



Award-winning group *The Roots* to perform *Charter Day* concert (See story on back page.)



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Charter Day edition

## House Majority Leader Eric Cantor J.D. '88 to Speak at Charter Day Ceremony

Congressman Eric Cantor, J.D. '88, the first U.S. House of Representatives Majority Leader from William & Mary, will speak at the College's 2011 Charter Day Ceremony. Longtime newspaper editor J. Edward Grimsley '51 and Thaddeus W. Tate, Jr., William & Mary emeritus professor of history, will be honored as well at the event on Feb. 4, 2011. The event marks the 318th anniversary of the awarding of the Royal Charter from King William III and Queen Mary II of England.



Eric Cantor

### Rep. Eric Cantor

Cantor, who represents Virginia's 7th district, first won election to Congress in 2000. In 2008, he was elected by his colleagues to serve as the Republican Whip and most recently as Majority Leader. Cantor also makes history as the first Jewish House Majority Leader and the first from Virginia to hold the leadership post.

Before going to Congress, Cantor served nine years in the House of Delegates representing the 73rd District in parts of Henrico and Richmond. Cantor received his bachelor's degree from George Washington University in 1985. After graduating from the William & Mary Law School in 1988, he also earned a master's

degree from Columbia University in 1989.

Cantor joins a long list of W&M political leaders dating back to the 18th and 19th centuries. U.S. presidents Thomas Jefferson, James Monroe and John Tyler graduated from the College. George Washington received his surveyor's certificate from W&M and later served as its first American chancellor. The list also includes four U.S. Supreme Court Justices, including the great Chief Justice John Marshall, and at least a dozen U.S. Cabinet members. The College's political legacy also counts more than 30 governors and more than 40 members of the U.S. Congress.

### J. Edward Grimsley

Grimsley, who received his W&M undergraduate degree in government, spent more

than four decades at the *Richmond Times-Dispatch*, serving as a reporter, columnist, editorial page editor and chairman of the editorial board. Grimsley joined the paper in 1953 as a reporter. He served as editorial page editor from 1970 to 1992 and was chairman of the editorial board from 1992 until he retired in 1995. For many years, he wrote the satirical column "Metronome." He was also a member of the Pulitzer Prize Nominating Jury.



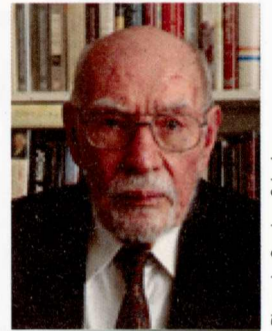
J. Edward Grimsley '51

Photo by Bob Brown/Times-Dispatch

In 1995, he created the College's J. Edward Grimsley Fellowship in Journalism. Grimsley served from 1990 to 2001 on the Board of Visitors, including the final two years as rector. Grimsley is a past president of the Alumni Association and served on its Board of Directors. In 2002, Grimsley received the Alumni Medallion.

### Thaddeus W. Tate, Jr.

Tate joined the faculty in 1961 as a history professor and book review editor for the *William & Mary Quarterly*. From 1966 to 1972, he served as editor of the *Quarterly*. From 1972 to 1989, Tate served as director of the Omohundro Institute of Early American History and Culture. Tate retired in 1992 as the Forest Murden Professor of Humanities.



Thaddeus W. Tate

Photo by Stephen Salpukas

Before coming to the College, Tate served as a research associate and assistant director of research at Colonial Williamsburg where he was historical advisor for the foundation's signature film "Williamsburg: the Story of a Patriot." Tate published numerous papers and authored or served as editor of countless publications. In 1993, the year of the College's tercentenary, Tate was co-author and editor of the magisterial *The College of William and Mary: A History*. In 1986, Tate received the Thomas Jefferson Award.

## Winner of Charter Day Art Contest



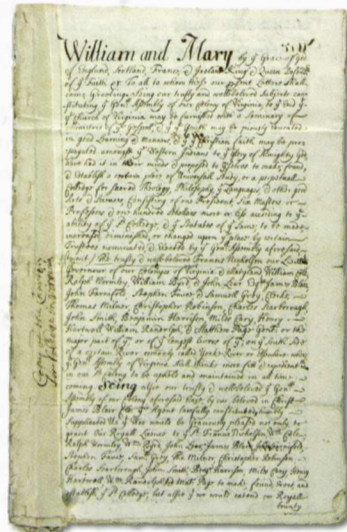
Moey Fox '13 is the winner of the fourth annual Charter Day Student Art Contest. Her charcoal drawing of Crim Dell, one of the most photographed and romantic spots on campus, will be featured on Charter Day invitations, banners and the event program, and will also be displayed in the President's Art Collection. Commemorative pins featuring Fox's artwork of Crim Dell will be given to students who attend Charter Day.

## OLDEST COPIES OF WILLIAM & MARY CHARTER TO BE DISPLAYED

Charter Day weekend festivities will include a special display of the university's oldest copies of the Royal Charter. The copies of William & Mary's charter will be on display Friday from 10 a.m. to 5:45 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Special Collections Research Center in the Earl Gregg Swem Library.

The exhibit is a rare opportunity for the community to see two handwritten copies of the Royal Charter, often referred to as the Andros and Harvard copies, as they are rarely on display. An early 18th-century printing of the charter, the 1736 edition by William Parks, will also be showcased.

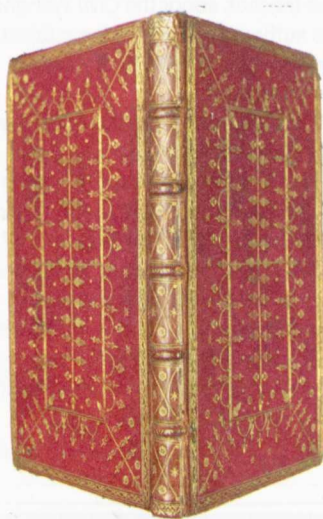
The Andros copy is believed to have been given to Sir Edmund Andros, the governor general of the Colony of Virginia from 1692 to 1698. It is known that William & Mary President the Rev. James Blair brought both English and Latin versions of the 12-page charter with him from the Court of William and Mary at Kensington Palace. In a 1978 study of the charter, Professor Frank B. Evans speculated that perhaps Ralph Wormeley, secretary of the Colony of Virginia, made this translation from Latin into English for Gov. Andros. It was purchased in 1977 and the image of its first page will be recognized by many as a reproduction frequently used on Charter Day programs, publications, websites and in past exhibits.



Andros copy

The first contemporary copy of the chartered owned by William & Mary in the modern era was actually found in a trunk in an attic at Harvard University and given to William & Mary in 1931. Originally, this Harvard copy was a splendid copy of the charter. However, it was badly water damaged at some point in the past before it was given to William & Mary and is in need of conservation.

The original English and Latin versions of the 12-page charter were apparently lost about the time of the American Revolution.



Cover of the Parks edition

## New Career Center a 'dream come to life'

Recalling the cold December morning in 2008 that Sherman and Gloria Cohen were on hand to break ground on the new Career Center, President Taylor Reveley described the 11,000-square-foot facility as "a dream come to life."

"Students will launch the next phase of their lives here," Reveley said at the building's dedication Nov. 20. "The Sherman and Gloria H. Cohen Career Center is an elegant addition to our campus's bricks and mortar."

Indeed, the Cohen Career Center had more than 7,600 in-person contacts with students and alumni last year. Located at the center of campus next to the College's high-traffic Sadler Center, the new facility with its soaring glass atrium, fireplace and expansive meeting spaces, is expected to attract even more attention from students as they explore their career options.

Compared to the old Career Center, which was located in cramped quarters in the basement of Blow Hall, the new facility is one of only a few freestanding university career centers and has been welcomed

by recruiters who are now able to interview more students thanks to the larger, purpose-designed space. The Career Center also features an 80-seat presentation room, offices for professional and career counselors to meet individually with students, and a recruitment suite on the second floor that includes 15 interview rooms. The College has applied to have it LEED certified as an environmentally friendly facility.

The \$7.9 million Cohen Career Center was completely privately funded, including a \$6 million gift from New York City real estate developer Sherman Cohen L.H.D. '09 and his wife, Gloria. The Cohen family was in attendance for the dedication.

"My wife, Gloria, and I—together with our family—take special pride in dedicating the Cohen Career Center at the College of William & Mary," said Sherman Cohen, who also thanked Reveley, Rector Henry C. Wolf '64, J.D. '66, members of the College's Board of Visitors, and Vice President for Student Affairs Ginger Ambler '88, Ph.D. '06.



## Charter Day concert will feature The Roots

Critically acclaimed hip-hop group *The Roots* will play the Charter Day concert Saturday in William & Mary Hall. The group, which currently serves as the house band on NBC's "Late Night with Jimmy Fallon," has received and been nominated for numerous awards, including several Grammys. The band was named by *Rolling Stone* as one of the 20 greatest live acts in the world.

This will not be the first time the band has performed at the College. *The Roots* played a spring concert at William & Mary in 2005.

The concert is part of an effort by the College to get students more excited about the Charter Day tradition. Last year, the College recast the tradition as a birthday celebration for the College and introduced several new student-focused events. This year will mark the 318th "birthday" of the College.

Brian Focarino '11, one of the students who helped give Charter Day a makeover, said that organizers wanted to create an event for the weekend that would draw students in.

The Student Assembly provided most of the funding for the concert, with assistance from AMP (Alma Mater Productions), the College's programming board.

The show will begin at 8 p.m. with doors opening at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$8 for W&M students with ID (limited to two per person) and \$25 for the general public. Tickets are available for purchase through the Phi Beta Kappa Ticket Office online or in person.



Courtesy photo

## Thomas Jefferson Awards honor excellence

### Jayne Barnard

She's a nationally-recognized expert in corporations and white collar crime whose scholarly work allowed the victims of Bernie Madoff to face the now-convicted Ponzi scheme operator in court prior to his sentencing. Jayne Barnard, the James Goold Cutler Professor of Law and the Herbert V. Kelly, Sr., Professor of Teaching Excellence, is the recipient of the 2011 Thomas Jefferson Award.

The award recognizes a person who has demonstrated outstanding service to the College and whose life, character and influence on the College exemplify the principles of Thomas Jefferson.

Barnard was the first to propose that people harmed by economic crimes should be able to present victim-impact testimony (also known as victim allocution) at sentencing hearings. Her work was instrumental in Congress ultimately passing the Crime Victims Rights Act of 2004.

Recently, she chaired the Law School Self-Committee and the Committee to Review the school's award-winning Legal Skills Program. In September 2010, she was elected President of the American Civil Liberties Union of Virginia.



Barnard

Photo courtesy W&M Law School

### Elizabeth Harbron

An instructor in some of the College's largest classes has been singled out for excellence in teaching.

Elizabeth Harbron, associate professor of chemistry, is the 2011 winner of the Thomas Jefferson Teaching Award, an honor bestowed each Charter Day to a younger faculty member at the College.

Harbron teaches Organic Chemistry I and II, classes that have enrollments among the highest at any university. At W&M, all chemistry majors, neuroscience majors and biology majors have curricular paths that lead through at least one semester of "orgo," as it's called.

"Anyone who thinks they're pre-med, pre-pharmacy, pre-dental, pre-vet—all those people have to take a year of organic chemistry," Harbron said. "We have enormous demand for organic chemistry by that large population."

That enormous demand is necessarily met through multiple sections of orgo, each having enrollments well over 100—and which can spike, as it did for Harbron in the 2010 spring semester, to 204 students.



Harbron

Photo by Joseph McClain

### Harry Gao '11

Harry Gao '11, a double major in mathematics and computer science, is the recipient of the 2011 Thomas Jefferson Prize in Natural Philosophy.

Gao, who was born in Jinan, China, came to the College from Falls Church, Va.

The results of his research on a more reliable and secure protocol for gathering information from roadside sensors were published in the *International Conference on Wireless Algorithms, Systems and Applications* and the *Journal of Communications*.

The Thomas Jefferson Prize honors the relationship Jefferson enjoyed with Professor William Small, his College tutor in mathematics and natural science.



Gao

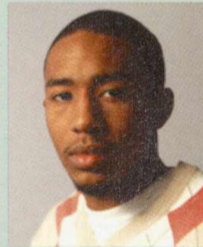
Photo by Jim Durbella

### Will Morris '11 to receive 2011 Monroe Prize

Will Morris, a senior majoring in psychology and minoring in community studies, will receive this year's Monroe Prize in Civic Engagement at the College's annual Charter Day ceremony.

The Monroe Prize is presented annually to a William & Mary student who demonstrates leadership and leverages the assets of the William & Mary community to address societal needs.

Morris has volunteered with and acted as the campus liaison for several local mentoring and tutoring programs, including Project Phoenix at Berkeley Middle School, Rites of Passage at Toano Middle School, and Distinguished Gentlemen at Berkeley Middle School.



Morris

Photo by Stephen Salpukas

## Five to be honored with Alumni Medallion

On Saturday morning, the Alumni Association will honor Sue Hanna Gerdelman '76, Marilyn Ward Midyette '75, J. Robert "Bob" Mooney '66, Michael K. Powell '85 and Rene Henry '54 with the Alumni Medallion during a ceremony on campus.

The Alumni Medallion is the highest award the Alumni Association can bestow on a graduate. Recipients are recognized for



Pictured (l-r): Gerdelman, Henry, Powell, Midyette and Mooney.

their outstanding professional accomplishments, leadership and dedication to their community and commitment to their alma mater. The public is invited to the Alumni Medallion ceremony, which will take place at 10 a.m. at the Commonwealth Auditorium in the Sadler Center. For more information about the Alumni Association, visit [www.wmalumni.com](#).

## IN THE MEDIA:

### "Aflockalypse" or Natural Phenomenon?

When thousands of black-birds mysteriously fell from the sky in Arkansas on New Year's Eve, ornithologist and professor of biology Dan Cristol was called upon by a number of national outlets to discuss the "aflockalypse."



Cristol

Cristol was featured in an article in *USA Today* about the theories and possible causes of the die-off. When more birds fell from the sky days later, Cristol was featured in a national *Associated Press* article.

After reports of increasing mass die-offs of birds and other species of animals across the globe, Cristol sat down with "Nightline" on *ABC News* and disavowed a wider natural calamity in the works.

"Mass wildlife die-offs do happen, and they happen every year," Cristol told "Nightline." "I think a lot of the frenzy we're getting around the world is because the media and Internet have allowed more of these stories to be exposed and connected."

Cristol was also interviewed by *Fox News Radio*, *WVEC Channel 13 News*, and quoted in an article published by *ABCNews*.



### The Price of College Admission

In their book *Why Does College Cost So Much?* economics professors Robert Archibald and David



Archibald and Feldman

Feldman examine the rising cost of higher education through the lens of U.S. economic history. Their innovative ideas for rethinking higher

education have been featured recently in a live broadcast appearance on *CNBC's "Power Lunch,"* an Op-Ed in *The Seattle Times*, a *Newsweek* article by Joel Schectman, two *Stanley Fish* columns in *The New York Times* and an opinion piece in *Inside Higher Education*.

"Unlike manufactured or agricultural goods, higher education is a service," Feldman told *CNBC*. "We simply can't easily reduce the number of hours it takes to produce a year of education."

The book was released in November.



### Protecting the private data of consumers

Law professor Laura Heymann spoke with *The Chicago Tribune* about a security breach of consumer information at major corporations, and how individuals can protect their private data.

"E-commerce would grind to a halt if consumers stopped disclosing basic information to companies," said Heymann. "Companies should report data breaches to customers promptly and take steps to minimize damage. Consumers should ensure that their passwords are robust and that they are appropriately suspicious about any request for their personal information."



Heymann



### Historical Fact Checking

Last fall history professor Carol Sheriff noticed a section of her daughter's fourth-grade history text-



Sheriff

book claimed that two battalions of African American soldiers fought under Confederate General Stonewall Jackson during the Civil War. Sheriff, who teaches about the Civil War and has authored a book on the subject, knew the passage to be factually inaccurate.

When the story hit the press, Sheriff did numerous print and television interviews. The original story ran in *The Washington Post*, followed by interviews on *MSNBC's "Countdown with Keith Olbermann,"* and *NPR's "Morning Edition."* An *Associated Press* story ran on the national wire and led to stories in more than 200 news outlets across the country.

Following all the publicity the textbook's publisher announced it would be replacing the texts for free and school systems across the country are looking at changing their policies for selecting textbooks.

