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Jacob Rooksby ('04) has written about the past meeting the present in Williamsburg.



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Homecoming 2004

Celebrating the spirit of the Tribe

Forty years have changed the people and the campus, but the "spirit" of William and Mary endures. At least a dozen individuals, English majors included, celebrating their 1964 class reunion as part of Homecoming 2004, resorted to that cumbersome catch-all cliché to say why they had returned. Spirit—there seemed no better word.

The dozen, along with 7,000 other alumni, came back to "celebrate," to "bask in memories," to "take a stroll around the Crim Dell." Amid parties, concerts, a parade and a Tribe football victory, they praised the "spirit of this place." A few, aware of imminent changes, insisted, "The spirit of this place must be preserved."

Class members were aware of pressures on the College—the search for a new president; the "Chartered Universities Initiative" (see related article)—through a variety of media. A few, seeking updates, attended President Timothy J. Sullivan's talk, given as part of a Homecoming alumni symposium, in which he told them that the Campaign for William and Mary and the charter initiative are two things that are "critically important" to the "long-term future of the College." The campaign has raised nearly \$300 million toward its \$500 million goal, he said. "My personal goal is to raise \$400 million before I leave." If it passes, the charter initiative, he said, would not be a "privatization bill" but would "free us from regulation" and "enable the College to better plan for its future."

It is a "critical" juncture in William and Mary's history, Sullivan said. "These are important because we want William and Mary to get better over time. The truth is that if we do not get better, we will be getting worse."

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David Williard

Matt Dolci ('05) takes a sprint with the Tribe flag.

'Charter' benefits 'all' of state's universities, General Assembly told

Virginia's entire system of higher education will be the beneficiary of the proposed Chartered Universities Initiative, President Timothy J. Sullivan told a commission established by the General Assembly last Tuesday. Sullivan, along with



Virginia Tech President Charles Steger and UVA President John Casteen, addressed a panel of legislators and citizens established to examine the proposal and make recommendations to the General Assembly. The commission is chaired by Senator John Chichester (R-Stafford), and the vice-chair is Speaker of the House of Delegates William Howell (R-Stafford).

"While structured to strengthen every public college and university, the initiative has the flexibility to accommodate and enhance the wonderfully distinctive institutions of our system," said Sullivan. "Open to the participation of all institutions, the proposal presents a menu of options that can be individually negotiated and adjusted to suit the particular needs of the Commonwealth and the individual strengths of the colleges and universities."

Sullivan went on to explain that although all of Virginia's public institutions are different, they share the same challenges: "How to extend accessibility to Virginia students; how to continue to ensure that a college education is affordable for Virginia families; how to enhance

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2004 presidential race remains too close to call

Panelists say victory will hinge on last-minute surge

That no clear winner can be predicted for the upcoming U.S. presidential election was the consensus during a forum following October's televised presidential debates. Only the final November tally, it was suggested, will tell whether "fear" or "anger" won out.

"The election is one of fear vs. anger," panelist Paul Freedman, assistant professor of politics at the University of Virginia, suggested during the discussion. Swing voters likely to vote for Kerry might do so out of anger with the Bush administration for its perceived "rush to war," while those voting for Bush might do so out of fear that a Kerry administration would be unable to keep them safe from attacks by terrorists, he explained. At this point, it remains unclear which of these two voter priorities will prevail.

Freedman was joined on the panel by Ted Carmines, profes-



David Williard

Freedman (l) and Baxter participate in the government department's forum.

sor of political science at Indiana University, and William and Mary government professors John McGlennon and Ron Rapoport. Together, they presented a broad assessment of the 2004 campaign, focusing on the polarity of the electorate, the role of advertising, the meaning of polls and the ramifications for seats in the U.S. Congress.

Asked to predict a winner, each of panelists agreed that too much campaigning remained to be done.

Great Republican expectations

"The Republicans are in astonishment" that the presidential race is too close to call, Carmines told audience members. After the 2002 election, they thought they had the Democratic Party "tied up in knots" over the issues involving homeland security. The fact that Republicans earned majorities in both the U.S. House and Senate in the 2002 off-year election following the 2000 election of their candidate to the White House is unprecedented. They, in the wake of the 9/11 terrorist attacks, appeared united in their resolve to battle

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Buchanan gives Bush an edge in 2004 presidential election

He predicts decline of 'American Empire'

America's original "nattering nabob of negativism"—Pat Buchanan—came perilously close to pronouncing a plague on both the Democratic and Republican houses Monday evening in Phi Beta Kappa Hall. But shortly before he concluded his remarks to more than 500 students and faculty members, Buchanan recovered long enough to declare himself firmly in the Bush camp—for one simple reason.

"The next president will have the opportunity to name as many as four justices of the Supreme Court," predicted Buchanan, "and I know who I want to make those appointments—George Bush."



Buchanan

Although filled with many pointed political pronouncements, Buchanan's remarks were uncharacteristically balanced as he led the audience through the ups and downs of an unusual political campaign in which the candidates

have taken turns at being the front-runner.

To win the election, said Buchanan, John Kerry needs to convince the American populace of two propositions: that a change is needed and that he is the right man to replace the current president. According to the pundit, the Democrats have convinced the country of the first proposition, but they have yet to muster the votes to make Kerry the 44th president.

"If Bush loses, it will be because of the Miami debate," declared Buchanan. "It was the single most disastrous debate I've ever seen a candidate conduct. He came in with 30 seconds of material for a 90-minute debate. I broke out laughing when they cut away to Bush; he was unpresidential, callow and slow."

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Although Buchanan believes that a debate coach would probably award three wins to Kerry, he said that the Democrat made a serious error in the final debate: "Kerry brought up the sexuality of

Vice President Cheney's daughter in a cold and calculated way, and it backfired. Whatever Kerry intended, he couldn't have wanted us to be discussing this five days after the debate."

The former speechwriter for President Richard Nixon and Vice President Spiro Agnew went on to give his own analysis of America's current world position—one that Buchanan characterized as an "empire in decline."

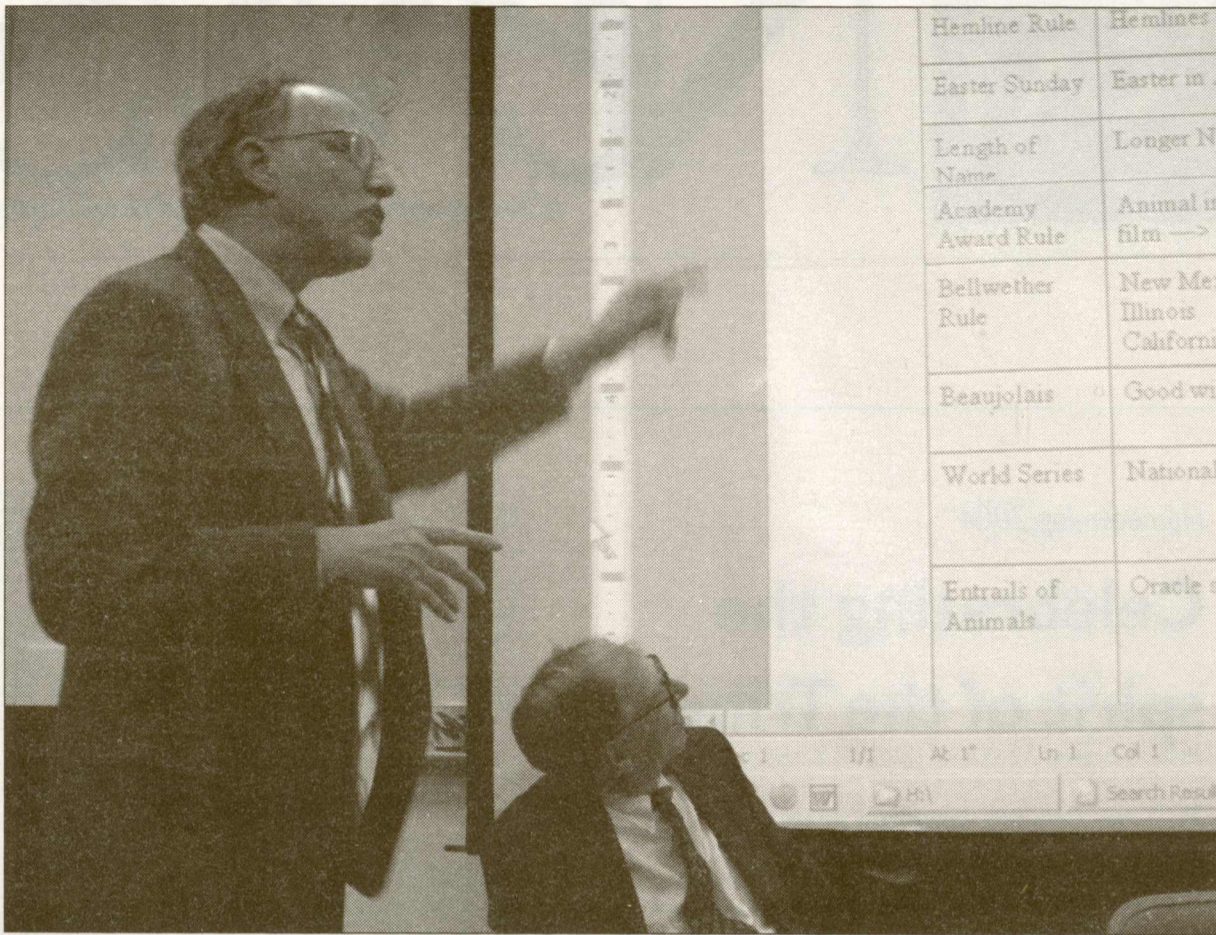
"You can't maintain a global empire with an army of 480,000 soldiers. You can't run a country with a deficit that amounts to 4 percent of the annual gross national product. You can't maintain this nation with open borders. And yet these issues are not being addressed in the campaign," said Buchanan.

Although Buchanan appeared confident that he had the answers to most of these pressing issues, he stopped short of announcing a revival of his failed presidential aspirations. In fact, he admitted to shopping around various cemeteries for a suitable epitaph. One that attracted him, Buchanan confided, was found in an old western ghost town: "Here lies Pat Buchanan: He done his damndest."

The program was sponsored and funded by the University Center Activities Board.

by Bill Walker

Elections remain too close to call



Rapoport (l) shows his chart of election predictors as colleague McGlennon looks on.

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terrorism—even to the point of invading Iraq—while the Democrats wavered. As a result, Democrats were depicted as weak on terrorism and on national security, something Republican candidates assumed they could exploit to the point of "changing the political landscape for a generation," he said.

"Now, what actually happened is what they did not expect," Carmines said. "The war in Iraq went very well, but the aftermath has gone much, much worse. It has been far more problematic, far more destructive, far more casualty ridden than they had anticipated."

No longer a national election

The positive aspect regarding the closeness of the election is that it has stimulated a lot of interest. The negative aspect, especially for Virginians, is that it has passed by the state, Freedman said. He referred to the fact that campaign initiatives are concentrated in the 10 "battleground" states.

In 2000, he pointed out, Al Gore won the popular vote by more than 500,000 ballots; George Bush won Florida by 537. "The important lesson was that the presidential elections are not national elections; at the end of the day, what matters is the outcome in 51 separate contests," he said.

From March through mid-October, President Bush has made 14 official campaign appearances in Ohio, 13 in Pennsylvania, 11 in Florida and 10 in Michigan. During that period, Sen. Kerry has made 21 trips to Ohio, 19 to Pennsylvania and 22 to Florida. Meanwhile, 87 percent of all advertising has been seen by just 27 percent of the electorate. Prime media markets are, in order, Miami, Albuquerque, Reno, Tampa and Green Bay, he said.

"This race is fascinating from the perspective of campaign strategy and decision-making," Freedman said, "but it is not happening here [in Virginia]."

'Likely voter' fallacy

Rapoport began by suggesting that the campaigns always have been closer than the double-digit leads for Bush indicated by early polls. He used a baseball analogy to illustrate why many of those polls, which sampled "likely voters" in contrast to "registered voters," were flawed.

"As your team does poorly, you tend to be less interested; when your team does well, you start to get interested again," he said. The relationship between fans and their team applies similarly to voters and candidates, he said. As Kerry does well, his supporters become energized and are "likely" voters; as Bush does well, the same applies for his supporters.

Rapoport suggested that "likely" voter polls, favored by groups like Gallup and, more recently, *The New York Times*, essentially ask what the results would be if the elec-

tion were held today. "That is much different than trying to predict the outcome in November," he said.

He suggested that, in polling, the best indicator remained "party ID."

"If you weighted by party ID, this election looked close in September; it looked close in October; it looks close today. I do think Kerry has gained, but the idea of Gallup showing a 13-percent Bush lead in September was absurd," Rapoport said.

The Congressional balance

McGlennon predicted that a last-minute surge in support for either national candidate could "create" a tide that could turn numerous Democratic or Republican congressional races.

At present, he said, odds favor a Republican majority in the Senate, where the party currently holds a 51-49 advantage. As far as races for the House of Representatives, polls show Democrats leading in 48 races and Republicans leading in 49.

McGlennon suggested that unexpected upsets could occur in some races. These include Senate races in Kentucky, where Republican incumbent Jim Bunning is being challenged by Democrat Daniel Mongiardo, and in Pennsylvania, where long-standing Republican Senator Arlen Specter is being pressed by Democratic challenger Joe Hoeffel.

"There are elections out there today where the conditions are right for a tide in support of one party or another to move candidates whom we are not looking to as likely victors," McGlennon said. "I predict we'll see some decisive margins, and they will happen depending on who rides that wave in the final days."

The panel maintained a lively tone while engaging members of the audience with injections of wit. Moderator Don Baxter, emeritus professor of government at the College, opened the forum by announcing he was prepared to lecture on the election—"the one in Afghanistan." Later Rapoport presented charts showing election indicators ranging from popular hemline lengths to the examination of animal entrails.

Every speaker, in the end, concurred that the outcome of the 2004 election would be decided in a few key states. Each suggested that large increases in the number of registered voters—people with unknown voting habits—could alter otherwise tight races. An increase in the number of young voters is the "wild card," they said.

The race promises to be exciting down to the wire unless something unexpected happens, such as "Osama bin Laden turning up and endorsing Kerry," quipped Rapoport.

"But if you want a little campaign action, then go to Ohio. Go to Pennsylvania. Go to Iowa," Freedman said.

by David Williard

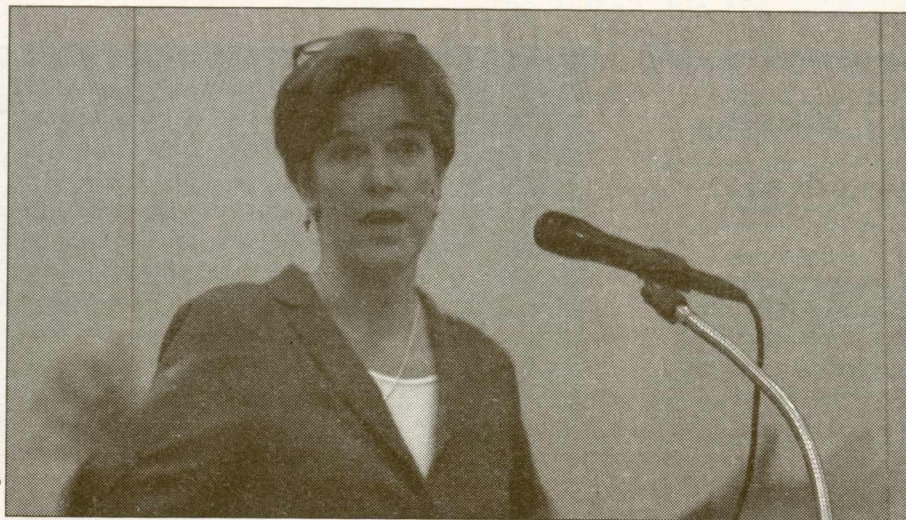
The politics of compassion is topic for Barnes

According to literary and political narratives, America's ideal president embodies a combination of strength and care, said Elizabeth Barnes at the sixth annual Distinguished Faculty Lecture.

"Given the American preoccupation with philanthropy and compassion, perhaps it is not surprising to find that both the Republican and Democratic platforms have, in some respects, boiled down to this: Which man is better able to care for others?" said Barnes, the Vera W. Barkley Associate Professor of English.

Caring is complex. As a nation, we cannot love everyone everywhere every day. There are limits to compassion arising from practical considerations, limited resources or domestic and international safety, Barnes said.

The American narrative also tells us that caring is often realized through aggression, through "a discriminating sensibility that rejects sympathy, in some cases, as a way of demonstrating one's love, and one's humanity, in other cases," Barnes said. Yet our country remains committed to the concepts of Christian charity and compassion while acknowledging the need for violence and manly force. The American narrative, Barnes said, shows us ways in which these two contradictory ideas have been reconciled.



Tim Jones

Barnes makes a point during the College's Distinguished Faculty Lecture.

Herman Melville's short story "Bartleby, the Scrivener" presents a narrator who attempts to align the principles of financial economy with the Christian precept of loving one's neighbor, a neatly rationalized idea that allows the narrator to serve both others and himself at the same time. The narrator struggles with sympathy, finding that too much charity becomes a drain on himself and that ultimately the best way to help the title character, Bartleby, is by withholding charity altogether.

Abolitionist John Brown, on the other hand, saw sacrifice and violence as compassion, holding that Christianity teaches, quoting the New Testament book of Hebrews, "Without the shedding of blood, there is no remission of sins."

Struggles to find a balance between love and violence, as well as between giving and withholding sympathy, found in American literary narratives are equally apparent in the current presidential race, or political narrative, Barnes said.

President George W. Bush has said it

is one of his main jobs to "rally the armies of compassion," while Sen. John Kerry has said he wants the nation to fight a "more sensitive war on terror."

"If an active care for others constitutes the American way that both men suggest they embody, there must be, our politics tell us, a limit to compassion," Barnes said.

"The criteria for leadership include demonstrated feeling, benevolence and empathy, but it must be combined with the ability to withhold those feelings when the occasion arises; compassion, that is, should not get in the way."

But political and literary narratives, instead of conceding the necessity of a limit to compassion, tend to represent the limits of compassion as further demonstrations of love, and, thus, Barnes said, "keep guilt for a lack of sympathy at bay and keep the image of America as a philanthropic nation intact."

"It's complicated. I think that it's not impossible to be a loving person and to believe there's a time for violence—I think those two can coexist," Barnes said. "But I don't see why, when our political leaders believe that it's the time to use violence, they have to talk about that as being about love."

by Tim Jones

'Candidates' debate issues on campus



Meghan Williams

William and Mary students assumed the roles of presidential candidates during an on-campus forum.

At an on-campus debate recently, Republicans, Democrats and Libertarians argued about Social Security reform, the war in Iraq and application of the USA Patriot Act.

Although the moderator chose most of the questions, his queries were supplemented by others directly from the audience.

But this was not some under-publicized presidential debate—this was part of the student-driven Voter Empowerment Week, an event sponsored by numerous campus groups to encourage participation in the democratic process. William and Mary students from the Young Democrats, College Republicans and Sons of Liberty took part in the debate; two representatives from each group responded to questions in the style of the candidates they endorse.

Dennis Kihm and Kristen Simonsen spoke on behalf of the Young Democrats; Ben Locher and Mike Lukach represented the College Republicans; the Sons of Liberty speakers were Desmond Bowe and Kelly Creed. Chris Ford served as moderator. The order of the responses varied, and each pair was allowed time to answer, respond to other groups and give a rebuttal for each question.

As in the actual presidential debates, the appropriateness of the current administration's responses to the events of Sept. 11, 2001, figured prominently. The groups discussed the patriot act. The College Republicans said that, along with President Bush, they support "every possible tool" for investigative and law-enforcement services. The Sons of Liberty countered this by saying that the provisions of the act required too much faith in the federal government. The Young Democrats said there have been problems with the law to begin with because it was presented to Congress without enough time for them to

give it a thorough analysis before they voted.

Ford wanted the debaters to comment on the war in Iraq; he asked them if they could suggest an exit strategy. The Libertarians reiterated that the United States should not have gotten involved at all, the Republicans insisted the best option was staying the course and the Democrats called for strengthening the coalition and seeking more international help in the area to lessen the burden on America.

Questions from the audience brought other popular questions to the forefront. One student asked about job outsourcing. The Young Democrats described Sen. John Kerry's plan to give tax breaks to companies that keep jobs in the United States but admitted that some outsourcing would still occur. "You can't fight globalization," Locher quipped that he and other Republicans could agree with that, and added that "outsourcing is not the problem you make it out to be." The Libertarians had yet another suggestion: "Take government out of the economy and let the people decide it for themselves."

The three groups were also asked to comment about concerns over a potential reinstatement of the draft. Bowe, for the Sons of Liberty, was quick to decry such an action. He said that he has a brother in the Virginia National Guard serving in Iraq. "I don't think defending this country starts halfway around the world," he added. The College Republicans responded with admiration and sympathy but said that service in places such as Iraq is necessary: "That's where the terrorists are."

In response to a question critical of actions of the United Nations, Kihm defended the institution. "We shouldn't be lampooning it just because it's not perfect," he said.

by Meghan Williams ('05)

Where students stand

Left / Middle of the Road / Right



How would you characterize your political views?

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| Left/liberal | 42.1% |
| Middle of the road | 34.7% |
| Right/conservative | 23.2% |

How would you describe your party affiliation?

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| Strong Democrat | 12.1% |
| Democrat, not strong | 12.6% |
| Independent, closer to Democrats | 25.9% |
| Independent | 10.9% |
| Independent, closer to Republicans | 10.3% |
| Republican, not strong | 13.8% |
| Strong Republican | 8.6% |
| Green | 2.9% |
| Libertarian | 2.3% |

How closely do you follow the news?

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| Not at all/not closely | 43.7% |
| Closely/very closely | 56.3% |

Results compiled by Todd Larson ('04) for his senior honors project with government professor Ron Rapoport. See complete report at

www.wm.edu/government

Alumni and prospective students often ask professors in the College's government department what their students are like politically. Assumptions about student views range from very conservative to very liberal.

Last spring, Todd Larson ('04) worked with Professor Ron Rapoport to conduct a scientific survey for his senior honors project. He collected 2,072 responses. On the question of whether they were left- or right-leaning, students came out slightly on the liberal side (see chart).

Larson's research gauged student opinion on a variety of topics, including affirmative action (45.6 percent said it should be abolished), abortion (48.9 percent disagreed that it should be legal) and same-sex marriages (69.5 percent believed same-sex couples should have the right to legal marital status).

For more information and results, go to the government department's Web site at www.wm.edu/government.

Days of challenge

Preserving the W&M spirit part of Homecoming chat



The spirit of William and Mary must be preserved.

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Sullivan's message resonated. Members of the class of '64 eagerly took up the discussion.

"William and Mary is one of the cornerstones of higher education," Bob Buckley asserted. "It's got to stay; it's got to maintain and get better. It's a very valuable asset, not just for Virginia but for the United States."

Pam Etheridge, remarking on four decades of changes, said, "It's a bigger campus, but it's the same spirit, the same friendliness, the same feeling. I can't imagine that that spirit wouldn't be maintained. It has lasted for centuries."

Doug Berryman, a physics graduate, said the College needed to retain its special balance as a liberal-arts institution. "At one time, I may have been tempted to say that research and science should take precedence as the College meets the future," he said, "but I think the older you get in life and the more experience you have, you realize that a well-rounded person is a better person. That's what I think the College produces. That's the spirit that must be preserved."

As they defended the spirit of the College, they talked about "smallness," "faculty accessibility" and even "the historical magic that seems to abound." They also talked about the fact that William and Mary was hard.

Class member Lloyd Becker, an English professor, said "academic excellence at William and Mary cannot be sacrificed."

"In many ways, I continue to pattern my teaching after professors I had here," he said. "I still have notes from some of their classes." During times of "grade-inflation, even in the Ivy League," Becker said the College must resist the trend. "One thing about William and Mary is that it was very, very hard. Professors didn't feel that they had to give everybody an A or a B," he said. "I would hope William and Mary can maintain its academic standards in the face of what is a lot of pressure."

Certainly the College's challenges were not the only things on the minds of alumni.

"I come for reunions," Etheridge said. "I love to see Williamsburg, which always is a treat, but mainly I come to see old friends."

"Coming back to see people is a part of it," agreed classmate Fred Bowen, "but it's about coming back to a place that did so much for you. It prepared you for the real world just fine. I've never felt overwhelmed by anybody else. Never."

Added Berryman, "I come back to see these guys," indicating classmates urging him to stop talking and to hustle over to the football game. "It's great to keep in touch. It's just like yesterday. We just picked up on conversations that we left behind 35 years ago. It's like there's no time in between."

Even as they celebrated—anticipating a Tribe victory, trying to figure out what some of the parade floats represented, recalling their days as freshmen when arriving with a portable typewriter and a radio meant that you "were in high cotton"—attempts to secure the future of the College continued to creep into conversations.

Bob Kunkle recalled strolling around campus when he "bumped into Sullivan."

"I made a joke, knowing that he's looking forward to some different things in his future," Kunkle said. "However, it wasn't a joke. I said, 'I guess you're looking for something where funding is not quite the crucial element.' He just looked at me and said, 'Yes, that would be nice,'" Kunkle recalled.

by David Williard



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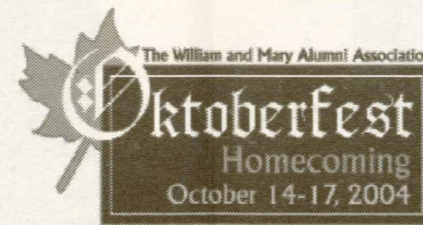


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Homecoming



party scenes



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Four honored at Homecoming Ball

The Alumni Association honored four alumni leaders—Donald C. Beck ('64), Howard J. Busbee ('65, J.D. '67, M.L.T. '68), Carl "Cheeko" W. Cheek ('61), and Patrick J. Walsh ('66)—with Alumni Medallions at the Homecoming Ball on Oct. 15 at the Williamsburg Lodge. Through dedication to their alma mater, volunteer work and charitable giving, exceptional professional accomplishment and sustained community service, these individuals have distinguished themselves as outstanding alumni of the College.



Beck: A 1964 graduate of the College, Beck worked as innkeeper at Cape Cod's Chatham Bars from 1976 until 1987. After retiring, he returned to Williamsburg, where he has been active in the community and with his alma mater. Beck's involvement often manifests itself in gestures like inviting students to his house for dinner. In 1999, Beck was honored with an Alumni Service Award.

As a student, Beck was treasurer of Kappa Alpha fraternity, a member of Scabbard and Blade and a president's aide. After graduating, Beck entered the U.S. Army and was sent to Vietnam. He left the military in 1967 and began a career in sales with Polaroid.

Beck and his wife, Susie, have two sons, Donald Cameron Jr. ('90) and Coburn ('93, J.D. '98).



Busbee: When Busbee entered William and Mary as a freshman in 1961, he had a goal: He was going to earn three degrees combining business and law.

After graduation, Busbee began a career at Price-waterhouseCoopers (PwC). Today, retired from PwC, Busbee is enjoying his second career as the assistant dean and an adjunct professor at the William and Mary School of Business.

A past president of the Alumni Association Board of Directors and a current member of the Richmond Alumni Chapter, Busbee has spent countless hours volunteering on behalf of the College. He has served on reunion committees, as well as on the search committee for a new College president. He has served the Alumni Association as executive vice president, and he has held leadership positions with the William and Mary Endowment Association and the Law School Association.

Today, Busbee lives with his wife, Mary Whitt, an honorary alumna, in Richmond. They have five children: Matthew Brian, Stephen Whitt, Andrew David, H. James "Jay" Jr. ('90) and Stacey Elizabeth ('04).



Cheek: Cheek is the CEO of Specialty Industries and Specialty Finance & Consulting and was formerly a member of the Bank Board of Corestate Bank in Red Lion, Pa. After graduating from William and Mary in 1961, he served in the U.S. Army, where he attained the rank of captain.

A member of the William and Mary Endowment Association Board, the Tribe Club, the Chancellor's Circle, President's Council and Order of the White Jacket, Cheek endowed the Hubert Cheek Athletic Scholarship in honor of his father and was actively involved in establishing scholarships in the names of Jim Seu ('53) and Jeff Cohen ('61). He and his wife recently endowed the Carl "Cheeko" and Sylvia Cheek Athletic Endowment to support an academic counseling position at the College.

As a student at the College, Cheek received the William and Mary Athlete of the Year Intramural Award in 1961 for his efforts on the track and football teams. He was inducted into the William and Mary Athletic Hall of Fame in 1988 for his student athletic accomplishments on the football and track teams. He received the Alumni Service Award in 2001.



Walsh: A former member of the Alumni Association Board of Directors, Walsh has served on the School of Business board and as a business student advisor. He and his wife, Margaret ('66), served as co-chairs of their 35th reunion in 2001, and they are members of the Alumni Center Green Circle of Friends.

Walsh attended the College as an undergraduate with his twin brother, Art ('66, J.D. '73). As a student, he was a member of the Newman Society, the Catholic Student Association and the Student Association. Upon graduation, he joined Merrill Lynch, where he worked for 32 years, ultimately serving on its executive management team.

Walsh serves on the boards of Catholic Charities of New Jersey and the Children's Home Society. Previously, he served as co-chair of the New Jersey Supreme Court of Efficiency and as an honorary chairman of the Princeton YMCA Tribute to Women in Industry. He and Margaret have four children, including Kevin Walsh (J.D. '92).

Through a Campaign commitment to establish the Patrick and Margaret Walsh Professorship in Ethics in Business Leadership at the School of Business, Walsh is ensuring the College is doing its part to produce outstanding professionals with moral integrity.

Stevens ('05) joins the Republican convention party in New York

Although there is no doubt he will be closely following the Nov. 2 election, Ryan Stevens can breathe easily, knowing his name isn't on the ballot anywhere. Stevens, a senior, has already served his own term in office, as a delegate from Pennsylvania to the 2004 Republican National Convention. Stevens spent what he called "the most sleepless but fun week of my life" in New York City while serving in that position.

"Everyone was very, very welcoming," Stevens said, adding that many people commented positively on his youth and congratulated him for taking an early interest in politics and attending the convention. At 21, Stevens was the youngest delegate from Pennsylvania.

"I definitely stood out a little bit in the crowd of delegates from Pennsylvania, but I'm fine with that position," he said. "I'm sort of a political junkie."

Stevens was elected to serve as a delegate in Pennsylvania's primary election April 22. To get on the ballot as a Republican delegate, individuals are required to collect 250 signatures from registered Republicans in their congressional district. Their names are then put on the ballot in random order.

Stevens' name was listed first, a position, he said, that probably gained him

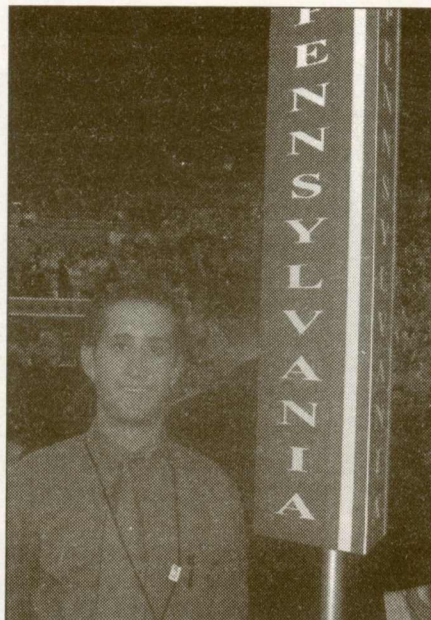
a number of votes. Voters were able to vote for three delegates, and many people probably checked the first few names on the ballot and then went on to check those lower on the list if they recognized a name. "The first ballot position was just a stroke of good fortune," Stevens said.

After the delegate election, Stevens was guaranteed a trip to the convention. He attended, along with his county's commissioner and Republican Party chairwoman. "I started gearing up all summer for New York City," he said.

In New York, security was not as overwhelming as Stevens had expected. "It was like being in a post-9/11 airport" inside Madison Square Garden, he said.

"Thursday night, when the president was there, it was a little something different," he admitted. Those entering the convention had to pass through a chamber in groups of 10 to be tested for radiation. Stevens' group was the first of the evening to set off the alarm. That led to further inspection; a metal cylinder was passed up and down over their bodies to show how much radiation each person was giving off.

"I think they were worried that there were chemical or biological weapons," Stevens added. "They had to watch out for everything."



Stevens poses in New York.

It turned out that a member of the group Stevens was with had cancer and was undergoing radiation therapy following surgery. People in those situations often register higher radiation amounts than is usual. Those few minutes undergoing the security check remain some of the more memorable for Stevens, who said, "I never had anyone test me for radiation

before; that was a different experience."

Even before Stevens and the rest of the delegates arrived at Madison Square Garden each evening, there was plenty to keep them busy during the mornings and afternoons. Most of the early events were organized on a state-by-state basis. "We didn't all get together as a national delegation until about 7 o'clock every night," Stevens explained.

After the key prime-time speakers, there were many star-studded events. "I can tell you that some of the parties were definitely memorable," said Stevens, citing Arizona Sen. John McCain's "Wednesday Night Live" bash, featuring acts by "Saturday Night Live" comedians Darrell Hammond and Joe Piscopo.

"Joe Piscopo did a whole hour-long set," Stevens said. "He wrote a song about John McCain, and he sang it, and then he brought McCain onstage and they sang 'New York, New York.'" The party was open to members of the Pennsylvania and Arizona delegations.

Stevens met several prominent Republican politicians, including the College's chancellor, Henry Kissinger.

"It was just a classy event," he said of the convention. "It was just incredible. I just could not believe I was there."

by Meghan Williams ('05)

Lawrence ('06) has polished his script, is ready to cast and direct his creation

A casual conversation on the beach with friends led junior David Lawrence on a path of self-examination and creative discovery. That path, in turn, brought him to the professional opportunity of a lifetime—the chance to, perhaps, make a movie.

Lawrence's night at the beach was no ordinary walk in the sand. Intense, philosophical conversations inspired Lawrence. An avid writer since childhood, Lawrence put pen to paper and began to formulate a script. There were familiar ingredients—a small Ivy League college, professors and research assistants. Over the course of several months Lawrence polished the script into a screenplay and has now sold the script.

Today, this third-semester junior finds himself preparing to cast, and he is hoping to direct his creation. Amazingly, this would not be Lawrence's directorial debut. He has already independently shot two short films and worked



David Lawrence

as production assistant and assistant director on a music video in Atlanta. But Lawrence knows that by industry standards he is still inexperienced and that his youth is probably a factor with backers and potential backers of the project. Financial backers are a reality in the world of independent filmmaking, especially on a picture that will likely cost \$4.5 million to \$5 million to shoot.

Lawrence is not ready to cede directorial control without a fight. "I don't really like handing over something I've put so much time into. Each of the characters

represents part of my head," he said. Lawrence has proposed a directorial screen test, as it were. The budget for this "short" will come out of his pocket. "It's a gamble," he added, "but I really have faith in the script; I think it's

a really strong story." The project is definitely personal. "They [the production company] don't have my interior dialogue," Lawrence noted. "And they don't have any affinity for William and Mary."

Though the film is not set on the William and Mary campus or on any campus in particular, Lawrence hopes to shoot his directorial test for the film here. "This is the most beautiful campus," he said. If all goes well and he is named director, Lawrence would like to shoot the full film here, too. "It's a community thing for me," he explained.

Lawrence's brush with success has not dissuaded him from his studies. "I sort of jumped the gun into my career while still in school," he noted. He credits William and Mary for providing him with the intellectual tools to fine-tune the project.

"William and Mary gave me the more intricate points," he added. But Lawrence admits his experiences have changed his focus. A former American studies major, he has decided to shift gears and pursue a degree in literary and cultural studies, with a concentration in film. He should graduate in December 2005.

by Suzanne Seuratian

University presidents make the case for the Charter Initiative in Richmond

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institutional public accountability."

Speaking next, Virginia Tech President Charles Steger outlined how the plan would answer these needs by extending accessibility to approximately 5,000 more Virginia students, regulating tuition increases by using the Cost of Education formula and keeping chartered institutions entirely accountable to the Governor, General Assembly and the people of Virginia.

UVA's Casteen spoke of the demands of a rapidly changing environment in which higher education must now work, including what he termed "radical changes in the state's funding priorities" that led to major cuts in institutional budgets over the past decade and a half.

"The cuts were said to be temporary, but now they are built into the state budget, causing a structural deficit," said Casteen of the budget reductions that began with

the recession of the early 1990s. He also pointed to the fact that the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia had been diminished in stature and capabilities so that it is no longer able to conduct the budget analyses that can serve as the basis for good educational policy.

Stating that "what is at stake is one of the most valuable legacies our state has," the UVA president told the commission that "15 years of not addressing the basics comes with a very high cost."

The group also heard a presentation by Aims McGuinness, a consultant from the Colorado-based National Center for Higher Education Management Systems, who urged that the Chartered Universities Initiative be considered in terms of the long-term public interest of the Commonwealth.

McGuinness agreed with the presidents that "Virginia does face a challenge with

the ability of major institutions maintaining their viability in an increasingly competitive environment."

Ignoring the features of the proposal that would strengthen all of Virginia's public colleges and universities, McGuinness went on to say that the "future of the state is not the sum interest of the three best universities." He encouraged the panel to take a broader view of higher education and shape a comprehensive solution.

Following the meeting, William and Mary Vice President for Public Affairs Stewart Gamage took issue with McGuinness' interpretation of the initiative: "We have worked quite deliberately to ensure that we crafted a proposal that could strengthen all public colleges and universities," she said. "Any of Virginia's institutions can apply for charter status, and their charters can be individually tailored to meet their specific needs. For the entire

system to be strengthened, however, we also need additional dollars for base funding and salaries. Nothing should distract us from that goal, not even passage of the charter legislation."

Panel members reacted cautiously to the discussion, but Speaker Howell said, "We can't continue to administer our colleges the way we did in the 19th century. This is a new way of approaching things."

Senator Chichester was sobered by the challenges the Commonwealth's institutions face as they attempt to compete on a "global scale."

"Where we stand vis-à-vis that scale is not pleasant to hear," he said.

The commission is expected to hold additional hearings throughout the fall and make its final recommendation before the General Assembly session begins in January.

by Bill Walker

college notes

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Tree-planting effort recognized

The efforts of Standing Tall, the student-driven effort to raise money for replanting trees lost last year during Hurricane Isabel, were celebrated last week with the planting of its first tree and the unveiling of a plaque.

Arborists believe the College sustained approximately \$3 million in tree loss during the storm. The initiative, started by *The DoG Street Journal*, hopes to plant at least six trees. To date, it has raised \$15,000 toward that end.

During the dedication ceremony, President Timothy J. Sullivan applauded the generosity of Standing Tall and likened the replanting initiative to the very character of William and Mary.

"I look over at that great, straight tree, and I think it is symbolic of the College. The forces of Mother Nature can bend us, but they don't break us," Sullivan said.



Tim Jones

Sullivan and *DoG Street Journal* co-editor in chief George Srour celebrate Standing Tall's first tree.

Children's art brightens School of Education



Brian Whitson

McLaughlin (second from left) receives art from students.

Thanks to a group of budding artists at local elementary schools—and the generosity of a local business owner—the William and Mary School of Education just got a little brighter.

At a Sept. 27 ceremony with young artists from D. J. Montague Elementary, Dean Virginia McLaughlin welcomed the first holdings of the newly created School of Education Children's Art Collection. To be displayed in a faculty lounge and conference room at the school's offices in Jones Hall, the collection was established to honor outstanding examples of art created by young students attending local schools.

"It seems really fitting that the School of Education would have an art collection that would honor the work of children," McLaughlin told those gathered to view the first five art pieces that were selected by D.J. Montague art teacher Tracy Bond. "We are just so pleased with each of these pieces and thank you for sharing them with us."

The children's art collection was the idea of Associate Professor of Education Lynn Pelco, who contacted Bond and asked her to select a piece from each grade. The framing and matting for the art pieces—which range from oil pastel paintings of flowers in the tradition of artist Georgia O'Keefe to a rooster created with crayons and watercolor—were provided by Joseph Glosson, who is the proprietor at the Williamsburg Fine Art shop.

Over time, McLaughlin said, more pieces will be added from area student artists. Each contributing student received a certificate of appreciation from McLaughlin.

Former student dies on campus during Homecoming weekend

Robert Lewis Tyler Jr., a member of the Class of 1988, was found dead on campus Oct. 15, 2004. Tyler, who died from an apparent self-inflicted wound, was discovered about 8:30 p.m. after William and Mary police officers responded to a call in Tucker Hall. A suicide note was found nearby.

Tyler, who graduated from the College with a double major in English and government, had a successful career in both politics and advertising. Following graduation, he worked as a speech writer for former Gov. L. Douglas Wilder and later worked in advertising in New York City. Tyler, 39, of Mechanic-

sville, moved back to the Richmond area in 2003 and was working as an independent political consultant.

A funeral service is scheduled for 11 a.m., Oct. 21, at the Mechanicsville Chapel of the Bennett Funeral Home located at 8014 Lee-Davis Road in Mechanicsville, Va. In lieu of flowers, the family is asking that memorial contributions be made to the Hanover Mental Health Association, 203 South Taylor Street, Ashland, Va. 23005, or the Robert L. Tyler Jr. Scholarship Fund, William and Mary Government Department, c/o R. David Ross, 413 Stuart Circle, Plaza G, Richmond, Va. 23220.

tribe sports

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Tribe football scores Homecoming victory over Rhode Island

Senior All-American candidate Lang Campbell completed 20 of 27 passes for 192 yards and two touchdowns and rushed for another score as 16th-ranked William and Mary held off Rhode Island for a 31-24 victory in front of a Homecoming crowd of 8,774 at Zable Stadium.

With the win, the Tribe has posted five consecutive victories and has improved to 3-0 in the Atlantic 10, its best start in league play since 1994. Rhode Island falls to 3-3 overall, 1-2 in Atlantic 10 play.

Both of Campbell's touchdown passes went to sophomore tight end Matt Trinkle in the first half, as the Tribe took a 17-10 advantage into the break. But two second-half rushing touchdowns by URI junior quarterback Jayson Davis had the game knotted at

24-24 midway through the fourth quarter. Tribe sophomore tailback Elijah Brooks then plunged into the end zone from two yards out for the game-winning score with 8:09 remaining in the contest.

Trinkle recorded a career-high seven receptions for a personal-best 51 yards and the two scores, while Campbell registered his sixth touchdown of the season on the ground. Campbell's six rushing scores are the most by a William and Mary quarterback since Dave Corley Jr. ran for six in 2000. During the game, linebacker Chris Ndubueze recorded 14 tackles, and junior safety James Miller made 13 total stops.

William and Mary returns to action next Saturday with a key conference matchup at third-ranked Delaware.

Golf squad claims runner-up honors at Penn's Big Five Classic

Tribe sophomore Hunter Watts fired a final-round 72 (+1) to jump into fifth place as William and Mary men's golf squad shot a closing 298 to claim runner-up honors at Penn's Big Five Classic. Princeton won the 13-team tournament by posting 589 strokes to the College's 599. The Tribe moved from third place after the first round to capture its second-straight runner-up finish and third-straight top-three result. Penn State took third at 603.



Sherbakov wins top singles flight at invitational

William and Mary's women's tennis team won the top singles flight and two of the three doubles flights in which the team competed at the Hampton Roads Collegiate Invitational, hosted by Old Dominion at Huntington Park last weekend.

A pair of Tribe teammates, seniors Lena Sherbakov and Candice Fuchs faced off in the semifinals

of the top singles flight, with the 82nd-ranked Sherbakov defeating Fuchs, ranked 99th in the nation, 6-2, 6-2. In the final, Sherbakov defeated Old Dominion's Kerstin Endlich, 6-0, 6-3.

In the top doubles flight, Fuchs and freshman Megan Moulton-Levy, ranked 56th in the nation, defeated Danila Milano/Camila Noldin (Radford), 8-1, in the semifinals before shutting out Delaware's Susan Pollack/Sari Shuster, 8-0. Also winning a title was the Tribe team of Sherbakov and sophomore Kristen Dunbar, which defeated Elena Besedova/Lucia Kapisinska (Hampton) and Megan Wolfgram/Jelena Zivanovic (Richmond) in the B-1 doubles flight.

W&M will return to action starting Friday at the Intercollegiate Tennis Association's East Region Championships, hosted by the University of Pennsylvania. Draws and scheduling information will be available at www.tribeathletics.com.

