

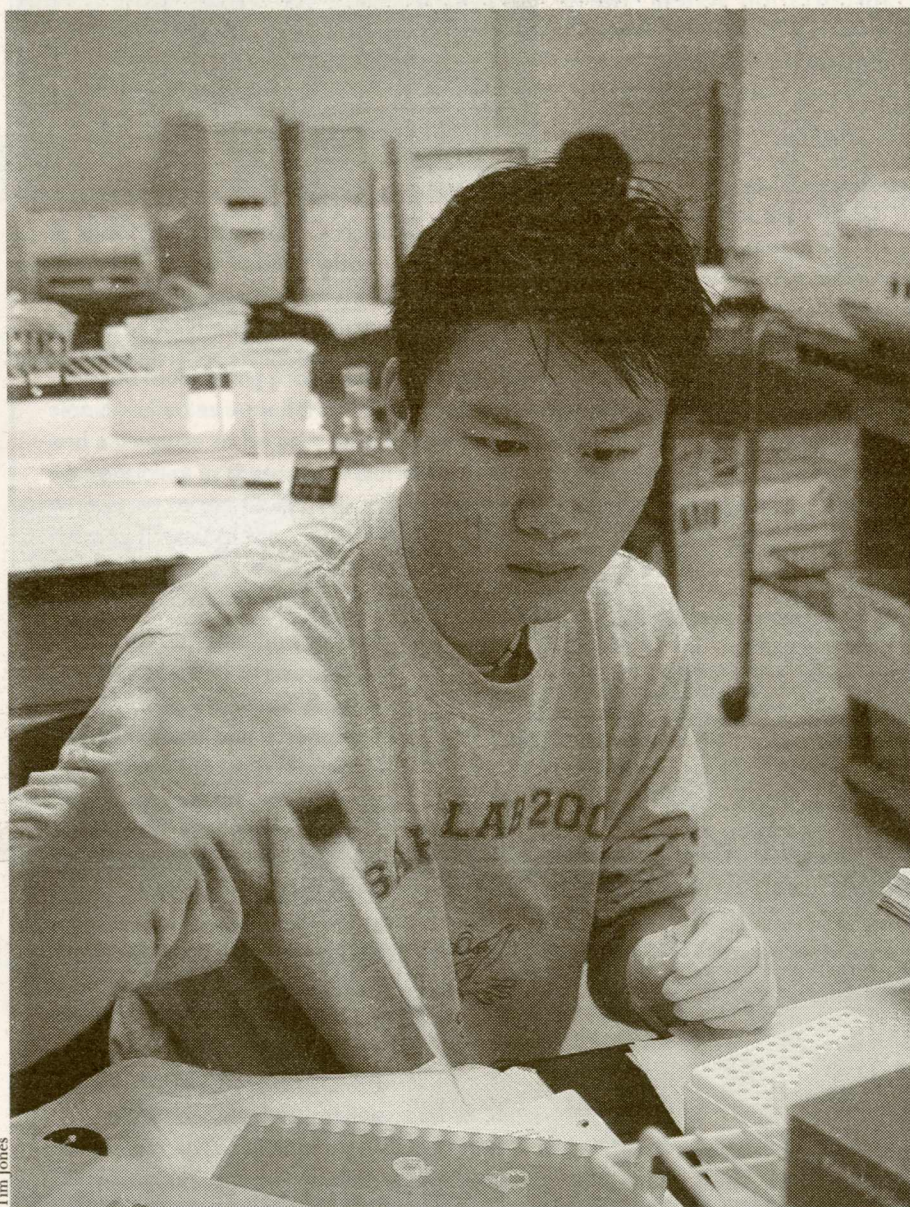


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Tim Jones

Senior John Hsia extracts DNA for his developmental neurobiology research this summer. Hsia's research is funded by a 1998 HHMI grant.

## W&M Earns "A" On Report Card For Universities

The College of William and Mary again has earned high marks for institutional effectiveness, according to a report filed with the State Council of Higher Education in Virginia. The report reveals that 95 percent of the College's freshmen successfully complete their critical first year, 89 percent go on to complete undergraduate degrees and a higher percentage of William and Mary graduates is admitted to medical and law school than that of other institutions. The report consists of 13 measures that apply to all of Virginia's public colleges and universities as well as three that are institution-specific standards.

"SCHEV's report on institutional effectiveness demonstrates the outstanding manner in which William and Mary serves its students and the commonwealth," said William and Mary President Timothy J. Sullivan. "The return on public and private funds invested in the College is very high, especially in light of the fact that our level of funding is substantially lower than that of our peers."

The SCHEV report confirms the findings of the *U. S. News & World Report's* study of institutional efficiency, last conducted in 1998. Defining efficiency as a combination of high quality and low cost, the magazine ranked Wil-

liam and Mary second in the nation.

Initially recommended by Governor James Gilmore's Blue Ribbon Commission on Higher Education and mandated by the 2000-2002 Virginia Appropriations Act, the performance measures are designed to give state officials, lawmakers, students and citizens primary and comparative data needed to make informed judgments about the quality of higher education in the commonwealth. This is the second year of the report.

"William and Mary's commitment to high-quality instruction is clearly demonstrated by its performance on the three institution-specific measures—the undergraduate student-faculty ratio, the percentage of undergraduates living on campus and the professional school acceptance rates of its bachelor's degree recipients," said Sullivan.

William and Mary maintains a low 12:1 student-faculty ratio, and 76 percent of its undergraduates live on campus, aspects which allow for a learning community in which students and faculty work closely together.

"The benefits of these are dramatically illustrated by the high rates of acceptance to professional schools our

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## W&M Receives \$1.6-Million Grant

The College of William and Mary is one of 44 institutions to receive a 2002 Howard Hughes Medical Institute (HHMI) Undergraduate Biological Sciences Education Program grant, announced this month. The \$1.6-million grant continues the work of the College's 1998 HHMI grant by expanding successful components and introducing new initiatives.

"The support of the Howard Hughes Medical Institute has had a tremendous impact on scientific education and research at every level," said Provost Gillian Cell. "We are grateful for funding that allows our faculty and students to undertake projects that explore the most current areas of the biological and related sciences."

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## Appreciation Day Luncheon

President Timothy Sullivan and the campus community will celebrate the immeasurable service of the College's staff today, at the annual Employee Appreciation Day celebration held in William and Mary Hall. The event, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. includes a luncheon buffet and door prizes. A special service award presentation ceremony at 12:30 p.m. honors the College's long-time staff members, including those profiled in this issue of the *News* who are celebrating 30 or more years of service.

## EPA Administrator On Campus

Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Christine Todd Whitman (right) is shown samples of stream invertebrates by rising senior Jennifer DeHart during a tour of the W.M. Keck Environmental Field Lab in June, as Provost Gillian Cell looks on. During her visit Whitman met with more than a half-dozen students conducting summer research in and around Lake Matoaka. DeHart, rising sophomore Breanna Korsman, rising senior Emily Manley and rising junior Christina Smar, are studying whether stream invertebrates can be used as a gauge for the impact of upland development on water quality. The vertebrate "in view" is being analyzed for potential use as an indicator species in the water quality evaluation process. Their project is funded in part by the Virginia Environmental Endowment.

In comments to the *Daily Press*, Whitman said, "What's happening here is really exciting. The more we can involve young people in science and policy making... the better the outlook is for the environment." The former governor of New Jersey was in town last month to speak to an American Meteorological Society conference.

*by Suzanne Seurattan*



Stephen Salpukas



## Crossroads Group Continues Serving Community

Health Research Board grant awarded to study health of older adults

Healthcare for the area's older citizens will be advanced by a major grant from the Commonwealth Health Research Board. Former state senator and CHRB chair Hunter Andrews announced the award at a recent meeting of the Crossroads Project. Some \$88,000 in state funds matched by \$39,000 in College support will help develop a model for community-based services to promote the health of older adults.

Grant partners include the College, Eastern Virginia Medical School, the School of Medicine at Virginia Commonwealth University and Sentara/Williamsburg Community Hospital in collaboration with the Center for Excellence on Aging and Geriatric Health. The Center was created in January 2002 with a start-up grant from the Williamsburg Community Health Foundation and matching funds from local governments, local institutions and the Crossroads Project.



Former state senator Hunter Andrews announced a grant that will benefit the area's older citizens.

Researchers for the Center will now conduct studies of the growing senior population in the area, including surveys of local seniors and their families, service providers, doctors and community

leaders about the needs of the older adult population.

Helen Madden, interim director of the Center for Excellence, sees the grant as a significant next step toward the Center's vision—a Center that would cover all health aspects of the community's aging population. "This grant gives us the opportunity to rethink how we can collaborate our research and facilities," she said. "We hope to have a framework for a community system in place by spring 2003."

Although clinical research may begin soon, the hope is that the Center will be in full operation in the next two to three years. "Thanks to the health care studies conducted by David Finifter, we can move forward on the foundations of the Center for Excellence," said Jim Oliver, Crossroads coordinator. "By getting the best people in this community together, we can create an environment of care and connectivity so that we can take care of ourselves as we age."

Sen. Tommy Norment was on hand to present his vision of a restructured Eastern State campus that would include a Center for Excellence and a Historic Triangle campus of Thomas Nelson Community College. Norment endorsed the Center for Excellence and the new grant, saying that the direction Crossroads was taking exhibited a "special moment in the vision of a historical and special community."

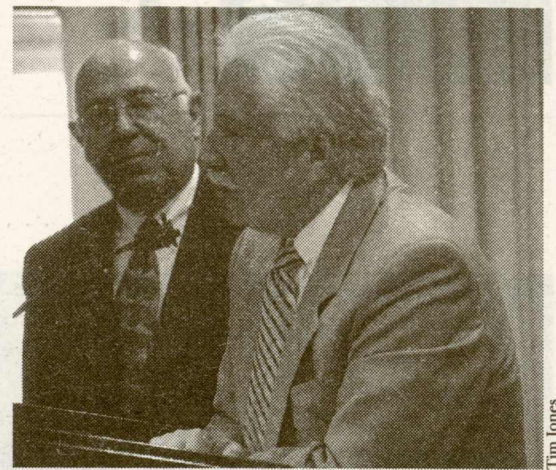
This, he said, involved three things: "The Center gives us a vision to restructure Eastern State Hospital and the services it provides and adds varying degrees of geriatric health care. Planning for the Center," he added, "allows the flexibility needed to blend parochial and local interests, working cooperatively, to protect the vision of geriatric care. Finally, it shows the commitment to Eastern State Hospital and Thomas Nelson Community College that I share for el-

der care, training and education." Norment pledged his continued support to help bring the Center for Excellence to fruition.

Other Crossroads updates included the reorganized and renamed Williamsburg Area Transportation system, the renovated Williamsburg Transportation Center, the new building on Merchants Square, the High Street/Torsion development and the New Town groundbreaking.

Crossroads is a coalition of 11 partners that includes the College, local governments, area institutions and regional organizations with an interest in the future of the Williamsburg community. ■

by Ann Gaudreaux



Jim Yankovich, Crossroads chair, looks on as President Timothy Sullivan offers final remarks at a recent Crossroads meeting before many in attendance ventured to the New Town site to celebrate its groundbreaking.

## A Hot Time In New Town



Bill Walker

Braving a blazing sun and temperatures in the mid-90s, Virginia Secretary of Commerce and Trade Michael J. Schewel (left) led a group of officials who broke ground for New Town on June 25. Within the next few months, work on roads and infrastructure is expected to begin, with construction of the SunTrust Building following soon thereafter. Slated for construction in the future is the Discovery Center, which will house high-tech firms

working closely with William and Mary faculty and students. The mixed-use facility will blend shops, offices, restaurants and homes with parks, green space and hiking trails.

## Governor Names New BOV Members

Earlier this month Governor Mark Warner announced the appointments of Thomas Capps, Lawrence Eagleburger, Suzann Matthews '71 and Mark McCormack '51 to the College's Board of Visitors.

"The College could not be more pleased to welcome three new members to the Board of Visitors and to welcome back Larry Eagleburger to the board," said President Timothy Sullivan. "They bring a keen devotion to higher education in Virginia and to William and Mary, and we look forward to their service on the board."



Capps

Independent Colleges. He earned his

undergraduate and law degrees from the University of North Carolina. After practicing law in Winston-Salem, he joined Carolina Power & Light Co. in 1970 as senior counsel. Before joining Dominion's principal subsidiary, Virginia Power, in 1984, he practiced law as general counsel in Boston, Mass. and Miami, Fla. He replaces Jeffrey Schlagenhaut of Fairfax, Va.

**Lawrence Eagleburger**, of Charlottesville, Va., served on the College's Board of Visitors from 1996 to 2000. A 27-year-veteran of the Foreign Service, he is former U.S. Secretary of State and former U.S. ambassador to Yugoslavia. In 1993 he joined the law firm of Baker, Donelson, Bearman and Caldwell as senior foreign policy advisor. Currently chairman of the International Commis-



Eagleburger



Matthews

sion on Holocaust Era Insurance Claims, he is also a member of the boards of the Halliburton Company and the Phillips Petroleum Corporation. He received bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Wisconsin. Eagleburger replaces Gary LeClair of Richmond, Va.

**Suzann Matthews**, of McLean, Va., is a member of the board of directors of Wolf Trap Foundation, the College's National Campaign Steering Committee and the Fund for William and Mary. In addition, she is a member of the College's Conference of Advisory Board Chairs and a former Muscarelle Museum of Art board member. She holds a bachelor's degree in English from the College, and has worked in the U.S. Congress, as a corporate analyst and as co-founder of an international funds

management company. She replaces Francis West of Penhook, Va.

**Mark McCormack**, of Windermere, Fla., is founder, chairman and chief executive officer of the International Management Group, the world's dominant sport and celebrity management organization. His clients have included Tiger Woods, Venus and Serena Williams and violinist Itzhak Perlman. McCormack, who earned a law degree from Yale University, is the author of 11



McCormack

books, including the best-selling *What They Don't Teach You At Harvard Business School*. He has established several academic and athletic scholarships at the College. McCormack replaces James McGlothlin of Bristol, Va. ■

by Amy Ruth



## making headlines

### Professors Appointed To Governor's Advisory Board Of Economists

Virginia Governor Mark Warner recently announced the appointments of Roy Pearson and William Rodgers to the Governor's Advisory Board of Economists. Pearson is the Chancellor Professor of Business Administration and Rodgers the Francis L. and Edwin L. Cummings Associate Professor of Economics.

The Advisory Board of Economists is tasked with reviewing and evaluating the economic forecast used to develop the revenue estimates on which the Commonwealth of Virginia's budget is based. Terms of service are unspecified; members serve at the pleasure of the Governor.

Pearson served previously on the board under governors Robb, Baliles, Wilder and Allen. "The Virginia revenue forecasting process is very thorough and professional—cited as a model for other states. It is an honor and a pleasure to be part of that process, and a serious responsibility in these uncertain times," he said. Pearson, who came to the College in 1971, was named a Distinguished Fellow of the Virginia Association of Economists in 1998, an Honorary Member of the Association for University Business and Economic Research in 1999 and currently serves on the board of directors of the International Institute of Forecasters. He also served as director of the Bureau of Business Research at William and Mary from 1984 to 1998.

The appointment is Rodgers' first to the board. "This is a very challenging economic time for the Commonwealth," he said. "I am pleased to have the opportunity to serve the state in this way and at this time." Rodgers, with the College since 1993, also serves as director of the Center for the Study of Equality and chairs the Committee on Employment Opportunity at William and Mary. He was also the chief economist for the Department of Labor in 2000 under the Clinton administration. Rodgers sits on the Board of the Williamsburg Chapter of the United Way and currently serves as the organization's Planning Committee co-chair.

### "Twister" And "Whirlwind" Will Triple Super Computer's Power

The Computational Science Cluster announced the addition of two new subclusters to its "super computer" SciClone this month. SciClone went operational in the fall of 2000 with four atmospherically designated subclusters—typhoon, tornado, gulfstream and hurricane. The new subclusters are aptly named "twister" and "whirlwind."

The upgrades, provided in part by monies from the Commonwealth Technology Research Fund and support from Sun Microsystems, will triple the computational capacity of the computer. SciClone will boast 207 nodes with 294 CPUs and 188.5 GB of real memory. Disk capacity will be bolstered to 7.2 TBs.

SciClone's subcluster organization makes it somewhat unique among cluster computing systems. The configuration allows researchers to use the powers of the clusters either individually or together creating greater computational flexibility. One of the new servers will be dedicated to running Oracle which will be used to primarily support bioinformatics research.

Preparations for the additional equipment are underway. The architectural and engineering modifications necessary for the installation of the new equipment should be completed in the fall. As with the existing system, "twister" and "whirlwind" will be available to the entire William and Mary community—faculty and students alike.

With three times the current computing capacity, this new system will be ideal for researchers whose problems require more power than they have on their desktop. This might range from hundreds of small problems with each running on a separate processor to a single large simulation which uses all of SciClone's parallel computing capabilities.

Information about the system and its use is available from Tom Crockett at x-12762.

## Grant supports undergraduate research, faculty development

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Directed by Associate Professor of Biology Margaret Saha, the grant will support a broad-based program, providing novel opportunities in undergraduate research while offering unique resources to the community in an effort to invigorate science education.

A major new initiative involves an emphasis on two specific emerging interdisciplinary areas—computational biology and bioinformatics. The latter, a field encompassing biological information acquisition, processing, storage, analysis and interpretation, in particular will provide for significant research opportunities for undergraduates.

"This award dovetails perfectly with the presence of INCOGEN, the bioinformatics firm that relocated to Williamsburg last fall," said Saha. "They will be a great resource in helping us implement the bioinformatics initiatives funded by this grant."

The grant will also fund the development of new upper-level courses in bioinformatics and computational biology and provide funding for faculty development in these growing fields.

Additionally, the grant provides for enhanced early career

counseling through a collaboration between the Office of Career Services and science faculty, more opportunities for science and education double majors to work in laboratories and funds to restructure the College's introductory biology laboratories, making them more research and problem oriented.

Grant funding will continue to support freshman research and summer fellowship programs, both of which have flourished since they were implemented in 1998. Previously limited to chemistry and biology, the freshman research program will expand to include biological psychology, computer science, geology, mathematics and physics. Precollegiate and other outreach programs—including enrichment courses for local students and update courses for secondary school teachers—will continue as well.

Grants totaling \$80 million were awarded this year to 44 research universities selected from 189 institutions.

The Howard Hughes Medical Institute is a non-profit medical research organization whose principal mission is biomedical research. The Institute is one of the world's largest phi-

lanthropies, with laboratories across the United States and grants programs throughout the world. Through its programs, HHMI enhances science education at all levels and supports leading biomedical scientists working at the forefront of their fields. HHMI employees 336 Hughes investigators who conduct basic medical research in HHMI laboratories at 70 medical centers and universities worldwide. Through its



Sophomore Alessandra Davidson and senior Marija Ugrinich prepare gel, for gel electrophoresis—research funded by the HHMI.

complementary grants program, the Institute supports science education in the United States and a select group of biomedical scientists abroad. ■

*by Amy Ruth*

## In Memoriam: Joy Archer

Professor Emerita of Kinesiology, Mary Joy Archer, who served on the College's faculty for 24 years, before her 1994 retirement, died on July 4, 2002.

In October of 2001, 200 people traveled from 12 states to pay tribute to Archer. They gathered at Barksdale Playing Field, planting a Forest Pansy redbud honoring the coach who had touched so many lives on and off the field.

Archer joined the William and Mary faculty in 1968 as an activity class instructor in the Department of Physical Education for Women and became the long-time women's field hockey and lacrosse coach. In 1983 she was named full professor of kinesiology and served that department as chair. She was instrumental in combining the two departments.

In addition to excellence in teaching and coaching, Archer is remembered for the enthusiasm she brought to the game, and her ability to encourage and mentor students.

"Joy Archer was the quintessential physical educator," said John Charles, kinesiology chair and associate professor. "She taught as much through her lifestyle as through her lessons. She truly lived up to her name in that she lived and spread joy. She was my sponsor (in that she hired me), my mentor (in that she taught me how to be the best professional I

could be) and my friend (in that she was a constant source of support and inspiration). I am one of the many who will continue to love and miss her."

During her tenure she served on the College's Athletic Policy Committee, the Faculty Assembly Committee and the Procedural Review Committee. She served the Virginia Federation for Intercollegiate Sports for Women as president and was a member of the United States Women's Lacrosse Association and the United States Field Hockey Association, serving these organizations on several governing committees.

Before she began her career at the College, Archer was director of girl's physical education at schools in Denver, Colo., and Buffalo, N.Y., and was director of the Denver Tennis Club.

A native of Philadelphia, Penn., Archer received her bachelor's of science degree from Skidmore College in 1953 and went on to earn a master's degree from William and Mary.

In addition to her on-campus commitments, Archer served and supported her community with membership and leadership positions for a variety of organizations. She was a board member for the Coalition for Quality Growth and the Historic Rivers Land Conservatory and a member of the Williamsburg Bird Club, the College's Center for Conservation Biology, the Coastal Vir-



Friends and colleagues gathered on Barksdale Field last year to honor Archer.

ginia Wildlife Observancy, the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, among many others.

She is survived by her sister, brother, sister-in-law and many nieces, nephews, grandnieces, grandnephews and cousins. A memorial service was held on July 11 at the Unitarian Universalist Church. Donations may be made to the Unitarian Universalist Church Endowment Fund, 3051 Ironbound Rd., Williamsburg, Va., 23188; the Williamsburg Land Conservancy, 5000 New Point Rd., No. 1202, Williamsburg, Va., 23188; or to the Hospice Support Care, 4445 Powhatan Parkway, Williamsburg, Va., 23188. ■

*by Amy Ruth*



## Fredi Epps-Jackson 30 years

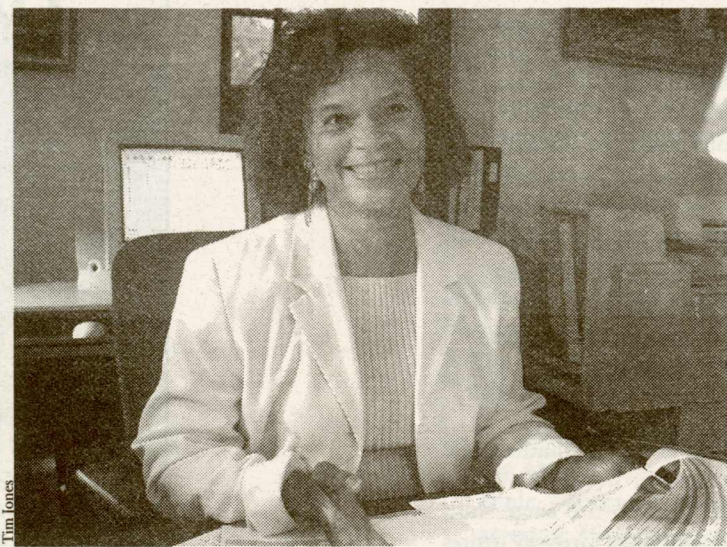
An administrative specialist in the Office of the Provost, Fredi Epps-Jackson says she brings a sociologist's perspective to her work and to her life. Epps-Jackson, who celebrates 30 years of service to the College this year, spent almost all of that time working in the Department of Sociology, serving six chairs and countless students over a period of 26 years. "I loved working with the students and faculty," said Epps-Jackson.

"Fred's presence in the sociology department and in Morton Hall is the stuff of legends," said Chair and Professor of Sociology Kathleen Slevin. "She ran the department with a style that will always be remembered as pure 'Fred.' She also had a soft touch, especially to generations of students, and years later, they still fondly recall her many acts of kindness."

Born in Williamsburg's Bell Hospital and raised before desegregation, Epps-Jackson graduated from the all-black Bruton Heights High School in 1965 and remembers a time when she couldn't attend the local theatre and had to use a separate public restroom.

"A lot has changed since then in Williamsburg and at the College," she said. "When I first came to William and Mary the only black faces you saw were on the custodial staff. I've seen that change over the years with the faculty and staff."

Epps-Jackson—who began her William and Mary career in 1971 in the Department of History after finishing business school—says the move from her long-term post in sociology was difficult.



Fredi Epps-Jackson enjoys the challenges that paperwork presents in the Office of the Provost.

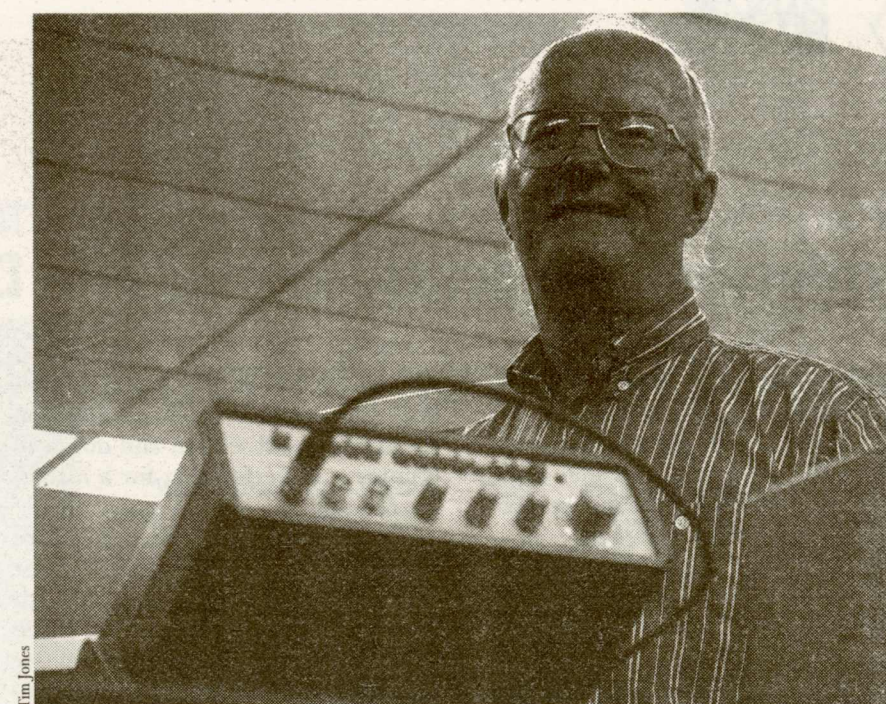
"But I wanted a change," she said. "I'm the kind of person who wants to keep growing and learning."

Ensclosed in the Brafferton since 2000, Epps-Jackson's work relates mostly to faculty contracts and Board of Visitors resolutions.

"I work well with details and under pressure and that's good because we deal with important and confidential documents here."

When she isn't immersed in faculty contracts and other paperwork, Epps-Jackson is always on the move. She's taken a number of classes at the College—even learned how to swim in the Adair Hall pool—and has been involved in HACE and the Black Faculty and Staff Forum. In her leisure time, the former high school tennis team player enjoys biking, walking and aerobics. As a member of Ski Breeze of Hampton Roads she has taken skiing vacations to France, California's Lake Tahoe, Vail, Colo. and Cavanaugh Valley, W. Va. A voracious reader, she also belongs to a book club. Her ultimate goal is skydiving, but every Sunday, the self-proclaimed "thrill-seeker" may be found singing in the choir at Hampton's Bethel Temple Church. ■

by Amy Ruth



As the physics department's senior electrical technician, Ed Lawrence prepares, maintains and designs undergraduate labs every week.

## Ed Lawrence 30 years

Ed Lawrence has always had a knack for fixing things. When he started working as a field technician at the Virginia Institute of Marine Science, making things work became his job. From physical oceanography equipment to dive equipment, Lawrence could figure out how to repair just about anything.

Then in 1982, Lawrence transferred to the College's physics department, where his mechanical affinity took on a new life. In addition to repairing equipment, he began setting up, maintaining and even designing hands-on labs for undergraduates.

Now the department's senior electrical technician, Lawrence is a master of all things Physics 101.

While the electrical and mechanical aspects of his current job have certainly matured during his 30 years at William and Mary, Lawrence has also learned plenty about physics.

"The docs in the department are great to work with. Whenever I've had a question about something, they've been very willing to teach me," he said.

Lawrence has been called on to

teach a few things as well. He often works collaboratively with professors to create new labs that students will not only learn from, but really enjoy, including the thermolabs which use dry ice and liquid nitrogen, and the optics labs where students use lasers to calculate the thickness of a thin film.

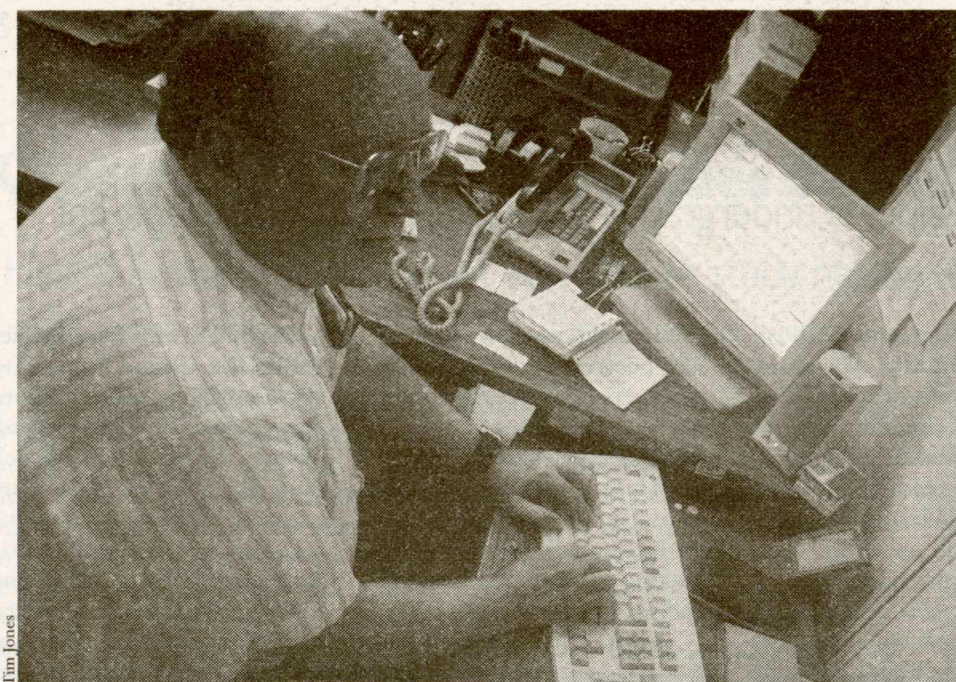
The labs have changed quite a bit since he started thanks to technology. The advent of the personal computer has changed the physics lab dynamic dramatically.

"At first data collection was done mostly by hand. Now the students are able to use the computer to take data without having to sit there minding the store so to speak," Lawrence said.

And while the undergraduates have become increasingly diversified, their general character hasn't changed, Lawrence said. In fact, he still keeps in touch with a few alumni he's watched enter and exit the College.

"I love what I do, and the people at the College keep things interesting. It's a great place to meet neat people," Lawrence said. ■

by Tim Jones



Pete Hoyle has been writing systems software and documentation as long as the College has had a computer center. He is set to retire in September.

## Pete Hoyle 35 years

You don't have to talk with Samuel "Pete" Hoyle for long to know he has enjoyed his career at William and Mary. Hoyle has been in the College's Information Technology department (IT) for 35 years. Love it he must, between his four years of undergraduate study and his time with IT, he has spent 40 of his 60 years at the College.

A member of the Class of '64, Hoyle returned to William and Mary in 1966 to work at the College's new Computer Center. "New it was too," he reflected, "so new it didn't even have a computer—that didn't arrive until the spring of '67." Not every campus had a computer system in the '60s and '70s.

Hoyle studied mathematics as an undergraduate. A presentation by NASA at his high school first sparked an interest in computers that was later fostered by William and Mary professors. By the time he graduated he was hooked. Initially, Hoyle remembered, computers didn't do any word processing, they only did calculations. He spent his early ca-

reer at the College writing systems software that helped network the campus. Later he would begin writing documentation that would aid the faculty, and later students, in utilizing the technology on campus. That work led to the creation of the "1-HELP" line. Math is still "all in the family" though; his wife Marian is an adjunct instructor of mathematics at the College. "As I look back," he reflected, "teaching others about technology and getting them the answers they need to use it were the most rewarding parts of my career."

"Even though computers were such a big part of my work life—I've never had a really good computer at home," Hoyle noted. "I recently changed that!" An avid photographer, Hoyle got a digital camera, too, and plans, when he retires in September, to spend the extra time perfecting its use.

"There's always more to learn, the technology is always changing," he said. "You know the palm pilot I have now actually has more memory than the College's early mainframe." ■

by Suzanne Seuratian

# Celebrating Service

They handle your mail, your meals and your administrative, audio-visual, computer and electrical needs. And that's just the beginning. Just about everything that happens at the College happens only with their help.

## Kirby Howard 30 years

For more than 30 years, Kirby Howard has delivered those all important missives, epistles, memos and packages to anxious recipients. From Mom's cookies to letters from the president, the students, staff, faculty and administration have benefited from Howard's work at the College's Postal Services, now located in the University Center.

When Howard started at the College as a carrier, the mailroom was a tiny area in James Blair Hall and each department picked up its mail every day. "Everyone but the president's office, the law school and admission came to Blair to get their mail," Howard said. "Students who wanted their mail had

to walk over to the old Williamsburg Post Office on Duke of Gloucester Street to retrieve their cards and letters."

Years later, the mailroom moved to Old Dominion Hall basement and mail delivery to all departments began, though students still picked up their mail. When the University Center was completed, the mail was sorted each day in the mailroom and pick-up and delivery service began in earnest.

A window clerk at the UC post office for almost a decade, Howard efficiently weighs letters and packages, sells stamps and performs all the duties of a U.S. Postal Service clerk though he is on the College staff. In May 2001, Howard took his official retirement but he can still be found at the postal

window each day.

"One of my favorite things was retiring," he said, "but I really enjoyed working here. So that's why I came back."

In his spare time, the father of six grown daughters and a grandfather of eight, likes to fish the York River and Chesapeake Bay and travel.

"I have been to nearly every state in the United States," Howard said. "My wife and I attend the annual Improved Benevolent Protective Order Elks of the World meeting each year which is held in a different state."

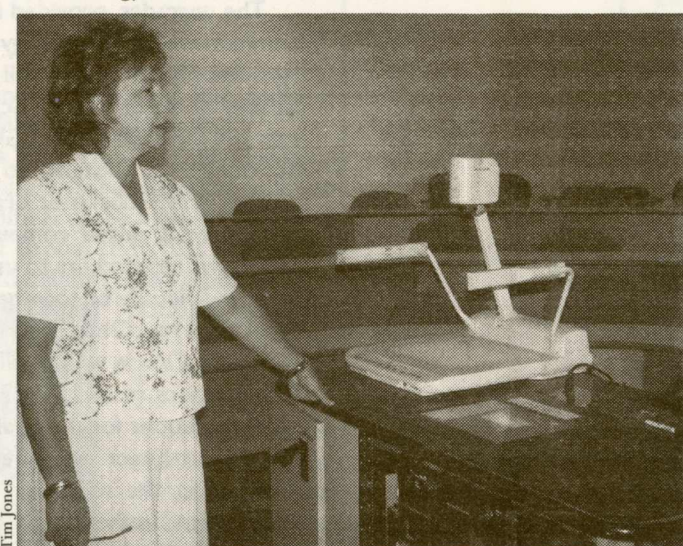
In August, the Howards will travel to Louisville, Ky., for the annual event. Howard is president of the local chapter and serves the First Baptist Church as a trustee.

Richard Sears, director of Postal Services, is Howard's supervisor. "When I first started work at Postal Services in 1976," he said, "Kirby was instrumental in training me in all facets of the postal operation. It is because of him, Bobby Canaday and Esterine Moyer that I felt at home enough to stay these past 26 years." ■

by Ann Gaudreaux

## Myron Hall 30 years

Myron Hall, a Gloucester native, found her way to William and Mary directly out of high school. Initially she cataloged books in Swem Library, but Hall noted "That wasn't for me." She found her niche quickly though in the audio-visual (AV) division of Information Technology (IT) and has been there ever since.



In her 30 years with the College, Myron Hall has stayed on top of the technological revolution, overseeing countless audio-visual components on campus.

For Hall, William and Mary is like family. "In my heart," she said, "I'm at William and Mary 24 hours a day; I just love it!" This year, Hall celebrates her 30<sup>th</sup> year with the College.

Hall started her AV career training students to run 16 mm film projectors. "All I had to do was teach the kids to thread the machines," she remembered. Now Hall oversees a myriad of AV components for all the classroom and lab facilities on campus. "I got into this field just before the technology took off," Hall said. "William and Mary has given me the opportunity to really grow with this field."

Her office supports 22 multimedia classrooms and the "Millennium Classroom." Hall enjoys seeing the technology put to work by students and faculty. "In the classroom, William and Mary's 'cutting edge' now," she noted. "It's nice to have other universities and colleges calling to find out what we are doing." Hall's goal is to keep the momentum going. "We're ready for the next phase of technology," she said.

Hall enjoys her work as much now, if not more, than when she started. "I'm lucky," she said. "I love what I do and the people I do it with. The best part of working at the College," she added "is knowing at the end of the day you've had some impact on the education of others—I like that!" ■

by Suzanne Seuratian



For Deloris Crump, a good day in the Commons Dining Hall is when she coaxes smiles from students and sends them off with a good breakfast.

When Deloris Crump started as a counter girl in Trinkle Hall in 1956, she may not have known that she would meet and marry her husband Reggie, have two children and watch her two grandchildren grow, all the while nurturing hundreds of students each year. But that's what has happened these past 45 years.

"One of the best things about the College is being among the students," said Crump, now a supervisor at the Commons Dining Hall. "They make my day and treat me like family. I try to treat them like

## Deloris Crump 45 years

they are mine."

She begins work at 5:30 a.m. and enjoys starting the day looking at all those young faces. "It helps me get through each day," Crump said. "If I can console someone and say 'start the day with a

good meal,' it makes me feel better, too." Even after they leave William and Mary, she said, many students have returned at Homecoming to seek her out and introduce her to their families.

Crump has worked in catering services and the president's dining room, and at what is now the Marketplace. She married Reggie Crump, a chef, in 1959. After 50 years, Mr. Crump retired but still works at the Commons Dining Hall two days a week.

Crump took advantage of the Commons' May to August closure to take the summer off for the first time ever. "I took the summer off to 'practice' retirement and may take summers off from now on," she

said. Crump is a member of St. John Baptist Church where she serves on the Hospitality Guild and she also sings with the Mount Pilgrim Church Echoes women's chorus.

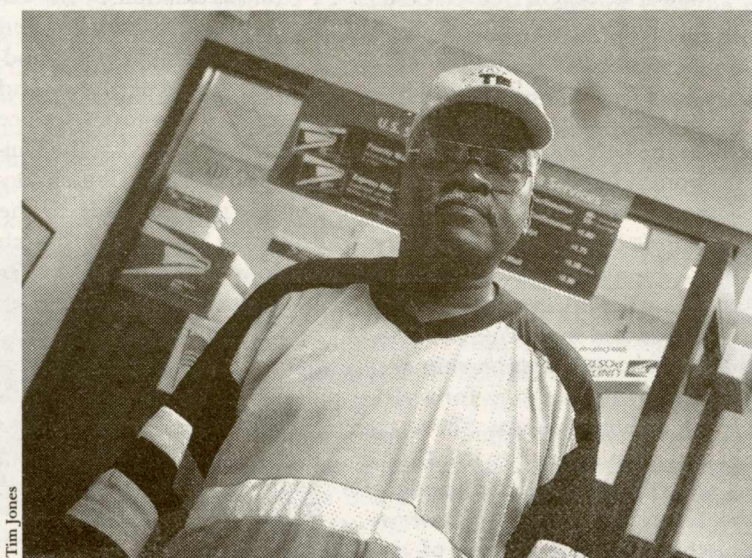
One of the highlights of the past three years, Crump recounted, has been an annual dinner cooked by William and Mary students for ARAMARK employees during the holiday break. "Students prepared all the food and it was delicious," she said. "And the hospitality was great, too. One year, it snowed and the kids still grilled the steaks outside in the snow."

Phil DiBenedetto, director of Dining Services, said, "Mrs. Crump is a professional and a very respected member of our staff."

"I am thankful," Crump said, "for the health and strength to work 45 years and I am thankful for my 'family'—the staff and students at the Commons and at the College." ■

by Ann Gaudreaux

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Throughout 30 years of service in the campus post office, Kirby Howard has handled millions of letters, packages and the like for faculty and staff and countless William and Mary students.

Tim Jones



## Professors, Students, Alumni Are Dancing In D.C.

For experienced dancers, balance comes without much effort. But throw in full-time teaching, choreography, rehearsals, and that thing some call a personal life, and balance takes on a whole new meaning.

Just ask Joan Gavaler '85, associate and professor of dance, and Denise Wade Damon '83, assistant professor of dance at the College of William and Mary, who recently founded their own dance company, Gravity Optional. As the two prepare for the company's first concert at Dance Place in Washington, D.C., Saturday, July 27, and Sunday, July 28, keeping up with their lives has become a dance of its own.

But the exhaustive amount of work every day—the planning, rehearsal and refining choreography—is quite typical of the dance profession. So for several of the company performers, many of whom are current William and Mary students and alumni, Gravity Optional is an accurate introduction to the real world of dance outside academia.

"This is a great opportunity for stu-

dents to experience first hand what this profession is all about—to get a taste of the lifestyle, and the ups and downs of training and performing for a living," Gavaler said.

Both Gavaler and Damon Wade are well versed in the profession. Gavaler choreographed and performed with The Moving Arts Company for three years in Ohio and then directed Gavaler Danceworks for six years in both Ohio and Virginia. She has also worked, both performing and sharing her choreography, with a host of other organizations and prestigious venues. Damon Wade spent more than eight years in New York City performing, and then three years in Europe performing and teaching her art. Since her return to the United States, Damon Wade has performed with countless independent choreographers, and has been pursuing her interests in choreography.

All this in addition to full-time teaching for both.

"You learn very quickly to budget time. But that's the way this profession

is, and Gravity Optional is a good way for the student performers, some of whom may or may not be interested in a career in dance, to experience this in a safe environment. It's a chance to perform without worrying about paying rent," Damon Wade said.

Still, the student performers and others aren't the only ones perfecting the dancer's balancing act. Gavaler and Damon Wade are in many ways filling more than one role.

"There are so many things—technical things—that go into putting a production like this together. It's sometimes overwhelming," Damon Wade said.

On top of the technical aspects, there's the choreography and the artistic direction, and of course, the actual performing. They are responsible for all aspects of the entire movement.

"For both of us, it involves responsibilities we are very familiar with, but each task has its own distinct attributes. It can also be a challenge to dance in our own pieces. As a choreographer you're of one mind, but as a performer you're of an-

other mind," Gavaler said.

In spite of the challenges, "wearing many hats" as both call it, has its advantages as well. Since many of the dances in the upcoming Gravity Optional concert are previous pieces by Gavaler and Damon Wade, taking the works from different perspectives and in a new context offers a chance to help a particular dance grow.

"It's a chance to take works that have been performed with just a student cast and present them in more detail. It's a chance for our own work to evolve," Gavaler said.

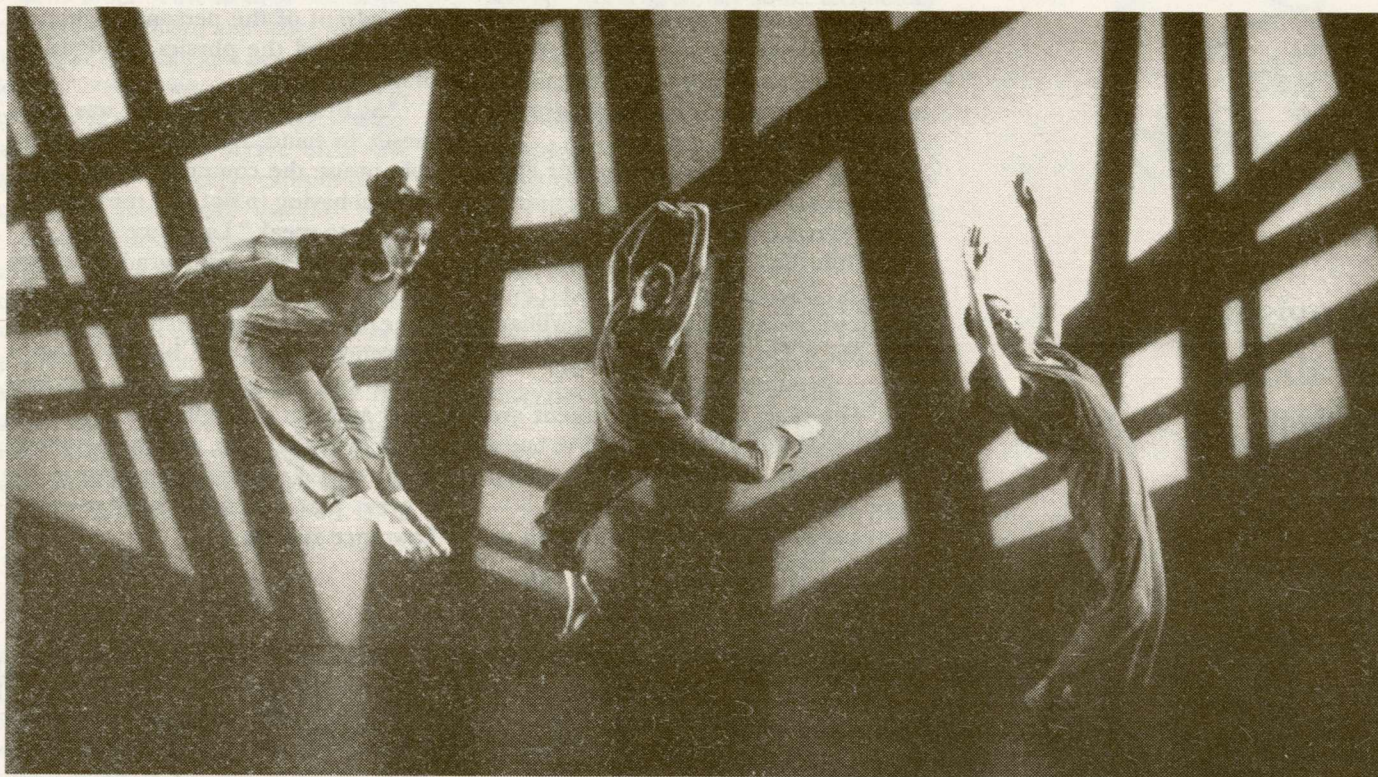
Collaboration helps the maturation process as well. Both professionals bring different approaches to the stage, but their backgrounds have proven quite harmonious. The result will present emotional contrasts, exploring both the serious and humorous aspects of human interaction.

For this performance, the Gravity Optional Dance Company also serves as a showcase for William and Mary's dance program, featuring Gavaler and Damon Wade and a performing cast that includes current students Suzanne Ankrum, Julie Cella, Stephanie Oakes and Jacqueline Yancey, and alumni Alyson Abela '00, Melinda Hagaman, Class of '99, Kimberly Keaton '01 and Carrie Monger '96.

Although the College's dance department is only three full-time faculty deep, it continually produces some of the highest caliber dancers in the area. Endeavors such as Gravity Optional are undoubtedly responsible in part for the visible success of the department.

Not only do some of the most talented students gain experience in the professional world of dance, but professors are able to expand their own professional interests and pursue individual research. ■

by Tim Jones



Denise Damon Wade, Class of '83, left, Joan Gavaler, Class of '85, middle, and Carrie Monger, Class of '96, perform "Collage In 4 Pieces," a work choreographed by Gavaler. The trio will perform with the Gravity Optional Dance Company recently founded by Gavaler and Damon Wade, at Dance Place in Washington, D.C.

Tickets available through Dance Place (202) 269-1600, [www.danceplace.org](http://www.danceplace.org) \$16/general admission; \$12/in advance for students, seniors, members and artists; \$6/age 17 and under.

## "Team 2" Leader Tells How The Garden Grows

If you walk around campus with an observant eye, you'll discover the most surprising things in the most unlikely places. For instance, tucked behind a large air compressor unit outside a doorway to Trinkle Hall is a tiny patch of land not much bigger than a welcome mat. And on that tiny piece of earth is a thriving, vegetable garden. Led by their supervisor Andrew Davis Wiggins, Jr. (or as he's known around campus, A.D.), the four men of Facilities Team 2 plant the garden every spring.

They grow mostly tomatoes, lots of them, some years harvesting until Christmas. "So we have fresh veggies for lunch," says Wiggins, who began work at the College 33 years ago as a lead electrician. This year the team put in some peppers and lettuce, too.

Littering on the little bit of land prompted the garden's creation 13 years

ago. Nothing else could be done with the space, says Wiggins, so Team 2 came up with the idea of a minitruck farm to prevent the area from becoming an eyesore. "Everyone helps plant and take care of it," says Wiggins of the team effort. "The guys come in early to water and to set out plants."

The men of Team 2 take care of the plumbing, electrical and carpentry work at the law school, the Dillard Complex, the McCormack-Nagelsen Tennis Center, the Lettie Pate Whitehead Evans Graduate Student Housing Complex and the administrative offices in the white houses on Jamestown Road.

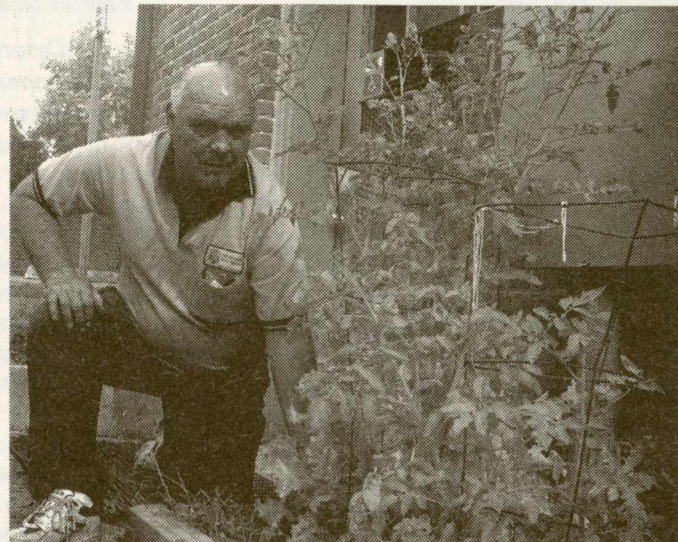
Notwithstanding an obvious green thumb, Wiggins doesn't have time for a garden at his home in James City County because his other passion is antiques. He and his wife own a local antique shop and they travel the state combing estate

sales and auctions for merchandise.

Wiggins plans to have a garden when he retires. But for right now, the Trinkle Hall plot is enough.

"Just the fact of doing it," says Wiggins, "to see if something will grow, gives us all a lot of satisfaction." Of course those fresh, juicy tomatoes at lunchtime on hot summer days don't hurt either. ■

by Cindy Baker



A.D. Wiggins and his Team 2 crew have planted tomatoes on campus every year for 13 years.



# notes

## VIMS Dean/Director Search Committee Formed

President Timothy Sullivan has named a committee to conduct a search to fill the position of Dean of the Virginia Institute of Marine Science. L. Donelson Wright, currently dean and director of VIMS, will step down and return to the faculty once a new dean/director has been appointed.

Members of the committee are: Steven A. Kuehl; chair, professor of marine science; Marshall Acuff, member, VIMS Foundation Board; Iris C. Anderson, professor of marine science, and dean of graduate studies, designate; Deborah A. Bronk, associate professor of marine science; Eugene M. Bureson, professor of marine science, and director, research and advisory services; Randolph M. Chambers, associate professor of biology and marine science, and director, Keck Laboratory; Fu-Lin Chu, professor of marine science; Carolyn R. Cook, VIMS director of planning and budget; Carlton H. Hershner, associate professor of marine science; Stephen L. Kaatari, CSX professor of marine science; Virginia L. McLaughlin, chancellor professor and dean, School of Education; Roger L. Mann, professor of marine science; Linda Schaffner, associate professor of marine science; Kelly Johnson, president, Graduate Student Association.

The committee will begin its work immediately and welcomes nominations or applications. The committee has been charged to submit a short list of acceptable candidates to the president in time for the appointment to be approved no later than the April 2003 Board of Visitors' meeting.

## Employee Appreciation Day

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For 35 years, Roxie Greene has kept things fresh for students, faculty and staff diners.

**O**n her first day at the University Center in 1966, Roxie Greene took care of olives and pickles for a function hosting about 1,000 people.

## Roxie Greene 30 years

"When I first worked, I didn't think I would stay at the job. I wasn't used to doing that much work—I was still young," she said. "But I kept coming back."

For 35 years now, Greene is still coming back each day, and the students, faculty, staff and any others who eat at the University Center or use the ARAMARK catering services couldn't be more thankful.

Since that first day, Greene has had a host of duties, from serving on the line, to baking and cutting cakes, working in the pantry, catering and finally, to her current station (and favorite) preparing the salad bar.

"I put a lot into my job. I enjoy preparing the salad bar for the students, and I like being able to set it up and see how

fresh it looks," she said.

Greene takes her work very seriously. Waste, for her, is not an option. If there are leftover ingredients from prep, she's the first to create a tasty new variety for the salad bar.

"Roxie does an outstanding job," said Ric Guntang, director of the University Center Dining Services. "Her amiable personality and superior performance make her a special and valuable asset to the dining facility."

Over the years, said Greene, the job has become a part of her and her uncompromising work ethic is reflected in her commitment to the students.

"When they need or want something, I'll go as far as my ability lets me to get it for them," she said. "I don't work to see how much I can get," she said, "I see how much I can do to help." ■

by Tim Jones

## Bettie Adams 35 years



Since her days as a part-time ticket seller, Bettie Adams has remained committed to bringing a range of entertainment to campus.

**B**ettie Adams has been with William and Mary Hall since its genesis. In fact, she's got four years on it.

Adams began her career at the College in 1966 working part-time selling tickets for athletic events at what was then Cary Stadium. In 1970, when Will-

iam and Mary Hall was built, her new job as assistant director of the Hall and ticket manager expanded her duties exponentially. She began assisting with booking concerts and other performances for the new indoor arena, as well as selling tickets for athletic events—responsibilities she still relishes today and handles completely as director and ticket manager of the Hall.

Adams has remained committed to bringing the community the best possible entertainment by remaining an unwavering "positive thinker with constant drive towards excellence in service with the same drive against mediocrity and apathy in all things," she said.

"It has always been my goal to develop a positive image for the Hall by booking the types of events of which the College of William and Mary and the City of Williamsburg could be proud. It has been a pleasure to see our events bring revenue to not only the Hall, but also to the hotels, motels, restaurants and other business of our community," Adams said.

For 35 years she has done just that, attracting James Taylor, Bruce Springsteen, Neil Young, The Police and the Grateful Dead, as well as countless conferences and trade and specialty shows.

Her job as director of William and Mary Hall and ticket services requires Adams to be an educator—particularly of herself.

"Succeeding in the world of management means constantly proving one's abilities, never allowing the learning process to slacken, and constantly learning from experience—by the mistakes and successes of others," she said.

The work has only been half of what Adams has enjoyed about William and Mary. She has acquired a multitude of friendships during her years with the Hall and the athletic department.

Away from work, Adams spends most of her time with her two daughters and their families. As a lover of all athletics and the grandmother of six Williamsburg athletes, Adams attends plenty sporting events outside of William and Mary. When she's not at their games, Adams spends her spare time reading (spiritual books mostly) and dancing to all types of music. All of her hobbies help keep her ahead of the game, she said.

"I see my life as one big game, and I am in the playoffs." ■

by Tim Jones

## SCHEV report: W&M out-performs peers in several critical areas

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graduates enjoy," said Provost Gillian T. Cell. "Over the past five years, the number of William and Mary students who have been accepted for admission to graduate and professional schools exceeds the national average by 14 percentage points. The medical school acceptance rate of our graduates, for example, was 73 percent, versus 50 percent nationally."

The report indicates that William and Mary out-performs peer institutions in several critical areas. The College, for instance, devotes 74.6 percent of its budget to instructional and academic support, while peer

institutions devote only 59.9 percent.

The State Council for Higher Education in Virginia assigns peer institutions to each Virginia public college or university that provide statistical measures of effectiveness and efficiency. Peer groups are determined as a result of a systematic process, using a combination of qualitative measures related to each institution's program and mission, and quantitative measures such as enrollment, types of degrees awarded and average scores of entering freshmen on the Scholastic Aptitude Test.

William and Mary lags behind its

peers in the amount of research and public service funding per full-time faculty member. While the peer average is \$79,068, the figure for the College is \$52,891. "Securing research funding is an important undertaking by our faculty, naturally, but the marks in this area demonstrate that teaching is a priority of the College. But, as we know from the recent report of the State Council of Higher Education research and graduate education are seriously underfunded in Virginia," commented Cell.

William and Mary's peers include a mix of public and private institutions,

including Boston College, Boston University, Brown University, Dartmouth College, Duke University, Emory University, Georgetown University, SUNY at Albany, SUNY at Binghamton, Tulane University, University of California—Riverside, University of Connecticut, University of Delaware, University of New Hampshire, University of Notre Dame, University of North Carolina—Chapel Hill, University of Tennessee—Knoxville, Vanderbilt University and Wake Forest University. ■



# 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](mailto:wmnews@wm.edu). Call 221-2644 for more information. The deadline for the August 22 issue is August 15 at 5 p.m.

## July 25

**Swem Library Hours:** The library continues its evening hours on Thursdays in July. Both circulation and reference services will be available. 8 a.m.-10 p.m. 221-INFO.

## Through July 28

**Virginia Shakespeare Festival:** Final performances of *King Lear* (tonight, July 25, 27) and *As You Like It* (July 24, 26, 28) 8 p.m., Tuesdays through Saturdays and 2 p.m., Sundays, Phi Beta Kappa Memorial Hall. Tickets are \$15 for one play and \$25 for both plays. A group rate of \$12 is available when 20 or more tickets are purchased at one time. For tickets, call the PBK box office at 221-2674.

## Aug. 5-16

**Summer Enrichment Program for High Ability Learners:** Sponsored by the Center for Gifted Education, the program will be presented in three sessions and is open to all eligible children. The registration fee is discounted for College faculty and staff. For eligibility requirements, course descriptions and registration materials, visit the center's Web site at <http://www.cfge.wm.edu/Families/SEP/sep.htm> or call 221-2362.

## Aug. 13

**HACE General Meeting:** Several of the College's vice presidents will participate in a panel discussion about the latest projects and initiatives. A question-and-answer session will follow the presentation. The Employee of the Month Award will be presented. Yearly membership is \$7. Nonmembers are asked to contribute \$3 toward ongoing special projects. Noon-1 p.m., Tidewater Rooms A and B, University Center. 221-1791.

## Ash Lawn-Highland

### July-August

**Summer Festival:** Events include performances of *La Traviata* (July 31; Aug. 7, 9, 14, 18) *Kiss Me Kate* (July 30; Aug. 1, 3, 6, 8, 10, 13, 15, 17) and *Cenerentola* (July 27, 28; Aug. 2, 4, 11, 16). The Music at Twilight series will be held at 8 p.m. on Wednesday evenings in July. Programs will feature music from Broadway, Robin and Linda Williams and a "Mostly Mozart" evening. Summer Saturdays will feature music, drama and puppetry for children of all ages and will take place on Saturdays through August 10 at 11 a.m. Additional information and reservations are available by

calling the Summer Festival box office at (434) 293-4500 or by accessing the Web site at <http://monticello.avenue.org/Arts/Ashlawn/>.

*Ash Lawn-Highland, the home of President James Monroe, is owned and operated by the College. Located near the intersection of Interstate 64 and Route 250, it is 2-1/2 miles past Monticello, on Route 795.*

## exhibition

### Through Aug. 11

*Machines of the Mind: Sculpture by Laurence Fane*

*Women on Paper*

*America the Beautiful: Photographs of Natural and Man-made Scenes*

### Opening Aug. 24

*Ken Aptekar: Painting Between the Lines, Works from 1990-2000*

*These exhibitions will be on display in the Muscarelle Museum on Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays from 12 noon until 4 p.m., and on Thursdays and Fridays from 10 a.m. until 4:45 p.m. The museum will be closed Mondays and Tuesdays. 221-2703.*

## looking ahead

### Aug. 21

**International Forum XI:** "The Middle East: Geographical and Historical Perspectives." Among those on the program are General Anthony Zinni, U.S. Envoy to the Middle East and former Head of U.S. Central Command; Eric Jensen, professor of economics; John Williams, professor of religion emeritus; Don Zeigler, professor of geography, Old Dominion University; and Tamara Sonn, William R. Kenan Jr. Professor of Humanities and professor of religion. Sponsored by the Virginia Geographic Alliance, School of Education and Wendy and Emery Reves Center for International Studies. 8 a.m.-3:15 p.m., University Center. For information and registration, call 253-1347 or e-mail [lorettahannum@hotmail.com](mailto:lorettahannum@hotmail.com).

## classified advertisements

### FOR SALE

Two-story home in King's Village, western JCC. 3 BRs, 2 1/2 baths, formal DR, oversized garage and storage shed. Master bedroom suite has private bath, walk-in closet and separate dressing/vanity area. Floating hardwood floors throughout 1st floor. Fireplace in LR. Some appliances and fixtures included. Hardiplank exterior. French doors open onto ceramic-tiled wrap-around porch. 1-acre lot wired for invisible containment fence. 1.5 miles from I-64. \$205,000. Call 566-0604.

3-BR, 1-1/2-bath ranch house in Queens Lake. Large, wooded corner lot. Hardwood floors throughout, two fireplaces, central air, appliances included. Easy access to Colonial Parkway, College and I-64. \$159,000. Call 229-5510.

House at 201 Indian Springs Road, City of Williamsburg. For information, contact Philip Paschall at (540) 882-3027 (fax (540) 882-3949) or Elizabeth Paschall at (804) 272-0220.

House in Walnut Hills, City of Williamsburg. Walk to College 1 mile. Charming, large, comfortable home on secluded, wooded lot. 5 BRs, 2-1/2 baths, LR, DR, FR, kitchen, sunroom overlooking patio with in-ground pool. \$329,900. Call 221-3021 or 229-6294.

14' Carolina Skiff 1995, 20 HP Evinrude, saltwater trolling motor with deep cycle battery, depth sounder, com-

pass. Trailer with new axle, bearings, hubs, bunk boards, spare pregreased hub, spare prop, new spare tire. Excellent condition (garage kept). \$3,000. Call 221-3503 or (804) 693-5673 or e-mail [ed@physics.wm.edu](mailto:ed@physics.wm.edu).

Kitchen table (48" L x 30" W x 29" H) and four chairs, butcher block and white. Good condition. \$75 for the set. Call 221-8292 after 6 p.m.

### FOR RENT

Fully furnished 4-BR, 2-1/2-bath house in Seasons Trace, about 10 minutes from campus. Central heat/air, deck. Kitchenware, linen included. Nonsmokers, no pets. \$1,250/mo. plus utilities and deposit. References required. Call 565-1495.

3-BR townhouse in Jamestown 1607 with pool. Minutes from College in quiet community off Jamestown Road. All appliances included. Non-smokers. Prefer grad student, College professional or mature undergraduates. Available in Aug. References required. \$780/mo. + utilities. Landlord/owner will pay condo/association fees. Call 221-7372 or 564-4549 or e-mail [crrobi@wm.edu](mailto:crrobi@wm.edu).

Comfortable, convenient home of professor going on leave, one block to campus. 3-4 BRs, DR, LR, 2-1/2 baths. AC, dishwasher, washer/dryer. Parking, backyard. Excellent situation. Available 8/15/02-8/15/03. \$1,500/mo. + utilities, 12-month lease required. Call (434) 295-7030.

Walk to College 0.8 miles. 4-BR house: 3-1/2 baths, kitchen, FR, LR, DR, 2-car garage, deck. Like new, unfurnished executive home for immediate, short-term rental. \$1,800/mo. + utilities. Call 221-3021 or 229-6294.

3-BR, 1-bath charming Cape Cod home with fenced yard, garage. Easy walking distance to Colonial area and College. \$950/mo. Available in August. References required. Call 229-3655.

Large room in private home on cul-de-sac. Formerly family room over garage. Lovely window views into woods. Very clean, carpeted, large closet, wall shelves, cable hook-up, adjacent private bath, access to kitchen. 10 minutes to campus. Prefer female student or faculty member. Nonsmokers. \$450/mo. Call Hope Sardeson at 221-0886.

### WANTED

Guitar player/lead vocalist wanted. Drummer/bassist-songwriter duo looking to complete power trio. Emphasis on composing and performing original material. Influences include rock/alternative/fusion styles. Pro gear, rehearsal space and attitude. Call Mike at (804) 684-7343 or e-mail [mogayl@vims.edu](mailto:mogayl@vims.edu).

Childcare provider for Sunday mornings in the nursery/toddler rooms at Williamsburg Presbyterian Church. \$10-12/hr./DOE. References required. Contact Pastor Stanley at 229-4235.

## NEWS

The next issue of the *William & Mary News* will be published on Thursday, August 22. The deadline for submission of items is 5 p.m. on Thursday, August 15, 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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## Two More Weeks Of Shakespeare In Williamsburg

A tune-filled, colorful and popular new production of *As You Like It* opened the 2002 Virginia Shakespeare Festival in Williamsburg on July 5. Now in its 24th season, the company of 60 annually presents professional classical theatre in the colonial Capitol, performing two plays in repertory through July 28, at Phi Beta Kappa Memorial Hall on the campus of William and Mary.

The second production, *King Lear*, opened last Friday. Considered Shakespeare's supreme achievement by many scholars and producers, the play deals with an ancient British tyrant who assigns the administration of his kingdom to his daughters, then finds he can no longer function without those powers he rashly gave away.

Lear quickly realizes he has long been a poor monarch—self-indulgent, arrogant and out of touch with even his closest subjects, as well as his own family. His new life then becomes a violent adventure of great struggle and sacrifice, leading to restitution, redemption and a new beginning for a new generation.

Some see *King Lear* as an epic story of filial ingratitude, since Lear's daughters defy and abuse him. Still others consider it a tale of transcendent self-discovery in which the old king personally confronts all those ills he has impetuously brought upon others.

The play requires a monumental storm that rages throughout a quarter of the play. It is more sustained and violent than any other phenomenon of nature found in Shakespeare's works, including the famous opening scene of *The Tempest*. The complexity of it required staging effects discourages many theatre companies from producing *King Lear*, but VSF welcomed the challenge of offering the rarely-seen masterpiece in Williamsburg this summer.

At the peak of his career, Shakespeare wrote *King Lear* in 1606 for his company at the Globe Theatre in London. It begins as his adaptation of a popular earlier play, *The True Chronicle History of King Leir, and his three daughters*, by an anonymous author who had expanded upon the brief account in Geoffrey of Monmouth's *Historia* (1135 A.D.). The real King Lear ruled in Britain about 800 B.C., an obscure era prior to the invention of writing or the settlement of Greece or Rome. However, by the end of Act I, the play



Pictured are Celia Madeoy as Phoebe and Greg Phelps as Silvius in *As You Like It*.

emerges as an imaginative creation unique to the Bard, dramatizing the universal problems of parents and children of every generation.

Some modern academics hold that never to have experienced *King Lear* on the stage is to have missed a major artistic milestone of western civilization. Members of VSF's professional company hope that Virginia theater-goers choose not to take that risk.

See the calendar listing above for dates and ticket information.