal agent with the Department of Labor. He will sign copies of his books, *Frozen Shield: Alaska Cover-Up* and *Broken Badge: The Silencing of a Federal Agent*. 7 p.m., William and Mary Bookstore. 253-4900, ext. 238.

May 24-25

Conference on History and Climate. A gathering of climatologists, historians and archaeologists, who will consider research by students and staff at the College's Center for Archaeological Research. The research provides significant new information about long-term climate patterns in the Mid-Atlantic and

Southeast regions as early as the 17th century and contributes to the study of global climate change, including questions relating to contemporary global warming issues. See article on Page 2. Keynote address: tonight, 7:30 p.m., Commonwealth Auditorium, University Center. Sessions on Friday, May 25, will run from 8:15 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in Tidewater Room B, University Center. Free and open to the public. Contact: 221-2584.

June 2

Black Faculty and Staff Forum's Annual Yard Sale: Booth rentals, which are open to the public, are \$10 for a 6' table and a chair, \$5 for each additional table. A local charity will be on site to pick up unsold items/donations. Donations may be tax-deductible. 7 a.m.-1 p.m., Morton Hall parking lot, off Jamestown Road. Rescheduled from May 19 due to weather. Call 221-2068.

June 12

HACE General Meeting: Representatives from the Virginia Credit Union and the Virginia Governmental Employees' Association will discuss the benefits of membership in their organizations. The Employee of the Month award will be presented. All hourly, classified, faculty and administrative staff, as well as non-members are welcome. Non-members are asked to contribute \$2 toward ongoing special projects. Yearly membership is \$5 per person. Noon-1 p.m., Tidewater Rooms A and B, University Center. 221-1791.

exhibitions

Through May 27

Georgia O'Keeffe in Williamsburg: A Re-Creation of the Artist's First Public Exhibition in the South.

Through July 1

Quilt National 1999: The Best in Contemporary Quilts

These exhibitions are on display 10 a.m.-4:45 p.m. weekdays and noon-4 p.m. on weekends at the Muscarelle Museum. 221-2703.

looking ahead

July 6-29

Virginia Shakespeare Festival: This year's festival will feature productions of *The Comedy of Errors* and *Antony and Cleopatra*. Tuesday through Saturday performances will be at 8 p.m., with Sunday matinees at 2 p.m., in Phi Beta Kappa Hall. The theater will be dark on

Trowbridge Named Employee of the Month

Matt Trowbridge, university arborist, was named May 2001 Employee of the Month and was recognized during the Hourly and Classified Employees (HACE) meeting May 8. As Employee of the Month, Trowbridge will have a parking space reserved for him for the month of June.

Trowbridge, who has tended the campus's trees and plantings for nearly 13 years, is one of the few trained and certified arborists in the Commonwealth of Virginia. With only one assistant, he cares for all the trees on the College's 1,200-acre campus. Not only does he trim branches, prune trees from amazing heights and care for plantings with disease-resistant treatments, he also shares his knowledge about campus trees with faculty, staff, students and visitors.

Any hourly or classified employee at William and Mary or VIMS may be nominated for Employee of the Month and need not be a HACE member. For nominating guidelines and selection criteria, access www.wm.edu/HACE or contact Kristy Hill at 221-3272 or kmhill@wm.edu.



Mondays and on July 10. Tickets will be \$15 for one play or \$25 for both plays. A group rate of \$12 will be available when 20 or more tickets are purchased at one time. Reservations may be made by calling the PBK box office at 221-2674, beginning June 12. For more information, call 221-2659 or 221-2660.

July 16-27

Center for Gifted Education Summer Enrichment Program: Opportunities for students in

pre-kindergarten through 10th grade to explore specialized areas of science, mathematics and the humanities. Classes will be held from 9 to 11 a.m. and 11:45 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. on the William and Mary campus. \$165 per class. Download brochure at <http://cfge.wm.edu>. Register no later than June 20 by calling 221-2362 or e-mailing cfge@wm.edu.

classified advertisements

FOR SALE

Beautiful transitional colonial in Page Landing: 3,000 square feet, 4-5 BRs, 3 full baths, 2-story foyer, upgrades galore. On 3.85 acres. \$296,900. Shown by appointment only. Call 253-0955 (owner-agent).

2-BR, 1-1/2-bath, 968-square-foot condominium in Williamsburg Commons. Second-floor unit with fireplace, private balcony, view of the woods. Tennis court, pool, clubhouse with exercise room. Convenient to campus. \$76,000. Contact Jodi at 221-3424 or jxfsl@wm.edu.

1989 Chrysler Conquest sports car with less than 79,000 original miles. White exterior, burgundy leather interior. 2.6L turbocharged/intercooled 4-cylinder engine (approximately 190 HP). 5-speed. Original owner. Make offer. Call 886-9004 after 5 p.m.

1988 Toyota Camry, 4-door sedan, 109K miles, AC, AM-FM tape, cruise control. Good condition, only two owners. Asking \$2,500. Call 221-2510 or 258-3191.

Solarflex, with butterfly and leg attachments. Total Gym, sturdy TV version. Nordic Track Walkfit. Each \$300. Call 259-0969.

FOR RENT

Vacation cottage at Kill Devil Hills, Mile Post 6 and Avalon Pier. Immaculate, fully furnished 2-BR cottage. AC and cable. \$425/week. Call 220-0122 or (804) 829-9434.

Vacation rentals: Barrier Island Station, Duck, N.C. 3 BRs, 2 baths, sleeps 8, for week of July 28-Aug. 4 at

premier resort stretching from ocean to sound. Ocean view, between pool and tennis courts. Swimming, fishing, sailing, biking, shopping and planned activities for kids. \$1,450. Also, Summit at Massanutten, Gold Crown resort in the Shenandoah Valley. Week of June 22-29. 2-BR, 2-bath unit, sleeps 6. Every possible amenity: 5 pools, 2 golf courses, tubing, fishing, hiking, biking, tennis, and more. \$825. Call Ken Petzinger at 221-3523.

WANTED

Local doctor seeks responsible, non-smoking individual to help with front desk responsibilities and/or billing. PT/FT. Contact pchiro@widomaker.com.

Data entry work wanted, medium-level computer skills position. World class speller with excellent syntax/diction, ability to transpose and understand medical, legal, technical/scientific terms, a project where broad spectrum of accuracy and literacy is required. W&M '74, English and history; attended law school. Entry level salary acceptable. Contact Sam Royall by e-mail at samroyall@hotmail.com or pager, 988-2674.

New faculty member looking for quiet 1-BR apartment close to campus. Call (703) 276-6637 or e-mail khadiag@aol.com.

Couple seeks furnished, sabbatical housing in Williamsburg for spring 2002 semester. Non-smoking, no children. Willing to pet sit. Prefer close to campus. Call Steve or Nancy Bickham at (570) 724-3893 or e-mail sbickham@wheat.mnsfld.edu. Local contact is Jennifer Bickham Mendez at jbmend@wm.edu.

W&M NEWS

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