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Comedian Stewart ('84) named 2004 commencement speaker

Stewart, Long and Reid-Wallace to receive honorary degrees

Jon Stewart, the host and executive producer of Comedy Central's "The Daily Show with Jon Stewart" and a nationally known comedian and actor, will deliver the commencement address at the College of William and Mary on Sunday, May 16.

Known for his quick wit and political satire, Stewart, a member of the College's class of 1984, will be awarded an honorary doctorate of arts by his alma mater. The honor joins a remarkable list of awards Stewart has received since taking over the nationally broadcast "The Daily Show" in January 1999. These recognitions include two 2003 Emmys for Outstanding Variety, Music or Comedy Series and Outstanding Writing for a Variety, Music or Comedy Program.

"Jon Stewart nightly exposes the foibles and fables of both parties—and the media—through his creative and literate commentary," said President Timothy J. Sullivan. "His unique approach offers a welcome antidote to a sometimes self-important and all too often acrimonious political climate. Jon is also among the College's most recognizable alumni, and we are honored to have him return to William and Mary to present our commencement address."

Also receiving honorary degrees at commencement will be William Ivey Long, an award-winning costume designer on Broadway and a member of William and Mary's class of 1969, andCarolynn Reid-Wallace, the former president of Fisk University and a nationally recognized scholar. Long and Reid-Wallace, a Williamsburg native, will receive honorary doctorates of humane letters.

"Winner of multiple Tony Awards for theater costume design, alumnus William Ivey Long has



Steven Salpukas

Stewart engages students during a visit to the College last year for Charter Day.

enriched all of our lives through his life-long commitment to the arts," Sullivan said.

"Throughout her distinguished career as a scholar and academic administrator, Carolynn Reid-Wallace has proven to be one of our nation's leading advocates for public education. We are honored to have both of these individuals receive honorary degrees from William and Mary."

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A force for reconciliation

Pearl dialogue confronts hatred leading to terrorism



D. Pearl

Seeking understanding following the death of *The Wall Street Journal* reporter Daniel Pearl, the journalist's father, Dr. Judea Pearl, will join internationally-renowned Islamic scholar Dr. Akbar Ahmed for a public discussion sponsored by the College of William and Mary on April 18.

"The Daniel Pearl Dialogue for Acknowledgment and Reconciliation" will be held at 3 p.m. in the Williamsburg Lodge Auditorium, and will be followed by a book signing.

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'Originalist' Scalia defends case for 'dead' Constitution



A. Scalia

As a staunch conservative, U.S. Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia says he doesn't carry any affection for "bearded, sandal-wearing weirdos" who express their First Amendment rights by burning the American flag.

However, as an originalist—one who interprets the U.S. Constitution based on the meaning it held when it was created—he believes that burning the American flag is a protected right, Scalia told more than 1,200 people at William and Mary Hall.

"It's protected by the First Amendment," said Scalia, explaining why he joined the court's majority in the opinion that flag burning is a protected form of political expression. "If you play the old way, you often have to reach decisions you don't enjoy."

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W&M's STUDENT BODY POLITIC

Students struggle to get on Williamsburg ballot

Until recently, it was unheard of for students at William and Mary to run for local elected office such as City Council. In fact, city officials say it's never happened.

But by late January, sophomore Seth Saunders was the first to challenge that trend, announcing at a press conference at the Williamsburg Community Building his intention to win one of three open council seats in the May 4 election. A few weeks later, three more students, juniors Travis Luther Lowe, Serene Alami and Robert Ryan-Chin Forrest, joined the mix of student candidates vying for seats on City Council.

The students' campaigns were prompted by what they consider unfair rental regulations adopted



Brian Whitson

Robert Forrest is one student definitely on the ballot.

recently by city officials. In January, a local landlord who publicly opposed the city's rental regulations warned Williamsburg officials he was lining up students to run for City Council. Within a month, the four students announced their candidacies—reforming the city's

rental regulations was among their top priorities.

With students making up roughly half of the city's 12,000 residents, the William and Mary candidates said, it is time that segment of the population had a voice.

"Originally, we hoped to have three students elected to the council," Lowe said this week. "While there is a perception that Williamsburg is a retiring community, the fact is that William and Mary students make up a majority of the population. Every student has a direct stake in our local government. Students should be represented locally."

While holding press confer-

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TIME's 'saint' among us

Lewis named Andrews fellow



J. Lewis

United States Congressman John Lewis, a legend in the Civil Rights movement, has been named by the College as the 2004 Hunter Andrews Fellow in American

Politics. The fellowship will bring the veteran of the Freedom Rides to campus to speak to several classes and to meet with students, faculty and members of the community. A special "Meet the Press—" style panel is scheduled for April 6.

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Civil Rights legend John Lewis named Hunter Andrews Fellow

U.S. Congressman John Lewis, a noted leader in the civil rights movement, has been named the 2004 Hunter Andrews Fellow in American Politics at the College of William and Mary. The Fellowship will bring Lewis to campus April 6-7 to speak to several classes, meet with students, faculty, and community leaders, and participate in a public question and answer session.

A recipient of the Martin Luther King, Jr., Non-Violent Peace Prize, Lewis is serving his eighth term in office as a Democrat representing Georgia's fifth district. He has been profiled in numerous national publications and network television and radio broadcasts, including a 1975 profile in *TIME* magazine entitled "Saints Among Us." William and Mary presented Lewis with an honorary doctorate of public service during its 2003 commencement exercises.

During the height of the civil rights movement, Lewis helped form



Tim Jones

Congressman John Lewis

and chaired the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee, which was largely responsible for sit-ins and other activities of students that

Lewis 'Meets the Campus'

A special "Meet the Press"-style panel discussion will be held from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. April 6 in the University Center. Students will participate in the forum, which will be moderated by Government Professor Christopher Howard. The lecture is free and open to the public.

challenged segregated facilities. He also volunteered to participate in the Freedom Rides, organized in the early 1960s to challenge segregation at interstate bus terminals across the South.

"Congressman Lewis is one of America's most distinguished public servants," said President Timothy J. Sullivan. "From his work in the civil rights movement to his years of service in the U.S. House of Representatives, Congressman Lewis has devoted his life to protecting human rights and fighting for the dignity and well-being

of those who might have otherwise been forgotten. We are honored that he will return to William and Mary as our Hunter Andrews Fellow."

The son of Alabama sharecroppers, John Lewis earned a bachelor's degree in religion and philosophy from Fisk University and is a graduate of the American Baptist Theological Seminary in Nashville, Tenn.

The Hunter Booker Andrews Fellowship was established in 1998 by friends of the former state senator and William and Mary alumnus. The program brings distinguished journalists, politicians and academicians to campus each year to interact with students and faculty. Washington Post columnist David Broder inaugurated the fellowship in 2001. National Security Advisor to President Bill Clinton Samuel R. Berger received the appointment in 2002. Last year, Thomas S. Foley, 49th Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, received the honor.

Comedian Stewart returns to his alma mater to deliver commencement address

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Jon Stewart is considered one of America's top social and comedic voices. In July 2001, *TIME* magazine proclaimed Stewart "America's Best Talk Show Host." Most recently, Stewart was featured on the cover of the Jan. 5, 2004, *Newsweek*. The *Newsweek* article stated that Stewart's show, which is actually a fake newscast, has taken over late night television with its "fearless social satire."

Stewart returned to his alma mater last year for a show that attracted 3,000 people to William and Mary Hall. The audience was treated to an hilarious question-and-answer session about his time as an undergraduate. "This was the place I developed my humor," Stewart told the students.

While at William and Mary, Stewart played wing for the men's soccer team; he graduated in 1984 with a bachelor of arts in psychology.

Long: Master costume designer

A native of North Carolina, alumnus William Ivey Long has a resume that includes many of Broadway's most popular musicals over the past two decades. Starting in 1982 for his work on the original Broadway production "Nine," Long has won four Tony Awards for his eye-catching costume designs, includ-

ing 1992's "Crazy For You," 2001's "The Producers," and 2002's "Hairspray."

Despite coming from a family filled with theater tradition—both his parents were theater professors—Long came to William and Mary in the 1960s to pursue another love—history. Although he majored in history at William and Mary and later spent three years as a fellow in art history at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, Long soon discovered his true passion. He headed north to pursue his M.F.A. in stage design at Yale University Drama School, where he studied with, among others, Meryl Streep and Sigourney Weaver.

Long's first Broadway show came in 1979 with "The 1940s Radio Hour," and he has since been nominated for seven Tony Awards for costume design. In addition to the Tonys, in 1990 William and Mary presented Long with the Leslie Cheek Award for Outstanding Presentation in the Arts. Long is also a former recipient of the Roanoke Island Historical Association's Morrison Award and the Lifetime Achievement Award from the UNC-Chapel Hill Playmakers. He was named "Person of the Year" in 2000 by the National Theatre Conference. In 2003, Long received the Legend of Fashion Award from the School of the Art Institute of Chicago.

Reid-Wallace: Education innovator

A Williamsburg native, Reid-Wallace was president of Fisk University from 2001-2003, where she was largely responsible for raising academic standards and spearheading renovations at the 138-year-old historically black college. A 1964 graduate of Fisk, she received her Ph.D. in English and American Literature from George Washington University.

Prior to becoming Fisk's first female president, Reid-Wallace was the U.S. Assistant Secretary of Education and the Senior Vice President for Education and Programming for the Corporation of Public Broadcasting.

Reid-Wallace also has served as Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs at the City University of New York, where she was recognized by the *New York Times* for her outstanding achievement in redesigning teacher education programs. She also directed a national program in humanities for the National Endowment for the Humanities and has held academic positions at several universities, including serving as the acting president of Bowie State College in Maryland. Reid-Wallace has been a Rockefeller scholar, a Ford fellow, a John Hay Whitney alternate and a Fulbright lecturer.

by Brian Whitson

Scalia defends 'dead' Constitution as providing assurance of freedoms

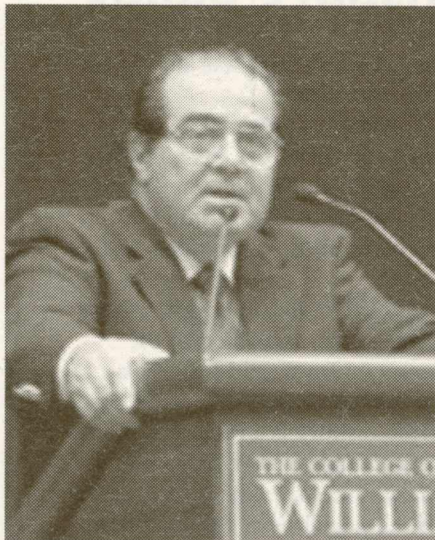
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In a lively talk sponsored by the College's University Centers Activities Board, Scalia answered questions ranging from the debate on same-sex marriages to the balancing act of being a Supreme Court justice and father of nine children.

"I have a great wife," Scalia said with regards to his family life. "I take care of the Constitution and she takes care of everything else."

On the legality of same-sex marriages, Scalia said the debate will probably end up in federal court because of the full faith and credit clause, which says that states have to acknowledge laws that other states have passed. However, Scalia said he doesn't see anything in the Constitution that addresses the issue.

Scalia, who was appointed to the Supreme Court in 1986 by President Ronald Reagan, spent the majority of his speech arguing for what he refers



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Justice Antonin Scalia

to as a "dead Constitution."

"It's a tough sell," Scalia admitted, adding that most of his colleagues on the Supreme Court prefer to look at the Constitution as a living document

'What we are looking for now is people who agree with us.'

—Antonin Scalia

that evolves as society changes. Scalia said that he and Justice Clarence Thomas are among the minority.

"We're not looking for good lawyers anymore," Scalia said of Supreme Court appointees. "What we are looking for now is people who agree with us. That is where we are."

Scalia said people believe a "living Constitution" provides more freedom. In reality, he said, it actually takes away democratic choice because it allows judges to interpret the Constitution however "they think it ought to mean."

Interpreting the Constitution, he said, "has nothing to do with what your social preferences are. It has all to do

with how you think the Constitution should be applied."

This leads to tough decisions, but decisions that are necessary in upholding the Constitution, Scalia said. He referred back to his fifth and deciding vote on the decision that states could not criminalize the burning of the American flag.

The morning after the decision, Scalia said, he came downstairs at his house and saw a Washington Post on the kitchen table. On the front page was a headline about the courts decision to protect flag burning. His wife, Maureen — who Scalia said is more conservative than he is — was fixing breakfast and humming "Stars and Stripes Forever."

"I don't need that," he said, triggering laughter in the crowd. "The living Constitutional judge never has to put up with that. Whatever he thinks is good is in the Constitution."

by Brian Whitson

Recurring debate affects the nation and the College

Edley and Eschaveste extend Affirmative Action discussion

Affirmative Action is one of those issues that won't go away. As every few years the country goes through another round of soul-searching, dialogue and discrimination lawsuits, the discussion affects William and Mary.

To help advance the dialogue, the College welcomed Christopher Edley, Jr., and Maria Eschaveste to the Commonwealth Auditorium on March 18 to, according to Eschaveste, "ask the hard questions and not provide the stock answers." The appearance was sponsored by the College's Office of Multicultural Affairs.

Edley started the discussion with a review of *Brown vs. Board of Education* and other victories in the fight for equality, such as the partial integration of the military. Brown, he said, finally killed the poisonous concept of "separate but equal" and made way for a direct attack on "America's system of apartheid." The United States implemented Brown slowly, but, by the mid-1970s schools and other institutions had begun to integrate. This, however, was only a partial victory, at best.

The new struggle, Edley said, comes in the attempt to create opportunities in the wider culture—opportunities in business, education and housing. He cited an MIT study which revealed that one quarter of all renters discriminate against minority housing applicants, regardless of other factors such as education. In the face of such increasing resegregation of neighborhoods and schools, Affirmative Action is an essential "bridging tool," he said. It fights



Maria Eschaveste (l) engages an audience member as Christopher Edley looks on.

discrimination and increases opportunity: America needs this tool, at least

'If education opens the door of opportunity, are we ready to invest enough in quality education?'

—Maria Eschaveste

for the present, he said.

Eschaveste picked up where Edley left off. She painted a picture of an America fed up with racial problems, and tired of difficult solutions. "The attitude of most white Americans," she said, "is 'let's not go there.'"

She then related this story to the problems of Hispanic immigrants: In the '60s and '70s, the Supreme Court handed down a series of decisions

which prohibited discrimination against Hispanics. The Hispanic population at the time clustered in a few Western states. Now nearly every state hosts a significant Hispanic population, a population made up at least in part of uneducated illegal immigrants. "So," she asked, "if education opens the door of opportunity, are we ready to invest enough in quality education?"

The answer, it seems, is no—or at least not yet. Eschaveste noted education spending per pupil in California has plummeted. With *Brown vs. the Board of Education* and other cases laying the foundation, the question remains whether or not we are ready to meet the new challenges of equality, she suggested.

The audience, made up largely of minority students, responded positively. Their questions centered on education, addressing topics such as the federal No Child Left Behind Act,

The Edley/Eschaveste team

Edley and Eschaveste are a husband and wife team who stand at the forefront of the Affirmative Action debate. They met while working together in the Clinton Administration. Edley oversaw President Clinton's Affirmative Action Review, authored *Not All Black and White: Affirmative Action, Race, and American Values*, and will shortly become Dean of the University of California at Berkeley Law Center. Eschaveste, the daughter of uneducated Mexican immigrants, rose through the Clinton administration to become Deputy Chief of Staff.

which Edley and Eschaveste praised for its demand that all students—not merely middle-class white ones—improve and which they deplored for its policies encouraging problem students to be shunted off to other schools. They also criticized the practice at some schools of setting standards lower for minority students than for their white peers.

In the end, neither Edley nor Eschaveste would speak on the success of the forum.

"We had a good time," said Edley. "Really only the audience can say if we were successful or not."

Added Eschaveste, "We hope that at least some folks take away a sense of the challenges facing the College and the community." She pointed out that "at the national level, there is a group of people, activists [who are aware of these problems]. But at the local level it's much harder—there isn't always the same core of leadership."

by Peyton Cooke ('04)

Cypher Society undertakes restoration of James Blair's gravesite

A few years ago, H. Edward "Chip" Mann accompanied his son's fourth grade class to visit Jamestown. As an alumnus of the College (B.A. '77) and a former member of the Board of Visitors, Mann looked forward to showing the kids the grave of the William and Mary's founder, the Reverend James Blair. But when he arrived at Jamestown, he was taken aback at what he found.

"I was shocked at the condition of the gravesite. Most of the stonework had deteriorated to the point that an area of the grave was open to the elements. It was in terrible shape," said Mann.

Knowing that in 2007 Jamestown Island would attract many visitors from around the world, Mann resolved to do something to correct the situation. His first step was to contact the Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities (APVA), which owns the original site of Jamestown, including the church and cemetery where Blair is buried.

"What intrigued the APVA was that the grave is not only the resting place of an historic person, but is also a significant mid-eighteenth century artifact," said Mann. "It is a high-end sarcophagus that was shipped from London to the colony."

As the result of initial conversations, the APVA surveyed the site and determined that the marble plaques and many other elements of the sarcophagus of Blair and his wife were still in the area, albeit in pieces.

"In addition to developing cost estimates of what would be necessary to restore the grave, the APVA stabilized it. Now you can get a good idea of what it actually looked like in the past," said Mann, who decided to mount an effort to secure funding to do the complete job in time for 2007.

"As a former board member, I knew exactly



As Julia Osman ('04) lays a commemorative wreath on the graves of James and Sarah Blair, three members of the Cypher Society who are leading the effort to restore the site to its original glory look on. They are (left to right), Robert Faulconer, Chip Mann and Francis West.

where to turn – the Cypher Society. The group is composed of former BOV members, and one of our goals is to ensure that the students of today come to know and value the heritage of the College," explained Mann. "I took the idea of trying to raise the funds to the group and they promptly adopted it as a one of our projects."

Mann also hopes that the project will provide learning opportunities for William and Mary students interested in history, anthropology or archaeology, who could work alongside the APVA. But right

now, he's focused on raising between \$20,000 to \$40,000 needed for the restoration.

For the past two years at the spring meeting of the Cypher Society, Mann has led a group of former BOV members, students and others to the gravesite to lay a wreath in remembrance of the College's founder and his wife.

Those who would like to aid this effort should call Mann at (757) 343-5539 or send him an e-mail at horacemann@earthlink.net.

by Bill Walker

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Students hoping to run for Williamsburg City Council find path full of detours

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ences and announcing their candidacies was the easy part, the students soon found that actually getting their names on the election ballot was another story—a compelling drama that is still playing out in Virginia courts.

Currently, only one of the four students, Forrest, is among the seven City Council candidates certified for the election by Williamsburg Registrar R. Wythe Davis. The fate of two others, Lowe and Alami, remains undecided. Saunders' campaign is over.

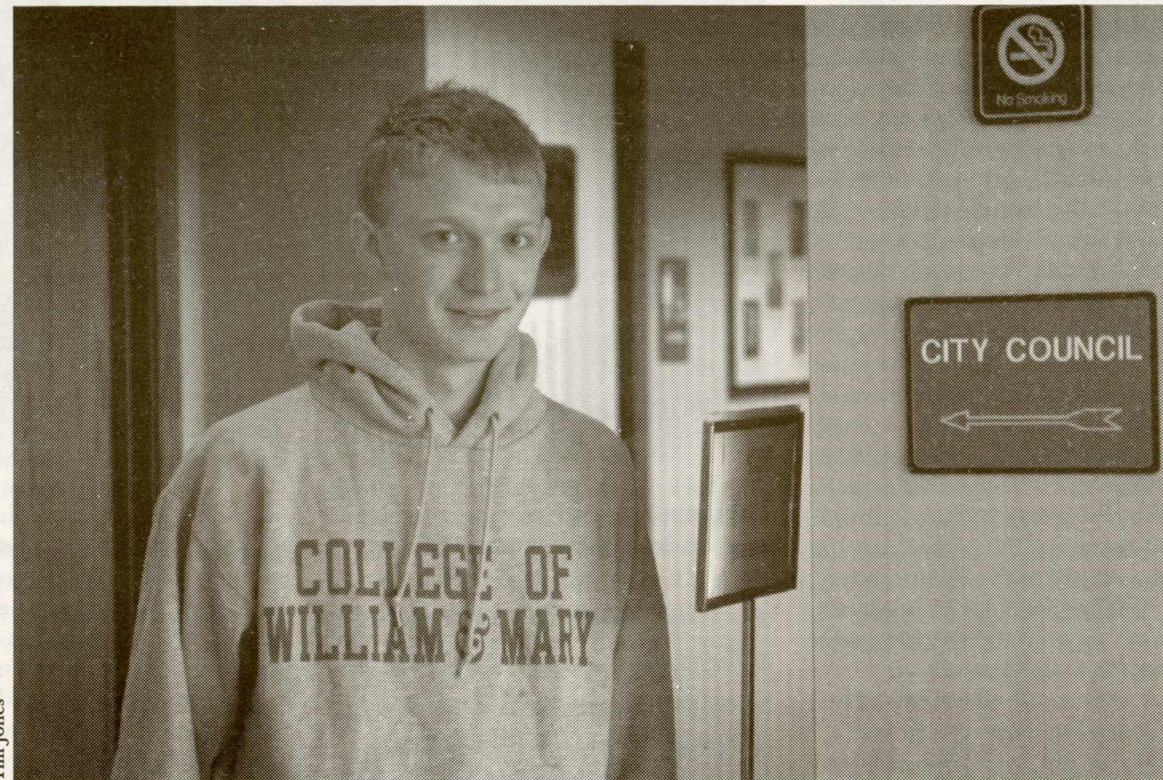
"Everybody should have a place to vote," Davis said. "I would like to get them registered to vote. My mandate is to get them registered to vote in the right place."

Forrest's voter registration application was initially rejected but later approved after he dropped out of his classes at the College and moved off campus. Davis said he decided to approve his application because Forrest told him he moved out of housing on campus, had a local job and would no longer be listed as a dependent on his parents' income taxes.

For the three other students, Davis determined they did not qualify as registered voters in the city—a critical factor in qualifying for a City Council seat. The registrar said, among other things, the students did not qualify as city residents because they remained financially dependent on their parents, who live elsewhere.

State election law provides a guide for defining a person's residency for voting, but it leaves much of the discretion to the local voter registrar to determine if a person is a permanent city resident or not. A look at how other college towns in Virginia address the issue of voter registration doesn't make the clouded picture any clearer.

In Montgomery County, home to Virginia Tech, the registrar asks several questions to determine whether students are on their own. The registrar in Charlottesville allows students at



Luther Lowe continues a grassroots campaign for the council position.

the University of Virginia to register with their dorm addresses. Students at Mary Washington College cannot register in Fredericksburg using a campus address.

In Williamsburg, the students were given a questionnaire that Davis says he has used for years to determine whether a student is a city resident or not. Using a guide developed by the State Board of Elections and referring to state code, Davis said, the questionnaire asks a series of questions such as job status, whether their cars are registered in Williamsburg or not and if their parents list them as dependents on their income-tax returns.

"We're trying to determine all of these things," Davis said. "It's not just for students—it's for anybody whose residency is in question. We look at it on an individual basis."

The students say they live in Williamsburg at least nine months of the year and consider the city their permanent home. They have argued that Davis unfairly targeted them because they announced their intentions to run for City Council, stating the registrar is now using roadblocks to keep students from gaining some control over local politics.

"That's absolutely not true," Davis said of the accusations. "The only thing I'm doing differently

is making sure we give it to them in writing."

During his five years as the city's registrar, Davis said he has used the questionnaire if there was a question about a person's permanent residency. In years past, Davis said, he would call the applicant and orally ask them the same questions. This year, Davis said, he decided to provide a written questionnaire to all people in question because he expected an influx of student applications and wanted to document the process.

"It's never been a problem before," Davis said. "If there is a question of residency, I have to determine domicile."

With the help of the American Civil Liberties Union, the three students first took their case to U.S. District Court, asking a federal judge to order an immediate approval of their voter-registration applications so that they could meet the March 2 deadline for candidates to file for the election later this spring. However, the federal judge said he could not overrule the registrar and suggested the students appeal the registrar's decision to Williamsburg-James City County Circuit Court as allowed by state law.

Both Lowe and Alami took their cases to Circuit Court, but Saunders, who was the first to apply to become a registered voter, had missed the 10-day deadline to appeal. That meant his effort to get on the ballot, at least this year, is over.

But the fate of his two classmates is still undecided and, on March 5, Circuit Court Judge Samuel T. Powell III heard the appeals of Lowe and Alami. The judge ruled that Lowe, an Arkansas native and member of the National Guard, should be allowed to register as a voter and run as a candidate for City Council because his six-year commitment to the National Guard qualified him as a permanent resident. The judge ruled that Alami, whose family lives in Roanoke County, was not a local resident.

Alami has now decided to take her case to the Virginia Supreme Court, which she expects to

hear her case later this month. She hopes it comes before April 5—the deadline for people to register to vote—because she said it would open the door for more students to vote in the upcoming election, a critical component to her campaign.

"I will continue to fight for what I know is true and guaranteed by our Constitution," said Alami, a 20-year-old majoring in sociology and religion. "The cause is bigger than me."

Ironically, Lowe's fate still rests with Alami's efforts in court. Although Judge Powell ruled that Lowe should be registered as of the date of his application and be allowed to file his petition and candidate's application, he hit another snag this week.

Three days after Judge Powell's ruling, Lowe said, he was informed by the city registrar's office that he did not have enough valid signatures to be on the ballot. He was told that only 100 of the 152 signatures on his petition were valid—a candidate needs 125 signatures from people registered to vote in Williamsburg. In addition, the people circulating the petition themselves must be registered to vote, or at least eligible to register to vote. Alami had collected about 25 signatures for Lowe; since she has not been ruled eligible to vote, those signatures are not considered valid.

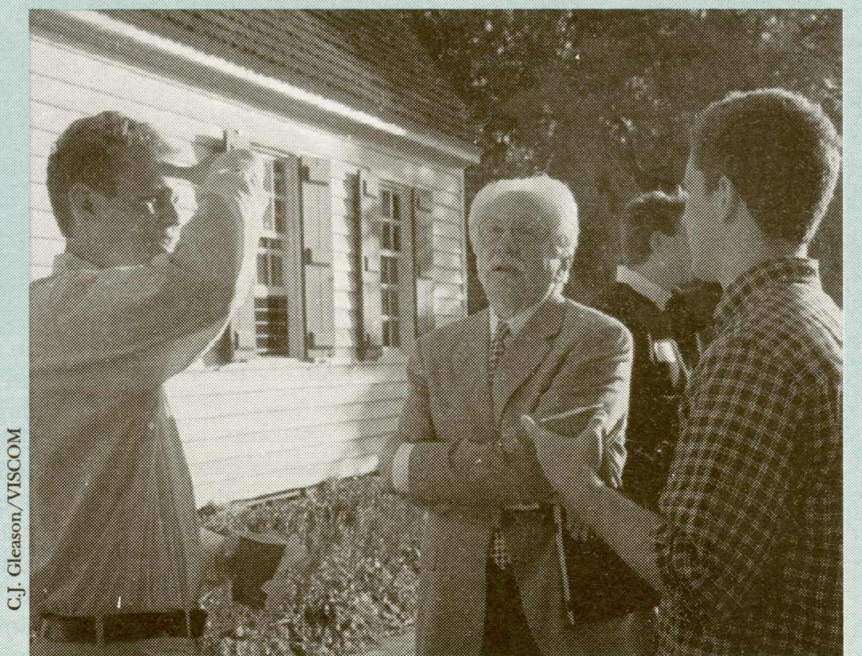
Lowe appealed the decision to the local electoral board, who denied his bid to get on the ballot. The student says he plans to take the issue to court to get on the ballot. In the meantime, the student vowed to continue what he calls a "grassroots campaign."

"I'm going door-to-door and talking to registered voters," he said. "The majority of people are excited about the prospect of having a student on council. We're not here just to represent the students; we want to reach out to a community that has lost its voice."

by Brian Whitson

The Civic Series

Is it the end of the discussion?



William and Mary President Timothy J. Sullivan (c) chats with Civic Series founders Jacob Rooksby (l) and Scott Phelps before a session on government involvement. Photo by C.J. Gleason/VISCOM.

It's hard to find, but worth the trip. In a small house in one of the innumerable back corners of Colonial Williamsburg live William and Mary seniors Scott Phelps and Jacob Rooksby. During the fall semester, they began the William and Mary Civic Series, announcing as its purpose to "promote greater awareness, facilitate positive action, and enable a better understanding of ourselves and the communities around us."

Each month they host, in their Colonial Williamsburg residence, a panel discussion featuring students, faculty, and staff from the College and Colonial Williamsburg on some topic of the day: "Governmental Participation," "Religious Diversity and Acceptance," "Race in the Classroom" and "America's Role in Human Aid" are indicative.

So far, the pair has brought off the meetings with positive results. "Everyone who has come [to the panel discussions]" says Phelps, "has contributed ... , but sometimes invitations are dismissed, and, really, those people are denying the campus and themselves."

And, of course, Rooksby and Phelps face the same problems as any other new student organization: interest and publicity.

President Timothy J. Sullivan and his assistant, Michael Fox, attended the "Governmental Participation" meeting. Says Fox, "It says a lot about Jacob and Scott—they sent out the right invitations, found the right reading material and asked the right questions."

"Their idea may not be unique, but it is taking place in the Colonial capital," Fox continued—he likes the project for its community involvement. Clearly the administration wants the Civic Series to succeed, wants to foster contact with Williamsburg, and wants the faculty and students to do so together. But Fox knows the limits of a one-year program. "I don't think three or four meetings can create a campuswide synergy," he says. "Ultimately, it's going to be up to the students to keep this going."

Phelps would like to see more administration involvement: "Lots of people have expressed interest [in continuing the Civic Series] and no doubt lots are interested. However, even more need the support from administrators and faculty that such initiatives are beneficial to everyone, and thus should be encouraged and implemented," he said. Phelps does not seem to want financial or logistical support; he simply wants a sort of moral support, and he knows that with faculty or administrative backing the Civic Series, or something like it, can continue.

The administration, for its part, does offer such support. "It would be nice if someone picked up the idea," said President Sullivan, "but, ultimately, it has to come from people wanting to do it. I gained from it as an engaged citizen. The subject was something important—I'd do it again if I could."

And Sullivan is optimistic: "This institution [William and Mary] is capable of a great series of activities," he says, "And, taken together, these form a web which mirrors the life of the school."

As long as students take an interest in the life and issues of our nation, certainly the spirit of the Civic Series won't die away. As for the survival of this particular venue, William and Mary will find out next semester. As of this writing, the Civic Series will end in May, and no one has signed on to continue it.

by Peyton Cooke '04

Solimini played 'evolving role' in the center of Joe Lieberman's presidential campaign

If at any moment during the 10-plus times Dave Solimini was reading George Stephanopoulos' book he thought he might actually meet the author, he certainly couldn't have guessed the famed political analyst's words to him would be "You're the press advance guy, right?"

But they were. And the best part for Solimini was that he could answer honestly, "Yes, I am."

Stephanopoulos was one of several celebrity members of the national political landscape Solimini met during the recent democratic primaries. But as the deputy to the traveling press secretary for Sen. Joseph Lieberman's presidential campaign, the William and Mary senior never had a moment to be in awe of those he encountered.

"There was some element of being star struck," Solimini admitted. "But you quickly realize that you can't be star struck because you have to do your job. Every now and then you say to yourself, 'Wow, that's John Kerry,' or, 'That's John Edwards,' but you get past all that because people are depending on you to do what you do."

Exactly what Solimini did is difficult to define, since things changed daily—even hourly—throughout the course of the campaign, and Solimini's role evolved accordingly.

When he came on board as an intern in the press department of Lieberman's staff in New Hampshire last summer, Solimini worked primarily writing press releases and putting together press advisories. Toward the end of the summer, Solimini took a position as a press aid, where he worked until early December. Then, while Lieberman was in New Hampshire, Solimini became the deputy to the traveling press secretary.

As part of the core group that traveled on the bus with the senator when he was in town, Solimini spent a lot of his time "handling" the press—keeping them in line and, occasionally, physically moving one or two people with television cameras.

"I would step off the bus and there would be 15 TV cameras



Dave Solimini served as Lieberman's "advance press guy."

there all trying to cover this one person," he said. "So a lot of what we did was attend to the proper care and feeding of reporters—things like making sure that the New York Times and Washington Post guys weren't angry because they didn't eat lunch that day."

At times, the job was difficult. Telling reporters of CNN fame "No you can't do that" wasn't always easy for the 21-year-old. But quickly Solimini got used to his responsibilities, embracing the *quid pro quo* nature of campaign press.

"Initially it is intimidating: You realize that they're depending on you for information, and you're depending on them for good coverage—it's back and forth," Solimini said.

When not on the road, Solimini worked on a slew of small projects including Web sites and, most memorably, the Lieberman note, the campaign's own newsletter. A good bit of the work on that, Solimini said, was coming up with bad puns—

"Joeverment to Remember" and "In the snow with Joe." He won't take credit for the infamous "Joementum," however.

"You have to have a sense of humor. The job is very serious, but if you don't, you'll lose your mind. You can't work 110-hour weeks and not have a sense of humor about it," Solimini said.

But the bad puns were more than a way to entertain the Lieberman staff. They were in many ways a reflection of the candidate they were helping the public get to know.

"That's one thing that didn't really come out on TV spots—Lieberman is very funny," Solimini said. "He's actually very funny—bad-joke pun funny."

Lieberman's sense of humor wasn't the only thing that attracted Solimini to the campaign. There was, initially, the opportunity such a high profile internship would offer, paired with Solimini's longstanding respect for the candidate he worked for.

"He's a good man. I don't always agree with him, but he's willing to stand by his convictions, say what is unpopular if he thinks it is right. He'll preach free trade to a labor audience. While everyone else will pander and flip flop, he won't, and that takes guts," Solimini said.

For a self-proclaimed cynic, finding a politician he respected caught a few things. Politics, Solimini discovered, aren't purely market-tested, poll-driven, fake and artificial, as many critics complain. There are real issues and firm beliefs.

"We sat down and talked about this stuff. It wasn't about what we were going to say—it started with the candidate and worked its way out from there," Solimini said.

Those moments, when his voice was shared with the core group of campaign staff, are where Solimini found the greatest reward.

"Me, as a 21-year-old with close to zero experience to be there—I had an impact. ... The realization that you have really had an impact is heartening," he said.

Jaeger and Beach enjoying research fellowships in Germany

Hard work and good fortune came together this year for David Jaeger and Alison Beach. This professorial duo is spending the 2003-2004 academic year in Bonn, Germany. Jaeger, associate professor of economics, and Beach, assistant professor of religion, are recipients of prestigious fellowships that are funding their year abroad.

Jaeger is studying the impact of labor markets on migration at the IZA (Institute for the Study of Labor) on a Humboldt Fellowship, and Beach is studying medieval history at the University of Bonn on a Fulbright Fellowship from the German Fulbright Commission.

The trip has a serendipitous air. Neither of the prestigious awards is easy to come by and for husband and wife to both be on fellowships at the same time, in the same place, is an unusual situation.

"We have been incredibly lucky," said Beach. "Not only have we been able to work together but now we get this opportunity as a family. It couldn't have worked out any better."

Jaeger was awarded his fellowship several years ago but postponed it when the couple relocated to William and Mary. He had rescheduled his study for the 2003-2004 academic year, so Beach's Fulbright couldn't have been better timed.

"The whole family was always going," explained Jaeger. "But Alison's fellowship surely made things a lot less complicated."

The couple is happy to be sharing the academic experience, and each is thrilled Bonn was a good research fit.

Their children, Andrew, 10, and Eliza, 7, are enthusiastic about the adventure as well. Andrew, already fairly conversant in German, spent the better part of last July attending a language immersion camp outside of Bonn to bolster his vocabulary. Both are attending the Bonn International School. Brother and sister also have continued their study of violin. Both have played since they were 5 or 6. Andrew, who is in the fifth grade, even plays in the high school orchestra in Bonn as well as in a local community orchestra. During the winter holidays the siblings played their violins at the Bonn Christmas Market and made nearly 90 Euro in less than an hour. Other adventures have included traveling and a meeting with the wife of the U.S. Ambassador to Germany.

For the parents, being in Bonn is like coming home. Beach did parts of her dissertation research and the family has spent time in Bonn and other parts of Europe in recent summers traveling. They are comforted by the familiar territory.

They've felt welcomed, too. "We haven't found any anti-American sentiments in our travels," said Jaeger. "Europeans generally are not pleased (at all) with the Bush administration, but this doesn't seem to translate in any way to general antipathy toward American citizens."

There also have been reminders of Williamsburg. The family has had contact with current as well as former students. Over the course of the last few months several students have been over to visit, some on fellowships of their own. Lisa Andruszyn, who graduated from William and Mary last December, will join Jaeger at IZA next month for an internship.

In addition to his research on migration, Jaeger has found time to study the dynamics of violence between Palestinians and Israelis since September 2000, when the current Intifadah began. Beach has been able to prepare for the release of her book, *Women as Scribes: Book Production and Monastic Reform in Twelfth-Century Bavaria*, next month by Cambridge Press. "This kind of research is one of the luxuries of a sabbatical," added Jaeger.

The time in Germany is an invaluable opportunity for both professors. The data and resources there are not available or accessible in the United States. And, said Jaeger, "fellowships provide the chance to focus on research without the classroom distractions."

The family will return to the United States and Williamsburg for the 2004-05 academic year. "We have mixed feelings about going back," said Jaeger. "We are really enjoying our time here, and there are many great things about Bonn. But we will be glad to get back to our house (and our dog), and it will be nice, in a way, to have the structure of the academic calendar be part of our lives again."

by Suzanne Seurattan

'Pearl Dialogue' seeks to be force for reconciliation

Continued from front.

In an effort to increase dialogue and alleviate the hatred that motivates terrorists, Pearl, a professor of computer science at the University of California, Los Angeles, and Ahmed, a professor of Islamic Studies and International Relations at American University, will share the stage for an open and personal conversation whose goal is mutual understanding. Pearl is an Israeli native, while Ahmed was born in Pakistan and is the former High Commissioner of Pakistan to Great Britain. Both are committed to dispelling myths and encouraging understanding between Muslims and Jews.

The event will be moderated by the College's William R. Kenan Professor of Humanities Tamara Sonn, author of *A Brief History of Islam*. Part of an ongoing series of dialogues undertaken by Drs. Pearl and Ahmed, their Williamsburg conversation will be followed by an appearance at Great Britain's House of Lords.

"This dialogue represents



The late Daniel Pearl

an important step toward empathy between two very different cultures, and continues the healing process so desperately needed on a human and an international scale," said College President Timothy J. Sullivan. "We are pleased to have the opportunity to host—and to learn from—these two extraordinary gentlemen scholars."

In addition to his work as a professor, Pearl and his wife, Ruth, established the Daniel Pearl Foundation as a way to continue their son's legacy and "to promote cross-

Ticket information

Tickets for "The Daniel Pearl Dialogue of Acknowledgment and Reconciliation" can be picked up directly from the Reves Center for International Studies or reserved via phone by calling (757) 221-3424, or by e-mailing Jodi Fislser at jxfisl@wm.edu. A certain number have been set aside for students: These must be picked up or reserved by April 9.

cultural understanding through journalism, music and innovative communications." The couple recently published a book, *I am Jewish: Reflections Inspired by the Words of Daniel Pearl*.

Ahmed, whom the BBC has called "the world's best known scholar on contemporary Islam," has advised leaders including Prince Charles and President George W. Bush on Islam. Currently, he is the Ibn Khaldun Chair of Islamic Studies at American University. A distinguished anthropologist, filmmaker and writer, Ahmed's latest book is titled *Islam Under Siege: Living Dangerously in a Post-Honor World*.

Omohundro conference redefines the way scholars look at the Atlantic world prior to Jamestown



Brian Whitson

William Kelso discusses his Web project.

As the region—and the nation—prepare in 2007 to commemorate the 400th anniversary of the founding of Jamestown, questions of what was occurring throughout the rest of the Atlantic world at that time are pressing.

An international conference hosted in March by the Omohundro Institute of Early American History and Culture featured 65 noted scholars from the United States and abroad who looked at that issue and, in effect, redefined a field of historical significance.

"The conference will have a major influence on the way historians look at the Atlantic world in the era of exploration," said Ron Hoffman, director of the Omohundro Institute, a joint venture of the College of William and Mary and the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation.

"The Atlantic World and Virginia, 1550-1624," was the first meeting of its kind, Hoffman said, to provide a mosaic of all the forces in play in the Atlantic coastal region in the late 1500s and early 1600s and to examine how those forces influenced the founding of Jamestown.

From the oral history of Native Americans to essays on the geopolitical, socioeconomic and cultural forces in Europe, the Mediterranean and Africa, scholars presented a series of papers that placed the inhabitants of Britain's

first permanent mainland North American settlement within the wider context of the Europeans, Indians and Africans who converged in the Western hemisphere.

Scholars from universities in Africa, Australia, Europe and the Americas participated in eleven sessions during the four-day conference. Local participants included William and Mary professors Kathleen Bragdon, Kris E. Lane, and Richard Price, Thad W. Tate, director emeritus of the Omohundro Institute, and Colonial Williamsburg's Cary Carson, Joanne Bowen, Willie Graham, James Horn, Martha McCartney and Lorena S. Walsh.

William Kelso, from the Jamestown Rediscovery Project and the Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities, treated the nearly 600 conference attendees to a sneak preview of a project he is working on with scholars from Virginia Tech and the University of Virginia to provide a detailed historical Web site on the Atlantic world.

Sir John Elliott, Regis Professor Emeritus of the University of Oxford and the leading authority on early modern Spain, delivered the conference's keynote address. "Atlantic history, in my view, should be a history at once of connections and

comparisons, and if Virginia is to be successfully inserted into the wider history of the Atlantic world, both need to be explored," said Elliott in his lecture.

The conference was dedicated to the late David Beers Quinn, an eminent scholar of the age of exploration and mentor to former William and Mary Provost Gillian T. Cell.

In addition to the Omohundro Institute, the conference was sponsored by William and Mary, Colonial Williamsburg, the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History, the Reed Foundation and the Virginia Foundation for the Humanities/South Atlantic Humanities Center.

'The conference will have a major influence on the way historians look at the Atlantic world ...'

—Ron Hoffman

notes

Coleman gets law medallion



Coleman

William T. Coleman, an ardent defender of civil rights, was presented the Marshall-Wythe Medallion March 17.

A distinguished corporate and civil rights attorney and public servant, Coleman was one of

the authors of the legal briefs presented in *Brown v. Board of Education*, the landmark case that persuaded the U.S. Supreme Court in 1954 to outlaw racial segregation in public schools. He also served as the U.S. Secretary of Transportation for former President Gerald Ford.

The Marshall-Wythe Medallion, presented by Law School Dean W. Taylor Reveley, is the highest honor given by faculty each year at the School of Law School and recognizes outstanding leaders from the bench, bar and academia.

"The Medallion recipient tonight stands squarely in this august tradition," Dean Reveley told those at the dinner. "Anyone identifying the leading figures in American law of our time—anyone listing the divinities in today's legal pantheon—would include William Thaddeus Coleman, Jr. He stands tall among leaders of the legal academy, bench and bar."

Development wins multiple media awards

A short film and various publications promoting the Campaign for William and Mary produced by the Development Office have won eight regional and national awards this past year. Among them:

"Charting our Destiny" won four awards, including a prestigious Golden Eagle from CINE and a silver medal from CASE. The Campaign's newsletter, *Ringin' Far and Near*, won an award of excellence from CASE.

campus crime report

DECEMBER 2003–FEBRUARY 2004

Crimes	
Simple assault	1
Burglary/breaking or entering	2
Drug/narcotic violations	2
Destruction/damage/vandalism of property	31
Liquor law violations	2
Driving under the influence (DUI)	1
Drunkenness	5
Trepass of real property	1
All other offenses	2
Larceny and motor theft	
From buildings	5
From motor vehicles	3
All other larceny	28
Arrests	
Driving under the influence (DUI)	1
Drunkenness	2
Grand larceny	4
Liquor law violations	3
Drug/narcotic violations	2
Summons (traffic)	79

Ribboncutting opens refurbished Swem library



Tim Jones

College Provost Geoff Feiss (l) holds the ribbon as President Timothy J. Sullivan joins Student Assembly President Brian Cannon, Chair of the Friends of the Library Board Ron Monark and Dean of University Libraries Connie McCarthy in a ceremony re-opening of the Swem library's front entrance on March 23.

Anthony ('87) returns to his alma mater to lead the Washington D.C. office



Adam Anthony

Bringing with him years of experience in the nation's capital, Adam Anthony ('87) has returned to serve his alma mater as the new director of William and Mary's Washington, D.C., office. The office serves as an "embassy" for the College, promoting educational programs for students, representing its interests in the Capital and welcoming members of the

College family to a home away from Williamsburg.

After graduating from William and Mary with a degree in English and a concentration in government, Anthony worked as an advance person for two presidential campaigns and later on Capitol Hill as a legislative

assistant. He then served for 10 years in corporate public relations. Most recently, Anthony served as the project director for the nationwide Campaign for Young Voters program designed to increase turnout of 18-to-24-year-old voters in federal and state elections. The nonpartisan program works directly with candidates for public office, political organizations, community groups and media to help them understand, reach and turn out young voters on Election Day.

"Adam knows and loves the College, and he has the skill and experience to advance its mission in Washington, D.C.—a city he also understands quite well," said President Timothy J. Sullivan. "He is an able successor to Susan Hall Wayland, who, in her three years as the Washington Office's founding director, has 'helped bring the world to William and Mary and William and Mary to the world,' as she accurately describes the D. C. Office's calling. We are grateful for her work, which we know Adam will build on going forward."

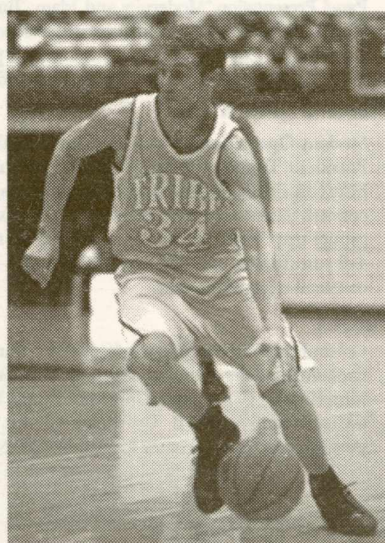
sports briefs

Hess named Academic All-American by CoSIDA

The College Sports Information Directors Association (CoSIDA) has selected William and Mary senior forward Adam Hess (Grosse Pointe, MI) to the CoSIDA 2004 Division I Men's Basketball Academic All-America First Team. Hess was selected to the Academic All-America Second Team last season and was an Academic All-District III pick this season and last. He has a 3.53 cumulative grade point average with a major in finance at the College.

"I'm very proud of Adam," said Tribe head coach Tony Shaver. "This is great for him and great for our program. He's very deserving of this award. Adam's a young guy that just does everything well. Whatever it is that he tackles in life, he does it well."

The Colonial Athletic Association Preseason Player of the Year, Hess led the league in scoring with 20.3 points per game. In less than three full seasons at the College, he scored 1,341 points for the Green and Gold, 10th on the Tribe's all-time scoring list. He ended his basketball career at the College with an average of 19.9 points per game, the sixth-best mark in school history. Hess became just the third player in Tribe history to average more than 20 points in multiple seasons. Last month it was



Adam Hess

announced that he had been selected for the second straight year to the National Association of Basketball Coaches (NABC) District 4 First Team, making him the first player in school history to earn two selections to the district's first team.

The last William and Mary player to earn first team Academic All-America honors was Keith Cieplicki in 1985. Hess joins Chet Giermak as the only two Tribe players to earn first team Academic All-America and NABC All-District honors in the same season.

Bush to nominate Reiss for ambassadorship

President George Bush intends to designate Mitchell B. Reiss as Special Envoy for Northern Ireland and to nominate him for the rank of ambassador during his tenure as special envoy, according to a White House press release.

Reiss, director of the College's Reves Center for International Studies (on leave), currently is serving as Director of Policy Planning for the U.S. Department of State.

Prior to his service at William and Mary, Reiss served as the chief negotiator and general counsel to the Korean Peninsula Energy Development Organization.

Gymnasts earn ECAC honors

One day after finishing third as a team at the Eastern College Athletic Conference's Championships, the 13th ranked Tribe men's gymnastics team had two individuals earn gold medals at the ECAC's Individual Championship. Jamie Northrup earned the meet's highest honor by being named ECAC Senior Gymnast of the Year. Ramon Jackson won all-ECAC honors and placed first on the parallel bars for the 12th consecutive meet this season. Three other gymnasts earned all-ECAC honors. They were Matt Elson, Owen Nicholls and Steve Douglass.

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