



## Five New Directors Elected to Friends Board

In October, five new members will attend their first meeting of the Friends of the Library Board of Directors. The group was elected last March during the spring board meeting.

They are Vince Haley '88, a government major who currently works for the Gingrich Group in Washington, D.C.; Rhian Horgan '99 business major working for J.P. Morgan in London; Audra Lalley '90 of Los Angeles, a business-finance major who works for Morgan Stanley; Ronnee Taylor '69, an English major who works for Dunn and Bradstreet in Chicago; and Scott Nelson, a history professor and member of the College's Arts and Sciences faculty. Scott is the new faculty representative for the library board.

The new directors have been asked to serve a three year term on the board and will be eligible for a second three year term following completion of the first term.

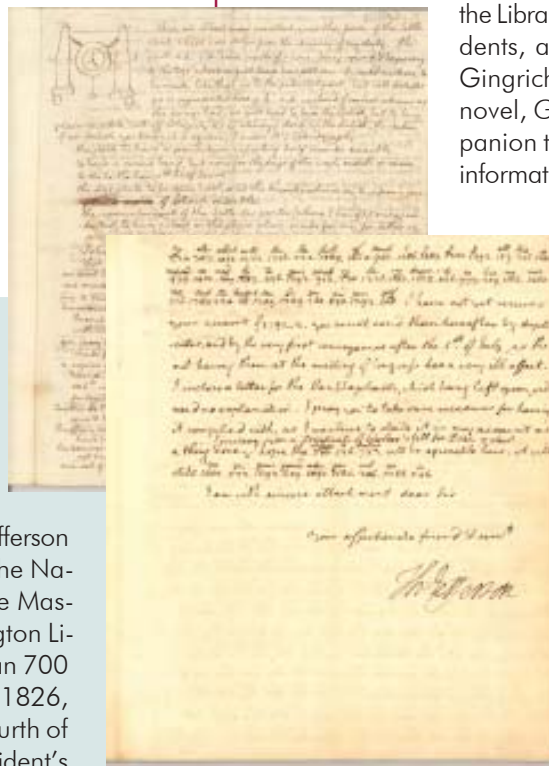


The speaker signs copies of his book as BOV member Bob Blair looks on.

## Speaker Newt Gingrich addresses Library Event in Washington

Speaker Newt Gingrich helped kick-off the library's 2004-2005 Speakers Series Wednesday, August 11<sup>th</sup>, at the College's Washington, D.C. office. Gingrich addressed a crowd of about

150, including members of the Friends of the Library Board, parents of prospective students, and colleagues of the Speaker's. Gingrich has recently published a new novel, *Grant Comes East*, which is a companion to last fall's *Gettysburg*. For more information about the library's Speakers Series, contact the Swem Development Office at 757-221-3060.



## Did you know...

◆ Swem Library has one of the largest collections of letters to and by Thomas Jefferson. Only six other libraries have more Jefferson letters than Swem: the Library of Congress, the National Archives, the University of Virginia, the Massachusetts Historical Society, and the Huntington Library. The collection, which includes more than 700 documents, span the years from 1775 to June 1826, the month before Jefferson's death on the Fourth of July at age 83. The letters reveal the third president's wide-ranging interests from architecture, gardens, and wine, to books, weather, and mechanical devices. Additionally, many of the letters are written in code. More than 200 letters from Jefferson's retirement years (1809-1826) will be available on Swem web pages soon thanks to funding provided by the Thomas Jefferson Memorial Foundation at Monticello.

◆ In 1981, Swem received its one millionth volume, *Windsor Castle, Picturesque and Descriptive*, as a gift from Prince Charles of England.



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## *At last... a new library for a new century!*

I am happy to report that the construction and remodeling of Swem Library is nearly complete and we are making plans to formally re-dedicate the building on Charter Day of next year. If you have not been inside our new building, I invite you to tour Swem during Homecoming Weekend this fall.

The centerpiece of the library's first floor is the Information Commons. Nearly every computer terminal in the Commons has been in use since the space opened

last spring. The Commons has become the place on campus to meet and you can feel that energy the moment you walk into the building. Flanked by Starbucks Café, the new Media Wall and the Reference and Research Center, the Commons is the perfect spot for interacting, collaborating, studying, and reflecting. We expect Special Collections to return to the main building by the end of this calendar year as work continues on the new Media Center located on the ground floor.

Swem Library is an exciting place to visit today and we are indebted to the donors who have helped make this building a reality. With the College's rich history housed in our Archives, we remain a mirror to our past. However, when you visit the newly remodeled Swem, you will find that we are also a window to the future.

Cordially, Connie K. McCarthy, Dean of University Libraries

## *Not all good love stories are works of fiction...*

Did you have a Swem Sweetheart while you were at William and Mary—someone you “studied” with in the stacks of the library or “studied” from afar? If so, we'd like to hear from you.



In celebration of the library's upcoming rededication on Charter Day, we'd like to gather stories about Swem for the next edition of our newsletter. Send your Library Tales to Swem Stories, c/o of Swem Library's Development Office, P.O. Box 8794, Williamsburg, Virginia, 23187. You may also email us at [cefras@wm.edu](mailto:cefras@wm.edu).

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## *Have you considered including the library in your estate plans?*

*We asked a couple who recently did so to share their story with us.*

The decision to make a bequest to William and Mary was not a particularly difficult one for me. Returning something to William and Mary seemed like the least I could do.

A potentially more difficult aspect of a gift is to choose among the many deserving functions that make up a complex higher education institution. However, for me this also was quite easy. Through a series of somewhat strange career twists, I wound up serving the Governor of Maryland as the chief financial advisor on higher education and subsequently became the chief financial officer at a major higher education research institution.

My experiences taught me that everyone seemed to appreciate the important role an outstanding library plays in the education and research process. Appreciate at least up to the point when scarce financial resources had to be allocated. At the governmental level, there is less political gain from making a significant increase in funding to acquire library books and periodicals than from announcing a new academic or research effort or by making more funds available for financial aid. At the institutional level, faculty and staff salary needs are always among the highest priorities as are academic program enhancements.

To complicate matters, during difficult financial times, the library is often the first area to receive a large budget reduction, probably because it is easy to rationalize that the reduction to collection enhancement is intended to be one-time in nature and preferable to permanent layoffs of employees. The unfortunate truth is that this practice can lead to a series of one-time reductions that somehow never get repaid even when times are better.

In the best of all worlds, all aspects of the higher education community would receive appropriate funding support. However in the real world, despite its crucial role, the library can easily be overlooked or its need delayed until another day. My wife and I are pleased to think we can make a difference with our contribution to the Earl Gregg Swem Library at The College of William and Mary.

Gerry and David Ricker '64, Reisterstown, Maryland

## *Librarian Champions the Needs of Swem Staff*

Pat Van Zandt has worked as Swem's Science Librarian for the last 17 years, but this fall she is taking on a new challenge. Pat has been named the Director of Collections and Staff Development, making her the first official human resources officer for library staff.

As part of her new position, Pat will continue to chair the library's Staff Training and Development Committee, as well as head up the newly formed Strategic Initiatives Task Force which has been charged with formulating a Strategic Plan for Swem and setting goals and priorities for the library for the next several years. She will also work to increase the num-

ber of training opportunities available to Swem staff. Pat said she plans to include job-related training sessions and life training sessions as well as "fun things."

"Our staff is eager for training in many areas, and I hope we can provide it in everything from technology to career enhancement and advancement."

She also plans to schedule field trips to libraries at other institutions where Swem staff can compare notes with their counterparts elsewhere.

Pat says her primary concern will "always be the outstanding Swem staff and doing whatever is within my power to make sure they are not only happy at work but challenged by it, as well as rewarded for what they do."



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## *Gymnastics Team Flips Over Book!*

Although you won't see the William and Mary Gymnastics Team tumbling through the stacks at Swem, they've left their mark in the library nonetheless. Former gymnast Fred Ward '54, who is also a member of the Friends of the Library Board of Directors, approached the team about adopting a book in need of repair. When Fred and John Haskell, Associate Dean for Manuscripts and Rare Books, came across *The New Gymnastics for Men, Women, and Children* published in 1862, they knew they'd found the perfect project for the team. This past spring, the team presented Dean Connie McCarthy with a check for \$300 to help restore the binding and torn pages in the book.



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## *e-SWAT Team Invades Swem*

The library has been invaded by Team e-SWAT, a five person student technical team hired to provide first-level technology support in the new Information Commons and other areas of the building on evenings and weekends. Wearing black t-shirts that say, "e-SWAT—Tech Help at Swem, the student assistants canvas the building, fielding questions about software, computers, printers, photocopiers, microfilm readers, and audio-visual equipment. The group is supervised by Debby Weiss, the library's new Information Commons

Manager. In addition to overseeing the Commons and training and supervising the e-SWAT team, Debby is a member of the Swem reference staff and is the library liaison to the Computer Science and Applied Sciences departments. Her background in computer programming and systems administration make her the ideal candidate for this position. She has also worked at the Williamsburg Regional Library as the Electronic Re-

sources Librarian. Debby says, "I particularly love having access to so much high-tech software and hardware in an academic environment." She is pictured here with her "e-SWAT team."

## Adopt a Book Help Preserve our Collection

Friends who would like to underwrite the cost of conserving items in our collections are welcome to do so. The following volumes are in need of conservation, and for a donation of \$325, we will be able to save and repair one of the rare books listed below.

- ♠ Abell, Alexander Gurdon. *Life of John Tyler, President of the United States*. New York, 1844.
- ♠ Adams, John. *Correspondence between the Hon. John Adams...and the late William Cunningham, Esq., beginning in 1803 and ending in 1812*. Boston, 1823.
- ♠ Aikin, John. *Letters to a young lady on the course of English poetry*. London, 1804. Owned by Elizabeth Waller, a nineteenth-century Williamsburg resident.
- ♠ Burnaby, Andrew. *Travels through the middle settlements of North America in the years 1759 and 1760*. London, 1775. Includes a printed diary of the weather in Williamsburg for all of 1760.
- ♠ Charron, Pierre. *De la sagesse*. Paris, 1783. A system of moral philosophy by a 17<sup>th</sup>-century French philosopher and friend of Montaigne.
- ♠ Chester, Anthony. *Scheeps-togt van Anthony Chester, na Virginia, gedaan in het jaar 1620*. Leyden, 1770. Illustrates the massacre of 1622 and refers to Jacobs-stad (Jamestown).
- ♠ Davis, Martha Ann. *Poems of Laura*. Petersburg, Virginia, 1818.
- ♠ Dumay, Louis. *The estate of the Empire, or, an abridgement of the laws and government of Germany*. London, 1676. A title from the Nicholson Collection of books known to have been in the College library prior to the 1705 fire in the Wren Building.
- ♠ Faria e Sousa, Manuel de. *Epitome de las historias portuguesas*. Madrid, 1628. This copy belonged to Virginia Royal Governor Francis Fauquier.
- ♠ Jollivet, Gaston. *Goupil's Paris Salon 1893: one hundred plates, photogravures, and etchings*. Paris, [1893?]
- ♠ Lamb, Charles. *Elia; essays which have appeared under that signature in the London Magazine*. Philadelphia, 1828. Pseudonymous essays by Lamb.
- ♠ Michaux, Francois Andre. *Travels to the westward of the Allegany Mountains...in the year 1802*. London, 1805. The "best edition" of this famous travel account.
- ♠ Timur. *Institutes, political and military, written originally in the Mogul language, by the Great Timour*. Oxford, 1783. This copy belonged to General Joseph E. Johnston
- ♠ United States. Continental Congress (1774). *Journal of the proceedings of the Congress held at Philadelphia, September 5, 1774*. Philadelphia, 1774. The First Continental Congress

Your gift will support the ongoing work of our Special Collections staff. For more information, contact the Swem Library Development Office at (757) 221-3060.

Thank you!

