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History Channel Tapes Program at VMI

"History vs. Hollywood" examines film *Gods and Generals*

The History Channel was at VMI the weekend on 25-26 January to tape an episode of the series "History vs. Hollywood" on the upcoming film Gods and Generals, portions of which were also filmed at VMI in August of 2001.

Shows in the series examine Hollywood films and discuss historical accuracy and "artistic license" used by the filmmakers. To that end, a giant video screen was erected on the parade ground, which was used by the host to introduce film clips from the movie.

Col. Keith Gibson '77, executive director of VMI museum programs, was interviewed extensively for the program. Col. Gibson served as a technical advisor on Gods and Generals.

A segment was also filmed featuring the VMI Glee Club in Jackson Memorial Hall, as the History Channel helicopter flew over Barracks and landed on the Parade Ground.

A group of cadets also spelled out the History Channel "H" logo on the Parade Ground, a formation that was captured from the air.

The historic Pendleton-Coles House, which currently houses the VMI Office of Admissions, was briefly turned into a Civil War-era hospital, complete with authentic surgical implements.

A group of Civil War re-enactors was also taped performing an artillery demonstration on the Parade Ground, with Barracks as the backdrop.

By all accounts the program should be an exciting showcase for both the film and VMI. It is scheduled to air on 17 February — be sure to check local listings for times and schedule changes.

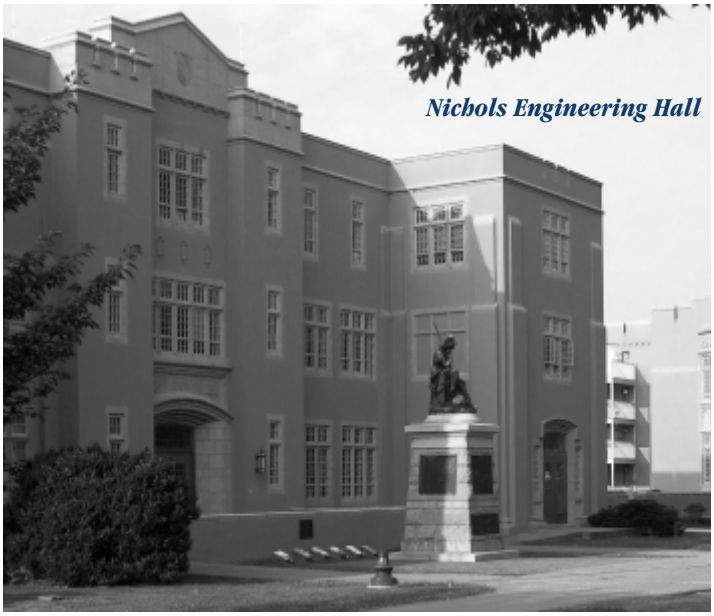
VMI Launches New Web Site

February 5 marked the "pre-launch" of the new Virginia Military Institute web site. The culmination of several months of work by a post-wide web committee, the new site is based on the latest web content management technology and was accomplished through the generous support of the VMI Foundation. For the next several weeks, both the old and new web sites will be available through the VMI home page (http://www.vmi.edu) as the new site is brought on-line. Be sure to visit the home page frequently to watch the progress of this significant transformation of the Institute's on-line presence.

Ambitious Renovation Projects Continue to Advance Despite State Funding Woes

Despite the bleak budgetary picture in Richmond, VMI has been able to move forward aggressively on a number of major building renovation projects, thanks to the combined efforts of the VMI administration, the VMI Alumni Agencies, and state legislators and officials.

Key to the Institute's efforts was the passage in November 2002 of the $900 million bond initiative for capital projects on college campuses by the voters of Virginia. A major priority of Governor Mark Warner, VMI was lauded for its leadership in promoting the bond initiative. Led by Samuel B. Witt III '58, president of the Board of Visitors, and T. Carter Melton '67, chairman of the board's governmental relations committee, "Friends of VMI" raised in excess of $100,000 to support the statewide "Smart Vote" campaign. Co-chaired by Lt. Cols. Chuck Steenburgh '86 and Donna Weaver, assistant directors of communications and marketing, VMI's Bond Education Committee worked with similar organizations across the Commonwealth and representatives of local government and civic groups to educate voters on the crucial referendum.


Nichols Engineering Hall

The bond referendum includes over $22 million earmarked for the renovation of two of VMI's key academic facilities, Nichols Engineering Hall and Mallory Hall. While the exact construction timetable for bond projects has not yet been worked out, work is expected to commence on Nichols Hall no later than the spring of 2004. The Institute has already signed a design work contract for Nichols Hall with Clark-Nexsen, Architects and Engineers, utilizing planning funds made available last year by the General Assembly.

In addition to the Nichols Hall project, Clark-Nexsen is also performing design work for a $2.5 million renovation of Jackson Memorial Hall and a $2.2 million addition to Cocke Hall. Private funds will be used to fund these projects, which include an expansion of the VMI Museum and additional athletics facilities in the Cocke Hall annex.

While these major projects move forward, budgetary concerns have put on hold two additional capital projects. An estimated $10.4 million renovation of Crozet Hall and a phased expansion of Lejeune Hall are awaiting a clearer picture financing before plans are set in motion. Preliminary study work has been performed for both projects.

Mallory Hall

Two major projects involving athletic facilities are also in the works. With the support of the Keydet Club, the athletic department is moving ahead with plans for the renovation and expansion of the Patchin Field locker room facility. The existing facility is being rehabilitated to accommodate baseball, men's soccer, visiting teams, athletic training, an officials' room and a laundry facility. An addition will be built to accommodate women's soccer and men's lacrosse. Work will also be performed over the spring and summer to correct structural deficiencies at Alumni Memorial Stadium that affected the use of the main grandstand during the last two home football games of 2002. This work is expected to be substantially complete in time for the 2003 season.

A key individual in the coordination of these manifold projects is Col. Jim Groves, professor of civil engineering and the Institute's planning officer. "While it will certainly be challenging to coordinate so many projects simultaneously, the dramatic improvement they will provide VMI's academic, cadet life, and athletic programs is well worth the effort," said Dr. Groves. "The cooperation of all of those involved – from VMI faculty, staff, and cadets, to the contractors and state officials in Richmond – has been extraordinary, and promises to make the process a smooth one."

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VMI Museums Celebrate National Honors

VMI's Museum Operations have again been awarded the highest honor a museum can achieve: accreditation by the American Association of Museums (AAM). The VMI Museum Operations consist of the VMI Museum on the Lexington campus and the New Market Battlefield State Historical Park & Hall of Valor Civil War Museum in New Market.

Accreditation certifies that a museum operates according to standards set forth by the museum profession, manages its collections responsibly and provides quality service to the public. Of the 10,000 museums nationwide, only some 250 history museums, or 2 percent, are accredited. The VMI Museum was among the first 100 museums in the nation to be professionally accredited over 30 years ago, when the accreditation program began.

The American Association of Museums is the national professional organization that enhances the ability of museums to serve the public interest and ensures that museums have the capacity to contribute to public education, and to preserve and protect our cultural heritage. Accreditation is one of several programs offered by AAM to help museums achieve and maintain standards of quality and excellence in the museum profession. AAM, with its headquarters in Washington, D.C., has served the museum profession since 1906.

"VMI is proud to once again receive this prestigious honor for our museums," stated Lt. Gen. Josiah Bunting III, outgoing VMI superintendent. "This process was rigorous and demanding, as we examined every aspect of museum operations here at VMI. It was a two-and-a-half year process requiring a detailed self-study and an on-site visit by a team of AAM representatives. We heartily encourage all to visit both museums and the battlefield to explore the fine programs and exhibits."

The VMI Museum is located on the lower level of Jackson Memorial Hall, on the VMI Post. It is open 7 days a week, from 9-5, and admission is free of charge. Featured at the Cadet Museum are the mounted hide of Stonewall Jackson's famous war horse, Little Sorrel, and the raincoat Jackson was wearing when mortally wounded; the Henry M. Stewart Antique Firearms Collection; 7 Medals of Honor won by VMI alumni; and the Robert Raeburn Civil War Art Collection.

The New Market Battlefield State Historical Park and Hall of Valor Civil War Museum are located on the George Collins Parkway (Rt. 305) in New Market, Virginia - 75 miles north of Lexington, off I-81 at exit 264. The Park is open daily 9-5. An admission fee includes the museum, the 280-acre battlefield, and the historic Bushong Farm.

TAPS

Chaplain (Commander) Robert K. Wilson, U.S. Navy, Ret.

It is the sad duty of the Acting Superintendent to announce the death of Chaplain (Commander) Robert K. Wilson, U.S. Navy, Retired, on his 89th birthday, Thursday, 9 January 2003, at Kendal of Lexington.

Commander Wilson was a veteran of 21 years of naval service, and was a member of the VMI faculty & staff from 1964 until his retirement in 1979. In 1964, he became the first John M. Camp, '05 Chaplain to the Corps of Cadets, a position endowed by the family of the late John M. Camp, a 1905 VMI graduate from Franklin, Virginia. During his years as chaplain, Commander Wilson also served as a lecturer in philosophy and religion.

A native of Booneville, Kentucky, Commander Wilson was a 1939 graduate of Berea College. Following two years as an elementary school principal in Kentucky, he entered Union Theological Seminary in New York, graduating in 1943 with a bachelor of divinity degree. He also held master's degrees from Union Theological Seminary and from the University of Virginia.

Upon graduation from the seminary in 1943, Commander Wilson entered the U.S. Navy as a chaplain, serving until his Navy retirement in 1964. He was awarded the Presidential Unit Citation in Korea in 1954, and was a member of the Military Chaplains Association and the Association of Mental Hospital Chaplains. He was also a Mason.

A memorial service was held at VMI on January 25. The family encourages any who are inclined to make a donation in memory of Chaplain Wilson, to direct such donations either to: The Nature Conservancy, 4245 N. Fairfax Drive, Suite 100, Arlington, VA 2203 or The VMI Foundation for support of the VMI Chaplain's Office.

Spore Earns Certification

Lt. Col. Robert B. Spore '70, director of human resources, recently earned certification as a Senior Professional in Human Resources (SPHR).

The certification, awarded by the Human Resource Certification Institute (HRCI), signifies that Spore possesses the theoretical knowledge and practical experience in human resource management necessary to pass a rigorous examination demonstrating a mastery of the body of knowledge in the field. HRCI awards two levels of certification: Professional in Human Resources (PHR) and Senior Professional in Human Resources (SPHR). To become certified, an applicant must pass a comprehensive examination and demonstrate a strong background of professional human resource experience.

HRCI is the credentialing body for human resource professionals and is affiliated with the Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM), the world's largest organization dedicated exclusively to the human resource profession. The Institute's purpose is to promote the establishment of professional standards and to recognize professionals who meet those standards.

Reveille: A Call to Excel Progress Report

As of January 31, 2003, VMI's latest comprehensive capital campaign, *Reveille: A Call to Excel*, had raised a grand total of $179.8 million in gifts and commitments.

Among the gifts and commitments brought in during late 2002 and early 2003, *Reveille: A Call to Excel* counts two major commitments, an estate distribution of more than $1.1 million, and a gift from the parents of an alumnus to establish a scholarship fund.

Richmond-area businessman John Roberts and his wife, Jane, committed $2 million to establish The John M. and Jane W. Roberts American Free Enterprise Program within VMI's Department of Economics and Business. While not an alumnus, Mr. Roberts's relationship with VMI began in the late 1940s when VMI civil engineering instructor Robert A. "Buzz" Marr encouraged Mr. Roberts to establish his own company, Solite Corporation. Mr. Roberts also has served on the VMI Board of Visitors (1984-1992) and the VMI Foundation's Board of Trustees (1993-2000). This commitment is not the Roberts' first gift to the Institute; in 1997, they established the John W. and Jane M. Roberts Free Enterprise Fund which funded a lecture series that brought a prominent American business leaders to VMI to speak to the Corps and the public. Speakers have included recently appointed Secretary of the Treasury John W. Snow, who came to VMI in 2001 when he was Chairman of CSX Corporation.

When fully funded, the Roberts Program will include five components: The John W. and Jane M. Roberts Professorship in Free Enterprise Business and Professorship in Free Enterprise Economics; *The Free Market Review*, a scholarly journal specializing in the field of free enterprise; a lecture series; an annual conference; and cadet internships and research assistantships in free enterprise. Mr. and Mrs. Roberts already have provided sufficient funds for the establishment of the Professorship in Free Enterprise Business beginning in the 2003-2004 academic year and, on January 31, the Dean of the Faculty, Brig. Gen. Charles F. Brower IV reported that Dr. Stewart W. Husted, the current holder of the Wachmeister Chair in Science and Engineering, will be the first holder of the professorship. (*See related story on page 5.*)

In January 2003, Col. Walter Patrick Lang, Jr., U.S. Army (Ret.) '62 and his wife, Marguerite, signed a memorandum of understanding in which they made a $1 million commitment, in the form of a bequest, to establish the Lang Fund for Museum Operations. When Lang was a cadet, the nation was commemorating the centennial of the Civil War and many prominent Civil War historians—to include Douglas Southall Freeman and Bruce Catton—visited VMI and spoke to cadets about the war, its soldiers, and their leaders. These lectures inspired to study the war more closely and, although he is a descendant of an officer in the Union's Army of the Potomac, he grew to admire the Army of Northern Virginia for its resiliency, courage, and fighting qualities under increasingly arduous conditions and to cherish the historic link between VMI and the Army of Northern Virginia. The purposes of the Lang Fund, therefore, will be to help the VMI Museum "preserve, protect, and interpret the material culture of the Army of Northern Virginia" through related artifacts held in the museum's collections and fund the Lang Army of Northern Virginia Lecture Series,

VMI Annual Giving

The three fnnds associated with VMI Annual Giving provide immediate support to many vital aspects of VMI's exceptional education and, therefore, the leaders of Reveille: A Call to Excel have tasked them with raising $25 million in cash and short-term (1-5 year) commitments by June 30, 2005.

Name	*FY 02 Result*	*FY 03 Goal*	*FY 03 Progress**
Foundation Fund *Unrestricted support of academic and co-curricular programs*	$1.67 million	$1.9 million	$ 881,327
Keydet Club Scholarship Fund *Grants-in-aid to cadet athletes*	$1.37 million	$1.45 million	$ 655,622
Athletic Operations Fund *Financial support of day-to-day operations of intercollegiate athletics*	$ 631,000	$ 650,000	$ 224,619

* As of January 1, 2003.

in which a recognized scholar will present a paper of original scholarship on a topic related to the Army of Northern Virginia.

In December, the VMI Development Board received a distribution of $1.15 million from the estate of Adella P. Moore, widow of Joseph P. Moore '22. Placed in the Mr. and Mrs. Joseph P. Moore '22 Endowment Fund, this gift brings to $1.87 million the amount donated by Mrs. Moore through her estate.

In November, Mr. and Mrs. J. Earl Diggs of Bumpass, Virginia—the parents of John W. Diggs '80—made an immediate gift of $100,000 to establish the J. Earl and Doris P. Diggs Scholarship. The only restriction on the scholarship, which will begin to provide aid to cadets in the 2003-2004 academic year, is that first preference will be given to cadets from Louisa County and its adjoining counties.

Dr. Stewart W. Husted Named as Professor and First Holder of the John W. and Jane M. Roberts Chair in Free Enterprise Business

Brig. Gen. Charles F. Brower IV, deputy superintendent for academics and dean of the faculty, recently announced the appointment of **Col. Stewart W. Husted** as professor and first holder of the John W. and Jane M. Roberts Chair in Free Enterprise Business in VMI's Department of Economics and Business.

Dr. Husted began his career in higher education as an assistant professor at Indiana State University in 1976. He rose through the ranks and became a tenured full-professor of business and Director of the National Sales Training Executives Institute located at the university. In 1989, Husted returned to his native Virginia, where he accepted a position as the Donaldson Brown Distinguished Professor of Business at Lynchburg College. He served as acting director of Strategic and Market Planning in 1992-93 and became the Dean of the School of Business and Economics in 1994. During his tenure as dean, Husted led Lynchburg College through the candidacy phase of AACSB accreditation.

Husted holds degrees from Virginia Tech (B.S.), the University of Georgia (M.Ed.), and Michigan State University (Ph.D.). He has been an active scholar throughout his career. He has authored or co-authored ten business and education texts, including the highly regarded *Cooperative Occupational Education* (6th edition, 2002), and edited two others. Husted is currently working on a business leadership book based on the life experiences of George C. Marshall. In addition, he has written over 45 journal articles, book chapters, and cases, and presented papers at numerous conferences and workshops.

This year, Husted has been a visiting professor been in the economics and business department as the Wachtmeister Chair in Science and Engineering.

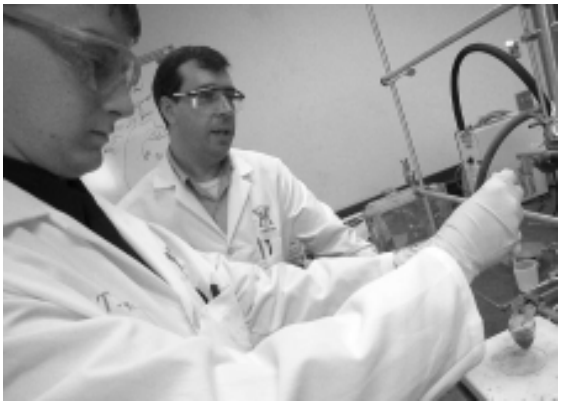
ACADEMIC

International Studies Cadet and Faculty Present at Regional Conference

Cadet Kennon Kincaid '03 , Col. Patrick Mayerchak, and Maj. Mary Stegmaier participated in the International Studies Association - South meeting in Richmond, VA Oct 18-20, 2002. Cadet Kincaid presented his research paper entitled "Public Opinion Towards EU Accession: Analysis of influencing factors within the Czech Republic." The paper examined the trend of decreasing support for entry into the European Union (EU) in the Czech Republic and explained the decrease in support by the change in perceptions of how EU entry would impact various economic sectors. His research project was funded through the VMI Summer Undergraduate Research Institute.

Maj. Stegmaier presented an analysis of the June 2002 Czech Chamber of Deputies election at the conference, which she wrote with co-author Klara Vlachova. The paper examined the salient factors influencing the election, which resulted in a center-left governing coalition holding a slim majority of one seat, led by Prime Minister Vladimir Spidla. The paper also suggested some hypotheses for why voter turnout dropped to the lowest rate since the fall of communism and for why the Communist Party did so well in the election, garnering 18.5 percent of the vote.

Article Co-Written by Smith Published in Journal



Maj. Stanton Q. Smith, assistant professor of chemistry at VMI (center), and Richard J. Sundberg, professor of chemistry at the University of Virginia, recently published a major review article, "The *Iboga* Alkaloids and Their Role as Precursors of Anti-Neoplastic Bisindole *Catharanthus* Alkaloids," as a chapter in this year's volume of Elsevier Science's journal *The Alkaloids*. The article reviews the natural occurrence, structure, biosynthesis, laboratory synthesis, and reactivity of this family of compounds, which are used for the chemotherapeutic treatment of certain cancers. The research for this article is related to Dr. Smith's very active undergraduate research program. Currently, cadets Brandon Waltrip '03, Ryan Clemens '04, and Matt Dussia '05 are conducting research under Smith's supervision.

Article by Tucker Appears in *Vietnam* Magazine

Col. Spencer C. Tucker '59, John Biggs '30 Professor of Military History at VMI, has the lead article in the February 2003 issue of *Vietnam* magazine, which has just been published. The issue is devoted to the 1968 Tet Offensive. Spencer's article, entitled "The First Tet Offensive," treats the Emperor Quang Trung's January 1789 surprise attack on a Chinese Army that had invaded Vietnam. Col. Tucker serves on the magazine's editorial board.

Two VMI Faculty Slated to Appear on "With Good Reason"

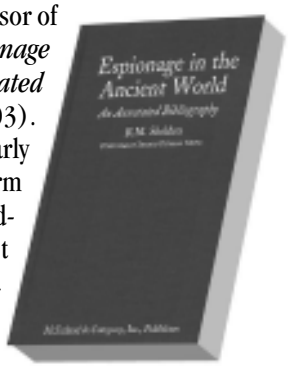
"Evil" is focus of statewide public radio program

Col. Rose Mary Sheldon, professor of history, and Maj. Roger Thompson, associate professor of English, are scheduled to appear in an episode of the statewide public radio program "With Good Reason" in early March. (Exact broadcast dates were not available at press time.) Dr. Sheldon introduced the course "Satan, the Devil, and the History of Evil," looks at ancient and medieval worlds, and how the Devil threatened men with real power from an unseen world. The course traces the history of how these civilizations conceptualized evils and how, after the Enlightenment, these concepts disappeared and led to the modern ideas of Darwin, Marx, Nietzsche, Freud, and the secular humanists.

Dr. Thompson introduced "evil" for a writing-intensive course, taking the idea from his master's thesis on "the problem of evil." Thompson's course provides a survey of how literature addresses evil across culture lines.

"With Good Reason" is presented by the Virginia Higher Education Broadcast Consortium and the Virginia Foundation for the Humanities, and is the only statewide public radio program in Virginia. Broadcast schedules, upcoming show topics, and archived show recordings can be found at http://www.virginia.edu/vfh/wgr/index.html.

Book by Sheldon is Important Scholarly Achievement



Col. Rose Mary Sheldon, professor of history, recently published *Espionage in the Ancient World: An Annotated Bibliography* (McFarland, 2003). The book is "an important scholarly achievement that is certain to affirm her reputation as one of the leading historians of ancient intelligence and espionage," said Brig. Gen. Casey Brower, dean of the faculty.

Dr. Sheldon was also quoted in the January 27 issue of *U.S. News & World Report*, where her research was featured prominently in a special feature on intelligence gathering and analysis.

STARS

Schreiber First Recipient of Beverly M. Read 1941 Institute Professorship in Arts and Sciences

Col. Henry D. Schreiber, professor of chemistry, was named the first recipient of the Beverly M. Read 1941 Institute Professorship in Arts and Sciences.

Endowed by an anonymous donor, the Read Professorship acknowledges an outstanding professor in the liberal arts (to include English, history, economics and business, modern languages, psychology, international studies and political science, or other major fields of study commonly identified as part of a liberal arts curriculum) and the sciences (to include biology, chemistry, physics, mathematics, computer science, or other major fields of study commonly identified as part of a science curriculum). Institute professors are selected for excellence in four domains: teaching, scholarly engagement, professional citizenship, and cadet development.

Col. Read, for whom this new professorship is named, served for many years as editor of the VMI *Alumni Review*. He was also a member of the Superintendent's Sesquicentennial Committee, a founder of the VMI Sports Hall of Fame, and a passionate supporter of the VMI track program. He was a co-honoree in the establishment of the Navas-Read Institute Professorship in English Literature.

Faculty Development Leaves of Absence, 2003-2004

The Deputy Superintendent for Academics and Dean of the Faculty has announced the following Faculty Development Leaves of Absence for the 2003-2004 academic year for work on scholarly and pedagogical projects:.

***Colonel Bruce Vandervort, The Wachtmeister Faculty Development Leave**, to complete a book manuscript,* The French Foreign Legion: A Complete Reference Handbook.

Colonel Francis Bush, **The VMI Awards Faculty Development Leave**, to gather data, perform statistical analysis, and develop papers for peer review presentations and publications on the auditing industry and professional standards set by the Financial Accounting Standards Board, all with direct application to his teaching of accounting at VMI.

Colonel Gordon Ball, **The Ayres Faculty Development Leave**, to complete a book manuscript, *East Hill Farm: A Personal History of Allen Ginsberg's Beat Generation Commune*.

Lieutenant Colonel James Gire, **Jackson-Hope Faculty Development Leave**, to conduct experiments, write a scholarly paper, and write a proposal for building a clinical behavioral pharmacology laboratory at VMI.

Colonel John Leland, **Jackson-Hope Faculty Development** Leave, to complete a book manuscript on natural history, *Aliens in America*, and develop a related upper-level course in non-fiction writing about environmental issues.

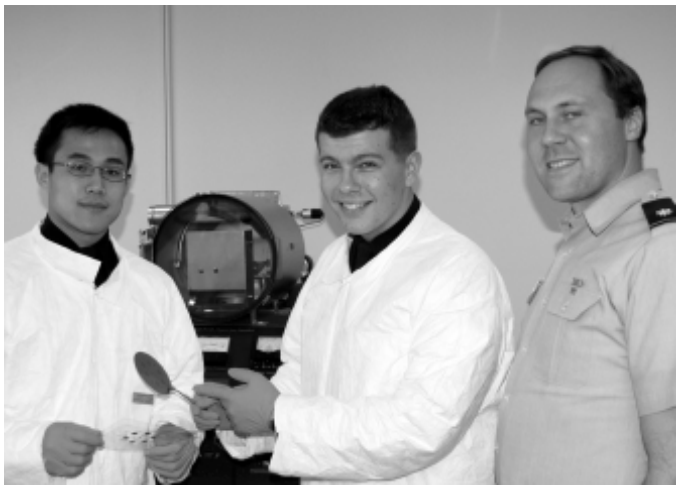
Colonel Patrick M. Mayerchak, **Jackson-Hope Faculty Development** Leave, to gather data and produce a long scholarly paper on contemporary civil-military relations.

Colonel Richard Rowe, **Dean's Faculty Development Leave,** to gather, collate, and publish data related to an ongoing project on "The Breeding Status and Migration Patterns of the Avifauna of Greater Rockbridge County," with direct application to his teaching of ornithology at VMI.

EE Cadet Teams Win Second-Place Paper Award

Two teams of VMI cadets from the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering shared the second-place paper award in the Virginia Mountain Section of the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers (IEEE) Student Papers Contest, held 2 January in Roanoke.

One team, **Cadets Tsung-ta Ho '03** (left) and **Michael Shealy '04** (center), presented a paper entitled "Semiconductor Device Fabrication Study." Their research was supervised **by Lt. Col. Shawn Addington**, associate professor of electrical engineering (right). The other team, **Cadets Brian Holt '03** and **Jenny Dinneen '03**, presented a paper entitled "Parking Guidance System." Their research was supervised by **Maj. Jim Squire**, assistant professor of electrical engineering, and **Maj. Troy Siemers**, assistant professor of mathematics and computer science. Each team received a cash award of $150.00.



Breakout 2003

Pre-Breakout activities included a "bus pull" on the Parade Ground

Col. Eric Hutchings '77, Commandant was the first into the muddy trench

The "Rat Mass" became the Class of 2006 on January 25, 2003 with the culmination of the Rat Line and "Breakout." Symbolizing both the Rat Line they had just completed and the cadetship they have before them, "Breakout Hill" at VMI's McKethan Park was the venue for the day's penultimate event.

The "Rats" began their day with a test of "Rat Bible" knowledge, the trivia and minutiae of VMI life that they have been required to learn the past six months. This was followed by approximately two hours of circuit training at various points around the VMI Post. A quick lunch, and then off went the Rats to march the two-and-a-half miles to McKethan Park.

Sweat parties from the Third and Second Classes awaited them, as a warm-up for their assault on Breakout Hill. Then, one company at a time, the Rats made their way first through a trench a foot-deep in muddy water, followed by a clamber up a near-vertical mud wall. The "Rats" then ran, walked, and crawled their way to the top of the hill, where another muddy wall climb was the only thing between them and attainment of 4th Class status (not to mention a hose down and clean clothes).

All along the way, upperclassmen first hinder, then help, the "Rats" through the various obstacles, symbolizing the relationship the upper classes have with the new 4th Class, initially as enforcers of the Rat Line, and later as fellow VMI men and women.

Once to the top of the hill, the new 4th Classmen returned to Barracks for a steak dinner with their dykes, the Class of 2003, and finally the "Old Yells" in the courtyard when the Class of 2006 was formally recognized by the Old Corps for the first time.

Teamwork

I made it!

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Institute Report Readership Survey

In the coming months, the Institute will embark upon a major marketing & communications study. This effort will include an examination of all of the ways in which we communicate news about VMI, including the Institute Report.

To help us prepare for this study, we have devised this short survey to provide us with some baseline data about the Institute Report and its readers. If you would, please take a few moments to answer the questions below. You can return your responses by mail, by fax to 540-464-7443, or complete the survey on-line at http://www.vmi.edu/news/ir/survey.html.

I. Tell us a little about yourself:

1. Are you (check all that apply):

❑ an alumnus/alumna
❑ parent of an alumnus/alumna
❑ friend of the Institute
❑ recent donor to the Keydet Club
❑ parent of a prospective cadet
❑ current cadet
❑ parent of a current cadet
❑ recent donor to the VMI Foundation
❑ prospective cadet

2. **How many people in your household are likely to read the Institute Report?**

❑ 1
❑ 4 or more
❑ 2-3
❑ no one reads it

3. **How often do you visit the Institute?**

❑ once each year
❑ frequently (6+ times annually)
❑ several times a year
❑ seldom or never

4. **When was your last visit to the Institute (year)?** _____

II. Content.

5. **Please evaluate the importance of the following types of articles in the Institute Report:**

	Very important	Somewhat important	Not important	No opinion
Academics	❑	❑	❑	❑
Athletics (NCAA)	❑	❑	❑	❑
Military training	❑	❑	❑	❑
Cadet profiles	❑	❑	❑	❑
Faculty/staff profiles	❑	❑	❑	❑
Institute history	❑	❑	❑	❑
Administrative news	❑	❑	❑	❑
Foundation/Campaign news	❑	❑	❑	❑
Alumni news & events	❑	❑	❑	❑
Photography	❑	❑	❑	❑
Events calendar	❑	❑	❑	❑

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6. Based on the last several issues of the Institute Report that you have read, how would you evaluate the sufficiency of articles and coverage of each of the following areas?

	Not enough	Too much	Just right	No opinion
Academics	❑	❑	❑	❑
Athletics (NCAA)	❑	❑	❑	❑
Military training	❑	❑	❑	❑
Cadet profiles	❑	❑	❑	❑
Faculty/staff profiles	❑	❑	❑	❑
Institute history	❑	❑	❑	❑
Administrative news	❑	❑	❑	❑
Foundation/Campaign news	❑	❑	❑	❑
Alumni news & events	❑	❑	❑	❑
Photography	❑	❑	❑	❑
Events calendar	❑	❑	❑	❑

7. How important are the following factors as they relate to the Institute Report?

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INSTITUTE PROFESSOR PROGRAM

Call for Nominations

The Jamison-Payne Institute Professorship in Electrical Engineering
The John C. Allen 1962 Institute Professorship in Chemistry

Purpose. The Institute Professor Program at VMI was established in 1980 to recognize and reward exceptional accomplishments by members of the VMI faculty and to attract to faculty professors who have made outstanding professional contributions at other institutions. The overall purpose of the Institute Professor Program is to attract and retain faculty members who will enhance the quality of VMI's educational program by striving for excellence in every aspect of their contributions to teaching, scholarship, service and cadet development

Eligibility. Any full-time VMI faculty member, current or prospective, may be designated an Institute Professor. Normally, faculty members in administrative positions will not be eligible to occupy an Institute Professorship (for the purposes of this program, the position of department head is not considered an administrative position). In the case of a newly appointed faculty member's being awarded a professorship, it is expected that the candidate's stature outside the Institute will be comparable to that required for the award of a professorship to a VMI professor.

The Institute Professorship thus may be awarded to any of the following categories of faculty:

a. A distinguished current member of the faculty who receives the professorship as an enhancement to his or her current contract;

b. A distinguished external candidate who receives the professorship as an enhancement to the contract for appointment to the regular faculty;

c. A distinguished external candidate who is hired for a five-year term with the funds from the professorship (and other sources, as required).

In addition, a distinguished senior member of the faculty may be appointed to the professorship for a single term of five years as a transition to retirement. The faculty member's teaching load, service responsibilities, and salary may be reduced commensurably, according to the funds available for the professorship, and at the end of the appointment, the faculty member will retire from the regular faculty. This option allows the department to continue to benefit from the senior faculty member's expertise and experience, while also permitting it to hire a new colleague immediately against the new Institute Professor's original position. Nominations or applications in this category should be considered carefully, and only in consultation with the department head and Deputy Superintendent for Academics and Dean of the Faculty.

Criteria. The successful candidate for an Institute Professorship must be judged to be exceptionally accomplished in the first of the four criteria listed below, teaching proficiency. In addition, the successful candidate must be judged to be exceptionally accomplished in at least one of the three other criteria and must not be deficient in any of them. Newly appointed or selected faculty members must be judged on their potential for accomplishment.

a. Teaching proficiency;

b. Scholarly engagement, including publications, research, consulting, or superior achievement in creative activities, resulting in distinguished scholarly stature within a field or fields of expertise;

c. Professional citizenship, including effective membership and leadership on academic or administrative committees, in professional and learned societies, or on nationally recognized boards; community service that is clearly related to the faculty member's area of professional expertise; and an exemplary attitude, appearance, and conduct in keeping with the mission of VMI;

d. Cadet development, including attentive academic advising, work with cadet organizations, or other activities that demonstrate mentorship of cadets.

The Award. Depending upon the circumstances of the award, the holder of an Institute Professorship may receive either a monetary award as a salary supplement or a monetary award up to the full amount that the endowment provides annually, to be used as full or partial compensation for the position. In either case, he or she will receive a certificate issued jointly by the VMI Foundation and the Virginia Military Institute designating the individual as the holder of an Institute Professorship

Terms. Institute Professorships initially will be awarded for a five-year renewable term. Should the recipient for any reason cease to be employed as a member of the VMI faculty before the end of a five-year term, tenure in the Professorship will be terminated.

Nomination Procedure:

1. Nominations to Institute Professorships may be made by any member of the VMI faculty and staff (active and retired), the Corps of Cadets, and the alumni body.

2. Nominations should address the six specified criteria with reference to the overall purpose of the Institute Professor Program.

3. Nominations should be addressed to the Deputy Superintendent for Academics and Dean of the Faculty, Smith Hall, Virginia Military Institute, Lexington, Virginia, 24450, and be received or postmarked on or before **8 March 2003.** Letters of nomination received or postmarked after that date will not be considered.

Institute Report

Wrestling Wins All-Academy Championship

The VMI wrestling team (4-2) took first place at the Ninth Annual All-Academy Championships, held at the U.S. Coast Guard Academy on Saturday. The finish was VMI's highest in the history of the event. It was also the highest finish ever by a non-service academy. VMI's previously high-finish was last year's second place showing. The Keydets finished with 91 points, 12 in front of second place Army.

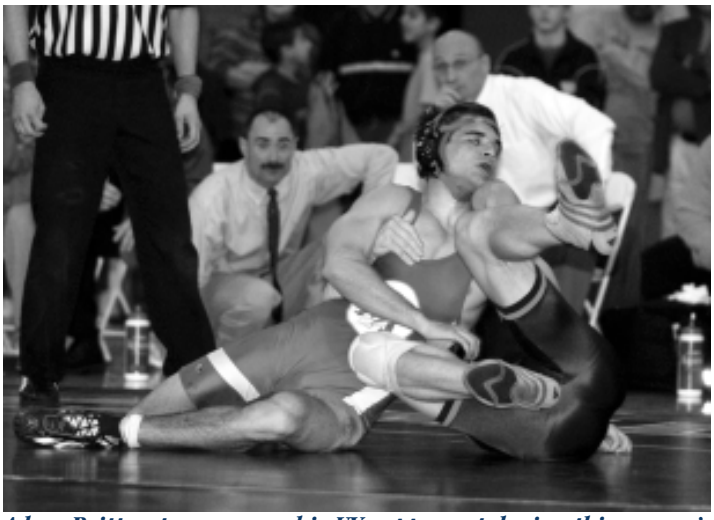
All 10 Keydets finished in the top of four of their respective weight classes. Two placed first, three placed second, two came in third, and three placed fourth.

Senior Adam Britt (Mechanicsville, Va.) won the 157 lb. bracket for the second year in a row. In doing so, Britt moved into sole possession of second placed on VMI's all-time win list with 112. He now stands five behind the leader Charlie Branch (1991-95), who had 117. Britt won his bracket by pinning Norwich's James Carmicheal in 2:46 of the first round, scoring an 11-0 major decision over Travis Piccard of The Citadel in the semifinals and defeating Michael Carbonaro of Navy, 13-0 to claim the championship.

Senior Matt Erwin (South Vienna, Ohio) placed first in the 174 lb. bracket, also recording his second straight victory. Erwin pinned Kings Point's Matt Jones in 2:33 of his first round match. He then won a 12-10 overtime decision from Luke Lazzo of Navy in the semifinals, before soundly defeating Keith Clifton of The Citadel, 8-0 in the title match.

Sophomore 149-pounder Jason Kontopedes (Beaverdam, Va.) placed second in his bracket. He pinned Josh Peterson of the Air Force Academy in 3:47 of his first round match and then recorded a major decision (11-3) over Navy's Pat Lukanich in the second round. Kontopedes was then narrowly defeated in the championship, 9-8 by Army's Anthony Dunkin.

Fellow sophomore Mike Parsons (Lakeville, Ohio) placed second in the 165 lb. bracket, his second straight silver medal at the event. Parsons defeated The Citadel's James Rose, 3-2 in the opening round and Blaine Brown of Air Force, 11-1 in the semifinals. He then fell to Frank Edwards of the Naval Academy in the championship, 9-2.



Adam Britt outmaneuvers his UVa opponent during this season's "Rumble on the River," a dual match against the Cavaliers held at Richmond's Collegiate School. VMI head coach John Trudgeon (left background) and assistant coach Aaron Bruce look on. Britt is on track to set the record for career wrestling victories this year.

Sophomore Jason Cox (Amherst, Va.) placed second in the 184 lb. bracket, also for the second straight year. Cox won his first round match, 6-2 over John Dickerson of The Citadel. He defeated Navy's Travis Manion, 3-2 in the semifinal, before being pinned by Air Force's Lucas Lever in 6:38 of the championship match.

Freshmen Chris Seta (Reading, Ohio) and Scott Buhman (Portage, Ind.) took third in the 141 and 285 lb. brackets, respectively.

Junior Juan Sanchez (Alexandria, Va.), freshman Micah Amrozowicz (Virginia Beach, Va.) and junior David Walker (Chesapeake, Va.) placed fourth in the 125, 133, and 197 lb. weight classes.

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