

**RETIREMENT OF ROBERT M. KOHL  
DEPARTMENT OF KINESIOLOGY**

Robert M. Kohl received his B.A. in 1972 from Hastings College with a major in Psychology, Physical Education, and Education. He earned his M.A. in 1978 from Western Kentucky University in Physical Education, and his Ph.D. in 1990 from Texas A&M University in Kinesiology. He began his career as an Assistant Professor at Wayne State University in 1991 and was promoted to Associate Professor in 1997. He joined the faculty of William & Mary in 1998 as an Associate Professor of Kinesiology, and served as Chair of the Department of Kinesiology from 2003-2008.

Professor Kohl has served William & Mary in countless ways. He has been on a number of university and Arts & Sciences committees, including the Committee on Degrees and the Dean's Advisory Council. He has been a highly effective, long-standing member of his department and served on numerous search committees, the Concentration Committee and the Personnel Committee. In the wider community, Professor Kohl has served professionally as a member of Cognitive Neuroscience Society, the Psychonomic Society, the Society for the Neural Control of Movement, and the North American Society for the Psychology of Sport and Physical Activity. Professor Kohl presided over several sections at national conferences and served as an ad hoc reviewer for numerous journals including *Research Quarterly for Exercise and Sport*, the *Journal of Motor Behavior*, and *Perceptual and Motor Skills*.

As a scholar, Professor Kohl's research interests and publications have focused on motor learning and behavior with particular focus on imagery. He has had a significant impact on his research field – his early papers continue to be cited at least once a year. Professor Kohl's work has had particular impact in challenging long-held theories in motor control.

The major focus of Professor Kohl's career, however, has been on his students. His passion for teaching and mentoring has remained undiminished over time, and his deep commitment to William & Mary's teaching mission has been an inspiration. Through his dedication to excellence, Professor Kohl has developed generations of informed, thoughtful citizens in his Motor Control and Motor Learning courses.

Another hallmark of Professor Kohl is his exceptionally effective out-of-class mentoring. He was well-known to be the advocate for the lost student who would struggle under the academic pressures at William & Mary. There are an untold number of graduates who owe their degree to Professor Kohl's careful guidance and one-on-one mentoring. His colleagues and students alike place great value on their interactions with Professor Kohl and have been deeply impacted by his keen intellect and wisdom, his understanding, and his compassion.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, That the Board of Visitors acknowledges the retirement of Robert M. Kohl; expresses its deep appreciation for his 25 years of service; and approves a change in status from Associate Professor of Kinesiology to Professor of Kinesiology, Emeritus.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That this resolution be spread upon the minutes of the Board and a copy delivered to Professor Kohl with best wishes from a grateful Board for his years of dedicated service to William & Mary.