A Message from the Chairs

It’s hard to believe, but the Boyle Legacy Society begins its 16th year in 2008! We can take pride in our membership and its growing numbers. What this expansion means to the College of William and Mary can be seen in the successful completion of the school’s recent development campaign: Society members made gifts, pledges, bequests and testamentary provisions of more than $293 million, an impressive 60 percent of the total raised in this important endeavor. Further, more than $82 million received from Boyle Society members has already gone to work supporting students and faculty.

Looking to the future, even brighter days beckon. Several years ago, a study projected that individuals age 50 and over will comprise more than half of the total alumni numbers by 2015 — just seven short years from now. The growth in this segment of the population bodes well for the Boyle Society and the important role we now play in the ongoing life of the College.

Another promising trend involves the increasing popularity of the Williamsburg community as a retirement destination. Although many of these retirees once attended William and Mary, an even greater number have no previous ties to the College, but choose to “adopt” it once they arrive. Two College-sponsored activities, the Christopher Wren Association for Lifelong Learning and Town and Gown luncheons, draw many residents to the campus. Others discover opportunities to meet a diverse cross-section of William and Mary students, faculty and staff through local clubs and service organizations. As a result, more and more of these retirees join our growing membership.

Although alumni demographics and retirement trends certainly point in our favor, the College of William and Mary will always remain the most important ingredient in the Society’s growth and success. Outstanding students and faculty serve as the source of our inspiration, and they give us confidence in the future. In 2008, we look forward to welcoming many new members, as well as once more seeing our many Society friends.

The Sir Robert Boyle Legacy Society extends a warm welcome to W. Taylor Reveley III, who was named Interim President of William and Mary on February 22, 2008. We are delighted that he has accepted this leadership position during this most important time in the College’s history.

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NANCY ’62 AND BILL YOUNG ’62
The Cutting-Edge Place to Be

William and Mary Takes the Initiative

Through initiatives and programs being undertaken across campus and beyond, William and Mary is rapidly distinguishing itself as the cutting-edge place to be.

Research is emerging center stage as an important component of student learning at the College. Thanks to the recently launched Faculty-Student Research Initiative (FSRI), students are joining faculty in collaborations that extend beyond the classroom into laboratories, archives and libraries, and on site in the field.

Next fall, for example, a number of freshmen will participate in a long-term biology research project — the Phage Genomics Research Initiative — as part of the Howard Hughes Medical Institute’s effort to reform science education. William and Mary is one of 12 schools nationwide to be selected, and students will engage in research leading to new knowledge as well as joint publications with faculty.

A recent $300,000 grant from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation will likewise enhance the College’s commitment to incorporate research into the undergraduate curriculum. “Our plan is to integrate the teaching and research missions of William and Mary, so that they’re cooperating with each other and that both are winning as a result of this collaboration,” said Joel Schwartz, director of the College’s Roy R. Charles Center.

The Mellon Foundation has also awarded $1.5 million to the Environmental Science and Policy Program. The grant, which must be matched by $1.6 million in private contributions by December 2010, will help establish two highly innovative programs: a Center for Geospatial Analysis and a “teacher-scholar” postdoctoral program in the interdisciplinary environmental science program.

Individual donors are also enhancing student research opportunities across the College. For instance, ALSAM funds provided by Drs. Alice and Sam Bessman ’42, are supporting undergraduates in biology, and contributors to the Geology Founders Endowment are making a difference for geology majors. And myriad grants from the Roy R. Charles Center — from Monroe Scholarships to Chappell Fellowships and many others — are allowing students to seize research opportunities as they arise.

According to Carl Strikwerda, dean of Arts & Sciences, the College plans to raise $25 million in private support to endow a fund that supports student-faculty collaboration on research and...
scholarship. “This initiative extends student learning beyond the classroom and greatly enhances their overall College experience. Achieving that potential will require resources to fund our efforts for the long term,” Strikwerda says. “The College will rely on the support of those who wish to provide the best possible learning experience for our students.”

Building for better research, the College’s Virginia Institute of Marine Science (VIMS) is completing new facilities at its Gloucester, Va., campus. Andrews Hall, named after the late Cynthia and Sen. Hunter B. Andrews ’42, LL.D. ’93, is a four-story research facility that includes 30 laboratories and space for nearly 100 students, technicians and visiting scientists. The adjacent Seawater Research Laboratory will support state-mandated research on finfish and shellfish and fill a major gap in VIMS’ research infrastructure.

The College’s Law School, the oldest in the country, is likewise blazing trails with its Center for Legal and Court Technology (CLCT) and the Courtroom 21 Project. Initiated in 1993 and built largely with private support, CLCT’s primary mission is to improve the world’s legal systems through the appropriate use of technology.

“We’re doing a substantial amount of courtroom and related consulting,” says Fredric Lederer, Chancellor Professor of Law and director of the center. “We’ve recently agreed to assist the Gulfport, Mississippi Municipal Court pro bono in designing its new courthouse. Until recently, the court was in trailers as a result of Hurricane Katrina.”

Other initiatives — including the Mason School of Business’s Career Acceleration Modules, the School of Education’s Center for Gifted Learning, and numerous civic engagement projects — are also ensuring that the College moves forward boldly as a model for the 21st-century research university.

“William and Mary is poised to become a good citizen of an increasingly smaller and more interconnected world,” says Strikwerda. “It’s an exciting time to be at the College, especially as private funds help us to achieve our full potential.”

To follow the progress of these and other initiatives, please visit the William and Mary News Web site at http://www.wm.edu/news.

VIMS’ new Andrews Hall will include an electronics shop, distance-learning classroom, conference rooms, and the Aquaculture Genetics and Breeding Technology Center.

Joseph Kessler ’10 got a head-start on cutting-edge research — and a possible career in primatology — when he used his freshman Monroe Scholarship to spend two weeks in Florida last summer volunteering with the nonprofit organization Save the Chimps.
When preparing your estate documents, be sure to contact the Gift Planning Office for proper legal language at (757) 221-1004.

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Announcing the 13th Annual Boyle Legacy Society Luncheon
Civic Engagement at Home and Abroad
The College of William and Mary
Wednesday, May 7, 2008

Civic engagement is flourishing at William and Mary, and students are increasingly making international outreach and civic involvement a central part of their lives. Join fellow Boyle Society members for an informative program in Tucker Hall and meet some of the many students who contributed more than 323,000 service hours last year. The program will be followed by lunch in the Wren Courtyard. Look for your invitation soon.

Newest Members
Judith Carling Althans ’59 and William C. Althans ’57
Elizabeth L. Anderson ’62 and Edward L. Delaney
Susan J. Ashinoff-Mintz and Robert B. Mintz
Marga Larson Bales ’60 and William B. Bales
Carter Stafford Brooksher ’61 and K. Dane Brooksher ’61
Patricia L. Davis and George I. Gondelman ’49, B.C.L. ’52
Victoria Jeffress Hutchins ’71
Marsha P. Kalison and Peter M. Kalison ’57
Lucy Martin ’84 and Mark A. Wysong ’84
Sharon Reeder McCarthy ’69 and Burk McCarthy
Sara J. Mooney and J. Robert Mooney ’66
Sharon Kay Philpott ’85 and Stephen G. Finn
Elizabeth White Suchar ’65 and V. Victor Suchar
Brooke Coleman Taylor ’72 and Robert E. Taylor
Sharon H. Walker and Edward R. Walker ’80
Anne Winslow Whitehurst ’69, M.Ed. ’72 and Milton Cloud
Ann Spielman Woolley ’75 and Mark S. Woolley ’77

In Memoriam
John H. Andrews
Warren L. Booth
Patricia Curtis
Clinkunbroomer ’46
Bruce Cranmer ’65
Anne Scott Daughtrey ’29
Ingeborg G. Deigert
Elizabeth Hugo Ely ’31
Jeanne Bell Etheridge ’39, M.Ed. ’55
Dorothy L. Podorsky Gierrak
Gordon D. Jorgensen
Virginia Lee McAlinden ’45
Elva Waltrip Mikula
Mildred Daly Milton ’36
William M. Musser Jr. ’40, B.C.L. ’42
Martha Hill Newell ’43
Wendy R. Reves
Stephen H. Snell ’66
Virginia Ramey Spain ’65
Franklin E. Tillery
Francis T. West
Rolf Williams (Honorary Alumnus)
Richard W. Withington Jr. ’50, B.C.L. ’51
L. Denny Yeaman ‘40
Betty Carter Zable ’40

Membership in the Sir Robert Boyle Legacy Society is open to those who have made provisions for the College of William and Mary in their estate plans. These gifts can include charitable remainder trusts, charitable gift annuities, life estate in real property, life insurance, IRA/retirement plans and bequests.

The roster includes only those members who have granted permission to be listed.
Boyle Luncheon Inaugurates Restored Lake Matoaka Amphitheatre

Sir Robert Boyle Legacy Society members know a good time when they see one. And they definitely saw one last May during their 12th annual luncheon.

Not only did they get to enjoy a lively program on “Shakespeare and the American Theatre,” but they also became the first group to officially inaugurate the restored Lake Matoaka Amphitheatre.

“It’s the most beautiful setting we could possibly have, and we are the first group to use it,” said an appreciative Jane Spencer Smith ’48 as she and her husband, Bill ’44, welcomed everyone.

Prior to the luncheon, students and faculty from the College’s Department of Theatre, Speech and Dance and the Virginia Shakespeare Festival performed a number of popular songs from American musicals based on Shakespeare’s works.

Adding to the theatrical theme were vintage programs and memorabilia from productions of The Common Glory (1946–1976) courtesy of Swem Library’s Special Collections Research Center.

The event was a swan song for Bill and Jane Smith, who capped off their final year as co-chairs of the Boyle Legacy Society. Thanked for their long-time service, the Smiths were praised for their remarkable commitment to William and Mary’s past, present and future.

For the Boyle Legacy Society, that future is now in the capable hands of new co-chairs Nancy ’62 and Bill Young ’62, who reminisced about their time at the College.

“We are very excited about being a part of this group,” Nancy said. “And we’re very honored and humbled to have this opportunity to lead.”

During the luncheon, the Youngs performed their first duty as co-chairs: presenting the Smiths with a tile from the 1928 restoration of the Wren portico, which was replaced during the 1999 renewal.

“This tile symbolizes the living spirit of William and Mary,” said Bill Young. “It is the very spirit the Boyle Society seeks to preserve for future generations.”

Bill and Jane Smith said they would cherish the memories and friendships they have made over the years. And they eagerly anticipate great things with the Youngs succeeding them as co-chairs.

“We know the Boyle Legacy Society will continue to grow and flourish under their inspiring leadership,” Bill Smith told the audience to great applause.
Proper planning can help donors and their families realize the greatest benefits from their gifts to the College. This involves choosing the best combination of assets and vehicles to accomplish charitable, financial and estate planning objectives.

The Gift Planning Office stands ready to help alumni and friends plan current as well as future gifts to William and Mary. A knowledgeable and experienced staff is available to assist donors and their advisors with a variety of gift planning services, including:

**Customized Illustrations**

With the aid of a sophisticated computer program, we can prepare customized illustrations of projected income and tax benefits for charitable trusts and other vehicles.

**Trust Documents**

We can provide IRS sample documents and have experts who can assist your attorney in preparing all necessary documents.

**Commemorative Giving Opportunities**

There are many commemorative rooms, gardens and endowments available to recognize current and future gifts. We can help you select the most appropriate way to commemorate your special ties to the College.

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**Supporting Core Priorities**

The Campaign for William and Mary, which raised $517.55 million by June 30, 2007, is making a difference across campus. The College must build on that momentum and provide for several core priorities vital to future success. These include: Student Support (merit-based and need-based scholarships and research opportunities); Faculty and Student Research (laboratory equipment, research materials, funds to attend conferences and unrestricted support); Facilities (construction of the Mason School of Business’s Alan B. Miller Hall and new Career Center); and Expendable Monies (funds that address the College’s most immediate needs).