VIMS Launches Campaign

VIMS has launched its first major campaign to raise private funds to support a variety of endowment, capital, and programmatic needs. VIMS’ goal of $23 million, a part of a comprehensive Campaign for William and Mary, will be raised during the next four years. Representing VIMS on the College’s National Campaign Committee are A. Marshall Acuff, Jr., William Hargis, E. Morgan Massey, and Mr. and Mrs. Carroll W. Owens, Jr. Look for an announcement of leadership gifts to VIMS and chart VIMS’ progress toward its goal in future issues of the Crest and on the VIMS campaign website at www.vims.edu/campaign. For additional information about the campaign or to make a gift please call (804) 684-7099.

Hargis Honored

Former VIMS Director Dr. William Hargis Jr. has been selected as one of Virginia’s Outstanding Scientists and Industrialists of 2003. The awards were announced by Governor Mark Warner and Science Museum of Virginia Director Dr. Walter Witschey. Honorees will receive their awards at the Science Museum on April 1. “These recipients are at the cutting edge of their fields, from cancer cures to protecting the Chesapeake Bay,” says Governor Warner. “Their creativity, contributions, and dedication are aimed at making life—in Virginia and beyond—better for us all.”

Hargis served as the Director from 1959 to 1981 and was responsible for transforming the Institute from the Virginia Fisheries Laboratory to the Virginia Institute of Marine Science. He was the first Dean of the School of Marine Science.

“Bill has contributed and continues to contribute significantly to Virginia in the areas of marine science, marine education, and stewardship of natural resources,” says VIMS Dean and Director Don Wright. “He has made these contributions as a research scientist, educator, administrator, and national leader. This is an honor not only for Bill but for VIMS and the College of William and Mary.”

VIMS Mourns Loss of Community Leader

Clifford Armstrong Cutchins III, died Dec. 24, 2002. A native of Southampton County, Va., he graduated from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University. He served as a captain in the U.S. Army during World War II and returned to Franklin, Va., where he began a long and distinguished career in banking. He served as chairman and CEO of Sovran Financial Corporation, now part of Bank of America.

Cliff was a founding member of the VIMS Foundation, an emeritus member of the Council, and a member of the Maury Society. “Cliff was always the first volunteer to step forward and help any way he could. He was a remarkable man and he will be missed by our community,” said Dean and Director L. Donelson Wright. Dr. Wright announced that the annual award for volunteer of the year will be named in Cliff’s memory.