Joan presented her project, "Observations of silicates in both retarding and accelerating the oxidation of pyritic sulfide in the soil environment," to the William and Mary Staff. This project was to determine how the pyrite being armored affected the amount of acid produced at the dumpsite.

In October Dr. Joan Thomas will be attending the Geological/Mineralogical Society of America annual meeting in Houston. She will present work done with a group at the University of South Australia Ian Wark Research Institute. She will present her talk during the "Environmental Mineralogy" session.

Delegate Glen Oder from the 94th district visited the William and Mary labs at the ARC to take a tour and learn about the equipment used to do research in surface characterization. During his visit he learned about the SEM, AFM, and Hirox microscopes furthering his knowledge to better serve his district.

Richard Proper the Senior Lab Technician at the ARC works on building and baking out a system that will be used in the Applied Science Department by Michael Bagge Hanson and Ron Outlaw.