

# SCENE AND HERD

## COLLEGE HELPS BRING LEWITT TO LIFE WITH MASS MOCA, YALE GALLERY



Arthur Evans

In 2001, Williams students helped install Sol LeWitt's Wall Drawing #959: Uneven Bands from the Upper Right Corner in the Williams College Museum of Art atrium.

This summer, Williams students will take up their brushes and head to MASS MoCA to help install 90 monumental wall drawings by the late Sol LeWitt.

The exhibition, due to open in November, is a collaboration among the College, MASS MoCA and Yale University Art Gallery. Williams has announced a gift of \$1.8 million in support of the project and the North

Adams-based museum's Regional Berkshire Permanence Campaign.

The project will "put Williams students shoulder to shoulder" with those from Yale, Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts, Bennington College, local high schools and professional artists, says President Morty Schapiro. "As the only place in the world

where scholars will be able to see, study and actually help make LeWitt's work, MASS MoCA will be the destination for an international audience."

LeWitt, who died last April, helped establish Conceptualism and Minimalism as dominant movements of the postwar era. This latest installation, like one undertaken in the Williams College Museum of Art atrium with the help of students in 2001, is consistent with the artist's belief that concept—not execution—is the most important aspect of a work of art.

## NEW ZILKHA CENTER TACKLES SUSTAINABILITY

With a national search under way for a director, the new Zilkha Center for Environmental Initiatives has already begun its work "to incorporate principles of sustainability into the fabric of campus life," according to President Morty Schapiro.

The center, established in the fall with a \$5 million gift from Selim Zilkha '46, will lead the development of a strategic plan for

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## They Said:

A collection of opinions and ideas expressed on Williams Web sites and in *The Williams Record*, which can be found at [www.williamsrecord.com](http://www.williamsrecord.com)

"[Unrestricted access] says that we acknowledge this community as being a unique one, of unique people, where we can trust fellow Ephs even if we don't know each other." —*Diego Ontaneda '11*, after a College Council referendum on whether to let residence halls restrict access to non-residents was defeated by 87 percent of the 1,553 students who voted. *Record*, 11.17.07

When I have most needed it, people have helped me exchange train tickets at 4 a.m., have carried my luggage for a mile uphill, have given me rides from the train station in strange cities where ... I didn't even have a place to stay yet. The moments of generosity have amazed me." —*Casey Drosehn '07*, who is traveling throughout Eastern Europe on a Thomas J. Watson Fellowship, interviewing women born during or before World War II about their lives. *Record*, 11.7.07

"The main thing to playing chess well is concentration and focus at critical moments of the game. You have to be able to block everything else out and solely focus on what is happening on the board." —*Two-time American Women's Chess Champion Jennifer Shahade*, who played 18 simultaneous games against Williams students, professors and community members while on campus to give a lecture. *Record*, 10.24.07

"This year we are trying to break the stigma that only ethnically Korean people should be a part of KoW. We hope to do this by working with other clubs on campus in order to show that, despite ethnicity, race or culture, all of the students have something to share with each other." —*Sarah Lee '10*, co-chair of Koreans of Williams, which wants to expand its membership and explore political and cultural insights in addition to social gatherings. *Record*, 9.19.07

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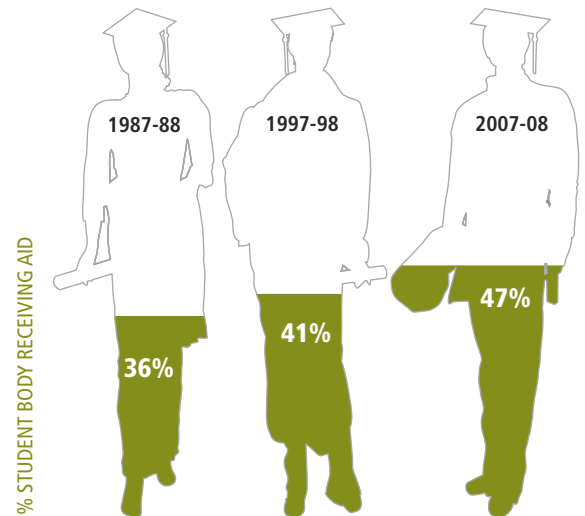
THE WILLIAMS CAMPAIGN

### NO MORE LOANS!

Starting next fall, the College will eliminate loans from all current and future financial aid packages, replacing them with grants. The \$1.8 million initiative is just the latest in a series of steps taken in recent years to ensure that all students, regardless of need, can afford a Williams education.

Forty-seven percent of current students—and 51 percent of the Class of 2011—are receiving financial aid. Williams' new no-loan policy helps middle- and upper-middle income as well as lower-income students. While close to 35 percent of aid recipients are from families with incomes below the U.S. median (\$54,000), 35 percent are from families in the top U.S. income quintile.

Funding Williams' growing commitment to financial aid is a goal of The Williams Campaign. To learn more about the campaign, visit [www.williams.edu/alumni/campaign](http://www.williams.edu/alumni/campaign).



sustainability, addressing energy management and greenhouse gas emissions, waste management, environment-friendly development and purchasing, and student involvement and education. Its work complements the academic programs of the College's Center for Environmental Studies.

Zilkha himself is an international leader in the environmental movement, having pioneered with his son the application of new technologies in the oil, wind and bio-mass industries. "Making Williams a more energy efficient and environmentally sensitive campus was a natural fit," he says.

### WILLIAMS, MT. GREYLOCK PARTNERS IN EDUCATION

A new College center established at the Mount Greylock Regional School in Williamstown is expected to boost opportunities for educational collaboration.

The two institutions have a long history of collaboration, with Williams students and faculty offering tutoring and

workshops to Mount Greylock students and teachers. High school students also make use of College athletic and science facilities and can participate in summer research. And Williams passes on to the school equipment it no longer uses.

It is hoped that the center, located in the high school, will help formalize existing relationships and maximize the academic value Williams provides the school.

### HOMECOMING DRAWS ESPN AND EPH WIN

For 20 years, ESPN's *College GameDay* has broadcast its live, pre-game roundup of the college gridiron scene from campuses such as Ohio State, Nebraska and Notre Dame. On Nov. 10, they made their first stop ever at a Div. III school, setting up on the sidelines of Weston Field for the "biggest little game in America."

The two-hour, Saturday morning broadcast added national buzz to Williams' perennial heated rivalry with

Amherst. And in the GameDay tradition of donning a mascot head to predict the winner of the host game, broadcaster Lee Corso correctly picked the purple cow.

After the Ephs shut out the Lord Jeffs 20-0, giving Williams its 45th Little Three title, Coach Michael Whalen said that he had wondered if GameDay excitement would take away from his players' focus.

"But the guys at ESPN were great and treated our kids real well," he said. "I hope the country got a look at what Div. III football is all about, because both teams played really hard today—the emotion on the field is second to none."



Kris Dufour

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Alexa Herlach



## WOMEN'S SOCCER SUCCESS

With an undefeated season and a NESCAC title already under its belt, the women's soccer team seemed poised for success heading into the sectional round of the NCAA Division III Women's Soccer Tournament.

The team had set records for most wins and most consecutive wins in a season. They had home-field advantage, with the tournament at Cole Field. Five team members also were selected First Team All-NESCAC, and the Ephs had allowed only four goals in 17 games.

But in the first playoff round the Hamilton Continentals took a 2-0 lead at the 56:33 mark. The Ephs made a strong attempt to come back, but the Hamilton defense proved to be too strong.

Still, the Ephs made history, said co-captain Kaolin McEvoy '08. "We have trained nine months for this season, and I am so proud of every single individual on this team."

## GENETIC RESEARCH BY JUNIOR WINS NAT'L PRIZE

Kimberly Elicker '09 received a prestigious undergraduate student poster presentation award from the American Association of Anatomists in the fall. Her research on the "Characterization of the Zebrafish Small Heat Shock Protein Family," conducted with Lara Hutson, assistant professor of biology, was published in the November edition of the journal *Gene*.

Matt Gustafson '08



The College's first Maritime Harvest Dinner was held in the Field House Oct. 5 to help celebrate the 30th anniversary of **WILLIAMS MYSTIC**, the maritime studies program of Williams and Mystic Seaport. More than 1,000 students from around the globe have participated in the semester-long program, which integrates marine science, maritime history, public policy and literature of the sea.

"We pushed Harvard to the limit, and we should be thrilled with our performance today. I think we are far from our potential and now, after such a close encounter with Harvard, we are even more determined to keep pushing forward."

—Men's squash coach Zafi Levy '01, after a November match against Harvard in which the Ephs won two of the first three matches but eventually lost after a tough battle. Williams has not defeated Harvard at squash since 1953.

"We want to make sure that we embrace the process of improving daily, of controlling the things we can control, and of not beating ourselves. If we do those things, we will have a chance to enjoy a special season."

—Men's basketball coach Dave Paulsen '87, at the start of the 2007-08 season. The team went 16-12 last year.

## SPORTS WRAP

"The thing that surprises me is how all the coaches are involved with the other coaches' seasons. It's nice to open an e-mail from one of the football coaches congratulating you on a win or looking in the stands and seeing the tennis coaches and track coaches. Its really refreshing and supportive!"

—Alison Bimba, in her first season as assistant women's track, soccer and ice hockey coach on what has surprised her at Williams.

"During my rehab I got all the support I could have dreamed of from teammates but also other students at Williams. ... It really helps to hear that a full recovery is possible when you are on crutches and are months away from being back to full health."

—Charles Christianson '08 of the **Alpine team**, on coming back to compete after a severe knee injury during the 2007 World University Games in Torino, Italy. He is a two-time All-American in the giant slalom and All-American in the slalom, and he posted two top-10 finishes in the 2005 World University Games in Innsbruck, Austria.

## the list HEAR, HEAR

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### The Work of Felix Gonzalez-Torres

Graduate art student and exhibition organizer Andrea Gyorody speaks with independent scholar Jonathan Katz and Williams College Museum of Art director Lisa Corrin about the sociopolitical and art historical questions raised by Gonzalez-Torres' work.

### "Like You'd Understand, Anyway"

A conversation with professor Jim Shepard, the J. Leland Miller Professor of American History, Literature and Eloquence, on his new collection of short stories.

### Post-Soviet Russia's Demographic Crisis

As part of the spring 2007 Faculty Lecture Series, economics professor Elizabeth Brainerd addresses the causes and consequences of the 1991 collapse of the Soviet Union.

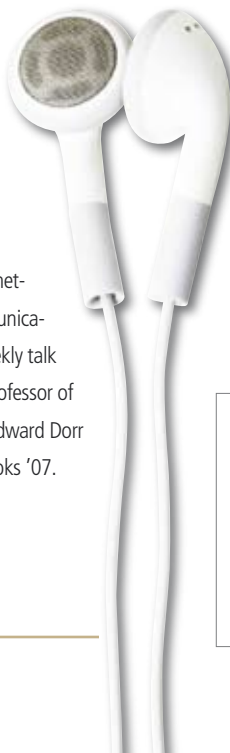
### Understanding Iraq

History professor Magnus Bernhardsson outlines the country's past, present and future and discusses common misunderstandings of the Iraqi experience for a spring 2007 Family Days event.

### Online Identity

Nathan Friend '07 discusses the role of social networking sites and other forms of online communication on a 2006 episode of "The Hour," his weekly talk show, with guests Mark C. Taylor, the Cluett Professor of Humanities; Laurie Heatherington, chair and Edward Dorr Griffin Professor of Psychology; and Mitch Brooks '07.

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## ACADEMIC CHAIR NAMED FOR RUDOLPH

American historian and author Robert Dalzell has been appointed by the College to the first ever Frederick Rudolph '42-Class of 1965 Professorship of American Culture.

The new chair, established with a fundraising effort led by E. David Coolidge III '65 and members of his class, honors one of the best known historians of the American undergraduate experience. Rudolph, the Mark Hopkins Professor of History, emeritus, taught at Williams for 31 years, pioneering the College's American Studies program.

Dalzell, meanwhile, has taught courses—including in American Studies—at Williams since 1970. Among his recent offerings are "The Rise of American Business" and "Va Va Vroom! A Nation on Wheels."



Charles Eshelman

Fred Rudolph



Bob Dalzell

## WILLIAMS IN SPACE

Astronaut and Pittsfield native Stephanie Wilson launched into space in October toting two Williams banners that she planned to present to the College upon her return.

Wilson became interested in astronomy during junior high school, after interviewing Williams professor Jay Pasachoff, who attended the Kennedy Space Center launch as her guest. She was a Bernhard Visiting Fellow in the astronomy department during the 1999-2000 academic year. According to NASA, Wilson has logged more than 28 days in space.



Courtesy of NASA

Stephanie Wilson

## ALUMNI: DON'T FORGET TO VOTE!

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