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Commencement 2007

Class of 2007 celebrates an incredible journey

May is among the most exciting months in the College's storied history

Members of William and Mary's Class of 2007 entered the College with Hurricane Isabel at their heels, and they ended their tenure as students by celebrating one of the most exciting months in the institution's storied history. Their journey was encapsulated by President Gene Nichol during his opening remarks at the 2007 commencement exercises on May 20.

While they were students at the College, class members experienced a dorm fire and snowstorm, saw the Tribe feathers surrendered and Pluto downgraded as a planet, saw campus buildings renovated and expanded, started service organizations and made existing ones thrive, and provided aid in the wake of hurricanes, a tsunami and the Virginia Tech tragedy, Nichol said. He also referenced the fact that Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II consented to become an honorary member of the graduating class when she appeared at the College on May 4, approximately 50 years after her previous visit.

"[The Class of 2007 is] so remarkable that the Queen of England herself



Ryan Scofield (with mace) leads the Class of 2007 on its walk toward William and Mary Hall.

crossed the ocean to become one of your members, which should make your future reunions fascinating," Nichol said.

Nichol brought closure to the ceremony during his second address by reflecting upon the values and strengths that class members developed during their undergraduate years.

"You have learned much from us, but

more, I would guess from one another," Nichol said. "You have discovered much of the world, but even more, perhaps, of yourselves. You have developed what I pray are unbreakable habits of curiosity amidst ambitions that burn hot, as they should, and talents that amaze. The poet writes that 'the truth must dazzle gradually, or every man be blind,' but you have

dazzled quickly, impatiently, powerfully—and still we see."

During the 2007 commencement exercises, the College awarded degrees to 1,762 graduate and undergraduate students. Each graduate received a blessing and a plea from commencement

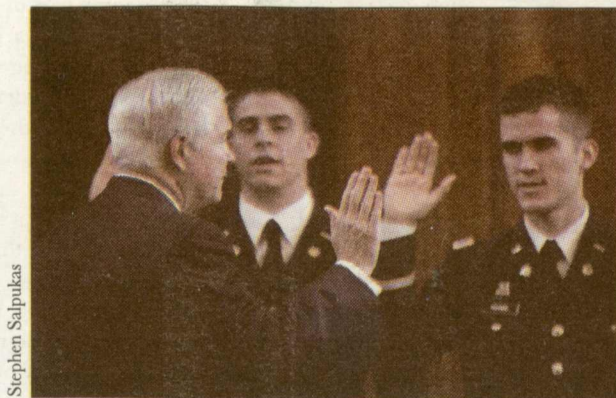
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Gates affirms newly commissioned ROTC graduates

Hours before giving the commencement address to more than 12,000 people at William and Mary Hall, U.S. Secretary of Defense Robert M. Gates ('65) went to a more intimate setting in the Wren Chapel to pay his respects to six newly commissioned lieutenants of the College's Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC).

"It's a great honor," said Army 2nd Lt. John Adams, one of the four officers at the ceremony who graduated from William and Mary later in the day. The other two graduates present at the affirmation ceremony were from Christopher Newport University (CNU), whose cadets take part in the William and Mary ROTC program.

Gates, who was introduced by President Gene R. Nichol, spoke of the strong ROTC traditions at both William and Mary and CNU. Part of that legacy, Gates said, was Lt. Gen. David



Gates affirms the ROTC commissioning.

McKiernan, a member of William and Mary's Class of 1972, who led the initial combined allied ground forces in Iraq and now commands all Army troops in Europe.

Gates said training the next generation of this nation's leaders is a "vital mission you've performed well." He added, "With your credentials, you could have chosen something easier, safer. You have, however, chosen to serve your country in a time of war."

Gates also thanked the dozens of family members in attendance for their support.

"You are entrusting the nation with your most treasured possession," said Gates. "And we are grateful."

The ROTC graduates had been officially commissioned into

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Commencement 2007 ceremonies

A remarkable class celebrates its incredible journey

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speaker Robert M. Gates ('65), the U.S. secretary of defense, who is one of the highest ranking alumni in public office. Gates noted how his William and Mary education influenced his life.



Kelso



Coleman

"What William and Mary gave me, above all else, was a calling to serve—a sense of duty to community and country that this College has sought to instill in each generation of students for more than 300 years," Gates said. "It is a calling rooted in the history and traditions of this institution." Gates, who last spoke at William and Mary on Charter Day

in 1998, when he received an honorary doctorate of humane letters, quoted a letter from John Adams to one his sons during his address. Adams wrote, "Public business, my son, must always be done by somebody. It will be done by somebody or another. If wise men decline it, others will not; if honest men refuse it, others will not."

Gates concluded his remarks by challenging members of the Class of 2007 to consider joining him in governmental service. "Will the wise and the honest among you come help us serve the American people?" he asked.

After Gates' speech, Elizabeth Derby reminded her fellow graduates of their shared history as she delivered the student address.

"The past we share with the College and each other is ripe in its reflection of our growth," she said. "Each one of us carries the secret of a million little tri-



Gates asked "wise and honest" graduates to serve the American people.

umphs, and let that be celebrated today." Derby concluded her speech by extending her congratulations to the graduates. "We

'What William and Mary gave me, above all else, was a calling to serve ...'

—Robert Gates

have lifted ourselves by the force of our passions, coursed with the current along curves of surging time, and today, as we finally pause to catch our breath, we can see ourselves as we now stand: triumphant on the shores of history, ready to dive into the great glittering sea of our future," she said. "We have done this—nurtured by family, resuscitated by friends—and now the whole shining world lies limitless at

our feet."

During the ceremonies, Sandra Day O'Connor, William and Mary chancellor and retired Supreme Court associate justice, also congratulated the graduates and encouraged them to remember the friendships they had made at the College.

"The world really needs you," she said. "Find a place to start and take a step, then another step and just keep walking."

During the commencement ceremony, honorary doctorates were presented to William M. Kelso and William T. Coleman, Jr. Kelso, director of archaeology for the Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities and the Jamestown Rediscovery Project, received an honorary doctorate of science. Coleman, former secretary of the U.S. Department of Transportation and a noted civil-rights advocate and legal scholar, received an honorary doctorate of laws. The honor-

ary degrees were presented by O'Connor and Michael K. Powell ('85), rector of the College. In addition, numerous College awards were presented, including the Lord Botetourt Medal, the James Frederic Carr Memorial Cup, the Thatcher Prize for Excellence, the Algernon Sydney Sullivan awards and the Thomas Ashley Graves Jr. Award (see story on page 3). Captain Ed. Davis, deputy police chief at the College, was recognized for his receipt of the Charles Joseph Duke Jr. and Virginia Welton Duke Award (see story on page 3).

More than 12,000 people attended the 2007 commencement ceremony, which was held in William and Mary Hall. The ceremony came on the heels of a busy weekend of events for the graduates and their families, including an alumni induction ceremony, a senior class dance, a candlelight service and the much anticipated final walk across the campus. The events gave families and friends a chance to get to know the campus and its community a little better as well as an opportunity to celebrate the accomplishments of the graduates.

"2007 may not sound like a special year," said Crystal Hamling, a member of the class. "It's not a round number or the turn of the century, but we are truly a significant class, what with the Queen of England joining us as an honorary member and this year marking the 400th anniversary of America's birthplace."

"I was impressed by William and Mary," said Bryan Massery, Hamling's cousin who visited during graduation weekend. "It seems they give students personal attention, and the university is real involved with students. Crystal's been allowed to experience that personally, and I'm glad I am able to be out here and experience graduation with her."

by Erin Zagursky

Seniors discover a world of service while at William and Mary

When this year's graduating class entered William and Mary, the idea of international service trips was still relatively new. During the past four years, though, the Class of 2007 and the service trips have blossomed together.

"I found a passion inside myself I didn't even know was there," said Morgan McCrocklin, co-leader of the William and Mary Medical Relief team to Costa Rica.

Nine graduating seniors and a junior who helped lead international service trips during their time at the College met recently with Gene Nichol, president, Sam Sadler, vice president for student affairs, Stewart Gamage, vice president for public affairs, and Drew Stelljes, director of the office of student volunteer services. The students discussed their experiences and what the College could do to keep their level of enthusiasm alive among other students.

After brief presentations by three of the students, Sadler facilitated a dialogue that touched on how students had become interested in the trips, what challenges they faced, how the trips had changed the students and how the College could help in the future.

Many of the students said they initially became involved in the trips through friendships, something Nichol described as "wonderful peer pressure."

Chris Manipula, co-leader of the William and Mary Medical Relief team, said that he started college as a typical frat boy who was thinking about a medical degree but who was not really focused. "To tell the truth, I was very lost freshman year," he said.

His first international service trip opened his eyes to another world, however, and he became serious about his



Nichol (l) discussed international service with William and Mary students in the Wren building.

schoolwork. "I knew I had to get that degree because I had to help," he said.

Like many of the other students, Crystal Adams, co-leader of the William and Mary Student Partnership for International Medical Aid, said she has been affected most by the people she has met. She recalled how touched she was during one trip when the people that her team members were supposed to be helping presented each of them with gifts, although the gift givers had very little themselves. "What we were doing for them couldn't possibly repay them for what they did for us," she said.

All of the students said they came back from the trips as changed people, and they said that they saw the world with new eyes. Some were so affected that they even

changed their majors and future career plans. Others started planning their own service trips or community research and service projects. Each of them said that no matter where their careers might take them, they will never see the world in the same way and will strive to make service a part of their lives. "After seeing something like that, you can't just sit back and do nothing," said Adams.

"My eyes were opened to injustice, and now I'm more quick to see it in my own backyard," said McCrocklin. "It's become part of how I think."

Nichol, who participated in an international service trip with the College's Medical Mission Corps in January, applauded the students for their work and said he could learn much from them about how to instill a culture of service in the campus community.

"I could study this conversation for six months," said Nichol, adding that the students were speaking about ideas much larger than service trips. They were talking about what a university can be and, more broadly, what education could be, he said.

The students agreed that their experience could be beneficial to many other College students but should not be made mandatory or turned strictly into a research project, so that student initiative would not be supplanted.

At the end of the conversation, the administrators expressed how touched they were to hear the students' stories and to appreciate their passion.

"We talk about planting seeds," said Gamage. "This is the initial crop."

by Erin Zagursky

Law enforcement officer receives College's Duke Award

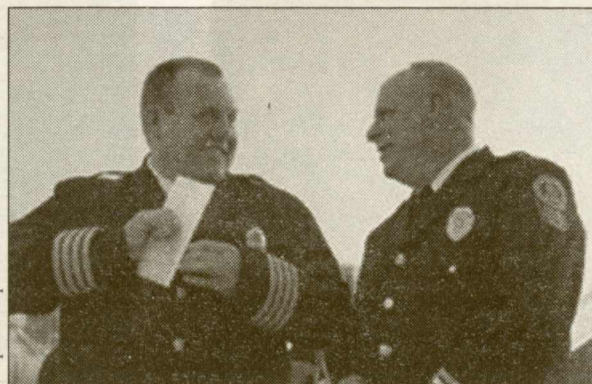
When Ed Davis was pulled over for drag racing as a high school senior, he had no idea that he would be getting more than a fine from the experience. The police officer who stopped Davis and his friend made quite an impression on the pair.

"He could have treated us like two really stupid kids, which is what we, in fact, were, but he didn't do that. He maintained the high ground and treated us with dignity and respect," Davis said.

The encounter piqued Davis' interest in a law enforcement career that eventually would lead him to the campus police department, where he has served for more than 17 years. Now, Davis' devotion to his job and colleagues has earned him the 2007 Charles Joseph Duke Jr. and Virginia Welton Duke Award, one of the highest honors given to a staff member at the College. The award is given annually to recognize exceptional devotion to William and Mary by a non-student, non-instructional faculty employee. Davis received the award and its \$5,000 prize at a reception on May 10.

"His personal and professional standards are consistent with and are the embodiment of the spirit that is the College of William and Mary," said Don Challis, chief of the campus police department. "This would be a much different place without the respect, honor, commitment and dedication to excellence that is exemplified in Capt. Edward N. Davis III. He is the embodiment of the ideals of the College and is a noteworthy recipient of the Charles and Virginia Duke Award."

"It's a very humbling experience for me. I wish there was some way everybody who is deserving could win at the same time, but then the College would go broke," he



Davis (r) receives notification from Challis.

said. "You don't go through this life by yourself, and I didn't get through this point without the help of a lot of folks."

Davis was born into a military family in Charleston, S.C.; his father was involved in military law enforcement.

"I had always had an interest in giving back to the community. I thought it was a rather noble calling and I thought it was something I'd be good at, so that's what I elected to do," he said. "My, oh my, I had no idea the ride I'd be in for."

He started his career in law enforcement by working at a jail in Yorktown that also served as a federal holding facility. The experience, he says, made him grow up very quickly. Later, he worked as a bailiff for a district court judge, and then, at age 20, he became one of the youngest people in Virginia to ever be deputized. Davis worked in York County for 10 years before coming to William

and Mary in 1990. He said that his time at the sheriff's department had turned him somewhat cynical, but coming to William and Mary helped turn that around.

"I really didn't know what I was getting into. It was quite a bit different than policing in the municipal sector, but it's turned out to be a very good marriage for me," said the husband and father of two. "I believe as a person, just by virtue of the diversity of the community here, I have grown so much over the years. ... It's done a lot over the years to change my perspective on life in general."

Davis worked his way up in the William and Mary police force, going from police officer to sergeant to lieutenant until being promoted to captain in 2005. He has worked all kinds of cases and has helped to secure the campus as numerous visitors have come through, including George H.W. Bush in 1995 and Queen Elizabeth II this May.

Challis said that, no matter the situation, Davis always has the right approach.

"Ed is our George Patton and our Captain Kangaroo. He is rock hard and steady when it is needed, but he is also kind, compassionate and understanding," he said.

"Anything I've succeeded at doing here has not been without the help of others, and it's been driven by the fear of being seen as mediocre," Davis said. "I don't want to be seen as being average. Lots of people can do that, and if I don't set that bar somewhere for these folks to aspire to, most people, just by human nature, will just do what they have to and nothing more. I constantly push myself to keep the bar up there where it needs to be; it just makes me better and, hopefully, makes them better, too."

by Erin Zagursky

College honors its own

The following members of the College community were recognized with awards at the 2007 commencement exercises. —Ed.

Sullivan awards



Faithful

Graduating seniors Richael Faithful and Christopher Lemon, along with staff member Louise Kale, each were presented a 2007 Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award. The Sullivan awards are given by the New York Southern Society in memory of the life of Algernon Sydney Sullivan. Recipients are selected solely on the basis of their characteristics of "heart, mind, and helpfulness to others."



Lemon

Faithful, a native of Centreville, Va., designed her own major at the College, called studies in American inequality, social theory and political economy. "As I have said more than once, I hope to be Richael Faithful when I grow up," said College President Gene R. Nichol at the commencement. "Richael, our debt to you is our deepened respect for one another. There is no greater gift a member of our community can make."



Kale

Lemon, a native of Frederick, Md., served as the student leader on the William and Mary Medical Mission Corps' trip to the Dominican Republic in January. Lemon graduated from William and Mary with a 3.8 grade-point average in his self-designed major of community health. He plans on going on to medical school. "His devotion is so great, his integrity so strong, that people listen to and trust him immediately," said Nichol.

Kale serves as executive director of William and Mary's historic campus. "No one could be better equipped to steward our College's treasures," said Nichol at the commencement. "Not only has she perfected her knowledge of the College's public history, but she delights in revealing its richer character through mesmerizing stories of more private legends and lore."

Graves Award



Fuchs

Professor Alan E. Fuchs of the department of philosophy was named the recipient of the 2007 Thomas Ashley Graves Jr. Award.

The Graves Award is given annually in recognition of sustained excellence in teaching to honor Graves, who retired in 1985 after nearly 14 years as president of the College.

"Alan's philosophy classes have won raves from students and colleagues alike for almost four decades, and now, as he acquires the title of professor emeritus, his daily presence, if not his lasting influence, will be greatly missed in James Blair Hall," said Nichol.

Fuchs, a specialist in ethics, served on nearly every significant College committee and was a leader on the Faculty Assembly. He has made regular contributions to scholarly journals and conferences, and he has been a special lecturer at numerous other universities. His teaching was recognized in 1976 when he received a Thomas Jefferson Teaching Award at the College.

Lord Botetourt Medal



Smith

Laura Elizabeth Smith, from Lancaster, Pa., received the Lord Botetourt Medal from the College.

The Lord Botetourt Medal was established in 1772 "for the honor and encouragement of literary merit." In contemporary times, it has been given to the graduating senior who has attained the greatest distinction in scholarship. Smith graduated with a perfect 4.0 grade-point average with a double major in music, for which she received high honors, and in anthropology.

"Laura's commitment to the life of the mind is matched only by her commitment to service," said Nichol in presenting the award to Smith. "Laura has lived richly and fully in her four years at William and Mary and will—I have no doubt—continue to share her love of music wherever she goes."

Smith, a member of Mortar Board, a national honor society, also was inducted into Phi Beta Kappa, the national honor fraternity, and given the organization's Ann Callahan Chappell Award as its most outstanding initiate.

Carr Memorial Cup



Scofield

Ryan Michael Scofield, from Ashburn, Va., was honored with the James Frederic Carr Memorial Cup by the College. The award is given to the senior who best embodies the spirit of sacrifice and selflessness that characterized James Frederic Carr. The award's namesake came to William and Mary

in 1914, then left the College to serve in World War I. He served his country with distinction but lost his life before he could return to the College.

"There are, unsurprisingly, a raft of letters urging us to bestow the Carr Cup on Ryan," said Nichol in presenting the award. "They are beautiful but unnecessary. We all know his service to his fellows and to our campus."

Scofield was elected as Student Assembly president for two consecutive years, served as secretary of Omicron Delta Kappa and pledge master of Delta Phi. He was a member of Mortar Board and Phi Beta Kappa. Scofield graduated summa cum laude.

Thatcher Prize for Excellence



France

Kristin Emily France, from Gloucester Point, Va., received the Thatcher Prize for Excellence in Graduate and Professional Study. In presenting the award, Nichol said, "Kristin France has achieved an admirable integration of scholarly pursuit and the call to serve a greater good.

She is, as one of her recommenders writes, no less than 'a pioneer in the new generation of natural scientists that is more explicitly dedicated to the public good.'"

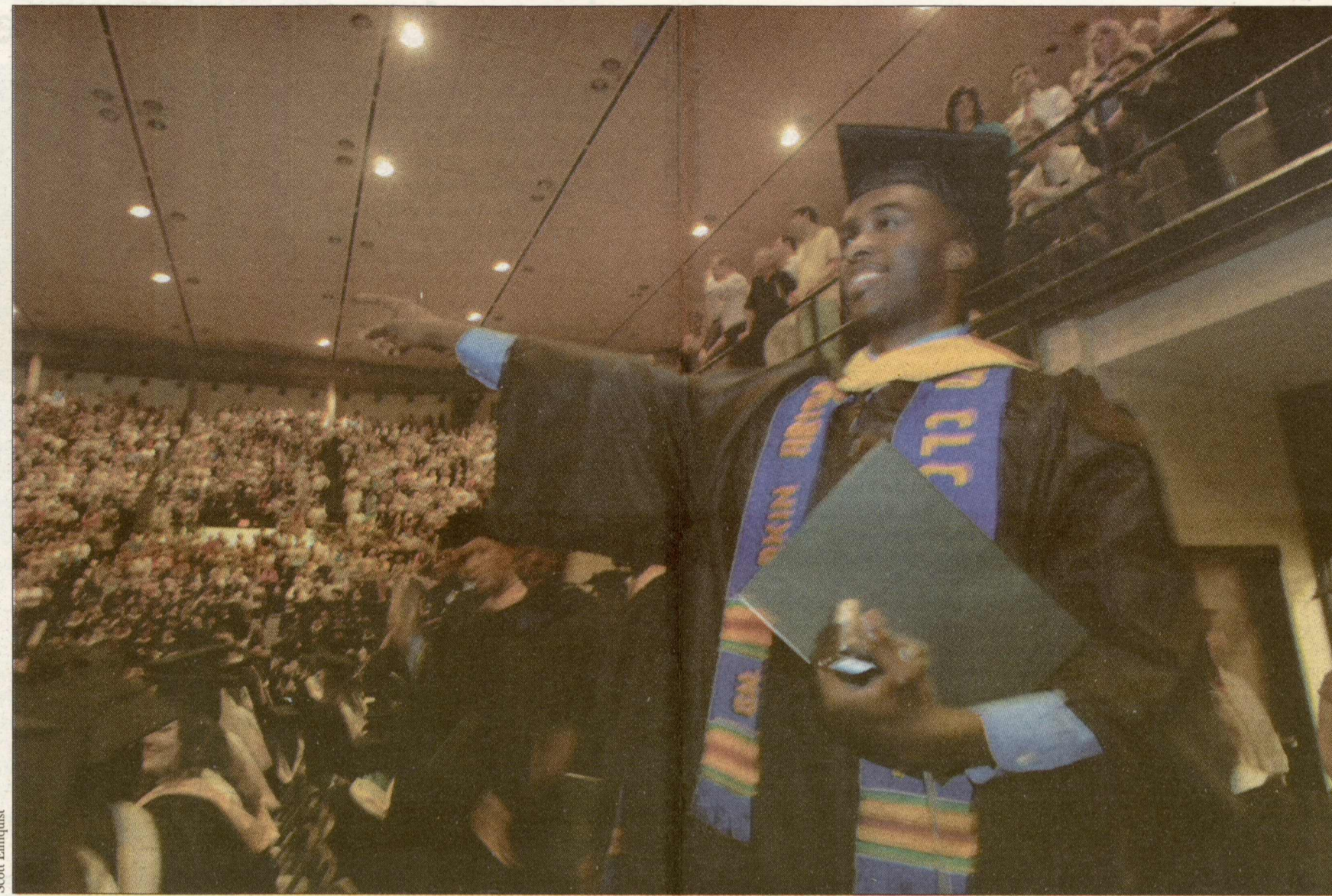
The Thatcher Prize was created in honor of the 21st chancellor of the College, Margaret Thatcher, a former prime minister of the United Kingdom. It is given annually to recognize an outstanding student in graduate or professional school studies.

France received a doctorate in marine science from the university's Virginia Institute in Marine Science. During her tenure she won a highly competitive National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship, an Environmental Protection Agency Science to Achieve Results fellowship and brought in more than \$180,000 in research grants.

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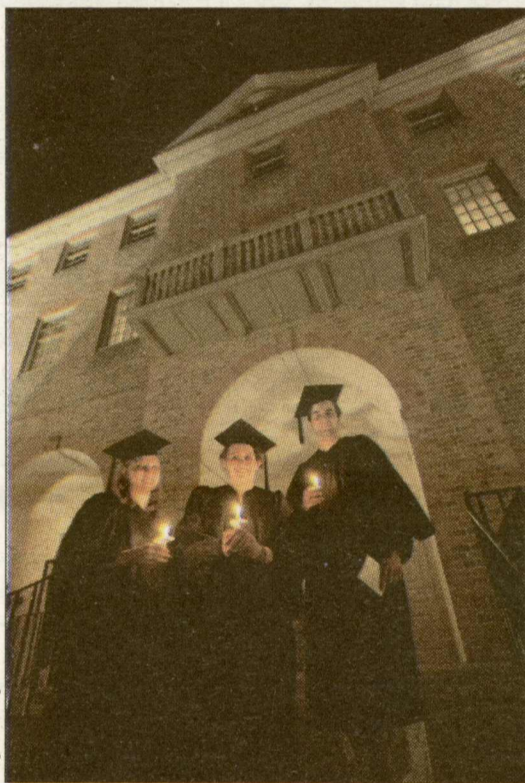
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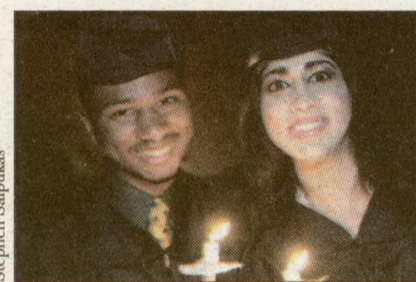
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Class of 2007: In praise of a million little triumphs



Stephen Salpukas

Following is an excerpt from the senior commencement speech delivered by Elizabeth Derby. The entire text is available on the Web at www.wm.edu/news. —Ed.

Swimming with fish as big as ourselves can be frustrating. In high school, we all were superstars. We stepped into labs and honor societies, onto stages and football fields like champions: backlit, windswept, made vulnerable only by kryptonite. At William and Mary, the majority of us were fed our first slice of

humble pie, but the bitter aftertaste belies an essential truth about us: We are far from ordinary. Everyone has a highest accomplishment from their time at William and Mary, regardless of whether it gets an award at graduation or not. Maybe it was nailing a performance-perfect arabesque or outrunning a 100 meter personal best. Maybe you fell in love for the first time, or maybe you found your heart whole after breaking. Perhaps you learned to craft words so that a room will inhale on your

slightest pause, marveling at the raw power and beauty of your sonnet or song or Excel spreadsheet. Each one of us carries the secret of a million little triumphs, and let that be celebrated today. Twisted in the double helix of our bloodlines, traced along the curves of our features, history—genetic, immediate, universal—is pulsing with our heartbeats, shimmering in every breath we take. In this moment we are past and present enmeshed, thrilling with time and the selves we have found at William and Mary. The wave of incredible intelligence, the drive that is the breath and life of this place, has flooded across the field and valley of our travels and washed into the harbors of our homes. We have lifted ourselves by the force of our passions, coursed with the current along curves of surging time, and today, as we finally pause to catch our breath, we can see ourselves as we now stand: triumphant on the shores of history, ready to dive into the great glittering sea of our future. We have done this—nurtured by family, resuscitated by friends—and now the whole shining world lies limitless at our feet. Congratulations.



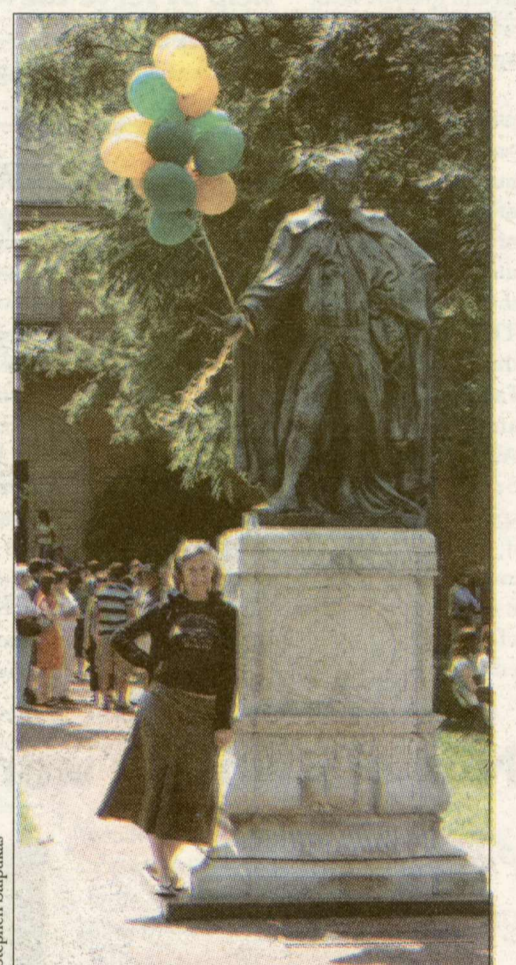
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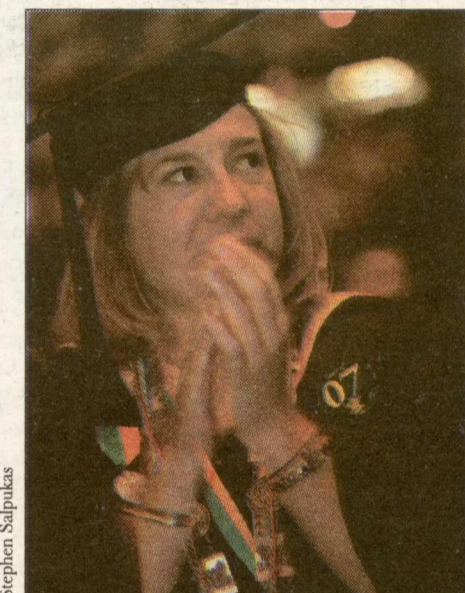
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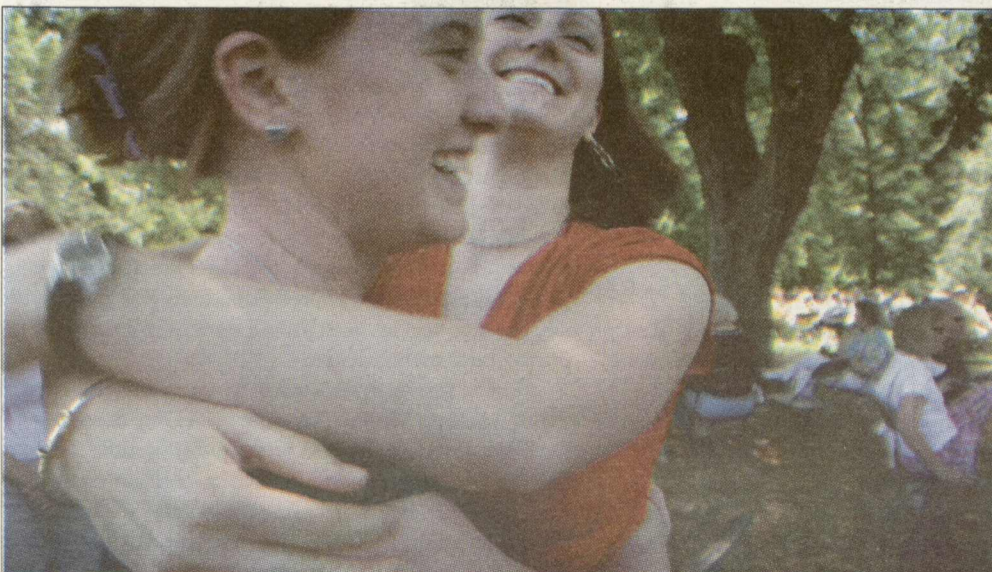
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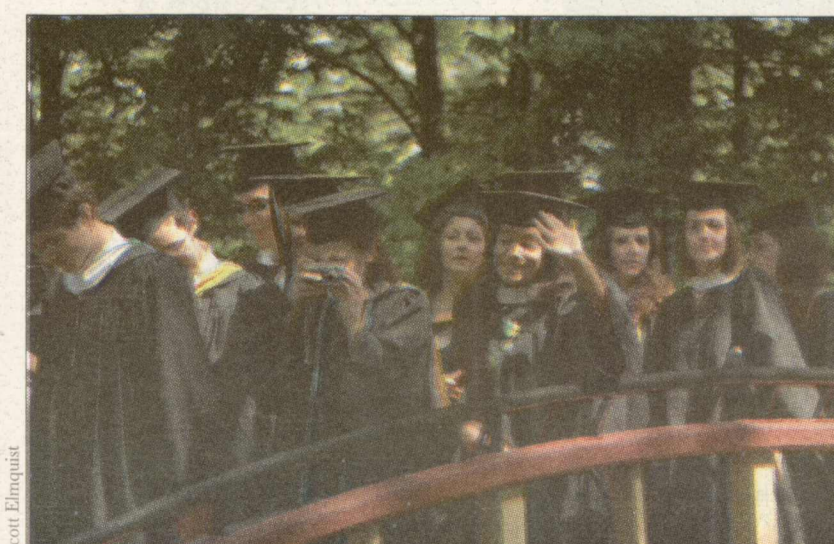
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Commencement 2007 speeches

Gates calls on students to commit to public service

Defense secretary gives commencement address

Following is an excerpt from the 2007 commencement address delivered by Robert Gates. The complete text is available at www.wm.edu/news/ —Ed.

I last spoke at William and Mary on Charter Day in 1998. Since then our country has gone through September 11, with subsequent wars in Afghanistan and Iraq. We learned once again that the fundamental nature

of man has not changed, that evil people and forces will always be with us and must be dealt with through courage and strength.

Serving the nation has taken on a whole new

meaning and required a whole new level of risk and sacrifice—with hundreds of thousands of young Americans in uniform who have stepped forward to put their lives on the line for their country. These past few months I've met many of those men and women—in places like Fallujah and Tallil in Iraq and Bagram and Forward Operating Base Tillman in Afghanistan—and at Walter Reed as well. Seeing what they do every day, and the spirit and good humor with which they do it, is an inspiration. The dangers they face and the dangers our country faces make it all the more important that this kind of service be honored, supported and encouraged.

'Will the wise and the honest among you come help us serve the American people?'

—Robert Gates

The ranks of these patriots include the graduates of William and Mary's ROTC program, and the cadets in this Class of 2007, whom I'd like to address directly. You could have chosen a different path—something easier, or safer, or better compensated—but you chose to serve. You have my deepest admiration and respect as secretary of defense but mostly as a fellow American.

You are part of a tradition of voluntary military service dating back to George Washington's Continental Army. That tradition today includes Gen. David McKiernan, William and Mary Class of

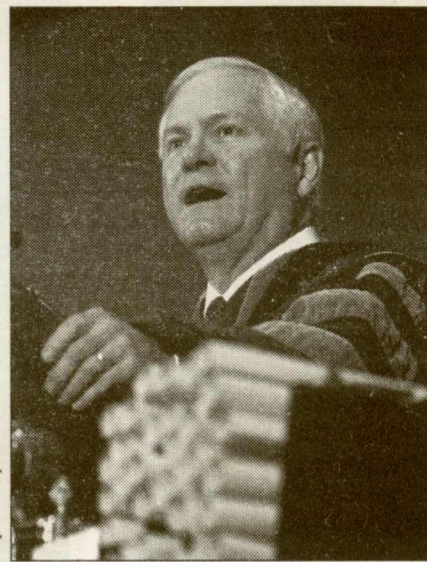
1972, who led the initial ground force in Iraq and now commands all Army troops in Europe.

It also is a tradition not without profound loss and heartache.

Some of you may know the story

of Ryan McGlothlin, William and Mary Class of 2001—a high school valedictorian, Phi Beta Kappa here, and Ph.D. candidate at Stanford. After being turned down by the Army for medical reasons, he persisted and joined the Marines and was deployed to Iraq in 2005. He was killed leading a platoon of riflemen near the Syrian border.

Ryan's story attracted media attention because of his academic credentials and family connections. That someone like him would consider the military surprised some people. When Ryan first told his parents about joining the Marines, they asked if there was some other way to contribute. He replied that the privileged



Gates

of this country bore an equal responsibility to rise to its defense.

It is precisely during these trying times that America needs its best and brightest young people, from all walks of life, to step forward and commit to public service. Because while the obligations of citizenship in any democracy are considerable, they are even more profound, and more demanding, as citizens of a nation with America's global challenges and responsibilities—and America's values and aspirations.

During the war of the American Revolution, Abigail Adams wrote the following to her son John Quincy Adams: "These are times in which a genius would wish to live. It is not in the still calm of life, or the repose of a pacific station that great characters are formed. . . . Great necessities call out great virtues."

You graduate in a time of "great ne-

cessities." Therein lies your challenge and your opportunity.

A final thought: As a nation, we have, over more than two centuries, made our share of mistakes. From time to time, we have strayed from our values; and, on occasion, we have become arrogant in our dealings with others, but we have always corrected our course. And that is why today, as throughout our history, this country remains the world's most powerful force for good—the ultimate protector of what Vaclav Havel once called "civilization's thin veneer"—a nation Abraham Lincoln described as mankind's "last, best hope."

If, in the 21st century, America is to be a force for good in the world—for freedom, the rule of law, and the inherent value of each and every person, if America is to continue to be a beacon for all who are oppressed, if America is to exercise global leadership consistent with our better angels, then the most able and idealistic of your generation must step forward and accept the burden and the duty of public service. I promise you that you will also find joy and satisfaction and fulfillment.

I earlier quoted a letter from Abigail Adams to her son John Quincy. I will close with a quote from a letter John Adams sent to one of their other sons, Thomas Boylston Adams. He wrote: "Public business, my son, must always be done by somebody. It will be done by somebody or another. If wise men decline it, others will not; if honest men refuse it, others will not."

Will the wise and the honest among you come help us serve the American people?

Congratulations and Godspeed.

Nichol's closing words express wonder at the Class of 2007

President sends forth graduates with awe

Following is an excerpt from the 2007 closing address delivered by Gene Nichol. The complete text of it, as well as of Nichol's opening remarks, is available at www.wm.edu/news/. —Ed.

It is, finally, both my honor and obligation to end our proceedings with a few words of congratulations to the Class of 2007. I will not tarry. The day is long, your patience tried; the need to move on urgent and real. But I have known you, and more than known. I cannot bear a parting without a word of farewell.

I will not preach, for that would somehow cheapen what you've done here, what you have meant to be here and what, I think, you have become. So, a moment—less of advice than of admiration, less of prescription than of affection, less of wisdom, more of hope.

You have learned much from us, but more, I would guess, from one other. You have discovered much of the world but even more, perhaps, of yourselves. You have developed what I pray are unbreakable habits of curiosity amidst ambitions that burn hot, as they should, and talents that amaze. The poet writes that "the



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truth must dazzle gradually, or every man be blind," but you have dazzled quickly, impatiently, powerfully—and still we see.

What can your charge and challenge be from this ancient place, more than any other rooted deep in the American story, in our understandings of what we believe of ourselves, what we would make of ourselves, what we would seek, what we would ordain?

You have seen much of joy, of astonishment, of enthusiasm, of wonder—you who have seemed to bend a world to your will, who have glimpsed a future beyond

my power to embrace, or to comprehend, or even to behold, but who have also seen much that we could wish would never, through such a lens, be witnessed. In New Orleans, in New York, in Blacksburg, in the suicide bombings of Baghdad, in the cries of Darfur, the unspeakable suffering of innocents.

And, more broadly, scales of justice [are] left too frequently askew. Turning

our gaze away from those locked at the bottom of American life, it is no small point that 700,000 Virginians living in poverty have paid to subsidize your remarkable education. You'll want to think about what you'll do to pay them back.

It is my wish, beyond any other, that you would live with this day's strong sense of hope. The world is in the deserving hands of us all, but some will have a larger influence on its unfolding. Vaclav Havel argued that hope is not a mere prediction of success or a description of the world we encounter. It is "above all a state of mind...a predisposition of the spirit... quite independent of the affairs around us... hope enlivens its object, infuses it with life, illuminates it." Emily Dickinson

would write that it provides the "phosphorescence," the "light within." Keep it as your own.

Think, as well, of those greatest ones who have gone before you, those who taught by the ennobling grace of their lives, those who sought victories—not just for some but for all—who did not confuse wealth or fame with character or purpose. [Think] of King, of Chavez, of

Gandhi, of Heschel, of Lewis, of Ebadi, those who followed the paths of heart, who saw service to their fellows as the literal purpose of existence, who knew, as the scriptures claim, that the "permanent things are

[those] you cannot see."

Those permanent things fill the hall this day. They lift us up. They mark our lives. They send you out. They fill your sails. They whisper in the gale. They whisper in the gale. They demand the tougher path, the larger contribution. They are the wages of your wonders, the markers of our best selves. They are the College. They bind a Tribe. They craft a future. They carve a soul.

Congratulations and Godspeed. Go, Tribe, and hark upon the gale.

'Those permanent things fill the hall this day. They lift us up. They mark our lives. They send you out.'

—Gene Nichol

From queen to commencement

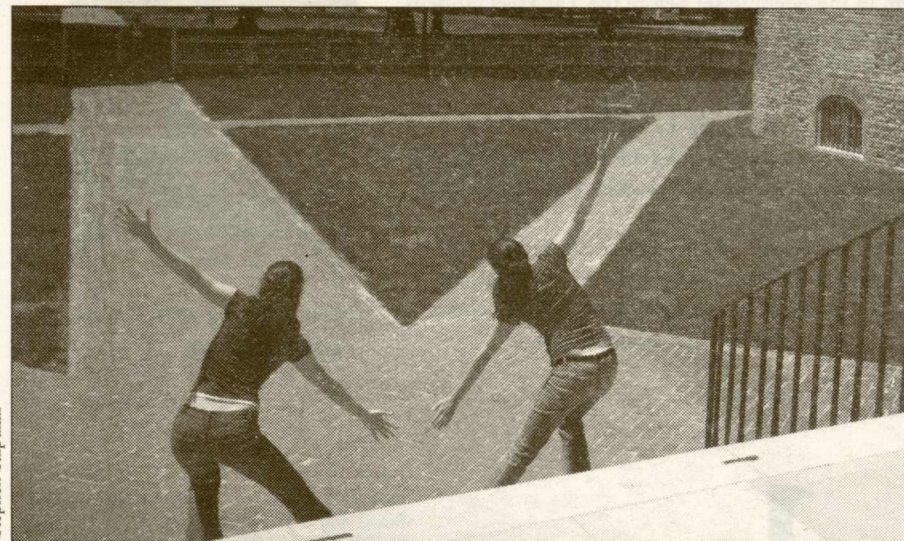
Seniors reflect during the final run-up to graduation

In two short weeks, members of the Class of 2007 stood waiting to see the queen of England, sat through final examinations and prepared to walk across campus one last time as part of their commencement celebration. During the final 48 hours, many seemed to be caught in a whirl.

"It's just happening so quickly," gasped class president Jess Vance as the final day approached. Beginning on May 4, when Vance stood at the Wren portico and personally invited Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II of England to be a member of her graduating class, Vance said the "entire time frame became surrealistic and bizarre." She had tried to concentrate on her studies but found the lingering "buzz about the queen" as distracting as it was delicious. Invariably, the buzz led to broader reflections. Vance considered how four years at the College contributed to her personal growth, and she cited "the diverse group of people who opened my eyes to different experiences and different realities." She also wondered about friendships while recalling "conversations that went on for four hours, coffee dates that lasted nearly as long and countless trips to the Wawa [convenience store] at 2 in the morning."

On the eve of her own commencement walk, there was one thing, Vance said, about which she would remain proud. She had helped her classmates raise a class gift of more than \$127,000, which set a record. "All along we've been saying that the Class of 2007 is one of the greatest classes ever to walk through William and Mary," Vance said. "I firmly believe it, but there is a point where you have to give back to something that has given so much to you."

Between packing their belongings, sorting papers, paying fees and hauling books back to Swem Library, most students found themselves experiencing periods of reflection. In some cases, students broke out in a spontaneous dance on the sidewalks; other students joined impromptu a cappella choruses near the Wren building. Across campus, seniors who could be seen jogging seemed to slow down as they locked in the scenery before moving on. Some students found themselves plopping down in front of



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Two seniors broke out in a spontaneous dance at the Wren.

familiar sculptures—Jefferson, Botetourt, the couple in the Crim Dell Meadow. One senior delighted in tossing a Frisbee for a final time at a squirrel that was sitting on top of a trash can; that senior's companion ran off while announcing his intention to raise a glass to friends.

Many students suggested that friendships formed were the most important benefit of attending the College; personal growth was a close second. Laura Sauls summarized her arrival at the College as "a little fish in a big pond," although her high-school experience was one of being a big fish. "That made me relax a lot, and I became OK with being *my* best as opposed to always wanting to be *the* best," she said. Evan Davis explained, "My social development has been the most significant change. I have found lifelong friends who have helped me develop my belief system and learn about myself."

Of particular note was the perspective of Bay McGlothlin, who graduated last year and who received a master's degree this year. He recalled how he had locked himself into a narrow academic path leading to a career as an accountant before he faced up to his own desires. "I was headed on a road that was not ever going to make me happy until I finally decided to look inside myself and ask what I wanted to do," he said. As he explored his own creative bent, he became a fixture at Swem Library's media center, where he not only recorded and produced his own musical

album but also helped campus a cappella groups record their selections. McGlothlin is heading to San Francisco, where he will

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—Kathryn Tydgate

continue to expand his own creative company while figuring out "where the money is going to come from."

Perhaps no one had been more reflective during the final weeks than Elizabeth Derby, who was scheduled to give the student commencement speech. As did Vance, she called the final days "surreal." She found herself repeatedly thinking about what she called "the beauty of the campus," a beauty that included, she said, "the constitution of the people—physically, mentally and psychologically." She said that she will remember "how strong you

can become in such a nurturing place."

As for the speech, Derby promised that her message would reflect the "shared history" of the university and would emphasize the fact that all the students who attend William and Mary are special.

"Although not everyone gets awards for what they do, it doesn't matter," she said. "We're all equally amazing. You couldn't possibly give enough awards to recognize how amazing people are here."

Kathryn (K.C.) Tydgate's final weeks at the College were caught up in the visit of the queen, as were those of Vance. As president of the William and Mary Choir, Tydgate recalled that the group's members at first were not overly enthusiastic when they were asked to participate during the queen's visit on a date that was so close to their own graduation.

"When we heard about the queen thing and all of the security, we thought it was going to be laborious," Tydgate said. However, as the event unfolded, it took its place among her fondest memories. "We got the best seats in the house, and she smiled at us," Tydgate said. "We got to represent the College at a historic occasion. That was great and humbling." As for her own period of reflection, Tydgate said she has been looking at the campus and people differently during the entire semester. "I haven't really had the 'I'm sad' moment," she said. Even during the final choir rehearsal, an event at which senior members typically break out in tears, Tydgate said she could only have happy thoughts. "I guess it was sad, but it was happy, too, just to be with the people." She marveled at the dedication of the band, a characteristic that reflects the broader William and Mary community's "shared love of action."

"I cannot picture myself becoming part of any group or any community, whether it be as big as a city or as small as a workplace, without having some desire to try to make it better," Tydgate said. "I have watched the energy that students at William and Mary have and how much they feed off of each other, as well as have seen their love for learning and their love of other people. I have watched them make these things come together."

by David Willard

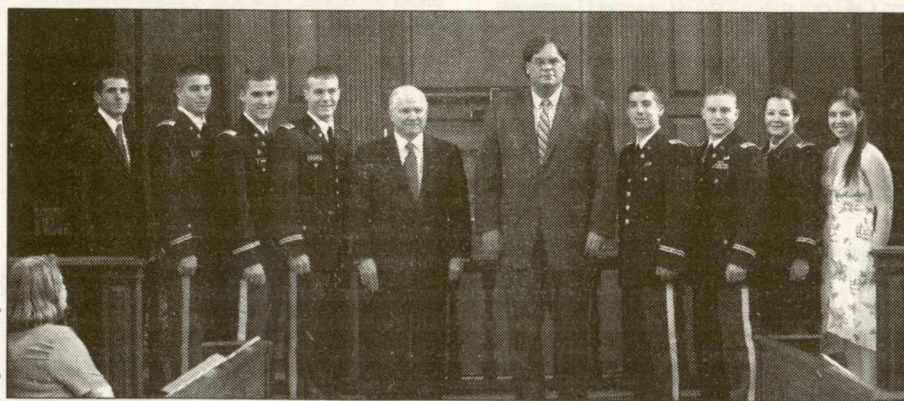
Gates affirms ROTC commissioning at College's Wren building

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service the previous day in a ceremony featuring retired Army Col. Ramon A. Nadal, a veteran of two tours in Vietnam who was featured in the book *We Were Soldiers Once ... and Young*. Gates, however, wanted to visit the new officers and personally offer his congratulations. Sunday's affirmation ceremony served as a special treat for the graduates.

"We all kind of hit the floor at first," said William and Mary graduate and Army 2nd Lt. Jeff Harasimowitz, referring to when he heard that Gates would be joining them Sunday morning. "It took a while to sink in. This is very special."

After his remarks, Gates took part in



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Gates and Nichol pose with 2007 ROTC graduates.

the affirmation swearing in of the new officers. The six lined the front of the

chapel and repeated after Gates their oath to serve. Each of the lieutenants and their

family members then had a few minutes to talk to Gates and to pose for photos with him.

Lt. Col. Richard Monahan, professor of military science at the College, said the experience was "simply awesome" for everyone involved.

"For the secretary of defense to take the time to recognize six new lieutenants is indicative of how much our senior leaders value and care about the young men and women who protect our nation," Monahan said. "Anyone in attendance at the ceremony could easily see how important it was to Secretary Gates to be able to thank these great young Americans for serving their country."

by Brian Whitson

Tribe doubles team falls in national championship match

Senior Megan Moulton-Levy and sophomore Katarina Zoricic jumped out to a hot start in the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) doubles championship on May 28, but they could not hold the momentum and fell in three sets to the No. 2-seeded North Carolina pair of Jenna Long and Sara Anundsen at the Dan Magill Tennis Complex. The No. 1-ranked College tandem raced out to a 6-1 win in the opening set before the Tar Heel tandem claimed the final two sets and the national title, 6-2, 6-2. Moulton-Levy and Zoricic became the first Tribe pair to advance to the finals of the NCAA Doubles Championship.

Moulton-Levy and Zoricic finished the season at 44-4, which is a school record for a William and Mary doubles team. They were the only team nationally to advance to at least the semifinals of the three national championship events. In the two fall national title events, William and Mary advanced to the semifinals of the Riviera/ITA All-American Championships before winning the ITA National Indoor Championships in November.

The pair earned the 28th and 29th All-America awards in Tribe history. Moulton-Levy and Zoricic became the eighth doubles team in school history to earn All-America laurels. Coupled with All-America honors in singles, Moulton-Levy is a four-time All-American for the College, which is the second most for any player in William and Mary's history.



Moulton-Levy and Zoricic discuss strategy.

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.

June 1

Benefit Reception: An event honoring Chancellor Professor Emeritus of Law John Levy and U.S. Rep. Bobby Scott, co-founders of the Peninsula Legal Aid Center. Sponsored by the Legal Aid Society of Eastern Virginia. President Gene Nichol will be the guest speaker. 5:30 p.m., Law School. Suggested donation is \$50. For information, call (757) 627-5423, ext. 116.

June 1–August 31 (Fridays only)

VIMS Public Tours: Guided walks include a tour of the visitor center and aquarium, a research laboratory and the teaching marsh. Tours offer a behind-the-scenes tour of VIMS. The tours, which are interesting for adults and older children, last about 1-1/2 hours, beginning at 10:30 a.m. Reservations can be made by calling (804) 684-7846 or e-mailing programs@vims.edu.

June 2

Muscarella Museum Children's Art Classes: For preschoolers, ages 3–5, with an adult companion. Classes will be held 11 a.m.–noon. For fees and other information, call 221-2703.

June 4

CommonHealth Fitness at Home Informational Session: Learn creative ways to fit activity into your schedule and receive tools and tips to start your own home gym. Participants will receive a fitness bag and a jump rope. 11:30 a.m., Tidewater Room A, University Center. Register by e-mailing Anita Hamlin, ayhami@wm.edu, or Debra Wilson, dswwl@wm.edu.

June 6

Employee Appreciation Day: Food music, door prizes, presentation of service awards. 11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m., Wren Yard.

June 12

HACE General Meeting: Joyce VanTassel-Baska, Jody and Layton Smith Professor of Education, will speak on the topic of gifted children. Noon–1 p.m., Tidewater Room A, University Center. In conjunction with the meeting, HACE will hold an ice cream social with ice cream and all the toppings for \$3 per person. All hourly, classified, faculty and adminis-

trative staff are welcome. Yearly HACE membership is \$7. For more information, visit the Web site at wm.edu/hace. 221-1791.

June 14–15

TIAA/CREF One-on-One Counseling Sessions: 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m., Conference Room 220, University Center. To schedule an appointment, call 1 (866) 842-2044.

June 19, July 17, Aug. 21

CBNERR Discovery Labs Series: Hosted by the Chesapeake Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve at VIMS, each lab will explore a specific topic through research, displays and hands-on activities for children and adults of all ages. Topics include seagrasses (June 19), blue crabs (July 17) and fishes of the York River (Aug. 21). For more information, contact Sarah McGuire at (804) 684-7878.

June 21

Fidelity Investments Retirement Counseling: Individual sessions, 9 a.m.–4 p.m., Conference Room 220, University Center. To schedule an appointment, visit the Web site at www.tiaa-cref.org/moc or call 1 (800) 642-7131.

June 27–Aug. 12

Virginia Shakespeare Festival: "Romeo and Juliet" opens the 2007 season on June 27, followed by "Love's Labour's Lost" on July 13 and a classic British farce by Joe Orton, "What the Butler Saw,"

classified advertisements

FOR SALE

Waterfront home in Baileys Wharf, Gloucester, Va: 3 BRs, 2 baths. Splendid 360° water views, 175 ft. waterfront, private pier and boat ramp. Spacious home with great room, beamed cathedral ceiling, brick fireplace, new kitchen appliances, wonderful meandering decks and a garage apartment. Call Lewis at (804) 832-6747 or e-mail LLawrence@mppdc.com.

Kingsmill: immaculate, privately situated townhouse on wooded ravine. Sunken custom sunroom, 2 large BRs, 2-1/2 baths, 1900+sq. ft. FSBO. \$350,000. Call (757) 259-2099.

Sofa: cream background with blue and tan, \$100. Coffee table and end table, \$25 for both. Cherry table and four chairs with cream seats, \$500. Two lamps, \$20 each. Call (757) 229-5830 (home) or (757) 817-6181 (cell).

FOR RENT

"Magnolia Grove." Enjoy small-town life in beautifully restored, furnished historic home in Surry. 2,600 sq. ft., 3 BRs, 1-1/2 baths (jetted tub). Sits on 1+ acres, completely restored, providing excellent blend of modern convenience and turn-of-the-century charm. LR, DR, den, large modern kitchen, glassed-in rear porch, front porch, cozy attic chamber. 15-minute ferry ride to Williamsburg. \$125/night, 2-night minimum. Long-term rentals available. Call Trisha Farinholt, 229-9561, before 9 p.m.

Furnished house in quiet waterfront neighborhood. Ideal for visiting faculty or postdoctoral fellow. 1-acre wooded lot, view of York River, short walk to neighborhood marina and tennis court. Near I-64 and Rt. 199, 15-20 minutes to campus. No smokers, no pets. Available July 1–Dec. 31, 2007, 5-month minimum. \$1,000/month, includes some utilities. Call (757) 258-8663, evenings before 9 p.m.

La Fontaine: 2-BR, 2-bath condo on top level, overlooking the pond and fountain. Model unit. Soaring ceilings,

on July 27. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for students (one play), \$45 for the season (all three shows) and a \$15 per person, per show, group rate for groups of 20 or more, pre-paid. Reservations are available at the PBK box office by calling 221-2674. The box office opens June 2. Box office hours June 2–27, are 10 a.m.–6 p.m., Tuesday–Saturday, June 28–Aug. 12, hours are 10 a.m.–8 p.m., Tues.–Sat. Sunday hours during the entire period will be 10 a.m.–2 p.m., and the box office will be closed on Mondays. All performances will be in Phi Beta Kappa Memorial Hall. For a complete schedule, visit <http://vsf.wm.edu/>.

June 28, July 26

VIMS After-Hours Lecture Series: "Diamonds in the Rough: The Natural History and Status of Diamondback Terrapins in Virginia," Randy Chambers, director, Keck Environmental Field Lab (June 28). "Turning the Tables on Cownose Rays," Bob Fisher, Sea Grant program, VIMS (July 26). 7 p.m., McHugh Auditorium, Watermen's Hall, Gloucester Point. Admission is free but reservations are required due to limited space. Call (804) 684-7846 or visit www.vims.edu/events.

Through Aug. 2

Summer Group Fitness Classes: Open to College faculty, staff and students. \$30 pass for unlimited classes or \$3 per class. Visit <http://www.wm.edu/recsports/fitnesscorner/groupfitness.php> for class descriptions, schedule and registration information.

Through the Summer

Daily Grind Hours: Mon.–Fri., 8 a.m.–4 p.m.

looking ahead

July 16–20, 23–27

Muscarella Museum Summer Youth Art Series: Five days of classes for 6- to 8-year-olds (July 16-20) and 9- to 12-year-olds (July 23-27). 9 a.m.–noon both weeks, Muscarella Museum. For more information, call 221-2703 or e-mail museum@wm.edu.

July 28

Ladies Football Clinic: For those women who would like to understand football. Coach Jimmie Laycock and staff will be hosts for this first clinic.

News break

The William and Mary News will print its next issue in early September following the opening convocation exercises at the College. In the interim, the staff will be reassessing its contributions to the overall communications strategies of the university, including its on-line presence, while seeking to continue its celebration of the aspirations and achievements of members of the College community. We look forward to serving in new and exciting ways.

—Ed.

\$25 per person. Visit <http://www.tribeathletics.com/story.php/4931/> for a registration form or call Lisa Garwood at 221-1599 for more information.

exhibitions

The following exhibition will be on display in the Muscarella Museum, lower level galleries, on Tuesdays–Fridays, 10 a.m.–5 p.m.; Saturdays and Sundays, noon–4 p.m. Admission is free for museum members and William and Mary students, faculty and staff. Admission for all other visitors is \$5. 221-2703.

"Visions from the Soul: The German Expressionist Woodcuts of Hans Friedrich Grohs"

The following exhibition will be on display during regular hours in Swem Library's Special Collections Research Center and the adjoining Nancy H. Marshall Gallery. Admission is free. For information, visit <http://swem.wm.edu/exhibits>.

Through Mid-August

"Carry Me Back to Old Virginny: Jamestown Revisited"

A three-part exhibit developed by Swem Library in honor of the 400th anniversary of the settlement of Jamestown.

Ash Lawn-Highland

July–August

The Music at Twilight Series: "Mozart and More" (July 6) and "Broadway Bound" (July 20). **Opera Festival:** Performances of "Sound of Music" (July 7, 8, 14, 15, 24, 26, 28, 29, 31; Aug. 2, 4, 8, 10, 11) and "La Boheme" (July 21, 22, 25, 27; Aug. 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 12). Music at Twilight and Opera Festival performances begin at 8 p.m. Summer Saturday programs of interest to children will be held on July 28 and Aug. 4 and 11. Additional information is available by calling the Opera Festival at (434) 293-4500, by e-mail at info@ashlawnopera.org or by accessing the Web site at www.ashlawnopera.org.

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

NEWS

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