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President Nichol and Chancellor O'Connor take their oaths

Just as the College of William and Mary shaped the values of an emerging United States, it must be poised to lead the nation into its new century, Sandra Day O'Connor and Gene R. Nichol told the approximately 4,500 people gathered in the courtyard of the Sir Christopher Wren Building on April 7 to watch as the two leaders officially were installed as chancellor and president, respectively.

O'Connor, the former associate justice of the U.S. Supreme Court who became the College's 23rd chancellor, called on her new colleagues at the university to participate in paving the way toward a world of greater peace and security through bridge building.

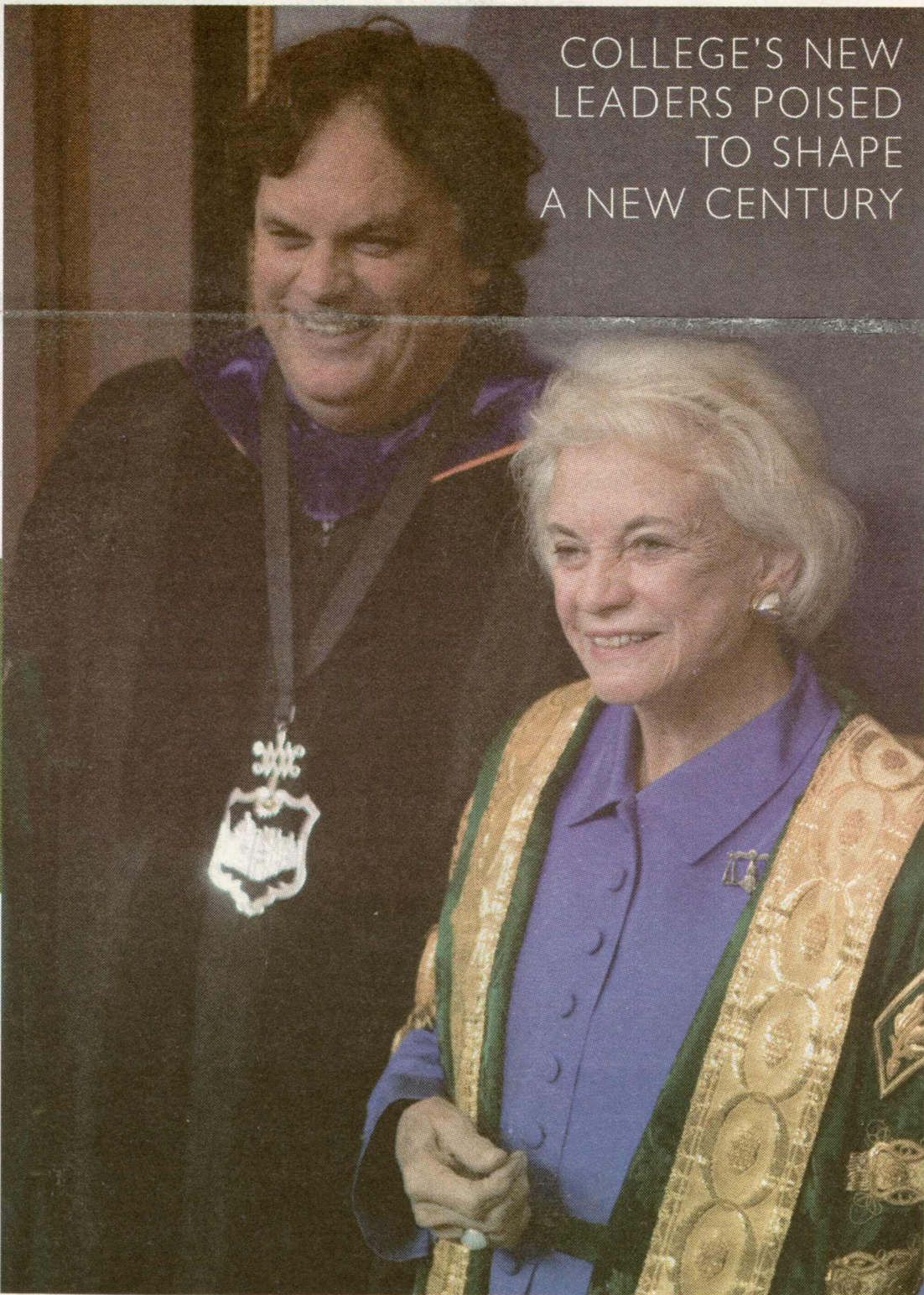
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In his remarks, Nichol, who was inaugurated as the 26th president of the College, also acknowledged the storied past of the university while suggesting the necessity of lifting "our sights higher."

"The College of William and Mary is venerable, beloved and inspiring. It is also hungry and unsatisfied," he said. In leading the institution to feed its hunger, Nichol promised that during his tenure as president, the College would become more open in terms of admission to those who have not enjoyed "economic privilege," it would work toward more racial

COLLEGE'S NEW
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A NEW CENTURY



Nick Kelsh

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O'Connor referred to the World Forum on the Future of Democracy, a summit to be hosted at the College and Colonial Williamsburg in September 2007 in connection with the 400th anniversary celebration of the founding of the Jamestown colony. She suggested that the free enterprise and cultural diversity that took root there can give us pause for reflection on the sense of civic responsibility that has made our nation successful.

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diversity not only of the student body but also among faculty, professional staff and senior administrators, it would further engage the "global community" and it would foster a culture of undergraduate research while retaining the "heart" of a small-scale liberal-arts program.

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Learn to build bridges—a lesson for leaders

Following is the transcribed text of Sandra Day O'Connor's remarks during her installation as chancellor of the College of William and Mary. —Ed.

Thank you, Rector Magill and members of the Board of Visitors, President Nichol, distinguished guests and members of my new William and Mary family.

Growing up as I did in a very arid, dry region of the Southwest, as you can imagine, I am unaccustomed to this finery. Justices in this country wear plain, black robes—that was at the urging of Thomas Jefferson, who didn't approve of anything fancy. I don't know what he would have thought of the chancellor's robes.

I am wondering if all of you out there sense what I sense. These are times of tremendous changes in our world. The polar icecaps are melting. They're gone up there. If you go to the North Pole today, you have a hard time finding a chunk of ice. The whole nation seems to be turning westward, and certainly the College of William and Mary is. Can you believe you have a new president born in Texas and a new chancellor born in Texas and growing up in Arizona? Now that's pretty remarkable for this institution.

On the grounds of this wonderful College and in the Marshall-Wythe School of Law, the people who studied and participated in the events of this institution are some of our nation's founders and some of our greatest leaders. To sit here, as we do today, next to the Wren Building is to soak up the atmosphere of the likes of Thomas Jefferson, our great Chief Justice John Marshall, James Madison, the father of our Constitution, and many, many others.

Now it takes more than the stretch of our imaginations to imagine that our nation's second-oldest institution of higher learning, here in the great state of Virginia, has decided to accept as its chancellor a cowgirl from Arizona. After all, since 1693, the College of William and Mary has had 23 chancellors, most of them Anglican bishops. Now I suppose you know that we took our legal and judicial system largely from that of Great Britain, and for many years in England, the judges were selected with the approval of the king, who had the power to remove them. It was not until the Settlement Act in England in the late 1700s that finally that power of removal of judges was taken away from the king, but they still all had to be Anglican. When it came time to draft our own Constitution, the framers, most of whom lived right around here—and James Madison engineered the whole deal—kept the part about allowing our federal judges to serve for good behavior, but it left out the part about the Anglicans. That was still a holdover for the College of William and Mary because you had Anglican chancellors for a long time. Actually I guess you can relax because I am, at heart, an Anglican.

I doubt that any of you can even begin to imagine what a special honor it is for me to join the likes of George Washington, our first president; John Tyler, our 10th president; and more recently, our former beloved Chief Justice Warren Burger; Lady Margaret Thatcher, whom I so enjoyed and admired; and former Secretary of State Kissinger. That's a very impressive roster. I am thrilled to join that list. I will treasure the privilege of my association with this great College and its role in our nation's development and history and to participate in finding ways today to provide leaders in our nation's fourth century of existence.

William and Mary has played host to many American and world leaders, past and present, who have come here as students; they've come as faculty, sometimes as speakers or honored guests.

There is going to be a special event in this area that's going to bring leaders from around the globe to this College, this very place, in September 2007 for the World Forum on the Future of Democracy. It will be a global summit with leaders from both mature and emerging democracies, and it's going to provide the platform for exchanges among scholars, civic leaders and experienced governmental and political practitioners about the future of democratic institutions around the world. That event is going to be the culminating event of America's 400th anniversary of the founding of Jamestown, a little town down the road here, where American democracy and the rule of law and free enterprise and cultural diversity first took root.

These legacies continue to inspire and shape our lives today, and the Jamestown 400th anniversary, the start of which begins next month, gives all of us a chance to reflect on and renew our commitment to those qualities and contributions that have strengthened our nation for the past 400 years. At the very least, we should look on it as a time to recognize the importance of promoting civic learning and teaching our young people about democracy and citizenship. And the more that people understand and appreciate our history and our system of government, the more likely it is that we will continue to develop techniques and ways of living together in this complex world of ours in greater peace and security. And I hope that this College will find ways to prepare all the students not only for higher education and careers but, most importantly, for their role as

citizens. I think the future of democracy will start here, as it did in our founding 400-some years ago.

Now the challenges of leadership today are as great as they were at our founding. We all have to learn to be bridge builders. There's a little poem I like about building bridges, and I'm not going to recite it all, but it



Steve Salpukas

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describes an old man who went along a narrow road across a deep chasm and over a river, and once he got across, the old man stayed a while to build a bridge over that chasm.

"Old man," said a fellow pilgrim near,
 "You are wasting strength in building here.
 Your journey will end with the ending day;
 You never again must pass this way.
 You have crossed the chasm, deep and wide,
 Why build you the bridge at the eventide?"

The builder lifted his old gray head.
 "Good friend, in the path I have come," he said,
 "There followeth after me today
 A youth whose feet must pass this way.
 This chasm that has been naught to me
 To that fair-haired youth may a pitfall be.
 He, too, must cross in the twilight dim;
 Good friend, I am building the bridge for him."

Our nation is one built on pride and sacrifice and commitment to shared values, on the willingness of our citizens to give time and energy to the good of the whole. We're the nation we are today because of the great bridge builders we've had in the past, some of whom worked right here in this very community in this very college. We've been a nation that has produced citizens willing to engage in public service.

Now this work of bridge building, of public service, can be both difficult and rewarding. The efforts will call for sacrifice, sometimes emotional, sometimes financial, sometimes personal. Those who engage in public service also open up themselves for a lot of public review, but if we focus our energy on sharing our ideas, on finding solutions and using what's right with America to remedy what's wrong with it, we can and we will make a difference.

So as you students at this College move on in your lives, I hope you will also commit yourselves to being bridge builders. Our nation needs you. And those who cross the bridges you will build will thank you.

I look forward so much to meeting with all the students, with faculty here at the College of William and Mary in the coming years to find those bridge builders of the future.

I thank all of you—and President Nichol—for the great honor and this new experience of being what I never thought I would be as a cowgirl in Arizona, chancellor of this wonderful College of William and Mary.

For W&M—the challenge to lift sights higher

Following is the edited text of Gene R. Nichol's remarks during his inauguration as President of the College of William and Mary. The full text of President Nichol's speech may be found at www.wm.edu. —Ed.

I am delighted, if daunted, to follow our new chancellor to the podium. If a university president can still claim the mantle of student of the Constitution, I should say that over the past two decades, Justice O'Connor clearly became the most influential member of one of the most powerful tribunals in American history. With a singular combination of courage and wisdom, she ennobled the exercise of judicial review. Our new chancellor will lift the character and the fortunes of the College. And it is my surprising good fate to welcome a personal hero to our ranks.

If I could exercise a moment of personal privilege, I am deeply touched that my mother and brothers and my close family from Texas are here, joined by Glenn's family from North Carolina and D.C. It is much in our hearts that my father is not with us—he died five months ago. My father was a tough and plain-spoken man. I can only imagine what he would have had to say about all this pomp and circumstance and his son's unlikely role in it. It would not, perhaps, have been generous, but it would surely have been true.

Woodrow Wilson once said that the purpose of a university "is to make young gentlemen as unlike their fathers as possible," but Wilson was often wrong. As I think of my parents, and their parents, and their parents and all those who came before them, never having enjoyed the opportunity of a college education, I am no smarter, no more committed, no stronger, no more worthy than they. But I was given a remarkable foundation upon which to build—a foundation made possible by excellent, accessible, empowering public higher education, the treasure we celebrate today and that we work to ensure in the years ahead.

And finally to my wife Glenn, and our daughters Jesse, Jenny and Sorren—the most appealing eighty percent of the George-Nichol house hold. [That's going by headcount, rather than weight.] Universities and presidencies are marvelous things—but none so fine as a family that defines your life, enlists your soul, creates your purpose and delivers your joy. I know no better news than that, in a few short weeks, we will again all be living under the same roof—even if it is a very old one.

I begin by conceding it is nearly impossible to describe the sense of honor and challenge I feel at becoming the 26th president of the College of William and Mary, the second oldest, but most beloved, institution of higher learning in the nation—literal wellspring of an American enlightenment political philosophy; honed by Small, Wythe, Jefferson and Marshall whose ideas not only changed a Commonwealth and a nation but that have become the most powerful force for progress in the world; called to be the most foundational and revolutionary of institutions; pushing frontiers of understanding in the sciences, the arts, the humanities, in our social orderings, in commerce, in education, in marine study, in law; preparing its charges for lives of intense personal meaning and compelling public consequence; offering what Robert Coles has called a "gift of grace."

And the College can boast a staff whose commitment to an appealing and supportive residential learning program—often in the face of scant resources and inadequate compensation—literally enables the William and Mary experience. Its students, among the most highly credentialed in the world, come believing they will be challenged more rigorously and engaged more transformatively than at other venues. They seek the larger contribution—offering energies and talents to a complex and troubled world in ways that lift the hearts and inspire the sentiments of their elders.

And its faculty, which I have been honored to rejoin, embrace a fusion of teaching and scholarship not replicated elsewhere: scholars who, as I've heard it put, "teach because they can't help it"; scholars who deserve a framework of research support, which I commit to secure, to match their aspirations and their attainments; scholars who have enjoyed the brilliance, the courage and innovation of great leaders, like my friends and predecessors President Tom Graves, President Paul Verkuil, and my former dean and mentor, President Tim Sullivan.

The College of William and Mary is venerable, beloved and inspiring. It is also hungry and unsatisfied. Our forebears—both historic and recent—insisted on the boldest challenge. It was no modest undertaking in 1693 to seek a new world with paper charter—without ease, without resource, without comfort, without security—but James Blair and his cohorts nonetheless came remarkably well-armed—with hope, with courage, with a stubborn determination to press enduring values and to paint visions anew. Rooted in such a heritage, we are again required to lift our sights higher: to, in Wallace Stegner's words, "dream other dreams, and better."

- To more vigorously open our doors and open our lives to all who have the wit and the will to master our challenges, regardless of wealth or class or pedigree or station, rejecting a status quo—now plaguing the most accomplished corridors of the academy—that acutely links membership to economic condition and leading William Bowen to ask whether elite universities are "engines of opportunity" or "bastions of privilege." This College, with all its mastery and all its attentions, will make clear its recognition that talent, commitment, imagination and dedication are not the exclusive province of those with significant means.
- To work, with renewed and patent and unyielding commitment, to ensure that not only our student body—where some heartening progress has been made—but that our faculty, our professional staff and our

senior administration become markedly more racially diverse, recognizing, as our new chancellor has eloquently written, that the path to leadership lodged in the country's great public universities must be rendered "visibly open" to us all. For me, an aging civil-rights lawyer, these issues of inclusion touch core questions of equality and justice, but they are flatly pragmatic as well. This College cannot play the role of leadership for which it was literally born unless it touches the imagination and triggers the aspiration of the entire human family.

- To further open and expand our horizons—bringing the wonders of the globe to the College and the talents and capabilities of the College to the broader global community in return, understanding, with Clifford Geertz, that "without the difficult achievement of seeing ourselves amongst others ... a case among cases, a world among worlds ... objectivity is [mere] self-congratulation and tolerance [but] sham." We seek the world not just from self-interest or calculation, but to understand our fellows, to understand ourselves, to understand our futures and to make a mark for the largeness of mind worthy of a great university.
- To press, ever more imaginatively, the possibilities of our unique mission and structure. Alone among the great publics, this College operates, at heart, as a small-scale, engaged, life-changing liberal-arts program. Ever shall it be so. We also seek to profoundly embed a culture of research into our undergraduate experience—offering path-breaking avenues for independent inquiry and unparalleled preparations for graduate and professional training—giving our students encompassing opportunities not only to master knowledge but to create it.
- To explore and renew the unique claims of our own history as birthplace of the American democratic experiment—probing the possibilities, challenges and barriers to self-determination at home and abroad: as cradle of racial slavery on this continent but also as crucible of African-American creativity and resistance, staging ground for ennobling efforts to make the promises of democracy real. And, as home for stories and inquiries that are older still—stories of Powhatan and Werowocomoco and Tsenacommacah, stories of hope and anguish, subordination and liberation, possibility and transcendence—asking, in as clear-eyed and revelatory a way as humans can proffer, who we have been, who we are and who we mean to be.
- And, most importantly, let us open ourselves to new visions of the possible. Two thousand years ago, the Roman historian Tacitus wrote that "patriotism is worth a competition with our ancestors." Few institutions could have as much to live up to on this front as the College of William and Mary. I said "few." I meant "none."

But now it is our turn to answer the call of history. The bell tolls. The trumpet sounds. This College, this compelling gift from one generation to the next, was founded to place the mightiest tools of intellect in the fullest service to a people. That large work remains our own.

- To fulfill a charge to be both great and public—embracing the full mandate and the defining possibilities of those two noble adjectives.
- To prepare and empower graduates inspired by bold visions of head and heart, lifted by insight, temper, character and skill to lead a nation and change a world.
- To strive anew to compete at the highest levels of academic achievement—opening venues of discovery, imagination, innovation and rigor that mark the contributions of a community of scholars.



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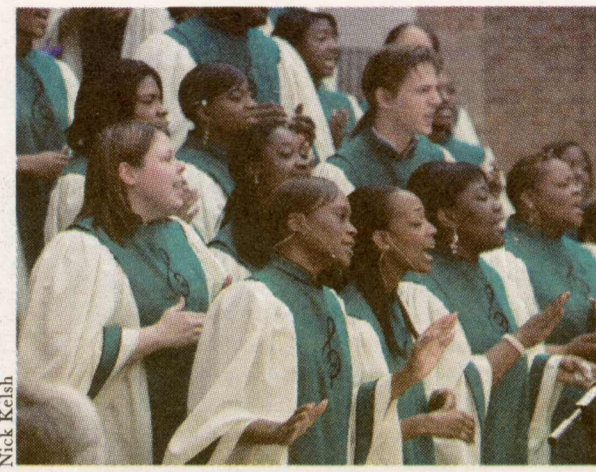
- To recognize with Churchill, that "the price of greatness is responsibility" and that our talents and attentions can lighten and enrich the lives of our fellows in a nation in which the scales of justice can often hang tragically askew.
- To foster and sustain a scholarship of engagement—expanding the reach of our ideas and the impact of our lives.

Linking our fortunes to the efforts and aspirations of over three centuries, as direct descendants of American hope, recalling with the poet that "we never know how high we are 'til we are asked to rise," on these hallowed grounds, I pledge all that I can muster in the cause of the College. I ask you to join me in this crusade of promise and purpose, of challenge and consequence.

Go Tribe. And hark upon the gale.

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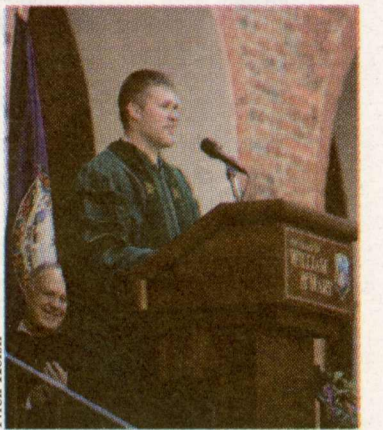
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Appropriately humble— justifiably proud

No greater elegance graced the chancellor's investiture and president's inauguration than the call to greatness that resounded in the ancient courtyard of the Sir Christopher Wren Building on April 7, 2006. Forty-five hundred members of the William and Mary community turned out to embrace Sandra Day O'Connor and Gene R. Nichol and to look to the two for the leadership capable of helping the College seize the destiny for which it was founded—that of providing new leadership for a new world.

On campus, the two made a great team. Both are confident in their professional accomplishments. Both acknowledged their public roots and the magnitude of envisioned opportunities. Together, they were casual, mutual admirers sharing a joke, laughing out loud. When they spoke, their charges were solemn. O'Connor called for the College to prepare, most importantly, citizens: "I think the future of democracy will start here, as it did in our founding 400-some years ago," she said. Nichol challenged listeners to "fulfill a charge to be both great and public." He said, "Now it is our turn to answer the call of history. The bell tolls. The trumpet sounds."

In the yard, representatives from the Commonwealth and from the most influential institutions of academe joined the community in applause and assent. They, too, were looking to the College for something special, for something profound. You could almost hear them saying, "Justifiably proud, appropriately humble, go Tribe. Indeed, hark upon the gale."



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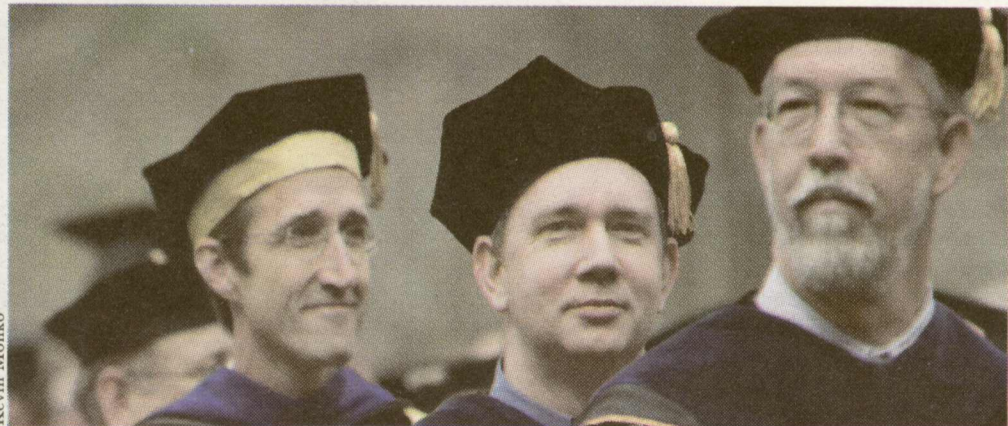
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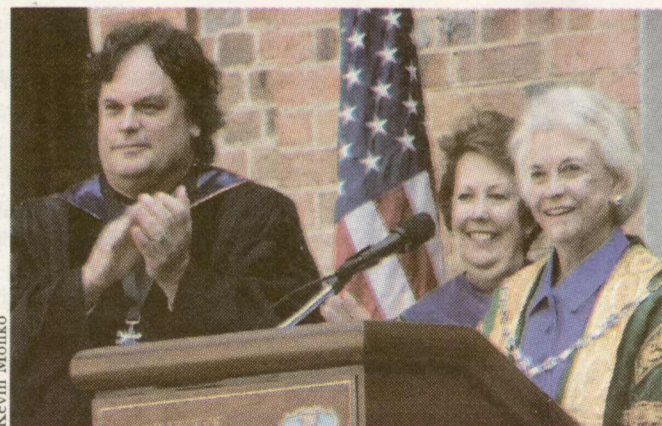
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President Gene Nichol looked out over the thousands of chairs being set up in neat rows in the courtyard of the Sir Christopher Wren Building on Wednesday, April 5. In his mind's eye, he apparently envisioned thousands of empty chairs on Friday, a sparse house to witness his inauguration and the installation of retired Justice Sandra Day O'Connor as chancellor.

"What if we get about 500 people?" he mused aloud.

"We took an option on a bunch of inflatable dolls," a bystander joked.

"Well," Nichol said, looking around again, "I'm glad we have a backup plan."

The term "backup plan" may be a bit of an understatement to describe the complete, detailed planning and preparation that were taking place essentially for two separate events: an investiture and inauguration to be held in the courtyard and a contingency investiture and inauguration to be held indoors at William and Mary Hall. Predicting the weather was the problem. It was known that turnout would be rather large. Weeks before the big day, the Investiture and Inauguration Committee was awash in returned RSVPs. A crayon-like assortment of tickets, color-coded for admission to different events, was ready to be inserted into the proper envelopes and sent out to respondents.

The tesserae of details that went into the April 7 ceremonies were overseen by the committee, which was led by Kathleen F. Slevin, Chancellor Professor of Sociology. Cheryl Corvello came out of retirement to serve as administrative assistant to the committee. Planning began with a review of past events, as Corvello assembled files prepared by previous committees.

"The first thing I did as chair was to sit down and look at all the previous inaugurations," Slevin said. "What were the elements in them? How did the programs look? Who were invited? Who participated in the program?"

"Then, we learned around the first of October that it would be a double event," Corvello said. "The investiture of Sandra Day O'Connor would be held at the same ceremony as the inauguration of the president. That added another element to the whole planning process."

And so, the committee proceeded to organize double ceremonies for the double event. Committee members held a series of meetings, culminating in a marathon session the week of the event. There were plenty of e-mails, phone calls and informal discussions, too. Slevin estimated she spent 20 to 25 hours a week on inauguration and investiture plans while maintaining her full class schedule.

When the chairs were being unfolded under the supervision of Billy Sanders, support services supervisor for facilities management, it seemed as if all the planning was going to pay off. His crew of four, supplemented by 10 temporary workers, set up 4,500 chairs in the Wren Courtyard, which had been spruced up by workers under John McFarlane, associate director of gardens and grounds. Sanders' crew also had set up another 1,000 chairs on the floor of William and Mary Hall in case of rain, which on the eve of the ceremony seemed like more than a possibility.

On Thursday at 3 p.m., committee members assembled in the courtyard for a walk-through. That was the time at which a decision was to be made to hold the ceremonies in the yard or in the hall. As they gathered, Jeff Herrick, assistant director of technical services, continued a sound check on the audio system. He stepped away from the sound board to hold up the severed end of a cable, one of several set up on Wednesday only to be chopped off Wednesday night by a vandal and then replaced

on Thursday. Herrick and his crew supervised the audio for rehearsals of the choir and Ebony Expressions, including providing soloists with cordless UHF microphones—"just like Madonna's," he said.

At 3:20 p.m., Slevin and Sam Sadler, vice president for student affairs, emerged from the Wren Building with good news and bad news—two utterly conflicting weather reports from Langley Air Force Base. One predicted rain and high winds would be in the area during the ceremony; the second suggested that conditions would be fine. The decision about the venue, Sadler said, would be postponed until 6 p.m. In the meantime, he added, the committee should do a walk-through at William and Mary Hall after they were done in the Wren Courtyard.

On the mezzanine level of the arena, Tim Jones, Web information manager in the university relations department, whipped out his cell phone and called Jeff Jolly, a network engineer from the information technology department. Jolly and an assistant appeared in a matter of minutes to discuss logistics to accommodate a Web feed. Jones and a number of IT technicians had set up a command post in the Wren Chapel to deliver a live Webcast of the event, and they wanted to make sure that all would be in order in case the ceremony had to be moved to William and Mary Hall.

The word came on Thursday evening: The inauguration and investiture would be a fair-weather event held in the Wren Courtyard as scheduled. Early Friday morning, last-minute preparations continued—under sporadic showers. At about 8 a.m., workers went through the rows of chairs in order to tilt them and let the water run off before mopping them with towels. Once the chairs had been wiped off, it rained again.

The die was cast; it was too late to move the event. Thousands of people were on their way to the Wren Courtyard, including Sandra Day O'Connor, who was being driven by Lt. John Coleman of the William and Mary Police Department. The weather would just have to get better, and it did. The rain stopped by 9 a.m., just as the first early birds began arriving. James Greene, one of 10 William and Mary police officers working at the event under the supervision of Capt. Ed Davis, was controlling traffic at Ewell Circle. Greene pointed out handicapped spots and advised drivers about letting out passengers: "Drop 'em off and keep on kicking," he said.

Activity continued during the ceremony. Food service workers in four pavilions set up on the Wren Yard, located on the opposite side of the Wren Building prepared for the post-ceremony reception. Stephanie Ragland, dining services manager, said that 4,000 glasses of sparkling cider were poured and special cookies from 18 cases were put at each station. Meanwhile, another group, supervised by Philip DiBenedetto, director of dining services, was setting up the VIP luncheon in tents near the Alumni Center.

Work continued throughout the afternoon. David Dudley, technical director at Phi Beta Kappa Memorial Hall, was preparing for the afternoon question-and-answer session with Chancellor O'Connor and President Nichol, which concluded at 5 p.m. and capped off the officially scheduled events. Meanwhile, workers throughout the campus engaged in the cleanup.

by Joe McClain



Cindy Baker

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calendar

PLEASE NOTE ... Members of the College community may submit items to the calendar and classified ad sections of the William & Mary News. College events and classifieds must be submitted in writing through campus mail, by fax or by e-mail. Submissions must be signed with a contact name and telephone number for verification purposes. Items may be edited for clarity or length. Direct submissions to the **William & Mary News, Holmes House, 308 Jamestown Rd. Fax to 221-3243. E-mail to wmnews@wm.edu. Call 221-2644 for more information. The deadline for the April 27 issue is April 20 at 5 p.m.**

Today

Personal Financial Counseling Sessions with Fidelity Representatives: Room 220, University Center. To schedule an appointment, call 1-800-642-7131.

Research in Aging Luncheon: "Assessing the Crash Risk of Older Drivers in a Field Setting," Daniel Roenker, Western Kentucky University. 12:30 p.m., Morton 139. Attendees should bring lunch; snacks and drinks will be provided. 221-1913.

Today, April 14-15

William and Mary Second Season: "On the Verge." 8 p.m. (April 13-15) and 2 p.m. (April 15), Studio Theatre, PBK. \$1 donation. E-mail nesant@wm.edu.

Today, April 20

CWA/Town & Gown Luncheon and Lecture Series: "Protons and Neutrons to Proteins and Neurons: Mystery Begets Mastery," Dennis Manos, vice provost and director, Applied Research Center (today). "Shakespearean Musicals—Past and Present," Christopher Owens Sr., department of Theatre, Speech and Dance (April 20). Noon-1:30 p.m., Chesapeake Room, University Center. 221-1079 or 221-1505.

April 14

Economics Seminar: "Paying for Confidence: An Experimental Study of Preferences Over Beliefs," Andrew Schotter, New York University. 1 p.m., Morton 102. 221-2375.

Talk: Jenna Krajewski ('03), editor at *The New Yorker*, will talk about her work and present student poetry awards. Other student literary prizes will be announced and students will read from their work. Sponsored

by the Patrick Hayes Endowment and the Association of the Alumni. 5 p.m., Tucker 120. Free and open to the public. 221-3920.

Spring Concert: Ebony Expressions Gospel Choir. 7 p.m., Tidewater Rooms A and B, University Center. 221-2300.

April 14-15

VIMS Art Show and Auction: World-renowned marine artist and conservationist Guy Harvey kicks off the event with two video lectures on April 14 at 7:30 and 8:30 p.m. T-shirts, artwork and books by Harvey will be available for purchase. Tickets are free but must be reserved in advance. Doors open at 7 p.m. On April 15, doors open at 6:30 p.m. for the silent auction, a gala fund-raiser that provides opportunities to bid on selected works by Harvey, as well as trips, jewelry, boats and other items. A live auction will begin at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$75 per person and include heavy hors d'oeuvres. All proceeds support research and education programs at VIMS. Events take place at VIMS, Gloucester Point. For information, tickets or auction items, visit www.vims.edu/events or call Lisa Phipps at (804) 684-7099.

Dance Minors Concert: 8 p.m., Adair Dance Studio. 221-2785.

April 17

Presentation: "The Constitution, the Courts and the Congress," Edwin Meese, former United States attorney general and chairman, Center for Legal and Judicial Studies, The Heritage Foundation. 7-8 p.m., Law School 119. Sponsored by the William and Mary Federalist Society. Free and open to the public. For information, contact Andrew Knaggs at afknag@wm.edu or Will Sleeth at wslsleeth@wm.edu.

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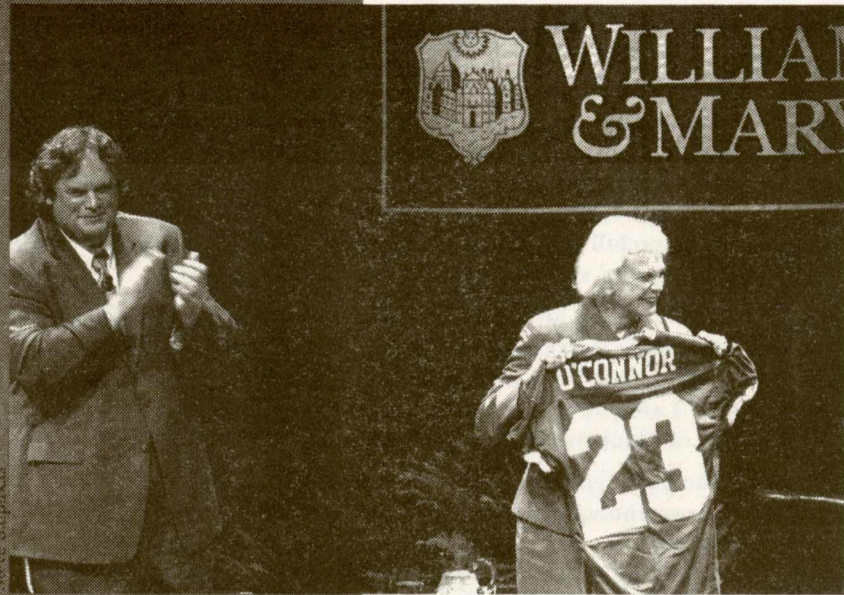
Lunch with the President: President Gene Nichol will host a luncheon for four-year roommates at 12:30 p.m. at the President's House (located at 608 Pollard Park). Lunch will last about an hour. Contact Carla Jordan at 221-1254 or cajord@wm.edu for more information or to sign up.

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Omohunro Institute of Early American History and Culture Colloquia: "An English Harvest of Spanish and Portugall Seede": Captives and Captured Texts in English Accounts of the New World," Lisa Beth Voigt, OIEAHC-Mellon Fellow and (following dinner) "The Moral History of Richard Hakluyt and Its Sources," a conversation with David A. Boruchoff (April 18). 6-9 p.m. "Inheritance, Adaptation and Innovation: Building in the 17th-Century Chesapeake," Willie Graham and Carl Lounsbury, Colonial Williamsburg; Carter Hudgins, University of Mary Washington; Fraser Neiman, Monticello; and Jim Whittenburg, associate professor of history (April 25) 7-9 p.m. Both events will be held at the Institute, ground floor, Swem Library. A light supper will be served after each colloquium. The cost is \$3.50 for graduate students and \$7.50 for all others. For additional information or supper reservations, call Melody Smith at 221-1197 or e-mail mlmsmit@wm.edu.

April 20

Timing is everything



Chancellor Sandra Day O'Connor said William and Mary President Gene R. Nichol's call last summer came just as she was preparing to announce her retirement as an associate justice on the U.S. Supreme Court. Nichol, a constitutional lawyer, made a great case, she told more than 750 students on April 7 at Phi Beta Kappa Memorial Hall.

"He timed his call to perfection. Were you ever in politics?," O'Connor joked as she turned to

Nichol, who moderated the question-and-answer session.

In the hour-long session with students, O'Connor and Nichol, who were officially installed earlier in the day as the College's 23rd chancellor and 26th president, respectively, participated in a lively and sometimes humorous exchange. As Nichol introduced O'Connor as one of the country's most influential jurists, she playfully rolled her eyes and commented, "All of this flattery is likely to go to a chancellor's head."

During the session, O'Connor also displayed her quick wit and charm in discussing a variety of topics, including her decision to become the College's next chancellor and the sexism she encountered half a century ago when attempting to get her first job after graduating from Stanford Law School. O'Connor also spoke of her disappointment that President George W. Bush did not replace her on the Supreme Court with another female justice, but she declined to discuss current cases before the high court or, for example, what the high court's new makeup will mean for *Roe v. Wade*.

"It isn't going to be my decision," O'Connor said in response to a question from Nichol on whether she was concerned that *Roe v. Wade*, the Court's 1973 decision that allowed a person to choose the right to have an abortion, would be overturned.

Of her time on the Supreme Court and the fact that she cast the decisive fifth vote in a number of high-profile decisions on affirmative action and civil rights, O'Connor said she disagreed that she was the "swing vote" on the Supreme Court.

"That's not a term I like and one I thought the media cooked up," O'Connor said. "All nine of us worked independently on each case. You

make an independent decision. You need five votes for a majority. I don't think it's so unusual that you would have a different majority. I never thought it had anything to do with a swing-vote concept—it's doing-the-best-you-can-on-the-cases-that-came-along concept."

On her first job out of law school in the early 1950s, O'Connor said she was surprised to discover that no law firms would hire a female attorney. "I couldn't even get an interview," said O'Connor, adding the one interview she did get ended when a partner of the firm asked her how fast she could type because he suggested hiring her as a secretary. "I was so surprised and disappointed."

O'Connor eventually turned to public service and worked without pay at a county attorney's office in San Mateo, Calif. After two months, she was given a paid position. The experience, O'Connor said, opened her eyes to a career in public service. "I went to work for nothing but loved what I was doing," she said.

O'Connor also spoke about balancing a career with family. O'Connor and her husband, John Jay O'Connor III, raised three boys while maintaining busy careers.

"I wish I had some easy answers but I don't," said O'Connor. "It is so difficult to have a career and raise a family. There aren't any shortcuts. I took five years off [to raise my boys], and I was sure I wasn't going to be able to get another job as a lawyer."

When asked what advice she had for students, O'Connor said they should learn how to read fast and write well. In all her past jobs, whether in the Arizona state legislature, in the Arizona attorney general's office or on the Supreme Court, O'Connor said she needed to read quickly. "It is very crucial," O'Connor said. "You need to write well because whatever you do in life, you'll have to learn to express yourself."

About the future of the Supreme Court, O'Connor said she was disappointed that she was not replaced with a woman. O'Connor, who became the first female justice in 1981, spent more than a decade as the only woman on the court. Justice Ruth Bader Ginsberg joined her in 1993. "I was disappointed to see the percentage of women on the Court drop by 50 percent," O'Connor said. "It was so much better when two women were on the Court instead of just one. It was sad to see us lose so much ground with that, and I hope gender will be a consideration for future appointments."

As for becoming chancellor, O'Connor said she was already familiar with Williamsburg and the William and Mary campus. She had previously served on the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation Board of Trustees. O'Connor was also on the Supreme Court when former Chief Justice Warren Burger served as the College's chancellor from 1986 until 1993.

"He was so pleased with that and how it worked out, so I was preconditioned," said O'Connor, who added she had visited Williamsburg several times in the past and had spoken at the William and Mary Law School. "It was hardly an unfamiliar scene, and once you've been on this campus you know it's pretty special."

by Brian Whitson



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—Sandra Day O'Connor

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Small Ensembles Concert: "Small is Beautiful!" a program featuring chamber music and including performances by the Middle Eastern Music Ensemble and the Appalachian Music Ensemble. 8 p.m., Williamsburg Regional Library Theatre. For information, contact Anne Rasmussen at 221-1097 or Chris Scales at 221-7839.

April 20-23

William and Mary Theatre: "Amadeus." 8 p.m. (April 20-22); 2 p.m. (April 23), Phi Beta Kappa Memorial Hall. Tickets \$8, \$5 students. Box office opens April 10. Reservations available by calling the box office at 221-2674, Monday-Friday, 1-6 p.m. and Saturday, 1-4 p.m. Payment by cash, check and Visa/MasterCard.

April 21

Black Studies/Women's Studies Brown Bag Lunch Sessions: "Selection from The Sarimanok Travels: Documenting Oral Narratives and the Legacy of World War II Comfort Women: A Performance." Noon, Morton 314. 221-2457.

Geology Brown-Bag Lecture Series: "Protecting Surface Waters from Excess Nutrients: The Role of Science and Policy, Clifton Bell, senior hydrologist, Malcolm Pirnie, Inc. 12:10 p.m., McGlothlin-Street 230. 221-2440.

Chemistry Seminar: "Combining Chemical and Biological Approaches for the Production of Advanced Materials," Kristi Kiick, University of Delaware. 3:00 p.m., Rogers 100.

VIMS Seminar: "Measuring and Modeling Fine Sediment Erosion," Larry Sanford, Horn Point Laboratory, University of Maryland. 3 p.m., VIMS, Gloucester Point. For more information, contact bronk@vims.edu or seitz@vims.edu.

Biology Seminar: "Daily Time Keeping in Drosophila," Herman Wijnen, University of Virginia. 4 p.m., Millington 117. 221-5433.

King & Queen Ball: 9 p.m.-1 a.m., Sunken Garden. Tickets \$10 individuals, \$18 couples, in advance; \$15 individuals, \$25 couples, at the door. Advance tickets can be purchased at the University Center information desk.

April 22

CD Signing: Hermine Pinson, associate professor of English, will sign her new CD, "Changing the Changes in Poetry and Song." 1-3 p.m., William and Mary Bookstore. 253-4900.

Art on the Lawn: This family fun festival is an exciting children's event held annually at the Muscarelle Museum. The festival features games, hands-on activities and refreshments. 1-4 p.m., Muscarelle Museum lawn. Funded in part by the Junior Women's Club, the event is free to the public. 221-2703.

Concert: Grammy Award-winning band Wilco. 8 p.m., William and Mary Hall. Tickets \$10 for members of the campus community, \$25 for the public. Visit www.wm.edu/ucab for more information.

April 22, 25, 29; May 6

Muscarelle Kids Programs: A class for elementary and middle-school students will begin on April 22 and continue

on April 29 and May 6). A class titled "Sculpture Adventure," for preschoolers aged 3-5 with an adult companion, will be held on April 25, 10-11 a.m. All classes will be held at the Muscarelle Museum. For fees and other information, call 221-2703.

April 23

Shakespeare's Birthday Party: A fund-raiser for the 2006 Virginia Shakespeare Festival, which opens June 27. The celebration of the bard's birthday will feature a showing of Kenneth Branagh's adaptation of "Love's Labours Lost," set in the roaring '20s. Birthday cake and other refreshments will be served and a silent auction will be held, featuring antiques and other unique items, including a role in this year's production of "Macbeth." 2-5 p.m., Andrews Hall. 221-2660.

April 25

Indonesian Gamelan Concert: Javanese music performed by the College's beginning and intermediate gamelan ensembles. 5 p.m., The Sunken Garden. Free admission. 221-1071.

Lyon Gardiner Tyler Lectures in History: "Americanization of Southern Politics:" "The Civil Rights Movement: Contemporary Lessons," Aldon Morris, Northwestern University. This is the third lecture in the series. 5 p.m., Little Theater, Campus Center. 221-3720.

Spring Concert: William and Mary Band. 8 p.m., Phi Beta Kappa Memorial Hall. Tickets: \$5 adults, \$3 students. For more information, call 221-1086.

April 26

Spring Concert: William and Mary Orchestra. 8 p.m., Phi Beta Kappa Memorial Hall. Tickets: \$10 general admission, \$5 seniors, \$1 students. Tickets will be available in the PBK foyer the night of the concert. 221-1089.

The next issue of the *William & Mary News* will be published on Thursday, April 27. The deadline for submission of items is 5 p.m. on Thursday, April 20, although submissions before the deadline are encouraged. Call 221-2639 with any questions or concerns. For information about classified advertising, call 221-2644. Ads are accepted only from faculty, staff, students and alumni.

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FULFILL THE CHARGE TO BE GREAT AND PUBLIC



Nick Kelsh

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place the mightiest tools of intellect in the fullest service to a people. That large work remains our own."

He called on the university to "fulfill a charge to be both great and public," to "prepare and empower graduates inspired by bold visions of head and heart," to "strive anew to compete at the highest levels of academic achievement," to "recognize with Churchill that 'the price of greatness is responsibility'" and to "foster and sustain a scholarship of engagement."

Nichol closed his formal remarks by committing himself to the ideals he had espoused. "On these hallowed grounds, I pledge all that I can muster in the cause of the College," he said. "I ask you to join me in this crusade of promise and purpose, of challenge and consequence."

The dual ceremonies opened with a procession of dignitaries representing more than 100 universities, including Oxford, Harvard, Yale and Princeton, that filed along the brick sidewalk leading to the Wren's portico as tribute to the place held in academe by the College. Welcoming remarks were made by a succession of speakers, including James Beers, professor of education and acting as president of the College's Faculty Assembly; Thomas K. Norment Jr., a state senator representing the Commonwealth; and John T. Casteen III, president of the University of Virginia, representing the state's institutions of higher learning.

In addition, a series of greetings was offered by Walter W. Stout, III ('64) on behalf of the College's 72,000 alumni; by Kimberley L. Phillips, Frances L. and Edwin L. Cummings Associate Professor of History, on behalf of the College's faculty; by Ann Repeta, president of the Hourly and Classified Employees Association, on behalf of its staff; and by Ryan M. Scofield ('06) on behalf of its students.

Numerous periods of levity were created during the series of remarks as speakers commented, among other things, that William and Mary was being inundated with Texans, the place where both Nichol and O'Connor were born, and on the fact that O'Connor looked better in the ceremonial green-and-gold chancellor's robe than in the stark black robes she wore as a sitting member of the Supreme Court. Scofield received the greatest laughs as he recalled reflecting on O'Connor's biography while "jogging down DoG Street." Having read about her learning to shoot a rifle and to ride a horse proficiently by the age of eight, he said, "I passed the armory on my right, a couple of oxen yoked to a produce cart on my left and noticed a handful of riflemen out ahead. It finally hit me. This place is perfect for a person of her upbringing."

Overall, however, those who spoke concentrated on the serious matter of how William and Mary can extend its tradition of leadership into the future. Perhaps no one voiced that challenge more eloquently than did Casteen, who said, "Ultimately no American institution can claim to be more fundamental to the nation's existence and identity than this College is, and no position within our system of higher education exercises greater moral and public authority than does the one to which President Nichol ascends in a formal way today. Today and today's issues may not seem to be those of 1776, and yet this College and its new leader have the opportunity now and in the future to make a mark on this nation that is as profound as the mark the College made at the time of the nation's founding."

Casteen, as did others, publicly endorsed Nichol and O'Connor as being worthy heirs to take up that challenge.

by David Williard