NEW TRUSTEES JOIN BOARD

The College Board of Trustees welcomed three new members to its ranks: Fred Nathan Jr. ’83, Kate Queeney ’92 and Sarah Keohane Williamson ’84, who each will serve five-year terms. Retired from the board this year are Chairman Robert I. Lipp ’60, Steven S. Rogers ’79 and John S. Wadsworth Jr. ’61.

Nathan is founder and executive director of Think New Mexico, an independent think tank in Santa Fe, and board chairman of the Rio Grande School there. He was special counsel to then New Mexico Attorney General Tom Udall, was a Coro Foundation Fellow in Public Affairs and belonged to the Constitutional Revision Commission and Gov. Bill Richardson’s Task Force on Ethics Reform. He has a law degree from Northwestern. As a Williams alumnus, Nathan was a class president, started the Regional Alumni Association of New Mexico and was on the Society of Alumni’s Executive Committee.

Queeney is a chemistry professor at Smith College. She received a 2004 NSF CAREER Award to support her research on biofilm formation and a multi-institution study on self-efficacy among upper-level chemistry students at liberal arts colleges. She co-founded in 2007 the Achieving Excellence in Math, Engineering and Science Program at Smith to enhance access to these fields for students from underrepresented groups. She previously was a postdoctoral member of the technical staff at Bell Laboratories, Lucent Technologies. She spent a year in Australia on a Fulbright Postgraduate Fellowship and has a doctorate in physical chemistry from Harvard. Queeney was a Williams associate class agent and is a member of the Executive Committee.

Williamson is senior VP, partner and director of global relationship management for Wellington Management, leading teams in Boston, Hong Kong, London, San Francisco, Singapore, Sydney and Tokyo. She previously was the company’s director of endowments and foundations relationship management. She spent more than five years with McKinsey & Co. and was also employed by the U.S. Department of State and Goldman, Sachs & Co. She has an MBA from Harvard Business School and holds the designation of chartered financial analyst. Williamson is a member of her Williams class’s 25th reunion fund committee.

GIFTS SUPPORT EXCELLENT TEACHING

Two major gifts to The Williams Campaign announced over the summer will help support excellence in teaching on campus and abroad. Trustee Robert G. Scott ’68 and his wife Karen made a $3.7 million gift to support initiatives that promote advances in teaching, bringing their total campaign commitment to $5 million. Their earlier gift added to a professorship they previously endowed recognizing distinction in teaching and service to the community. “I’m proud of Williams’ continued leadership in curriculum development and pedagogy, and I hope we can continue to expand our outreach,”

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THE GREAT FACULTY MIGRATION OF 2008

Approximately 4,300 boxes. At least 30 rolls of tape. Three trucks. Ten professional movers, plus three supervisors and a consultant. Myriad College staff, among them, three full-time coordinators. Eighteen days of loading and unloading.

That’s roughly what it took to accomplish the relocation of 190 faculty and staff—and all of their stuff, including these masks from Java belonging to anthropologist Peter Just—from nine buildings all over campus into their new homes during July and August. Most moved into the new North and South Academic Buildings, which complete Phase I of the Stetson-Sawyer project, a multiyear plan to build a new library and provide faculty offices and classrooms for the humanities and social sciences.

Funding the Stetson-Sawyer project is a goal of The Williams Campaign. To learn more about the project, visit www.williams.edu/go/stetsonsawyer.

Meanwhile, Robert L. Guyett ’58 and his wife Sue made a $2 million commitment in honor of Bob’s 50th reunion. The gift will support the Williams-Exeter Programme at Oxford University and tutorials in Williamstown (inspired by the Oxford model). “Teaching is at the very heart of the Williams enterprise,” Guyett says. “We’re honored to be able to lend our support.”

In announcing the gifts, President Morty Schapiro said they “are tremendous votes of confidence in one of Williams’ particular strengths: our excellent faculty. The Scott and Guyett families have helped ensure that Mark Hopkins’ legacy will long endure.”

ALUMNI GOLFERS TEE UP IN W’TOWN

Seventy-two players representing eight alumni classes took to the links in June for the Dick and Denise Baxter Reunion Golf Trophy Competition. Twelve members of the Class of ’58 took first place with a score of 66. Three classes tied for second with a score of 67: 2003 had 15 players, 1973 had eight and 1968 had 16.

In July, 240 players representing the Classes of 1946 to 2007 participated in the 48th Annual Alumni Golf Tournament. For results visit www.williams.edu/alumni and click on the Golf Tournament link beneath “Of Note.”

NEW COACHES NAMED

Two new names will appear on Williams’ head coaching roster this fall: Fletcher Brooks for track & field and Mike Maker for men’s basketball.

Brooks spent the last three years as head coach of MIT’s women’s track & field and cross-country. From 1998 to 2005 he was Williams’ strength and conditioning coach and an assistant and associate head coach for track & field, coaching 46 All-Americans and four NCAA champions.

Maker, who’s spent most of the past 20 years coaching Div. I basketball, replaces Dave Paulsen ’87, who will make his Bucknell debut in November.

Maker spent last year as an assistant coach at Creighton, where the Jays notched 20 victories and 10 conference wins for the 10th consecutive season—something only two other programs (Kansas and Stanford) have accomplished. He previously coached at West Virginia, Samford and Dartmouth.

ALL-AMERICA HONORS

Track & field and women’s golf were in the spotlight last spring, with Ephs collecting a host of honors.

Track & field’s Elise Johnson ’10 was named an All-American after finishing sixth with a time of 14.27 in the 100-meter hurdles at the Div. III National
PEOPLE YOU
(SHOULD) KNOW

Retirements, departures and shuffles in recent years have changed the face of the Alumni Relations Office. We asked the staff (pictured below) to share their most memorable job experiences and something surprising about themselves. From left:

**Jason Kohn ’08**, intern since July. **Memorable job:** PA announcer for Williams basketball games. I got to sit courtside for every game I worked and see up-close highlights. **Surprise:** I was a state champion varsity fencer in high school in New Jersey. **Juan Baena ’07**, assistant director overseeing technology and affinity programs since July. **Memorable job:** While taking a year off from Williams, I was a Snack Bar assistant. It was a blast working with the staff. **Surprise:** I first came to Williams as a sophomore in high school with a program called Urban Scholars. **Brooks Foehl ’88**, director of alumni relations since March. **Memorable job:** Making donuts at 5 a.m. at age 15. **Surprise:** The fact that I’ve run six marathons would be surprising to anyone who knew me during our undergraduate days. **Paula Moore Tabor ’76**, associate director overseeing lifelong learning programs since October 1992. **Memorable job:** Working in Alumni Relations because of the wonderful people I’ve met for the first time or with whom I’ve been reacquainted. **Surprise:** I am an Oriental rug merchant and represent artist and faculty member Michael Glier ’75. **Rob Swann ’90**, assistant director overseeing off-campus programs since March 2006. **Memorable job:** I worked at Discovery Channel’s parent company in three departments over the course of 12 years. **Surprise:** I’m a fourth-degree black belt in traditional Shohei-ryu karate. And I’m color blind. **Rex Lybrand**, assistant director overseeing classes and reunions since July. **Memorable job:** Teaching field studies/nature immersion to inner-city students in a temperate rainforest of the Pacific Northwest. **Surprise:** I beat the U.S. Women’s Olympic Basketball Team in a bowling league.

“The rowing team is second only to the track team in terms of team size, and it’s key for the physician and trainer to know the sport.”
—Kristine Karlson ’85 on her role as team physician for the U.S. rowing, canoe/kayak and triathlon squads at the Beijing Olympics.

A three-time world rowing champion, she was a member of the ’92 U.S. Olympic team that took fifth in Barcelona.

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“‘I couldn’t be more proud of how we went down today. For a while there it looked like we were going to come back, and that is a testament to the guys and this team.’”
—Men’s tennis coach David Donn after the Ephs were defeated 5-2 by Claremont-McKenna in the quarterfinals of the NCAA Championships, finishing the season with a 17-4 record.

Championships in Wisconsin. Williams finished 67th out of 83 teams.

Teammate Carrie Plitt ’08 was selected to the CoSIDA/ESPN The Magazine District 8 All-America Second Team. Plitt received the Sebasteanski Award as the Most Outstanding Female Performer at the NESCAC Championships in April, where she set a meet record with her first-place finish in the 200-meter dash (24.95), won the 400-meter dash (57.05) and ran legs for the triumphant 4x100- and 4x400-meter relay teams.

Overall, the team compiled cumulative GPAs of 3.46 for the women and 3.3 for the men, earning them the designation of All-Academic Scholar Team of the Year by the U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association.

Meanwhile, after being the first women golfers at Williams ever to be named All-American Scholars last year, Laura Koplik ’09 and Anne O’Leary ’10 again received the honor from the National Golf Coaches Association. The duo also received All-East nods after helping to lead the Ephs to a second consecutive appearance in the NCAA Championships, where they finished eighth.