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CAMPUS RALLIES AGAINST INTOLERANCE

An estimated 600 students, faculty, and staff packed the Paresky Center on Feb. 13 to protest bias-motivated incidents on campus. During the rally and march, participants shared their own experiences and discussed specific steps that could be taken to curb intolerance.

The event was organized in response to a racial slur and drawings of male genitalia scrawled across several common-room doors and walls in Williams Hall at the start of the spring semester. In response, more than 120 students came together to form Stand With Us, whose mission is “beginning to change the culture of apathy and foster the real respect that we know is possible” at Williams. In addition to organizing the rally, the group created an online “pact against indifference and hate” and is working on concrete action plans.

“It would have been disrespectful of us as leaders of the campus if we did not acknowledge how much this violently prejudicial



Juan Baena '07

Members of the Williams community share their experiences and discuss steps to curb bias-motivated incidents on campus.

act affects the community,” said Kim Dacres '08, who led the rally with fellow outgoing College Council president Morgan Goodwin '08, in an interview with the *Williams Record*. “When people don’t react, silence can be read as acceptance.”

In a series of communications to the Williams community, President Morty Schapiro denounced what he called “corrosive patterns of behavior” in society, to which the College is not immune. “They’re hurtful, damaging, and offensive,” Schapiro stated in an all-campus e-mail message on Feb. 8. “They’re unacceptable. They must stop.”

For more information on any of these stories, visit www.williams.edu and enter the topic into the search field.

They Said:

A collection of opinions and ideas expressed at Williams, on its Web sites, and in *The Williams Record*, which can be found at www.williamsrecord.com

“I don’t think we get there just by ... dealing with this as if it’s another pollution control problem. ... We get there by rethinking the energy system and having a vision of a different kind of economy, maybe even a different kind of society, that would be healthier in many ways ... than the one we have today.” —*Worldwatch Institute president Chris Flavin '77, on stemming the tide of climate change, during his keynote address at Williams’ Focus the Nation. 2.5.08*

“The site was just my way of getting things off my chest. I never imagined it would be anything bigger than my little soapbox.” —*Markos Moulitsas, author of The Daily Kos, a blog that attracts more than 1 million visitors each month and is credited with changing political discourse in America, during a lecture at the '62 Center for Theatre and Dance MainStage. 1.16.08*

“If I had come straight to Williams after high school ... I would not have been as excited as I was, which means I wouldn’t be as involved as I am right now. I think it takes being out of high school for a while to figure out what you want to do.” —*Alex Kopynec '09, who spent the year after graduating from high school renovating buildings before coming to Williams. Record, 1.16.08*

“What makes extra dimensions interesting is that we know we’re going to interact with them, at least via gravity.” —*Harvard physics professor Lisa Randall, speaking about new results in theoretical physics to a packed Brooks-Rogers Recital Hall during Williams’ annual Richmond Lecture, sponsored by the Oakley Center for the Humanities and Social Sciences. 1.8.08*

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THE WILLIAMS CAMPAIGN

'57 SCHOLARS 25 YEARS STRONG

Since its inception in 1983, the '57 Scholars Program has provided some 140 Williams students, among them Bicentennial Medalist Regina Kelly '86, with financial aid. The Class of 1957 established the program with its 25th reunion gift and then increased the scholarship endowment last summer in honor of its 50th. (The class also created the 1957 Summer Research Program, which enables students to gain professional-level experience in the humanities and social sciences in close collaboration with their professors.)

25th and 50th reunion giving play essential parts in The Williams Campaign. To learn more, visit: www.williams.edu/alumni/campaign/ways2give/.



Bob Driesen '57

Each fall, members of the Class of '57 dine on campus with the latest crop of scholars.

NEW PROFESSORSHIP HONORS MARKGRAF

Hodge Markgraf '52 did it all at Williams as a standout student, a revered teacher, and then an admired administrator. How could that wide range ever be honored? By an endowed chair that recognizes exactly that scope.

The new J. Hodge Markgraf '52 Professorship will be awarded to a faculty member in any field who has displayed the "strikingly balanced skills of scholarly excellence and high citizenship that Hodge Markgraf did for almost 60 years," as the chair's description reads.



Rick Rabe

Hodge Markgraf

The chair was endowed by trustee and Williams Campaign co-chair Paul Neely '68, who worked with Markgraf on alumni relations programs and on the 1999 Presidential Search Committee, which Markgraf served as secretary, the capstone of a long, distinguished career.

"There is no question that Hodge set the most brilliant combined example of scholarship, teaching, and citizenship within the memory of anyone alive at Williams today," says Neely. "That is what will be honored by this chair."

"Hodge Markgraf set a standard of commitment to his students, his research, and his college that all Williams professors who knew and loved him seek to emulate," says Williams President Morty Schapiro. "I'm delighted that Hodge's example is now perpetuated by the generosity of Paul Neely, who has set a similarly high standard of alumni commitment to Williams."

GIFT PAYS TRIBUTE TO HANK FLYNT

Former Baseball Commissioner Fay Vincent '60, who attended Williams with scholarship support, has made a nearly \$7 million gift commitment for undergraduate financial aid and to create a new graduate fellowship named for longtime financial aid administrator Hank Flynt '44.



William H. Tague

Hank Flynt

"Hank Flynt made us proud to be among his group and gave us support in many ways, not just financially," says Vincent, a Williams trustee emeritus. "Now I am able to pay this long overdue tribute. I honor him because he was honorable to all of us."

In addition to undergraduate scholarships, the gift will create the competitively-awarded Henry N. Flynt Jr.

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1944 Graduate Fellowships, to cover up to three years of graduate or professional school expenses for Williams seniors or recent graduates. The College has several fellowship funds that help graduates pursue advanced degrees abroad, but this new one expands those opportunities to include U.S. schools and allows for law, medicine and business degrees in addition to Doctors of Philosophy.

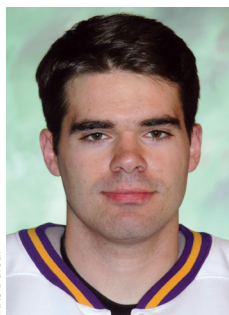
"Fay Vincent's remarkable gift will help some of our best students achieve their educational dreams beyond graduation, extending their ability to change the world in profoundly positive ways," says President Morty Schapiro. "It's fitting that this gift also supports undergraduate financial aid, especially as we redouble our efforts to make sure that we are truly affordable to all of our potential students regardless of family circumstances. I can think of no better way to recognize Hank Flynt's 38-year Williams career."

BRUCE RECOGNIZED FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE

Ice hockey forward William Bruce '08 has received the Coach Wooden Cup for his extensive volunteer service at Williams.

A history and economics major, Bruce is co-president of the Lehman Council for Community Engagement and student chair of the Honor System Committee.

He has created and/or been directly involved in 17 service projects at Williams. Among them, he founded and



William Bruce

taught a financial education class for low-income North Adams residents. He

also created Read for Fun, in which youth hockey players serve as stick boys or girls at Williams men's ice hockey games after writing reports about books they've read.

The Wooden Cup is presented by Athletes for a Better World to the two most outstanding role models in collegiate and professional athletics. It's named in honor of John Wooden, one of the most successful coaches in college basketball history.

"We get great kids who like to work hard and love to swim for all the right reasons. Most have a strong connection to the College and the team, and it shows in the results. A tradition of excellence certainly helps. People join expecting to swim fast and perform well as individuals and as a team."

—Men's and women's swimming coach Steve Kuster, in a profile in the December 2007 issue of *Swimming World* magazine.

"What I love about this team is they just keep playing; they don't panic. It's almost like we're getting used to coming from behind."

—Women's basketball coach Pat Manning, after the Ephs rallied from a 13-point first-half deficit on Jan. 26 to hand arch rival Amherst its first defeat of the season.

"Working ... on the Williams ski team has ... given me a chance to share the things I learned during my own career while allowing me to make a more direct connection with my classmates as I finish up my degree here. It's been really exciting to watch everyone try to push their limits in order to challenge the other powerful ski programs in the East."

—Olympic Alpine skier Howard A. "Chip" Knight, 33, who, having spent 14 years as a Williams student, is expected to graduate in June.



Mika Peterman

Kris Dufour

SPORTS WRAP

VENNELL RECEIVES NATIONAL HONORS

Jeff Vennell, men's soccer coach and assistant athletic director at Williams from 1971-78, has received the Honor Award from the National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA).

Vennell spent a year on the coaching staff at Columbia University and then, in 1971, he became head coach at Williams, where his teams won ECAC and NCAA regional championships. He was named New England Coach of the Year in 1978.

He is currently the athletics director for Cranbrook Schools in Bloomfield Hills,

Mich. He also is director of education for the area's youth soccer associations.

A member of the NSCAA's National Coaching Staff since 1987, Vennell received the Mike Berticelli Excellence in Coaching Education Award in 2007. He has written articles on all aspects of the game and is a member of the association's DVD Council, which oversees production of NSCAA's educational videos. He was NSCAA's president in 1993.

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Each summer, a dozen student interns join forces with Williams Instructional Technology (WIT) staff to help faculty develop high quality Web, video and multimedia projects to support what goes on in the classroom. Over the years WIT interns have designed:

The Art Mecho Museum in Second Life: A digital museum imagined by Japanese and comparative literature professor Christopher Bolton to explore the ways in which people experience art.

The Baja Atlas Project: Aerial movie tours of portions of the Baja peninsula and islands in the region, created for geosciences professor Markes Johnson and lecturer David Backus.

A Gallery of Planetary Nebula Spectra: A searchable Web site of spectra, atlas data, and image links for more than 120 galactic planetary nebulae, based on the research of Karen Kwitter, the Ebenezer Fitch Professor of Astronomy.

A Digital Archive of Costumes: A collection of costume designer Deborah Brothers' work from past theater department performances, including sketches and rotating, three-dimensional views of costumes.

Renaissance Music and Saint

Donation: The annotated score of a 15th-century composition by Jacob Obrecht allows listeners to read the English translation and various notations, prepared for music professor Jennifer Bloxam.

To see all of the projects undertaken by WIT interns, visit oit.williams.edu/wit/archive/



IN MEMORIAM

The College marked the passings of Charles D. Compton, the Ebenezer Fitch Professor of Chemistry, emeritus, in January; and Fred Copeland '35, Dean of Admission, emeritus, in February.

Compton came to Williams in 1946 and spent 31 years as a member of the chemistry faculty, serving as an adviser to generations of students, many of whom went on to become doctors. Working in the field of chemical spectroscopy, he also wrote two introductory chemistry books and was known for his ability to make vague chemistry concepts accessible to students with academic interests outside of the sciences.

Compton graduated from Princeton and served as a research assistant to Sir Hugh Taylor on the World War II Manhattan Project, which developed the atomic bomb.

Copeland joined the Williams biology department and became the College's sole admissions officer in 1946. He took on admissions full-time in 1960 and became the first dean of admissions in 1973. A fundamental player in the College's transition to coeducation, Copeland was widely known as one of the foremost admissions officers in the country and was pivotal in securing Williams' place as one of the most selective American institutions of higher education.

In 1967 Copeland was awarded the Rogerson Cup, the College's highest honor for alumni service. At the time of his retirement in 1978, he had personally admitted 70 percent of the College's living alumni and undergraduates.

An undergraduate scholarship and an award honoring the alumni volunteer that most effectively represents Williams to secondary schools and potential students both bear Copeland's name. He is survived by a sister, three children, five grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. His wife, Caroline Day, the first dean of women at Williams, died in 2003.



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