

SCENE AND HERD

CLASS OF '08 CELEBRATES

Williams' 219th Commencement featured business executive Robert Lipp '60 and acclaimed artist and sculptor Richard Serra as the baccalaureate and principal speakers, respectively, culminating a weekend of festivities May 30 through June 1.

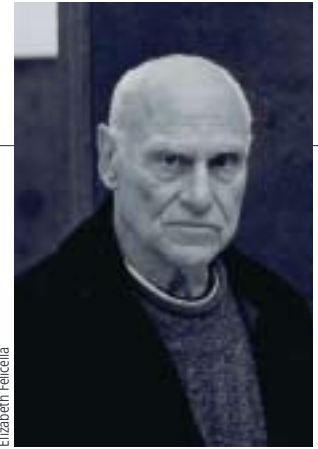
Lipp, who retires in June from the College's Board of Trustees, is director of JPMorgan Chase & Co., The Travelers Insurance Companies and Accenture Ltd. He is director and former president of the New York City Ballet and previously a trustee at Carnegie Hall. He established the Bari Lipp Endowment in Dance at Williams in memory of his first wife.

Serra is best known for his monumental, site-specific sculptures made from pieces of steel and weighing hundreds of tons. He has exhibited extensively in major museums and exhibitions throughout the world.

Lipp and Serra received honorary degrees along with former U.S. Secretary of Labor George P. Shultz; Exeter College, Oxford, Rector Frances Cairncross; and medical pioneer Nawal M. Nour, founder of



Robert Lipp



Richard Serra

the first and only U.S. hospital center devoted to the medical needs of African women who have undergone genital cutting.

DE VEAUX STATISTICIAN OF THE YEAR

Statistics professor Richard D. De Veaux was named 2008's Mostellar Statistician of the Year by the Boston Chapter of the American Statistical Association. His research focuses on data mining, its methodology and its application to problems in science and industry. In addition to serving as co-author of several statistics textbooks, he holds a number of patents and has consulted with American Express, Merck Laboratories and the National Security Agency, among others.

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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

“This is really not about creating perpetrators and victims or accusing anyone. This is about making each individual feel that he or she can truly claim the school as his or her own.” —*Shayla Williams '09, co-director of Claiming Williams, a day of discussion about issues of community that received faculty approval in May and will be introduced next spring. Record, 5.7.08*

“I'm pretty convinced that plants can do just about anything. They mimic female wasps to lure them in and pollinate them, they mimic dead meat, they can explode open in less than half a millisecond and throw their pollen into the air.” —*Biology professor Joan Edwards, on earning a place in the Guinness World Records for discovering the exploding bunchberry dogwood. Record, 4.16.08*

“I want this to be a place where students focus on being a creator. ... To many, creativity is ... something that happens in music, art and poetry.” —*Math professor Ed Burger, who this fall is teaching “Exploring Creativity,” a new course in which math, music, art and philosophy majors will write their own treatises, draw, compose music and design unique mathematical proofs. Record, 4.16.08*

“Competition is now increasing faster than it has since the 1920s. Companies are either going to change their managers or their minds—whichever comes first.” —*Author and energy expert Amory Lovins, on his strategy for eliminating U.S. oil dependence by 2050, presented during the inaugural Four Colleges Issues Forum in April. Record, 4.30.08*

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GATES CAMBRIDGE SCHOLARS NAMED

Shannon Chiu '08 and Shawn Powers '04 were among 45 students nationally to receive Gates Cambridge Trust scholarships for study at the University of Cambridge. The scholarships will cover tuition, living expenses and travel fees.

A biology major, Chiu plans to complete a master's in experimental psychology. At Williams, she worked on an independent project that explored combating neurodegenerative disease by using the Nintendo game "Brain Age."

Powers will pursue a master's in development studies. After graduating from Williams with an economics major, he spent a year as an Emerson National Hunger Fellow and a year as a Fulbright Scholar in the Philippines. He then founded an advocacy program at Alaska's statewide food bank.

RUGBY CELEBRATES 50TH

The Williams Rugby Football Club drew upwards of 250 alumni to its 50th anniversary celebration, which was held April 12-13 in conjunction with the traditional John Donovan Memorial Tournament.

Attendees included Peter Pearson, the nonagenarian founding coach of the men's club, and other coaches and players from throughout WRFC's five-decade history. The celebration was the brainchild of current club president Jose Pacas '08 and student founder Dave Coughlin '61, who played on the inaugural side in 1959 and now lives in Williamstown.

The club was demoted to Div. III after a disappointing 2007 season but showed



Chris Rose

Kris Dufour

SPORTS WRAP

"Their approach in the wrestling room is all about intensity and focus, and that crosses over into the classroom."
—**Wrestling** coach Raphael Vega on National Scholar All-Americans Carl Breitenstein '10, Ethan Cohen '09, Dylan Rittenburg '10 and Nate Shippee '10, who helped the Ephs finish first in team GPA (3.528) among NCAA Div. III wrestling programs.

"Mika is ... a coach's dream. She's somebody we can always go to at crunch time, who wants to do what's best for the team at all times."
—**Women's basketball** coach Pat Manning on scoring leader and future captain Mika Peterman '09, who was named to the All-NESCAC First Team after finishing fourth in the conference in points per game (15.3).

"While we did not end up having the type of season we had hoped for, these four seniors gave everything they had and represented the team and the College with great integrity."
—**Men's basketball** coach Dave Paulsen '87, after the Class of '08's Matt Weisbrot, Chris Rose, Chris Shalvoy and Brendan Hanifin helped deliver an 87-57 Senior Night win over Wesleyan in February to lock up the Ephs' 17th and final victory of the season.

marked improvement last fall—including a win over Amherst—regaining its Div. II status just in time for the reunion.

"It's been a year of rebuilding for the team, and the 50th is the culmination of all our efforts," says Pacas. "The 50th for the current players is more than anything a return to the traditions and roots of the team, a relearning of our history."

NATIONAL RECORD FOR NICHOLSON

Amanda Nicholson '09 set a national collegiate swimming record in the 400 IM at the Div. III Swimming and Diving Championships at Miami University of Ohio's Nixon Aquatic Center in March.

After trailing in the first lap, she

found herself a quarter length off the lead with 25 yards to go. She mustered the strength to close the gap and top the fastest field the 400 IM had ever seen at the Div. III level.

The top four swimmers in the event all bested the previous NCAA mark, with Nicholson's 4:20.31 setting the new standard.



Kris Dufour

Amanda Nicholson

LIBRARIES PAST AND FUTURE—ONLINE!

Despite the fact that he's a "freeloading, layabout son of Eph" (his words), Steve Satullo '69 became a regular user of Sawyer Library as a Lanesborough resident and book buyer for the Sterling and Francine Clark Art Institute. Now he's putting his interest in libraries and architecture to good use—with an online journal capturing the 215-year odyssey of libraries at Williams and the vision for their near future. His journal combines various online resources and independent research to explore everything from the libraries' beginnings to the newest incarnation of Stetson Library, slated to open in 2011.

Funding Williams' new library is a goal of The Williams Campaign. To learn more about the project, visit www.williams.edu/go/stetsonsawyer/. To read Steve's online journal, visit ephlib.wordpress.com.



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PLATTER PARTY

With nearly 40 DJs and 24 hours of on-air programming each week, WCFM bills itself as "arguably the best student organization on campus." Even while most students were holed up in the library studying during the spring semester reading period, the DJs were still spinning the tunes. Here's a sample from May 14, the start of finals week:

- Bruce Springsteen: Backstreets**
- Billy Bragg: I Keep Faith**
- Beats: Whatever Happened to Soy Bomb**
- RJD2: 2 More Dead**
- Weezer: Pork and Beans**
- Death Cab for Cutie: I Will Possess Your Heart**
- Weezer: No One Else (live acoustic)**
- The Wood Brothers: Lovin' Arms**
- Shannon Lyon: Carry Me Down**
- Widespread Panic: Up All Night**



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KENNEDY CHEF COOKS

Neil Connolly, the former personal chef of the Kennedy family, spent a week on campus in April, talking with college chefs and first cooks about the managerial and culinary sides of food services. He also prepared a dinner for students at Greylock Dining Hall.

Connolly spent a dozen years as personal chef of the Kennedy family at their Hyannis Port compound. His experience inspired *In the Kennedy Kitchen*, published in 2007. The award-winning chef is now co-owner and executive chef at Doc's Restaurant in Orlando, Fla.

ALUM CHILDREN

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