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Gillian Cell: Greatness in an Age of Limits

Provost plans to retire at end of academic year

There's a phrase in William and Mary's 1994 strategic plan that now has particular resonance: The document is "a plan for greatness in an age of limits." The fiscal challenges of recent days have certainly confirmed the part about limitations; more importantly, the hard work of many has convincingly demonstrated that academic greatness can be achieved despite formidable obstacles.

Geoffrey Feiss is named acting provost effective July 1, 2003
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"No one has contributed more to this than Gillian Cell," said President Timothy J. Sullivan, in announcing the provost's retirement at the end of the current academic year. "Gill has

been an indispensable academic leader during a decade in which the College achieved signal success despite significant challenges. She has deep respect for the academic endeavor, a rigorous commitment to excellence, and a fierce, yet graceful, determination to succeed."

Qualities such as these will make the provost difficult to replace. But as Sullivan noted, one of Cell's primary accomplishments is building a strong team of capable academic leaders. The president named one of the most able—Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences Geoffrey Feiss—to serve as acting provost as the College conducts a search for a new chief academic officer (see sidebar, page 2). The search will begin in



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January. Sullivan also stated his determination to remain on the job to continue the implementation of the initiatives undertaken by his administration.

Many of these were first articulated during the strategic planning process initiated by Sullivan, who asked Cell to develop the plan as her first task on campus. The assignment must have been daunting for someone not fully acquainted with William and Mary's unique culture, but professionally the provost was well prepared. She had a distinguished career teaching history at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, and extensive administrative service as UNC's dean of arts and sciences and provost at Lafayette College in Pennsylvania. And, as the provost is quick to remind you, she had the assistance of William and Mary's most experienced faculty and staff and most dedicated alumni.

"There were many people involved in formulating this plan and many more engaged in transforming it

to reality," said the provost with her accustomed modesty and characteristic academic deference. Still, those who remember the extensive deliberations involved in the plan know that Gill Cell was not merely the chair of the committee; she was its prime mover. More importantly, she became its most zealous implementer.

"What am I most proud of?" pondered the provost. "Perhaps the fact that the principles we articulated in the plan—which actually served as a roadmap for the plan itself—have become institutional touchstones. To an amazing extent, they have passed into our institutional language."

Among the most important of the principles is William and Mary's determination to remain a small public university, blending the best features of an undergraduate college with those of a research university. The plan also set in stone the College's intention to

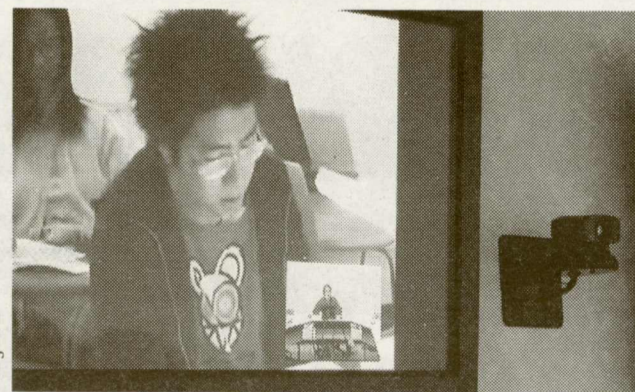
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Happy Holidays To Everyone

Anne and I wish all our faculty, staff and students a very happy holiday season.

Tim Sullivan
President

Classroom for the Millennium



Tim Jones

Students in Hong Kong interact with their William and Mary counterparts as they study together—virtually.

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Technology enables students to bridge world cultures

Bold yellow numbers jump to the front of dual flat-screened monitors hung like pictures on the far wall. A message that reads "incoming call from IP" accompanies the digits that vaguely resemble a phone number.

"They're calling us early tonight," says Dr. Tomoko Hamada, William and Mary anthropology professor, as she eases into a chair at the horseshoe-shaped conference table and presses the "on" button of the microphone in front of her.

David Shanz of Information Technology (IT) who usually runs the College connection with Hong Kong is off today, so senior Yuki Ishibashi, student assistant to Hamada's Anthropology 350 course, quickly turns to the control console and enlists the help of IT liaison Pablo Yanez to answer the call. A few clicks, and up on the left-hand monitor pops

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Retiring Provost Leaves Mark on W&M

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maintain the intimate scale necessary for close personal learning experiences and the developmental features of a residential campus.

"Allegiance to these principles has promoted significant progress," observed Sullivan. "The plan helped us focus our attention and, more importantly, our resources on those things that William and Mary does best. As the result of the efforts of our provost and her colleagues, this strategy has served many students and faculty well, and has established a firm foundation for future success."

In addition to underscoring the enduring elements of a William and Mary education, Cell helped place new emphasis on the role of graduate and professional programs in the College, the development of a series of interdisciplinary clusters that bolstered both graduate and undergraduate education, the application of advanced technology to support the academic mission of the College and the creation of the Research Infrastructure Investment Fund that provides matching monies necessary for faculty to secure outside grant funding for their studies.

"The Board of Visitors was delighted to learn that this fund has provided the impetus for a doubling of research grants during the last 10 years," said College Rector Donald N. Patten. "The year that the provost arrived, William and Mary received \$17 million in research grant funding, and during last year, that figure reached \$35 million."

Another major achievement was the creation of programs to attract and retain outstanding faculty members. Most prominent among these is a series of academic chairs established by generous donors. These have proven instrumental in persuading mid-career professors to remain at William and Mary.

"When professors begin to establish scholarly reputations, they immediately become targets of other colleges and universities who want to recruit them to join their faculties," Cell said. "By establishing the chairs, we have been able to send a strong message to individuals who are likely to become distinguished professors to stay here as the core of our faculty of the future."

None of this could have been accomplished without wise husbandry of increasingly limited institutional resources, and Cell readily admits that the choices were often tough.

"One of our most important initiatives was reducing administrative costs and reallocating the funds to the academic program," said Cell. "Our freshman seminars, interdisciplinary clusters, and the inclusion of non-Western elements in the curriculum were all funded in this manner. The most difficult and painful decision was to close some master's programs, but that did release funds that were used to make doctoral student support more competitive. Overall I believe the cuts did help the College to make progress at a time when resources were severely constrained."

None of the cuts could have been implemented without effective academic leadership, which as anyone associated with

a college or university knows, is an insubstantial commodity that must be exercised gently.

"Gill's absolute integrity, deep dedication to William and Mary, genuine respect for her colleagues and their disciplines, and powerful persuasive abilities created an ideal position from which she has led quite effectively," said Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences Geoffrey Feiss.

Those who know the provost well will not be surprised that she insists on sharing credit with her colleagues: "No one acting alone can accomplish anything in higher education," she said. "Academic excellence requires, almost by definition, the concerted action of the faculty, staff and students; the generosity of alumni and friends; and above all, the leadership of the president. I am deeply appreciative of Tim Sullivan's support. It has been a joy to work with a person for whom I have absolute trust and respect. He is completely dedicated to William and Mary, and the College is fortunate to have his leadership during these challenging times."

Having begun her tenure as provost at William and Mary during one recession and now concluding her tenure during another, Cell is well acquainted with difficult days. But grim fiscal realities have not diminished her enthusiasm for the day-to-day responsibilities of the job.

"One of the things that I've enjoyed about being provost is the opportunity to learn about disciplines other than my own—their culture, what they need to succeed and how they function. It's been a continuing education in this job, and that's been fun," said the provost.

Still, Cell has missed the opportunity to teach, and admits that it has felt odd to be so closely associated with an institution without teaching classes. The primary restraint, she says, is that the press of administrative issues doesn't permit the focus required for effective teaching.

Come the end of this academic session, Cell will be focusing on a whole new set of issues and opportunities. The one that has clearly intrigued her the most is the impending arrival of her first two grandchildren, which will occur about the time she retires. "I intend to be a grandmother," she proclaimed proudly. "And then I intend to travel—first to Australia. I became fascinated with Australia when I was in high school, and I want to see it for myself."

Even though she plans to retire to Chapel Hill—her home for much of her adult life—the provost will keep a close eye on William and Mary and harbors profound hopes for its future.

"I want William and Mary to have a budget commensurate with its quality, and I want its uniqueness to be more broadly known and appreciated," she concluded. "I hope that the College maintains its current size and retains those elements that make it so distinctive among public institutions of higher education. This is an extraordinary college that attracts outstanding students and helps them accomplish remarkable things. It must ever be so."

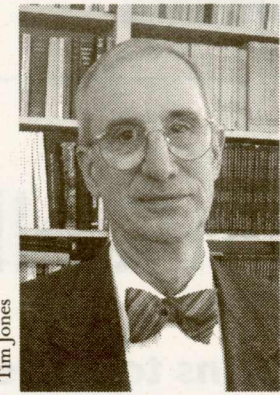
by Bill Walker

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Feiss to Serve As Acting Provost

One of Provost Gillian Cell's primary accomplishments—



Tim Jones

Geoffrey Feiss

noted President Timothy Sullivan in announcing her retirement—was the creation of "a strong team throughout the campus to continue her important work." In keeping with that, Sullivan has named one of the

members of that team, Geoffrey Feiss, to serve as acting provost while the College conducts a search to choose Cell's successor. The search will be launched in January.

"Since coming to the College in 1997 as dean of the faculty of arts and sciences, Geoff Feiss has earned the respect of his colleagues by ably administering the College's largest and most complex academic entity," said Sullivan in making the appointment. "In that position, he has contributed to the success of 500 faculty members and 5,500 students in the 26 academic departments that make up William and Mary's heart. I am confident that he will provide the leadership required to maintain the pace of innovative instruction, research and public service that Gill Cell helped establish."

Prior to coming to William and Mary, Feiss was a faculty member and administrator at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill for more than two decades. He served as chair of the department of geology from 1989 to 1992, when he was named senior associate dean for budgets and planning of UNC's college of arts and sciences.

Feiss earned his A. B. from Princeton University and an M. A. and Ph.D. in geology from Harvard University. He has published widely in the areas of metallic ore deposits, mineral and earth resources and sustainability, and secondary and university earth science education. He is a fellow of the Geological Society of America and the Society of Economic Geologists.

Green and Gold Christmas

More than 130 children from the Williamsburg area recently were treated to a Green and Gold Christmas by students at the College. Approximately 100 William and Mary students served as sponsors for area kids—they purchased gifts for the children, played games with them and participated in arts-and-crafts activities during the event, held Dec. 7 at the University Center. Despite logistical problems limiting the number of children participating, the "day turned out to be an amazing success," said Arthur Barksdale ('04), a key student organizer of the annual event.

Green and Gold history: During the mid-1980s, a group of independent students formed the first Green and Gold Christmas organization. They invited local children in need to a Winter Wonderland party on campus. The event continued annually under independent students until the mid-1990s, when the newly formed Residence Hall Association became the formal organizers. In 1997, their efforts were united with Mortarboard.

Julya Vekstein ('06) was one of many William and Mary students who volunteered to help area young people have a Green and Gold Christmas.

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Millennium Classroom Connects World

Seven W&M Students Study Anthropology 350 With Asian Counterparts

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the smiling face of another William and Mary student from halfway around the world.

"Hi Tomoko!" says Helen Wang, a William and Mary Ph.D. candidate who is working at Hong Kong University as an exchange student and teaching assistant for Anthropology 350. By this time, Hamada's visage graces the right-hand monitor. Teacher and student are in the same class. Well, virtually.

Wang explains that she and her technology crew have been having some minor issues with the sound at their end of the Internet video conference. Her premature call, she says, will give them time to work out the kinks before the class begins.

Yanez and Ishibashi work with Wang to clear up the incoming sound. Even at its less-than-perfect stage, each word resonates clearly throughout Morton 343, known to many as the Millennium Classroom.

Hamada's anthropology class, "Social Change in Asia," is the first course to take advantage of the new state-of-the-art room. The high-tech setup made possible by a portion of the Class of 1975's 25th reunion gift complements a grant from the Freeman Foundation to provide the perfect setting, Hamada says, for her Classroom Across the Pacific. For the past few years, the program has worked only with Keio University in Japan. But this year William and Mary students connect with Hong Kong University students from the comfort of a brand new College classroom.

"This is unlike other so-called distance learning classes," Hamada says. "Here we use a learner-centered liberal education model for fostering undergraduate student independent research, global team building, daily cross-cultural communication and small class discussion. The Millennium Classroom is perfectly accommodating."

Usually Hamada and her Hong Kong counterpart, Professor Tom Stanley, a history professor at HKU, give lectures through the video conferencing set up, but tonight will be a little bit different. She explains that her seven William and Mary students and the six Hong Kong University students will be presenting oral family histories they have been collecting.

"Students have formed trans-Pacific research teams. They will compare their family oral histories to find theoretical parallels in them, and explore broader issues of globalization," Hamada says.

Before the presentations begin, Hamada queries her students about the process of collecting their oral histories. Students explain the surprises and difficulties encountered while interviewing family members—from their unknown heritage to the colorful stories that were at times off-topic. Hamada poses a pertinent question.

"How do you get these people to shut up?" she asks with a laugh. "You don't want to lose their wonderful stories, but you need to get them back

on topic at the same time."

After she offers a quick lesson in interview etiquette, Hamada begins to discuss the next step in research. Students will compare their own family histories to those of their partners in Hong Kong using an agreed-upon theme as a guide.

"Based on similarities and differences, you'll create a comparative study. This will really require cross-cultural negotiation," Hamada says.

At about 8:30 p.m., Hong Kong calls again. Wang appears on the screen and greets the William and Mary students. Usually Stanley runs the show at the Hong Kong end, but he is not in class today, so Wang takes over. She says her students are still filtering in. It is only 9:30 a.m. across the Pacific.

Soon, all students are accounted for and the pre-

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sentations begin. Each Chinese student's oral history, given in remarkably clear English, provides a fascinating glimpse into a culture and kinship structure both very different and very similar to the American model. But the William and Mary students' histories aren't exactly the typical American models either.

Andy Chicas, a junior marketing major, tells the story of his own family coming from El Salvador, where his father was a hard working farmer and his mother one of a family of 12. Two other students, seniors Mark Roldan and Alfred Soriano, each tell unique stories of their families' journeys from the Philippines.

"This is an interesting class, particularly because there are a lot of immigrant families represented here," Hamada says. "Many issues of globalization we are studying are present already within both sides of research teams."

Teams have chosen themes ranging from the role of death in the family dynamic, migration and socio-economic status to intimacy in the family set-



Tim Jones

Above: Students in Hong Kong appear on monitors as they exchange oral histories with anthropology students inside Morton 343.

ting and the changing generational roles of women. With such rich cultural heritages represented within their own experiences, students should be able to produce valuable insights into larger cultural issues.

But as with any anthropological investigation, it is often the experience of researching that teaches as much as the research itself. In preparing their final papers, students must communicate with their trans-Pacific partners individually through Internet chat, e-mail, and even personal video conferencing using the College's newest equipment funded by the Freeman Foundation Grant.

Technology is only one aspect of the Anthropology 350 experience. The Freeman Foundation has also enabled each of the seven William and Mary students to travel to Hong Kong over winter break to flesh out their oral history projects by working face to face (literally this time) with their partners.

Ultimately students will learn as much about international communication and diplomacy as anthropology, which is only appropriate since the class doubles as International Relations 390. It is this kind of education Hamada believes is necessary for progress.

"We need more Americans who can understand world affairs, who can speak foreign languages and who can solve many difficult international problems in this turbulent 21st century. In order to foster Virginia's brain power and leadership in this area, cultural and historical approaches like those offered in this class are quite useful," she says.

by Tim Jones

Below: William and Mary students question counterparts in Hong Kong about the diverse roles of death, of migration, of socio-economic status and of changing opportunities for women.



Tim Jones

Exploring the Elusive Shape of Matter

Physics may never be the same, and it's all because of a few scientific minds at William and Mary.

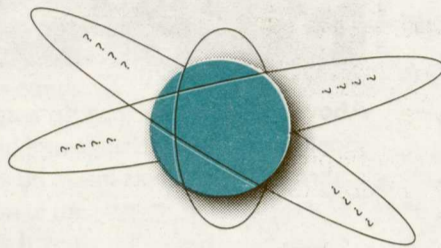
A team of physicists, led by William and Mary professor Charles Perdrisat, recently published results that may change the scientific understanding of the very heart of matter—the proton, a positively charged particle found in every atom.

"What matter is made of, we have known for a long time," Perdrisat said. "And we thought we knew pretty much what was inside the proton as far as quarks and gluons. However, our experiments gave us a picture that was quite unexpected."

What they found was that the proton's electromagnetic shape, long thought to be spherical, may look a little different. Results indicated that

the proton may not be round in shape but more ellipsoidal—"like an American football," Perdrisat said.

Although he points out that this explanation is simply one way of interpreting the experiment's results, the implications may be far reaching. "This may force a revision of our understanding of the most fundamental particles in matter," Perdrisat said.

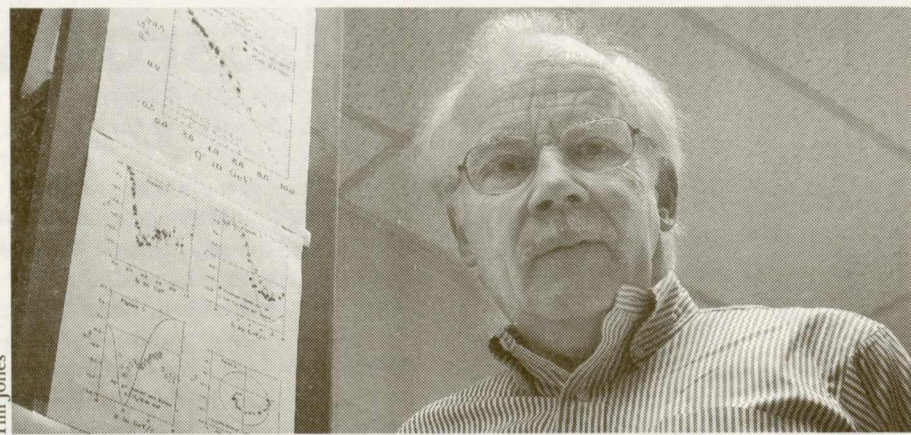


W&M physicists are delving into the design of the proton.

Ironically, this potential challenge to decades of particle physics knowledge started with an experiment proposed by Perdrisat and former William and Mary Ph.D. candidate Vina Punjabi ('86) that most experts felt was, as Perdrisat said, "not particularly interesting."

Perdrisat recruited several William and Mary undergraduate physics students to help build some proton polarization detectors at Small Hall to use in an experiment at Jefferson Lab in Newport News. Once the detectors and a slew of other high-tech equipment were complete, the group began its research.

About 80 physicists, including former William and Mary postdoctoral fellow Mark K. Jones, former Ph.D. student Gilles Quemener and recent Ph.D. recipient Olivier Gayou ('02), (also a primary investigator in the experiment and now a postdoctoral fellow at MIT) got together for the experiments at Jefferson Lab. Scientists fired a high-powered beam of electrons at a cylinder full of frigid hydrogen, and they recorded the collisions between the negatively charged electrons and single protons of hydrogen atoms. By examining how the particles scattered, they ob-



Charles Perdrisat leads a William and Mary team of physicists that is challenging the world's understanding of the basic shape of matter.

served more closely the makeup of the proton's electromagnetic structure.

The results gave physicists the most detailed look inside the whole proton that has ever been produced through experiments. Using a polarized beam of electrons—a beam of electrons with all their spins aligned—the scientists gained a clearer picture of the proton's electric-charge distribution.

"We tickle the proton in many different ways, but this has given us the clearest picture of its structure to date," Perdrisat said.

Still, some physicists are skeptical of the results. The ellipsoidal explanation, by far the most glamorous interpretation, may violate known laws of particle spin. Or, the results could be due

to what physicists call "relativistic boost"—a reaction that occurs when an electron and a proton collide.

But that hasn't quieted the interest in Perdrisat's research. Since the first paper detailing results was published, it has been cited more than 100 times—not to mention the mail he has received from the strangest places (Pennsylvania Corrections Department, for example) asking for additional information.

To round out the research, Perdrisat and his colleagues will be delving even deeper into the design of the proton, using higher powered electron beams to see what they can find.

Also, a similar experiment is currently under way to investigate the proton's counterpart, the neutron.

by Tim Jones

A Fortunate One: Writer-in-Residence Does What She Loves

Sometimes the best things in life seem to happen quite by accident. This has been the case for Reetika Vazirani, the writer-in-residence in the College's English department. "I am nothing I expected I would be," Vazirani says, but she is quick to point out that she would not change the path her life has taken. Indeed, she is well-aware that she is one of the fortunate few who is able to earn a living by doing what she loves. For Vazirani, that is writing and teaching others to write.

But Vazirani is modest when it comes to discussing her accomplishments. She explains, "I do write for myself and my own ear, with an eye to the larger issues which concern me: the way race and gender have affected who I am and what I know about the world."

Vazirani's poems often address the notions of citizenship, homes and homelessness, and the way our identities are shaped by our names, languages, religions, country, what we see around us in other people, and by what we see in our popular culture. Sometimes she speaks in her own voice, but more often in the voices of others, each addressing these similar themes.

Vazirani discovered the power of poetry when she attended a reading given by Derek Walcott while she was an undergraduate at Wellesley College.

Even today the memory of that reading and its effect on her lingers. At a crucial time in her life she was searching for solace and she found it in Walcott's words which, when he spoke them, seemed to have been written specifically

The author of two books of poetry, *White Elephants* (1996) and *World Hotel* (2002), Reetika Vazirani's work has appeared in numerous journals and magazines. She has earned a "Discovery"/The Nation Award, a Pushcart Prize, the Poets & Writers Exchange Program Award, and fellowships from the Bread Loaf and Sewanee writers' conferences. *White Elephants* won a Barnard New Women Poets Prize, and her essay, "The Art of Breathing," which appears in the anthology, *How We Live Our Yoga*, earned her the Glenna Luschei/Prairie Schooner Award.



for her. It is this feeling of connection that Vazirani encourages her students to seek in whatever form of creative expression that appeals to them. If that expres-

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—Reetika Vazirani

sion is writing, she cautions that "writing takes time and never becomes easier, but you decide to stick with it" and adapt to an approach that works for you because you have made that connection with it.

As the College's writer-in-residence, Vazirani has been working with a group of students who want to become novelists. She has helped them understand

the ins and outs of the publishing world and what it's really like to try to earn a living as a writer. The students work together, supporting each other's efforts and offering construc-

tive suggestions for improvement in a workshop environment. Vazirani has found her experiences with William and Mary students to be quite enjoyable, and it is not unusual for them to show up at her apartment on Sunday evenings for

a casual discussion over a dish of ice cream.

Yes, the best things do often happen to us by accident, although we may not recognize them as such when they do. In a remarkable twist of fate, Vazirani is a writer-in-residence who will soon be forced to move from her apartment at the Heritage Inn as a result of its sale to developers. As a writer who explores the idea of home, one's sense of homelessness and the role these play on the development of one's identity, she is trying to look at this uprooting from a positive perspective. Perhaps the experience will influence her writing in new ways, maybe even lead to another book.

by Lisa Francavilla

Western-Trained in the Other World

He bolted out of bed full of ideas.
Bathed and groomed he snapped at his chauffeur.
At the Clinic he hammered at his desk—
patents pending if there were time to file.
He dashed off case studies—abscesses on
the child's wan cheeks. He drained them.
A year later the child died of malnutrition,
and the mother paid the bill with eggs and roti.

What a village! He dreamt up an autoclave
and vast greenhouses on the lazy gods' lips.
He was a minnow in the tank of Asia.
He wished for less dust on roads where crops smelled
like the cash of forgetting, and you led your wife in
a fox-trot, saw yourself in black tuxedos.

(From *World Hotel*, 2002, Copper Canyon Press.)

Former Tribe Cheerleader Keeps White House Hopping

Riepenhoff is a player in the real West Wing drama

It may seem like a long hop from being a William and Mary cheerleader to becoming the White House Easter Bunny, but no one who knew Allison L. Riepenhoff ('00) during her four years at the College will be surprised that she has made the demanding jump.

Serving as the costumed bunny at last year's Egg Roll Ceremony on the South Lawn of the White House was actually a refreshing break for the engaging alumna, who has become accustomed to a succession of 12-to-15-hour days since joining the White House staff last year.

"My first job was assistant to the deputy counsel to the president, who handles many legal matters associated with the presidency, as well as the security clearances for presidential nominees. After 9-11, that became a very high priority," said Riepenhoff. "Now I've taken a new job as trip coordinator in the Office of Presidential Advance, and I expect

that it will be just as hectic, if not more so. They tell me that there's no training for the new job. It is baptism by fire."

In her new position, Riepenhoff is planning one-third of the trips that President Bush takes. She is responsible for the smallest details, keeping in touch with the advance teams via cell phone and radio—just like on the award-winning program "West Wing."

"Actually, the program is a bit overdone. I've never seen people in the White House yell at each other like the television actors do. We're all pretty civil here," she said.

Still, there's more than enough drama. The morning of Sept. 11, 2001,

for instance, started off with the visit of former President George H. W. Bush to the West Wing. As usual, Allison was in her third-floor suite, only a flight of stairs and a few footsteps from the Oval Office.

"The former president came up to visit the counsel, who is an old friend from Texas. He's a very gracious man and spent time chatting with everyone in the office. Shortly after he left, we were notified of the attacks on the World Trade Center. Everybody was glued to the television set until we were directed by the Secret Service to assemble in the White House mess," Riepenhoff said.

Shortly after the staff arrived in the downstairs dining area, a Secret Service

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agent came in to tell them that they should leave the building quickly. The fourth plane hijacked by terrorists was on its way toward Washington.

"As we were heading for the gate, the Secret Service noticed that some women were having trouble moving quickly in heels, and they directed us to take off our shoes and run. One of my friends was in front of me, and I can say that I've never seen her move so fast in her life," said Riepenhoff.

Following the attacks, the pace of work at the White House picked up dramatically. Security was on everyone's mind, and the Office of the Counsel redoubled its efforts to run through



Bill Walker

checks on those nominated by the president to fill positions throughout the government.

"Since that time, there hasn't been a great deal of time to do anything but work," Allison said. "People seem surprised by the pace here, and many members of the staff decide to leave well before the President's term ends."

But Riepenhoff is a glutton for hard work, especially activities that involve serving others. During her William and Mary days while she was completing a demanding major in English with a minor in kinesiology, she still found time to work in the Paralympics and Special Olympics, both for people with disabilities. Moreover, she founded "Get Up and Grow," an aerobic exercise group at a local home for the aged. And, oh yes, in her spare time she was a cheerleader and a member of the Tribe diving team.

Given this background in athletics, it was natural for Allison to don the rabbit outfit and roam over the South Lawn of the White Houses with hundreds of kids.

by Bill Walker

Long working days in the White House include a bit of "everything" for Allison L. Riepenhoff. Last spring, she was called upon to become the official White House Easter Bunny.



White House photo

Model U.N. Opens Minds of 1,200 High-School Students



Delegates from 47 high schools attended this year's Model U.N. Conference at William and Mary. The conference, which has become one of the larger Model U.N.s in the nation, is a showcase for what students "with a passion for international relations" can do, say organizers.



Photos provided by Model U.N.

During the William and Mary High School Model United Nations Conference held in November, 100 students at the College helped expand the worldviews of more than 1,200 pupils from 47 high schools across the region.

The conference, in its 16th year, has grown into the largest on-campus model United Nations in the eastern United States. It is run by students in the College's International Relations Club—they design

the committees and debates, generate publicity, process correspondence, schedule campus facilities and organize accommodations.

This year's secretary general, Thomas Fitzpatrick, called his participation "personally the most rewarding thing I have done as a student. I think I touched more than 1,000 lives in one weekend."

Fitzpatrick explained that high-school delegates to the model United Nations were assigned to committees from which they were to consider potential responses to global crises. As a special challenge, organizers developed a hypothetical event in which Pakistan received missile technology from North Korea. Delegates from the model Chinese and model Indian delegations, along with members of the

model Security Council, had to work out a resolution for the issue. While thus engaged, reports came that a suicide bomber had struck.

The competing scenarios made "delegates think quickly on their feet," Fitzpatrick said,

pointing out that in model U.N. time, each hour represented the passage of one full day. Fitzpatrick hopes that the arduous decision-making process helped high-school students learn to balance "what is good for

the country they represent" with "what is good for the world."

Jesse Ferguson, president of the College's International Relations Club, said model U.N. participants "leave the event with a sense of what they are discussing up in New York and a sense that there are solutions." He added, "They are not going to find the silver bullet. If they could do that, they should be up in New York already."

Said Fitzpatrick, "At William and Mary, we strive to help high-school students open their minds to issues affecting their world. At the same time, hosting the model United Nations is our showcase of what the College can do, of what 100 William and Mary students with a passion for international relations can do."

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notes

Sullivan Award honors president and donor

"I can't image anything that would have pleased me more," said President Timothy J. Sullivan when informed



that the Student Assembly had established an award named for him. The Timothy J. Sullivan Award will be presented to individuals for outstanding contributions, service and generosity. The first award went to Suzann Matthews ('71), a member of the Board of Visitors who contributed \$150,000 to fund faculty research grants for the coming summer. Shown at the Nov. 21 presentation are (from the left) junior Jake Hosen, junior Marc Anderson, President Sullivan, Suzann Matthews, junior Kirk Anderson and senior Tyler Smith. The students are Student Assembly liaisons to the Board of Visitors.

CVC giving tops \$100,000

The College's Commonwealth of Virginia Campaign officially ended Dec. 10 with pledges from the campus community totaling \$102,351 to support area nonprofit service agencies. A total of 329 people registered to give, said Mark Gettys, associate director of auxiliary services. "I think we should consider the campaign a success given the unsettled fiscal conditions the campus community was facing," he said. Although the campaign has ended, the College's payroll office will continue to process donation requests (see CVC Web site at www.wm.edu/cvc).

Physics ties for 20th in AIP list

According to a report released by the American Institute of Physics, there were only 26 schools with graduate programs in physics that produced 20 or more bachelor's degrees last year. William and Mary tied for 20th (with the University of Pennsylvania and Purdue). MIT and Harvard topped the list. In a related note, William and Mary ranked fifth by converting 4.4 percent of its introductory physics enrollments into physics concentrators, just behind California Institute of Technology, Harvard, University of Chicago and MIT.

Fifth alcohol-awareness award for College

The College received a national Award of Excellence from the Inter-Association Task Force for its Alcohol Awareness Week



programs. Pictured receiving the award are: Anne Arseneau (assistant director for student activities, Greek life), Danny Shaha (assistant dean,

judicial affairs), Lauren Bolin (graduate-student representative), Max Vest (director of student activities at the University of Richmond, presenter of the award), Mark Constantine (assistant vice president for student activities), Mary Crozier (coordinator for substance abuse services), Cliff Henderson (physician, Student Health Center), Mike Deal (undergraduate student representative), Deb Boykin (director, residence life) and Cara Wells (undergraduate student representative).

The fellowship of good cooking

Biology professor emeritus Martin Mathes recently published his second cookbook, "Recipes From a Williamsburg Kitchen Too." In the dedication, he writes, "I hope that this collection of recipes will encourage you to gather your family around the dinner table and enjoy the fellowship of good cooking." Profits from sale of the book will be donated to the College of William and Mary—Mathes Endowment Fund.



HACE's Employee of the Month

Trovato Called Problem Solver and Role Model

Valerie Trovato, administrative and program specialist in the government department, has been named HACE Employee of the Month for December.

Professor of Government John McGlennon, who nominated Trovato for the honor, wrote, "Valerie makes sure that every student, faculty member, staff member and visitor is promptly attended to, their requests handled efficiently and professionally. At the same time, she demonstrates a warmth and personal attentiveness that has made her an integral part of the William and Mary experience for countless students and others."

In an academic department of more than 250 concentrators and 20 faculty members, Trovato keeps things moving effectively with the assistance of two part-time employees. She developed a system for each request received by the department, and thoroughly debriefs faculty and staff after significant events like pre-registration, commencement and exam time to evaluate possible improvements in the system.

Trovato has been instrumental in devel-

oping a network of staff throughout Morton Hall to improve communications, help new staff learn their jobs and allow coordination of departmental activities across the four departments and two programs housed in the building, McGlennon said. "Valerie's ability to problem-solve is tremendous. She has developed a close relationship with staff in dozens of campus offices and turns to this network to find solutions to fulfill the needs of faculty and students."

"Valerie Trovato has an extremely challenging job, but she handles it with enthusiasm and dedication," McGlennon added. "Her good judgment and ability to understand the needs of the department's faculty, students, staff and other customers makes it a pleasure to work in the Government Department. She is an outstanding role model for how professionalism can be warm and caring."

Trovato, who has worked for three-and-a-half years in the department, was thrilled to be named employee of the month. "I am deeply honored and touched by it all," she said.

by Ann Gaudreaux



Valerie Trovato

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—John McGlennon

Ben & Jerry's Sundaes Benefit Swem

Let's see, I'd like a scoop of Phish Food, one of Cherry Garcia and one of the World's Best Chocolate. Cover that with hot fudge and some nuts and whipped cream. Yes, that's all—just a gigantic sundae. People have been ordering delicious concoctions like this for more than a decade at the local Ben & Jerry's stores; one month a year, their orders have benefited Swem Library.

Since 1990, the three Williamsburg Ben & Jerry's stores have supported the College's Earl Gregg Swem Library by setting aside 50 cents from each sundae purchased during October. The proceeds benefit the Friends of the Library Endowment. This year marks 13 years of support, with more than \$15,000 donated.

Ben & Jerry's corporate philosophy states that part of the company's profits be returned to the local communities where their retail outlets are located. Frank Salzman, owner of the local franchises along with his son Leon, said, "Swem Library is an integral part of the community, so giving to the library fits like a glove. Our family's philosophy meshed well with the Ben & Jerry's corporate credo. If we can give to the community, we see all the wonderful things that we get back."

Salzman began his commu-



Karen H. McCluney

Swem Library staff members join Frank Salzman (foreground), owner of the local Ben & Jerry's stores, for a sundae in October. Thirteen years of local Ben & Jerry's support has yielded more than \$15,000 for Swem Library.

nity outreach by offering Child Development Resources an opportunity to raise money for their programs for at-risk children ages birth to five. He later added Swem to his giving list. "This past year," he said, "we decided to devote some of our resources to the Virginia Symphony." The Salzmanns purchased a Ben & Jerry's franchise four years ago in Charlottesville, where they have partnered with the Virginia Institute of Autism (VIA) to benefit programs for autistic children. They completed their first drive in October and raised more than \$800 for the children.

Salzman has been a member of the Friends of the Library for years and even served

on their board. "I got involved hoping to encourage others to get an appetite for supporting the library," he said. "I am hoping a local restaurant, a gift shop, a law firm and other businesses will jump on the bandwagon and sponsor Swem Library, too."

"This is an excellent model of community support," said Connie McCarthy, dean of university libraries. "The event is widely publicized across campus, and it is not uncommon for students, staff and faculty to gather for a sundae. ... In this time of reduced budgets for library book purchases, the support of Ben & Jerry's takes on even more importance."

by Ann Gaudreaux

Tax Challenge Three-Peat for William and Mary Undergrads

For the third consecutive year, the William and Mary BBA (bachelor of business administration) team took first place in the Deloitte & Touche Tax Challenge national case study competition. Members of the winning team are students Elizabeth Sacksteder, David Falwell and Michael Mendelsohn, all seniors, and Kirk Anderson, a junior.

William and Mary undergraduate teams have won first place in the two previous Tax Challenges. Each member of the first place team will receive a \$1,000 scholarship, and the College will receive \$10,000 from the Deloitte Foundation, a nonprofit arm of professional services firm Deloitte & Touche LLP. This year's competition was held Nov. 23 in Orlando, Fla.

"I attribute the undergraduate Tax Challenge team's success to several factors," said professor James Smith, coach and mentor. "First and foremost, we are fortunate to have such exceptional students. At the end of the awards ceremony, the coach for the Brigham Young University undergraduate team, which placed second last year and this year, commented to me that 'this is the best undergraduate team that he had coached at BYU. So our [W&M] students must really be great.' Second, the students on our team have the will to prepare to win."

"We were very well prepared for the competition as a result of more than a semester's worth of hard work," Mendelsohn said. "Dr. Smith put in even more time and effort in ensuring that the team worked well together, and at least one of the four team members was familiar with nearly every topic that could be covered in the competition."

While William and Mary teams have been successful in the past, Smith said, they recognize that adequate preparation is a requisite for success. Being so well prepared enables them to deal effectively with both certainty and uncertainty in the Tax Challenge.



Photo provided by Deloitte & Touche

Team leader James Smith (l), professor of business, is shown with Tax Challenge team members (from left) David Falwell ('03), Elizabeth Sacksteder ('03), Mike Mendelsohn ('03) and Kirk Andersen ('04).

"Our team members," Smith added, "are excellent communicators, and that enables them to function effectively in interacting with their teammates during the competition and in preparing tax planning and tax compliance materials for the fictional client. That tal-

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—James Smith

ent obviously impressed the Deloitte & Touche judges. Finally, their current and prior educational experiences both in and out of the School of Business Administration at William and Mary provide them with the foundation for and realistic belief that they can successfully compete with anyone."

The William and Mary team was one of 60 teams from 40 colleges and universities to participate in the

regional competition of the Deloitte & Touche Tax Challenge, held in October in Atlanta. The William and Mary team was one of six undergraduate teams that qualified for the national competition in Orlando.

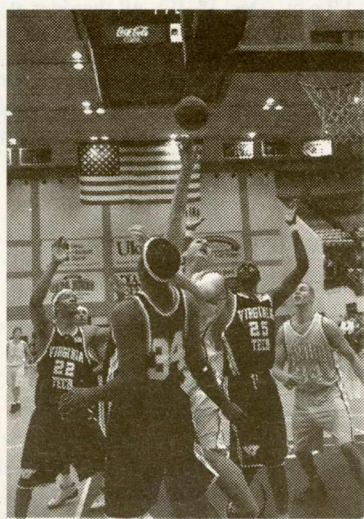
During the Tax Challenge, teams of four students are given five hours to complete a complex, hypothetical case study that requires them to identify tax and non-tax issues and to consider alternative tax treatments for a fictitious client situation. Team work, time management, tax research and tax planning are critical components.

"I plan to attend William and Mary's Master of Accounting Program next year," Sacksteder, an accounting and economics major, said. "Then I may have another opportunity to represent the College on the graduate level in the Tax Challenge competition. As a member of this team I learned so much: how to read and interpret the Internal Revenue Code and regulations, revenue procedures and rulings, and tax court cases. Under Professor James Smith's watch, I learned how to write memorandums, client letters and briefs. When I was a freshman, I never expected to study these issues and now I find them very exciting, so I look forward to refining my accounting skills during an additional year at William and Mary."

Mendelsohn also plans to apply to the Master in Accounting Program and compete on the graduate tax challenge team next year. "Overall, this was an excellent experience," he said. "As a team, we learned how to apply our classroom skills to a real-life case while focusing on teamwork and time management."

Mark Chain, president of the Deloitte & Touche Foundation and National Director of Recruiting and Human Resources Management for Deloitte & Touche said that the Tax Challenge "... exposes today's accounting students to real-life tax issues through an interactive, team-oriented case. The program provides students with an exceptional educational experience while permitting them to gain a sense of a professional work environment."

by Ann C. Gaudreaux



C.J. Gleason/VISCOM

A Tribe player takes a shot during last week's 60-52 win over the Big East basketball squad from Virginia Tech. The win was the first for the Tribe, which improved to 1-4.

Basketball broadcasts

William and Mary's men's basketball games are being broadcast on the following radio stations:

WMBG, 740 AM, Williamsburg
WWBR, 107.9 FM, Williamsburg
WBRG, 1050 AM, Lynchburg
WAME, 1490 AM, Farmville
WVNZ, 1320 AM, Richmond

All men's basketball games can be heard at www.TribeAthletics.com.

sports briefs

Men's runners 14th in NCAAs

Led by second-time All American Ed Moran ('03), the men's cross country squad finished 14th in the NCAA championships held Nov. 25. The tournament featured 251 athletes from 31 Division I schools. The Tribe was the fourth team to get all seven runners across the finish line.

Women run to 23rd place

William and Mary's women's cross country team finished 23rd among the 31 squads participating in the NCAA Division I championships on Nov. 25.

Two earn All-America Status

Two Tribe field-hockey players earned All-America honors for 2002. Forward Ann Ekberg, who led the team with 51 points (23 goals) was selected to the second team, and goalkeeper Claire Millier, who recorded a 1.41 goals against average, was named to the third team. This year's squad ended the season with a 12-9 record. It advanced to the NCAA tournament, where it lost to Maryland 2-1 in overtime.

Soccer team makes incredible run in NCAA tournament

The men's Tribe soccer team advanced into the third round of the NCAA soccer tournament by recording upset wins over Duke and the University of Virginia before succumbing to Penn State 1-0 in overtime.

The squad, ranked 25th in the nation, became the 12th in the history of the College to play in the tournament and the sixth to appear in the "Sweet Sixteen." (In 1980 and 1996, the Tribe advanced to the NCAA quarterfinals.)

This year's team entered the tournament with a 13-7-1 record. It was led by top scorer Ralph Bean ('03), who recorded 31 regular season points (10 goals, 11 assists), and goalkeeper Trevor Upton ('03), who earned six shutouts while compiling a 1.24 goals-against average.

It's winning record marked the 28th consecutive year the Tribe has finished above .500, all of them under its current coach, Al Albert, who has recorded 392 wins at his alma mater, establishing himself as one of the premier college coaches in the nation.

Football squad falls to Richmond, ends season at 6-5

The University of Richmond upset the Tribe football squad 35-13 in the final game of the season Nov. 23. The loss lowered the team's record to 6-5 (5-4 in Atlantic 10).

Excellent play during the year earned 12 players from the squad post-season honors, including first-team all-conference picks Dwight Beard ('03), Rich Musinki ('04), and Billy Parker ('04). Record-setting quarterback Dave Corley ('03) was named to the second-team all-conference squad.

The Tribe will lose 15 seniors next year. It opens its season on Sept. 6 against Western Michigan University.



Athletic Dept. photo

Senior goalkeeper Trevor Upton was instrumental in the Tribe's success. He made two key penalty-kick saves against the heavily favored University of Virginia to help earn his team a spot in this year's third round of the NCAA tournament.

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 Jan. 16 issue is Jan. 9 at 5 p.m.

Dec. 17

UE160 General Meeting: Candidates for executive officers and committee chairs will be nominated. Door prizes, turkey raffle. Noon-1 p.m., Tidewater Room B, University Center. Faculty, staff and students invited. For information, call Selma at 221-3101 or Cindy at 220-1780.

Dec. 20

Caroling: William and Mary Choir. 3 p.m., Merchants Square. 221-1085.

Dec. 21-Jan. 14

Semester Break

exhibitions

Through Dec. 20

Senior Show, an exhibition of paintings, drawings and prints by seniors Ben Rogalski and Stacy Woodson.

The exhibition will be on display 10 a.m.-5 p.m. weekdays in Andrews Gallery, Andrews Hall. Admission is free. 221-2519 or 221-1450.

Through Jan. 12

Windows on the West: Views from the American Frontier -The Phelan Collection. Sixty paintings that give a historically accurate cross-section of what really happened in the exploration of the west, as seen by artists who personally explored and visually documented what they discovered. Included are paintings by Frederick Remington, Carl Wimar, Alfred Jacob Miller and Karl Bodmer, as well as the works of women, Native Americans and African Americans.

This exhibition 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. Admission to traveling exhibitions will be free for museum members and William and Mary students. All other visitors will be charged an admission fee of \$5. Admission to galleries that display objects from the permanent collection is free. 221-2703.

sports

Dec. 20

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

Dec. 22

Men's Basketball vs. Morgan State, 2 p.m., W&M Hall

Jan. 2

Men's Basketball vs. Charleston Southern, 7 p.m., W&M Hall

Jan. 4

Men's Basketball vs. Towson, 7 p.m., W&M Hall

Jan. 8

Men's Basketball vs. Delaware, 7 p.m., W&M Hall

Jan. 13

Women's Basketball vs. Drexel, 7 p.m., W&M Hall

Jan. 18

Men's Basketball vs. VCU, 7 p.m., W&M Hall

For information, call 221-3369.

deadlines

Dec. 16

Deadline for contributing to the Hourly and Classified Employees Association (HACE) Christmas food baskets. Receptacles for contributions are located across campus. Receptacles will be collected on the morning of Dec. 17.

For information on specific locations, call Selma Blair, 221-3101; Lydia Whitaker, 221-2207; Joanne Wilkerson, 221-2740; Margaret Womack, 221-2440 or Sandy Wilms, 221-1257. Monetary contributions will be accepted by those listed or they may be sent to Jaime LaBianco, HACE treasurer, William and Mary Hall 214K.

Jan. 15

Registration deadline for the Spring 2003 Saturday Enrichment Program, to be held February 15-March 29. Presented by the Center for Gifted Education. Brochure and registration materials are available on the Web site at <http://www.cfge.wm.edu/Families/SEP/sep.htm>.

looking ahead

Jan. 16

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Commemoration: "Passion and Principles: Leadership to Change the World," Roslyn Brock, vice chairman, NAACP Board of Directors. 7 p.m., Commonwealth Auditorium, University Center. Free and open to the public. 221-2300.

Jan. 18

"Focusing on the Future." A career and academic planning experience, sponsored by the Center for Gifted Education. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. For details, visit the Web site at www.cfge.wm.edu/FOF/future.htm, contact the center at 221-2587 or fax 221-2184.

Jan. 21

W&M Concert Series: "Tango Buenos Aires." 8 p.m., Phi Beta Kappa Memorial Hall. General admission \$20. Mini-season Concert Series tickets are now available for \$50 each. This ticket covers admission to the three performances in 2003: the Jan. 21 performance (above), the March 25 performance by the Preservation Hall Jazz Band and the April 16 performance by Ralph Stanley and His Clinch Mountain Boys. Call 221-3276.



Tim Jones

Snowglow: An evening snow transformed the campus in early December. Thanks to extra hours by many staff members, paths were cleared by early the following morning.

Jan. 23

Appointments with TIAA-CREF Representative, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Thiemes House. To schedule an appointment, visit the Web site at www.tiaa-cref.org/moc or call Juanita Hill at (800) 842-2008.

Jan. 24

Law School Friday Information Session: For potential law school students, an opportunity to tour the law school, attend a typical law school class (approximately 50 minutes), and interact with students and faculty. 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Law School. To register, call the admission office at 221-3785.

Community

Dec. 16-19

Peninsula Jewish Film Festival: *Invincible*, 6:45 and 9:15 p.m. (Dec. 16-17). *The Grey Zone*, 6:45 and 9 p.m. (Dec. 18-19). All showings at the Kimball Theatre, Merchants Square. \$6 adults, \$5 students and senior citizens. Advance tickets through Colonial Williamsburg at 229-1000 or 1-800-HISTORY. Tickets are also available at the Kimball Theatre box office. Additional information available at <http://www.temple-bethel.org/filmfest.htm>.

classified advertisements

FOR SALE

1995 Volvo 850 Turbo, beige European sedan, tan leather seats. 137K miles. One owner. Dealer serviced, including preventive maintenance. Options include seat warmers; headlight wipers; power sunroof/moonroof, seat, windows, mirrors and locks. Volvo safety, including dual airbags. \$7,500. Call Will at (804) 363-4443 or e-mail wezirk@wm.edu.

1994 Dodge Intrepid. Very good condition, new tires, all maintenance records. Excellent road car, 28 mpg. \$3,200 or best offer. Call Anne or Dan at 258-3314.

1994 Toyota Tercel, 2-door manual, blue/green. 119K miles. Airbag. Reliable transportation. 35 mpg. Asking \$2,000. Call Will at (804) 363-4443 or e-mail wezirk@wm.edu.

Rare 1988 Mazda 626 stock with turbo. Excellent body and running condition. 152K miles. One owner with complete service records. \$1,595. Call 221-2003 during the day.

Full-size bed with frame, full-size couch, area rug, outdoor grills (two sizes) and 5' kitchen countertop/cupboard unit. Must sell before Dec. 17. Call Damon or Elizabeth at 259-5915.

Solid bronze flatware for 12 people, for every course imaginable. Extraordinarily good quality, hardly used. From my mother's estate. \$600 or best offer. Call 258-3403 or e-mail jmbrax@wm.edu.

For the visually impaired: Telesensory's Aladdin Ultra Reader, hardly used. Magnification up to 60X, B&W 17" screen, easy to use. Price new, over \$2,200, asking \$1,200.

Also twin size mattress, in perfect condition, used for 3 months, original packaging available. \$80 or best offer. Call 253-1984.

FOR RENT

3-BR, 2-bath home on waterfront, James River frontage. Gorgeous views. Private neighborhood of upscale homes. Available Jan. 15. \$1,750/mo. Call (804) 829-9896.

Faculty house for long-term lease beginning in Jan. 4 BRs, 2-1/2 baths, great room. Wood floors downstairs, new carpet upstairs. Deck with gas grill. York County schools. \$1,400/mo. Call Inga at 229-8292.

Immaculate 3-BR, 2-1/2-bath, 1,700-sq.-ft. home in Skipwith Farms. Family room. Hardwood floors in LR, DR and hall. Fireplace, storage space, central air. Minutes to campus. Available for immediate occupancy. \$1,100/mo. Call 259-2233 or e-mail jceise@wm.edu.

Private BR in full-share, comfortable 8-room house adjacent to campus. Residents include male professor and grad student. Third resident graduating. Laundry, full kitchen, parking. Quiet atmosphere, unbeatable convenience. Available Dec./Jan. through summer. \$550/mo., share utilities. E-mail bjlins@wm.edu or call 221-3198.

2-BR, 2-1/2-bath, 2-story condominium in Bristol Commons (across from bus stop at Dillard Complex). One year old, in great condition. Washer, dryer, dishwasher. Parking, exterior maintenance. Available Jan. 1 for 6-month lease. \$900 + utilities. Call Will at (804) 363-4443 or e-mail wezirk@wm.edu.

Available summer of 2003, May 15-Aug. 15: 3-BR, 2-1/2-bath house in the Meadows. LR, DR. Fully furnished, nice backyard. Jacuzzi. Lots of space and light. Close to campus and shopping areas. Call 221-1723 or e-mail dxcher@wm.edu.

WANTED

Laboratory technician (approximately 20 hours per week) to manage stocks of fruit flies (*Drosophila*) on campus. Duties include medium preparation, data collection, microscope work, etc. Flexible hours to fit your schedule. Applicants should understand basic genetic and evolutionary concepts in biology, but need no prior experience with flies. Compensation depends on level of experience. Contact George Gilchrist at gwgilc@wm.edu or 221-7751.

Roommate to share townhouse with W&M grad student. Roommate occupies two of three bedrooms, shares 1-1/2 baths, LR, DR, kitchen and laundry room. All appliances, including washer/dryer. Located less than three miles from campus. \$380/mo. + 1/2 utilities. Call 229-5662 or 253-7512.

Seeking mature non-smoker to share end townhouse with attached garage, 10 minutes from campus. Private bath. Furnished or unfurnished. View of Lake Powhatan from every room, including LR, DR, breakfast area. Fireplace, screened porch. Walk to Ukrop's, shopping, tennis. Steps from 25 mi. walk or bike trail. Prefer grad student or first-year teacher. \$750/mo. + 1/2 utilities, negotiable. Call (703) 876-9348 (evenings) or (703) 405-8278 (cell) or e-mail jane.marden@nreca.org.

Tree Trimming at the President's House

Students recently helped trim President Sullivan's tree. Below: Assistant to the President Michael Fox chooses ornaments with George Srour ('05), Marc Johnson ('04) and Jacob Rooksby ('04). Right: The tree takes shape.



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W&M NEWS

The next issue of the *William & Mary News* will be published on Thursday, Jan. 16. The deadline for submission of items is 5 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 9, although submissions before the deadline are encouraged. Call 221-2639 with any questions or concerns. For information about classified advertising, call 221-2644. Ads are only accepted from faculty, staff, students and alumni.

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