

WAGNER NAMED INTERIM PRESIDENT

Anticipating that a new Williams president won't be selected by the time Morty Schapiro's term ends on June 30, the Presidential Search Committee has named Dean of the Faculty Bill Wagner as interim president, effective July 1.

Wagner joined the history faculty 29 years ago as a specialist in Imperial Russian and early Soviet history. He served as a department chair, director of the Williams-Exeter Programme and chair of several faculty governance committees before being named dean of the faculty in 2006.

According to College Laws, the dean of the faculty assumes presidential responsibilities between presidencies. Should Wagner's duties extend beyond Sept. 1, computer science professor Andrea Danyluk will step in as acting dean.

In a letter announcing the appointment, Greg Avis '80, chairman of the Executive Committee



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Bill Wagner

of the Board of Trustees and head of the Presidential Search Committee, thanked Wagner and Danyluk for their service.

"Williams is fortunate to be able to turn to someone as knowledgeable, experienced and respected as Bill," Avis wrote. "The board is confident that this arrangement will provide the College with continuity and excellence in leadership until the next president takes office."

COMMENCEMENT FEATURES ALL-STAR ROSTER

A Fortune 500 CEO, a foreign correspondent for NPR, a historian, a musician, an author and an astronaut all were awarded honorary degrees at Williams' 220th Commencement on June 7.

Members of the Class of 2009 and their families and friends participated in a weekend packed with activities. Highlights included a dialogue with astronaut and U.S. Sen. John Glenn, a baccalaureate address by NPR foreign correspondent Anne Garrels,

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They Said:

A collection of opinions and ideas expressed at Williams.

"If I were to grade—and I'm a tough grader—I'd give housing a C minus, athletics an A, the classroom experience an A minus, the increase in diversity and intellectual vitality an A, improvements in the drinking culture a C."

—*Morty Schapiro*, evaluating changes at the College during his nine years as Williams president. Record, 5.13.09

"I read blogs, the Web. I listen to the radio and get my information from different places." —*Shayla Harris '97*, New York Times video journalist, on how she considers herself informed even though she doesn't read the newspaper every day. Harris was one of five award-winning journalists to participate in a Williams forum about the news media in a post-print world, organized to honor the memory of Jeffrey Owen Jones '66. Record, 4.29.09

"I just remember thinking that if we were a beverage right now, some athlete could drink us and run

for five days." —*Thammika "Prim" Songkaoe '11*, coeditor of Gusto!, about the energy and turnout for the online magazine's first planning meeting in April. Gusto!, aimed at food lovers, was one of as many as five new student publications planned for the spring and fall. Record, 4.29.09

"Among the many steps taken to reduce spending next year, we've frozen all faculty and staff salaries, reduced the number of faculty and staff positions through attrition, delayed major capital projects, lowered spending on building renewal and cut managers' budgets by 15 percent. These changes, while painful, have protected the College's highest priorities of maintaining our financial aid program, avoiding layoffs and continuing the high standard of our academic program." —*Morty Schapiro*, Williams president, in a letter to campus announcing that the board of trustees approved a \$205 million operating budget for the coming academic year. 4.20.09



Donors and friends gathered on April 17 to celebrate the naming of the new south academic building in honor of President Morty Schapiro. Pictured are (left to right): Ray Henze '74, Bob '60 and Martha Lipp, Jack '61 and Susy Wadsworth, Greg Avis '80 and Anne Ricketson Avis '81, Morty and Mimi Schapiro, Karen and Bob Scott '68, Paul Neely '68, Franci Rice, Richard Hollander P'10, and Joe Rice '54.

a dialogue with singer and songwriter James Taylor and a commencement address by Darden Restaurants CEO Clarence Otis Jr. '77. The four received honorary degrees along with Tracy Kidder, who is a Pulitzer Prize-winning nonfiction writer, and James M. McPherson, the George Henry Davis 1886 Professor of American History, Emeritus, at Princeton University and a Pulitzer Prize-winning author who has written 18 books.

For speeches and photographs from the weekend, visit www.williams.edu/home/commencement.

NEW JOURNALISM FELLOWSHIP CREATED

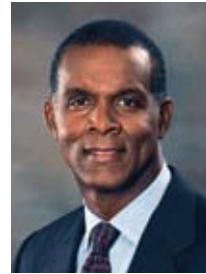
Molly M. Hunter '09 has been awarded the inaugural Jeffrey Owen Jones '66 Fellowship in Journalism.

Hunter, a political science major with a leadership studies concentration, plans to travel to the Middle East this summer to report on the Iraqi refugee crisis. She hopes to freelance her stories to a variety

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Anne Garrels



Clarence Otis Jr.

of news outlets and through the digital media.

Prior to graduation she wrote for the *Williams Record* and was co-chair of the Stanley Kaplan Program in American Foreign Policy. The Kentfield, Calif., native also was an eco-representative for the Zilkha Center for Environmental Initiatives, and she student taught at the Williamstown Elementary School.

The \$10,000 fellowship was endowed by a group of friends and family to honor Jones, a print and broadcast journalist who died of lung cancer in 2007. The fellowship is awarded to a student who exemplifies the qualities for which Jones was widely admired: integrity, talent, independence of mind, wit, strength of character, skepticism of authority and concern for others.

TRACK & FIELD TAKES 6TH REGIONAL TITLE

The men's track and field team took its sixth regional crown, amassing 136.67 points at the Div. III New England

Championships and besting runner-up M.I.T. by 28.67.

Williams moved to the front of the pack with 10 points in the decathlon after wins in the 400-meter hurdles (Stew Buck '09), 400-meter (Taylor Fitzgerald '11) and 1,500-meter (Macklin Chaffee '09) and a slew of other placements. The win followed the Ephs' ninth consecutive NESCAC title a week earlier in New London, Conn.

CREW TEAMS MAKE HISTORY

The women's and men's crew teams were the talk of the New England Championships in Worcester, Mass., after the women swept every race and the men's first varsity captured its first title in 13 years.

The two squads took the overall team trophy with 179 points, ahead of second-place Trinity College (165 points). The Eph women finished first in the three varsity eight races as well as in the two varsity fours. All three men's eights placed as well, with the 2V taking a medal for the first time in a decade and the 3V successfully defending last year's silver medal.

the list ON THE JOB

Imagine spending the summer researching solar markets and attending Congressional hearings on behalf of the U.S. Department of Energy. Or working on costume construction, wig making and millinery for a Texas arts foundation. Thanks to the College's 13 alumni-sponsored internship programs, 90 students representing nearly every academic discipline will spend the summer exploring careers, developing skills, networking and performing public service—in many cases under the guidance of Williams alumni. Students receive a \$3,200 grant to cover transportation, housing and other living expenses, and they are required to submit a report about their experience to the Office of Career Counseling. Among the opportunities this summer:

Reading and reporting on scripts for director of development
Guy Danella '03 at Los Angeles-based Gold Circle Films;

Developing reports, recruiting patients and shadowing emergency department doctors at New York Presbyterian Hospital;

Helping with all aspects of running a Minor League baseball team, from concessions to advertising to finance to media relations, for the Daytona Cubs in Florida;

Writing grant proposals and Web articles, acting as a translator for volunteers and teaching basketball to the children of migrant workers for the nonprofit CAI in Beijing;

Conducting economic research on African and Asian countries with Williams visiting economics professor Michael Samson, director of the Economic Policy Research Institute in Cape Town.

Information provided by the Office of Career Counseling

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"It meant a lot to our guys but also to all the members of Eph Nation who are out there across the country. They are always looking for us to take it to our biggest rivals."

—**Men's lacrosse** coach George McCormack on his team's 9-5 victory at Wesleyan, which secured the Ephs' first outright Little 3 title since 1999.

"I thought our team mentally came through in this stretch. It was a difficult couple of days of conference play, and we're very happy with the way we finished today."

—**Men's tennis** coach Dave Donn after Williams defeated Trinity to sweep the most difficult stretch of the team's season—four matches in five days—and rise to seventh in the national rankings.

"Having our backs against the wall worked to our advantage, because the girls knew what they had to do—there was no mystery at that point. We knew that if we played our best game, we could get the job done."

—**Women's softball** head coach Kris Herman on how the Ephs responded to a sweep-or-go-home situation by winning both games of a crucial doubleheader against Amherst to finish second in NESCAC's West Division and earn a berth in the conference tournament.

"I am really proud of how we stayed determined even when [Tufts] had momentum in the first overtime. We had great mental and emotional control throughout the game."

—**Women's lacrosse** coach Chris Mason after the Ephs were down a player throughout the first half of overtime and pulled off an 11-10 victory over the Jumbos to advance to the NESCAC championship.



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