



*Friends of the Library*  
**Newsletter**

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*From the Dean:*

The view from my office window presents a vast construction site between Swem and Millington. On the windowsill sits the rolled up construction plans, the construction schedule, and a new white Blake Construction hardhat labeled “Connie McCarthy” front and back! A few days ago I moved back from the window as the shovel swiveled and gobbled up the earth on a mound just on the other side of the glass!



Of course this is just the beginning, but it is truly exciting for everyone connected with the College and the Library to be really underway in the building of our new library. You will read elsewhere in this newsletter about our “construction news” information center in the lobby and the building news website. The overall construction calendar projects summer of 2001 as the completion date for the expansion phase and summer 2003 for the final completion date, after renovation of the current Swem building. In order to facilitate the project, we made the decision to move our Special Collections operation to another facility. The facility that was identified and is currently being modified is in Gloucester, Virginia. We are now making provisions at the site for both staff and users of our collection of rare books, manuscripts, and archives. In addition to the Gloucester site, we will provide an on-campus reading room for Special Collections materials. In the coming months we will have more information as the plans develop.

I have now been at William and Mary for almost two years. My assessment? It has been an exciting and wonderful experience. I continue to be pleased with the level of support for the library, from College administrators, and from our alumni and friends of the library. One of my goals remains to continue to get out and meet our friends to tell them what we are doing.

This newsletter highlights a number of programs that make your support and interest such a key part of our success. Support and partnership with the community is a great strength for William & Mary as an institution and in particular for Swem Library. Financial support from the Christopher Wren Association, Ben & Jerry’s, and the Friends of the Library Board enables us to enhance our collections, sponsor programs, and create a pleasant new book alcove! Donations of books and family papers provide the basis for future research. Our exciting expansion and renovation project promises a wonderful library for years to come.

I am very excited about the increasing role that our librarians are playing by working as liaisons with the faculty and integrating library resources as an essential element in the curriculum. I am working with faculty and administrators to explore ways to integrate information literacy skills into the first year student ex-

perience to enhance their academic experience.

In this issue we also say “thank you” to our friends and list those of you who have made so much of this possible in the past year.

I might close with a personal note. Like many of you, I am now a William & Mary parent. My daughter, Kathleen, completed her first year (a Barrett resident) and is looking forward to the start of another, this time not as a newcomer, but as a veteran, even taking on the task of being an orientation aide for 20 male first year students! Asked to evaluate her experience, she answers, “I love it!” The experience as a parent gives me yet another very positive view of William & Mary and all that we offer our students.

*-Connie Kearns McCarthy*



*During the spring semester a new book alcove funded by the Friends of the Library Board of Directors was established on the right side of the lobby. A garden bench, a wicker rocker and prints make this a very comfortable area for students and faculty alike. We’ve even sighted students sleeping in the rocker.*

# *Building is Underway!*



- April '98 President Sullivan breaks ground with a backhoe; Ben & Jerry's provides ice cream!
- February '99 Contractor's trailers arrive
- February '99 Construction fence erected
- March through July '99 Excavation
- May '99 Geology Professor Gerry Johnson takes samples from the site and determines that it was at one time under water!
- May and June '99 Part of balcony removed on east (Millington Hall) side of the building
- June '99 Temporary walls erected 10 feet inside east wall on first, second, and third floors



- June '99 Omohundro Institute of Early American History and Culture moves to the former Bell Hospital on Cary Street. The Institute will move back to Swem on the west (Small Hall) side upon completion of the project
- July '99 Test pilings are driven

Ongoing updates about the project may be found in an exhibit in the Swem lobby where there is a computer dedicated to building information, a calendar of activities, floor plans, and a building model. Visitor parking has moved to the lot in front of the Muscarelle Museum. Handicapped parking will be relocated to Small Hall.



A crane, 160 feet high, will tower over the site. The projected date for completion of new construction is September 2001. At that time the entrance to the Library will move to the east end of the new buildings. The projected date for completion of renovation is June 2003. These dates are subject to adjustments due to weather and unforeseen circumstances.

For more information about the project go to <http://www.swem.wm.edu/Building/building.html>

## ***Recent Acquisitions of Manuscripts & Rare Books***

Novelist Christopher Bram, Class of 1974, of New York City, has presented the first installment of his papers to Swem Library. The Writer-in-Residence at the College for the 1998/99 academic year, Bram grew up in southeastern Virginia and as an undergraduate was Editor of the *William and Mary Review*, a college literary magazine. His six novels have been widely acclaimed, and his *Father of Frankenstein* became the screenplay for the film *Gods and Monsters*. Bill Condon's screenplay won an Academy Award this year. In addition to the original manuscript drafts of the novels, the collection also includes correspondence, Bram's undergraduate honors thesis, photographs, and memorabilia.

The Myers-Burrage-Graham Papers, deposited by Barton Myers III, of Beverly Hills, California, were received last year. The Myers family of Norfolk was prominent in the affairs of that city for several generations. Moses Myers (1752-1835) was President of the Norfolk City Council in 1795. His son, Samuel Myers (1790-

1829) was a member of the Class of 1809 at William and Mary. His grandson, Barton Myers (1853-1927) was Mayor of Norfolk in 1886. Several family members served in diplomatic posts, and the collection includes appointment documents signed by James Monroe as President and John Quincy Adams as Secretary of State.

The Burrages were a Massachusetts family. Vice Admiral Guy H. Burrage graduated from the United States Naval Academy in 1881. There are several letters relating to Charles Lindbergh who returned from Paris aboard the *U.S.S. Memphis* following his 1927 transatlantic flight.

James Duncan Graham (1799-1865) was a topographical engineer who surveyed the boundary between the Republic of Texas and the United States. Mount Graham in southeastern Arizona is named for this Virginia native. Included among the Graham material is the Class of 1865 Mathew Brady photograph album of the West Point Class of 1865.

## ***Virginia Photographs of Chiles Larson '53 on Exhibit in Botetourt Gallery***

A selection of photographs by William and Mary alumnus Chiles T. A. Larson '53 is on exhibit in the Botetourt Gallery through October 31. The photographs, on loan from the Virginia Historical Society, are taken from Larson's book, *Virginia's Past Today* (Charlottesville: Howell Press, 1998). James I. Robertson, author of *Stonewall Jackson*, remarked that "Stunning photography, linked together by a fast-paced narrative, reveals the multifaceted beauty that is the Old Dominion." Richard Moe, President of the National Trust for Historic Preservation called the book "an absolutely superb piece of work." Will Molineux in the Daily Press (Newport News) noted that the volume is "...one Virginian's expression of his personal appreciation of those places, people, and values that do set Virginia apart." This fine photographic essay ranges from watermen working the Chesapeake Bay, Mennonite families in the Shenandoah Valley, and the College of William and Mary to gristmills, apple growing, and Civil War battle reenactments.

Larson notes that "Every picture in this book is linked by one word: continuance. We're going into the future having something to stand on."

## ***Development Corner***

Kathleen Nolen-Martin joined the staff of the Development Office in May 1999 as Associate Director for Major Gifts with particular responsibility for the Library. Kathy, as she prefers to be called, comes to the College from Virginia Wesleyan College where she was Associate Director of Development since 1994. She previously worked in development in the Washington area at the Wesley Theological Seminary and the American Cancer Society. A graduate of the University of Alabama, she also holds a master's degree from Indiana University. We are glad to have Kathy on board.

## ***1998 Book Sale A Success!***

The eleventh annual book sale, held on Family Weekend 1998, realized \$3,735 for the Library. Students, parents, and townspeople again turned out for a day and a half of book hunting. To date, the book sales have generated \$39,044 for the Library.

## ***Mark your calendar for 1999-2000 Events!***

The twelfth annual Friends of the Library Book Sale will be held on September 25 and 26 (Saturday, 10-5 and Sunday, 1-5) in the Botetourt Gallery. Donors to the Library of more than \$50 since March 1998 will receive invitations to a Saturday morning preview. Several thousand titles will be available ranging from history, travel, and biographies, to mysteries, politics and "coffee table" books. Hardbacks are \$3.00 and paperbacks are 50 cents. Everything is half price on Sunday.

Remember that October is Swem Library month at Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream Shoppes, with 50 cents for each sundae purchased at all three Williamsburg locations being contributed to the Library for its most pressing needs.

The sixth annual Swem Savories will be held on Thursday, February 3, 2000, in the Botetourt Gallery where Williamsburg area restaurants will provide samples of their signature dishes.

## *Staff Recognized at Awards Breakfast Sponsored by the Friends*

In 1996, Swem Library inaugurated a Staff Recognition Awards Program which recognizes length of service, outstanding achievement, and a librarian and paraprofessional of the year. The fourth awards program took place at a breakfast, hosted by the Friends of the Library, on May 18 in the University Center.

“Length of Service” awards are given for every five years of service in the Library. The staff members who received recognition this year for the longest service--twenty-five years--were Kay Domine (University Archives), Gladys Jones (Reserve), Brenda Moyer (Acquisitions), and Linda Templeman (Government Information). Ellen Cloyed (Cataloging) was recognized for twenty years of service. Sheila Brown (Circulation), James Deffenbaugh (Collection Development and Technical Services), Bettina Manzo, (Reference), Anne Newman (Acquisitions), Ellen Strong (Cataloging and Manuscripts and Rare Books), and Alan Zoellner (Government Information) were recognized for fifteen years of service.

### *Christian Vinyard Receives the Marshall Award*

Christian Vinyard '70, MBA '81, former Vice Chair of the Friends Board, was presented with the Nancy H. Marshall Award at the annual Friends of the Library dinner on March 19

in recognition of his fine support for the Library and especially the Manuscripts and Rare Books Department. Chris is interested in many aspects of the Library. Particularly, he has made it possible to build an outstanding collection of private press books which are typically printed on a hand press on handmade paper in limited editions.

The Marshall Award was created in 1997 by the board of the Friends of the Library to recognize an individual's commitment and exceptional contribution to Earl Gregg Swem Library.

The award is named in honor of its first recipient, Nancy H. Marshall, Dean of University Libraries at William and Mary from 1986 to 1997, whose leadership, devotion and remarkable achievements were a major factor in transforming Swem into a distinguished institution.

Selma Blair (Acquisitions), Sharon Garrison (University Archives), John Lawrence (Reference and Interlibrary Loan), Carol McAllister (Collection Development and Reference), and Donald Welsh (Reference) were recognized for ten years of service. David Morales (Off-Site Stacks and Circulation) was recognized for five years of service.

Twelve “Outstanding Achievement Awards” recognized creative contributions to Swem Library, exceptional service to library patrons, ideas for improving work methods and cost reduction or avoidance, innovation, initiative, and excellent work performance. The recipients were: Sharon Garrison, Stacy Gould, Nancy Hadley, Gladys Jones, Doris Kappes, Trish Kearns, Stephanie Kobezak, Karen McCluney, Natasha McFarland, David Morales, Glenda Page, and Susan Riggs. They each received a plaque.



*Pat Hausman and Ellen Cloyed, Librarian and Paraprofessional of the Year with Dean Connie McCarthy at the recognition breakfast.*

“The Librarian of the Year” and the “Paraprofessional of the Year” awards recognize overall sustained excellence in quality work and outstanding commitment to the job, Swem Library, and the College, and/or exemplary completion of a special project. Leadership, vision, creativity, innovation, initiative, and flexibility are some of the attributes awardees should possess. This year's “Librarian of the Year” award went to Patricia Hausman, Science Librarian. The “Paraprofessional of the Year” award recipient was Ellen Cloyed, Library Specialist Senior in the Cataloging Department. Each of these individuals received a check for \$500 and a plaque.

### *Christopher Wren Association Makes Gift to Swem*

In recognition of the many College faculty members who have voluntarily given of their time to teach courses in the Christopher Wren Association programs, the Association will contribute \$9,000 over three years for the purchase of books for the Library. A handsome bookplate, designed by Fred Czufin, a Christopher Wren member, will be placed in each volume.

In September Library staff will present six two-hour sessions on library services and collections for Christopher Wren members.

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