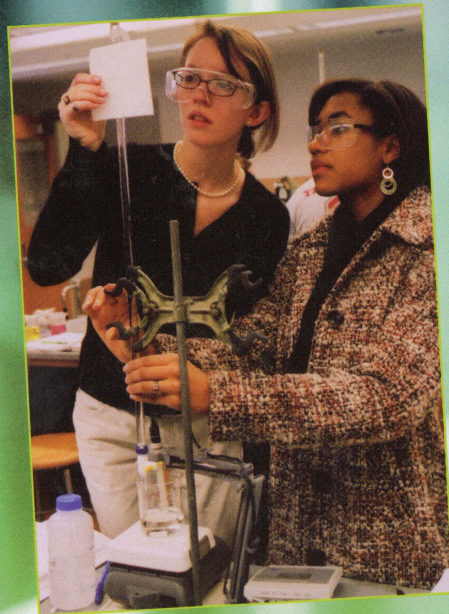
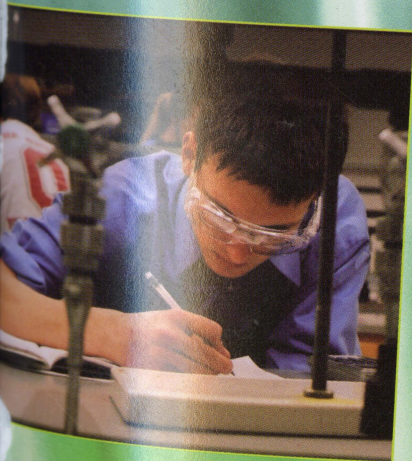
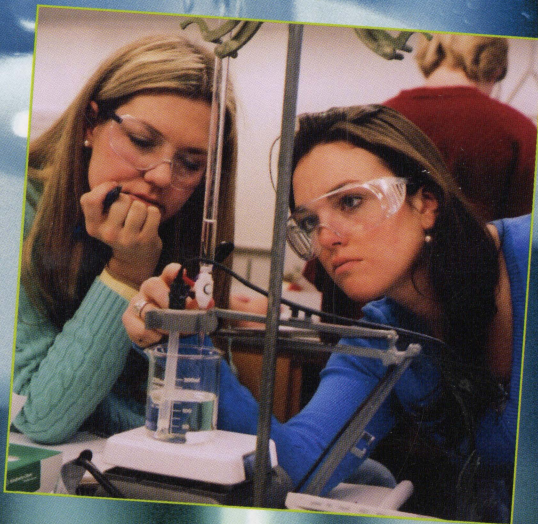
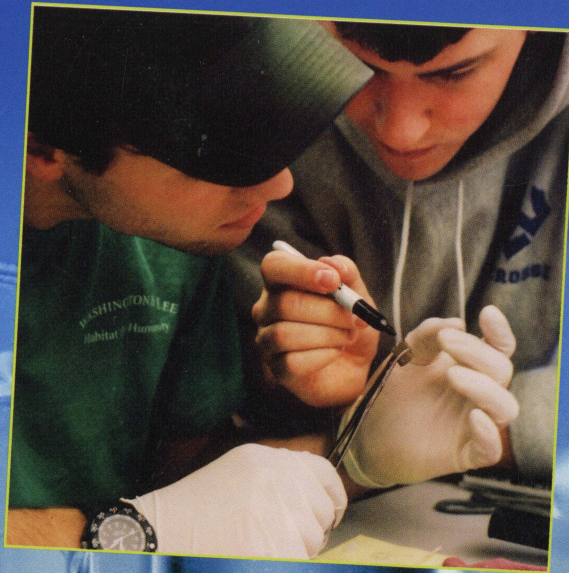


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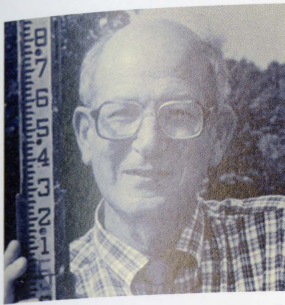


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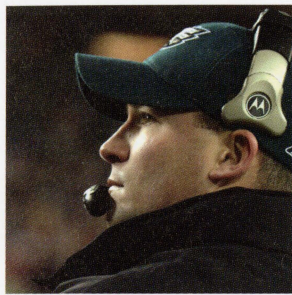
Saturday, Feb. 5, was just another day at the Elrod Commons—except for a visit by Tom Wolfe '51. At a book signing for his newest novel, *I Am Charlotte Simmons*, students, faculty, staff and Lexingtonians waited patiently in a queue that started on the ground floor (top), stretched up into the lobby (top right) and wound into the living room (lower right), where the guest of honor chatted with admirers and signed books with his usual flourish (lower left). Before the signing, he talked shop with student journalists (right).

**Wolfe returns to campus on June 2
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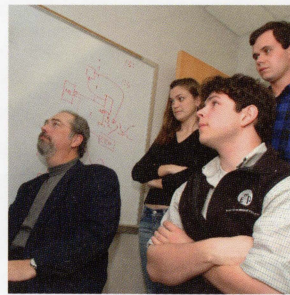




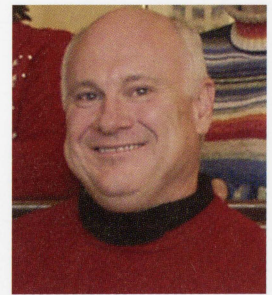
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In a November editorial, political commentator George Will noted that several recent surveys proved what most already knew: liberal thinking dominates college campuses. The data in question was collected from the party affiliation and political giving of professors at

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the top colleges across the county. The lopsided nature in one survey was staggering, with liberals outnumbering conservatives in some schools by more than 20 to 1.

Perhaps this explains why W&L's ranking in surveys such as *U.S. News and World Report* is skewed downward by the subjective scores we receive from our peer institutions. Professors from other schools may view W&L as a bastion of conservatism due to the traditional nature of our students and judge the quality of our education accordingly.



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While many of our students may be traditional by nature, they are by no means closed-minded. This was ever so apparent to any observer of last year's Mock Convention. Our students, regardless of personal party affiliation, put themselves in the shoes of the Democratic delegates and truly embraced the Democratic Party's liberal platform. Our tradition of civility was once again on display with the enthusiastic reception our students gave the keynote speaker, James Carville. They

sensed his passion and responded with a roaring standing ovation.

Imagine, if you will, a Republican Party mock convention at certain northeastern schools four years ago with Rush Limbaugh as keynote speaker. In all likelihood, he would have been verbally accosted and run out of the convention hall on a rail.

And what of our professors? I recall no leaning one way or another in my years as an undergraduate. Outside of the C-school, most teachers did not show their cards, for there was no reason to discuss politics in calculus class. Inside the C-school, discussions of politics were inevitable for an econ major, because so much of economics is driven by what is going on in Washington.

But even then, I recall professors lining up on both sides of the great divide. My children say the same is mostly true today, and that if there is a leftward leaning, it provides for spirited debate.

George Will closed his column with the following observations: "American campuses have more insistently proclaimed their commitment to diversity as they have become more intellectually monochrome. They do indeed cultivate diversity—in race, skin color, ethnicity and sexual preference. In everything but thought."

W&L is most fortunate to have its curriculum intellectually produced in Technicolor. ♦

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President and Prof

It was very nice to learn that the board has named the old McCormick Library building Huntley Hall (Fall 2004).

After Robert E.R. Huntley '50, '57L became president of the University, he continued to teach seminars at the Law School, at least throughout the time I was there. I, like others of my classmates, found his restitution seminar to be a particularly rewarding class. President Huntley was an example to us that one could both think as a lawyer and be a gentleman. Additionally, his class taught us that creativity and an inquiring mind would be valuable tools as practicing attorneys.

Robert P. Beakley '72L
Somers Point, N.J.

Party Line

Regarding the Princeton Review's ranking of W&L as the No. 2 party school in the nation (Fall 2004 issue), I note that the No. 1 party school was the State University of New York at Albany. Since I received my

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undergraduate degree from SUNY-Albany and my law degree from W&L, I may be uniquely qualified to comment on this one-two finish. In my opinion, comparing No. 1 to No. 2 would be like comparing the major leagues to the minor leagues, so I would suggest to those apparently concerned with W&L's "reputation" that they have nothing to worry about.

Jonathan S. Berman, Esq. '81L
New York, N.Y.

P.S. I sure know how to pick 'em, though, don't I?

In Search of Calyxes

I am interested in buying *Calyxes* from 1934, 1935, 1936 and 1937 for my father, John M. Jones III '37. If anyone has a copy he or she could spare, please contact me at gjones@xtn.net or (423) 359-3122. Thank you.

Gregg Jones
Greeneville, Tenn.

Setting the Record Straight

I was very impressed by the coverage of the behind-the-scenes preparation for graduation ("A Peek Behind the Commencement Curtain," Summer 2004). My continuing thanks go to all those who make our ceremonies among the best around.

I note one correction for the record. In the caption on p. 22, you credit me with discovering an error in seating. The error was discovered and fixed by faculty marshals Sascha Goluboff and Michael Smitka, assisted by professor Claudette Artwick and associate registrar Barbara Rowe.

Scott Dittman
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Editor's Note

This special issue about science at W&L was well underway when Lawrence Summers, president of Harvard University, made headlines with his speculations about the inherent abilities of men and women when it comes to science. Combined with ongoing debates about stem-cell research and creationism vs. evolution, he couldn't have provided a better illustration of just how important and newsworthy the sciences are today.

Any controversies aside, it's clear that the world outside W&L is keenly interested in science. It's even more clear when one reads this issue, which presents only a sampling of the subject on campus, that W&L's students and faculty evince a pretty sharp interest themselves.

We have dedicated professors who are as skilled at teaching as they are at research. We have students learning about discovery and

teamwork and acquiring skills that will serve them well in the future. We have alumni working in all kinds of fields to provide superb role models and promote W&L's programs. For goodness' sake, we even have three administrators who come from one science or another: President Tom Burish (psychology), Provost Tom Williams (physics) and interim Dean of the College Jeanine Stewart (psychology and neuroscience).

As Stewart, who holds a Ph.D. in psychobiology, says in "Masters of Science" on p. 34, "Students educated in the liberal arts and sciences at Washington and Lee have virtually limitless potential in their career trajectories." Whichever trajectory they choose, science graduates of W&L have everything from supercomputers to super teachers fueling their ascent.

—Julie A. Campbell

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YOU'LL HAVE TO GET BY THIS TRIO OF RACC MAINSTAYS IF YOU WANT TO BUILD SOMETHING ON THE BELOVED HOUSE MOUNTAIN, WHICH WATCHES OVER THEM IN THE BACKGROUND. LEFT TO RIGHT: LARRY MANN '70; JIM PHEMISTER, W&L PROFESSOR OF LAW; AND CHRIS WISE, W&L HORTICULTURIST.



Nearly everyone who's ever set foot on W&L's grounds would agree that few universities can match the sheer beauty of its setting. The historic campus offers mellow brickwork, weathered stone, snowy white columns. And Rockbridge County is Virginia at its best—rolling meadows, mighty rivers, the iconic House Mountain. If the thought of paved-over meadows, polluted rivers and House Mountain studded with houses gives you pause, you're not alone. The Rockbridge Area Conservation Council (RACC), founded in 1976 by W&L citizens and other area residents, is keeping an eye on things.

Edgar Spencer '53, retired professor of geology, is a prime example of the W&L-RACC connection. His interest in land-use issues grew out of his early studies in places that would eventually be preserved as wilderness areas. He received his introduction to wilderness in 1953, working in Montana as a field assistant to Marcellus Stow, then-chair of W&L's geology department. Spencer continued to work in the high mountains of Montana for several years after joining the W&L faculty in 1957. He later conducted geologic studies in a portion of the Blue Ridge that became the James River Face Wilderness Area.

In the mid-1970s, after finishing graduate work at Columbia University, in New York City, he grew keenly aware of the sharp contrast between the intense development around New York and Rockbridge County's pristine character. Finding more than a few kindred spirits, in 1976 he and other concerned residents formed the Rockbridge Area Conservation Council. Drawing support in those early days from VMI, the Marshall Foundation, the city and the county, RACC relied on the W&L community as well. It still does, with Spencer just one of many staff, faculty and alumni lending their energy and knowledge to the cause.

"A lot of early RACC members were people from else-

Great Accomplishments Are Possible: W&L and the Rockbridge Area Conservation Council

BY LISA TRACY

where," Spencer says. "Many of us had lived closer to major cities and could see the potential for the effects of unbridled development." In 1975, as completion of I-81 drew near, "a number of us were concerned about the impact it would have in a community that did not have a comprehensive plan or zoning." The group decided to bring national experts to Rockbridge County for a public forum on land-use planning that year. A grant to W&L from the Virginia Foundation for the Humanities (VFH) funded the event. Its success led to the formation of RACC.

From day one, W&L staff and faculty and their families were a major force in RACC. Todd Lowry, now-retired professor of economics, and his wife, Faye, were two of the initial founders. Todd Lowry obtained another grant from the VFH, to examine regional forestry. When Faye Lowry served as president, RACC undertook a major study of the corridors leading into Lexington via Routes 11 and 60. Charles Boggs, professor of philosophy, worked on water quality and on identification of portions of the national forest that should be preserved as wilderness. So did Odell McGuire, another retired professor of

PHOTOS BY PATRICK HINELY '73

geology, who also helped to develop the Chessie Trail. Nancy Epley, wife of the late E. Stewart Epley '49, University treasurer and chief financial officer, headed a beautification program. "This effort was responsible for the plantings you now see at the I-81/I-64 interchange and in the medians along Route 11 North," says Spencer.

"RACC's success has grown out of the cooperation of the town, the county and the colleges. It's a true community effort."

—ED SPENCER

W&L also can claim two important people by marriage. RACC's executive director, hydrogeologist Barbara Walsh, is the wife of University architect

Tom Contos. Architect Lee Merrill, RACC co-president and a leading advocate of land-use planning, is the husband of Yolanda Merrill, W&L's reference librarian.

For his part, Spencer has been a constant in RACC, writing grants, serving as president, coaxing the organization through slow times and anchoring it in times of controversy. "I think it's safe to say we wouldn't be where we are now without Ed Spencer," says Larry Mann '70, attorney for the city of Lexington and RACC co-president with Merrill. The University has been a constant as well. Washington and Lee has helped fund major RACC and community conservation initiatives, from that first public forum in 1975 right through last year's annual Woods Creek Restoration Day.

RACC's reach can be enduring. W&L horticulturist Christopher Wise, the son of Jack Wise, professor of chemistry, was a young Lexington resident when he first got involved. After 10 years away, he returned and served as a co-president with Spencer. Wise is now a member of the Rockbridge County Planning Commission. "We've learned a lot over the years about preservation," he says. "There's a lot you can do if you have the political will."

Mann's involvement is equally long-

standing. By the mid-1970s, he was a permanent Lexington resident and became deeply involved in saving House Mountain from development. "W&L and VMI were very supportive," he says. "There was an article in the University alumni magazine. We got donations from all over the country—in fact, from all over the world." Recalling VMI cadets' traditional hikes to the crest and W&L students' less formal forays, Mann says "it was so much of their mental landscape. You can't think of being here without seeing House Mountain." A consortium of RACC, W&L, VMI and the Virginia Outdoors Foundation raised enough money to buy the landmark, thus keeping it free of construction.

"This is the only community we know of in Virginia that has an organization quite like this, with so many areas of effectiveness," Spencer says. In nearly 30 years' time, RACC has seen the development of land-use planning programs, the creation of the Chessie Trail and its Woods Creek extension, roadside beautification and the controversy over a coal-fired cogeneration plant. It has given seed

money to help establish the Valley Conservation Council and the Boxerwood Education Association, part of Lexington's Boxerwood Gardens. RACC also has helped develop Jordan's Point Park (under the Route 11 bridge over the Maury River), supported the preservation of Moore's Creek Reservoir southwest of town and promoted open space in the Brushy Hill area. The organization now is advocating conservation easements.

RACC also is raising an endowment to ensure that its work carries on. It jump-started the effort last fall with a fund-raiser at the farm of Larry Mann and his wife, Sally Mann (the former University photographer). It raised \$24,000, in large part from an auction of the work of local artists. A healthy endowment—it now stands at \$83,000—is critical. "Looking back, we see that great accomplishments are possible," says Spencer. "RACC is a grassroots organization in which almost everything has been done by volunteer work. But the complexity of the issues now is so great that we need to be able to fund support for much bigger projects and solutions, and for the staffing and expert help to do that."

"When the endowment campaign began in 1999," Spencer continues, "we thought of calling it 'Rockbridge at the Crossroads,' because this really is a county-wide community effort, and we do live at a crossroads, the intersection of major highways. But also because we are at a crossroads, looking at what the future of this county is going to be." Those highways, in fact, inspired RACC's current major effort: working with a group called Rail Solutions to find alternatives to a proposed widening of I-81 into a toll road of eight or 12 lanes.

Jim Phemister, current RACC vice president and W&L professor of law, thinks the organization's biggest challenge in coming years will be "to try to preserve the character of the county." He warns, "We've already been advised that we're the next big target for developers." Mann concurs. "People need to be thinking



AS THE BIDDING AND THE MUSIC AT LAST FALL'S RACC FUND-RAISER WOUND DOWN, ED SPENCER '53 COULD BE FOUND NEAR THE BONFIRE, MAKING SOME MORES AND DISCUSSING EASEMENTS.

about what they want Rockbridge County to look like in 10 to 15 years," he says. "What would we want to do better?"

Spencer, for one, thinks the group and the community are up to the challenge. "In large part," he says, "I think RACC's success has grown out of the cooperation of the town, the county and the colleges. It's a true community effort." As an example, he points to Royster Lyle, historian, author and former director of the Marshall Foundation.



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Chris Wise, W&L horticulturist

"He was one of our important founders and supporters, especially in saving House Mountain and securing the Chessie Trail."

The important thing to remember is that "RACC is not solely a W&L organization," says Spencer. "It has broad support, and work has been done by people from all walks of life in Rockbridge County." The kind of people, one might add, who cherish the sight of an unsullied House Mountain.



Phi Beta Kappa Inducts New Members

Washington and Lee inducted 45 students and four alumni to the Gamma of Virginia Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa on March 3. Robert Wilson '73, the editor of *The American Scholar*, Phi Beta Kappa's journal, spoke at the convocation and was one of the alumni inducted into the chapter.

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DREW BAUR '66

Baur, a history major at W&L, belonged to Sigma Nu fraternity. He edited the *Southern Collegian* and worked on the *Ring-tum Phi*. Among many activities, he served on the IFC, as president of the University Publications Board and as a dorm counselor.

Following graduation, he entered banking at the First National Bank of Atlanta, where he was elected an officer, and earned an M.B.A. from Georgia State University. In 1970 he returned to his hometown of St. Louis and joined Mercantile Trust Co., becoming vice president of the commercial loan division. At age 30, he moved to Commerce Bank of St. Louis, becoming the youngest bank president in the city as well as board chairman. He later joined County Bank of St. Louis as chair and CEO and County Tower Corp., its holding company, as president and COO. When he was 40, Baur headed a group that bought Southwest Bank.

In 1995 Baur became a part-owner of the St. Louis Cardinals, the major league baseball team. He currently serves as secretary and treasurer. He also sits on the boards of Baker Shoe Co., Marshall & Ilsley Corp., Wausau Paper Company and Orgill Inc.

Baur serves his community in many ways. He has chaired the Arts and Education Council of Greater St. Louis, the St. Louis Regional Commerce & Growth Association and St. Luke's

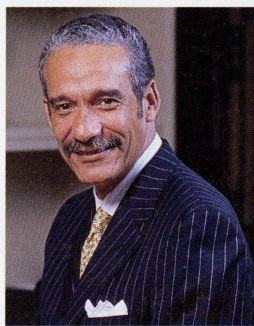
Hospital, among other organizations, and has been on the boards of St. Louis Country Day School and St. Louis University. He now sits on the boards of the National Kidney Foundation, the St. Louis Municipal Theatre Association and (as commissioner emeritus) Tower Grove Park.

Baur's civic honors include the 1996 Special Entrepreneurial Achievement Award and Sportsman of the Year. He was interviewed for the book *Staying Power: Thirty Secrets Invincible Executives Use for Getting to the Top . . . and Staying There* (2003).

For W&L, he has been a member of the Washington Society, the campaign leadership gifts committee, the reunion class committee and alumni board, and served as a chapter volunteer. He became an honorary member of ODK in 2000.

Baur, who lives in St. Louis, has two sons, Andrew '90 and Todd, and a daughter, McKay (Mrs. Jason) Mills. His late father, Andrew, was a member of the Class of 1937.

Robert J. Grey '76L, a partner with Hunton & Williams, Richmond, and current president of the American Bar Association (ABA), was elected to the Board of Trustees in February. He expects to take office in October 2006.



ROBERT GREY '76L

Grey, who holds a B.S. from Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU), began his career at the National Labor Relations Board. From 1978 to 1981, he taught business law at VCU and practiced law. In 1982, he joined the Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Board. He became chair in 1983 and served until

1986, when he joined the law firm of Mays, Valentine, Davenport & Moore (later Troutman Sanders). In 1995 he went to LeClair Ryan and in 1997 to McCammon Mediation Group Ltd. He joined Hunton & Williams in 2002.

He began his service to the ABA by sitting on the committee on rules and calendar. In 1998 he chaired the select committee of the house and from 1998 to 2002 served as chair of the house of delegates, the first African-American to hold that post. He became president of the ABA in 2004, the sixth W&L graduate and the second African-American in the job.

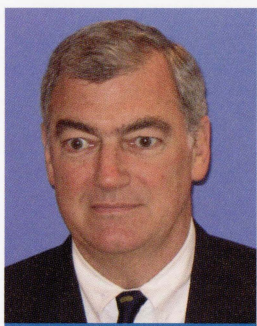
Grey's work for the Virginia State Bar encompasses the presidency of the Young Lawyers Section, chairmanship of the legal ethics committee and presidency of the commission on women and minorities in the legal system.

Grey's community service includes the chairmanship of the Greater Richmond Chamber of Commerce and membership on the boards and business councils of VCU, the College of William and Mary, the Greater Richmond Partnership for Economic Development and the Virginia Public Building Authority. He also was president of the Richmond Crusade for Voters.

He has received the Gertrude E. Rush Award and Wiley A. Branton Award from the National Bar Association, the Flame Bearer Award from the United Negro College Fund, the Distinguished Leadership Award from the National Association of Community Leadership and the Alumni Star Award from the VCU School of Business.

For W&L, Grey has served on the Law Council and the Commission on the 250th Observance. He spoke at the 2003 commencement of the Law School and conducted a symposium on the American jury system at W&L in October 2004. He is a member of the Honorary Order of the Coif. Grey lives in Richmond.

Bernard C. "Ben" Grigsby II '72, of Walton-on-Thames, Surrey, England,



BEN GRIGSBY '72

vice chairman of Swiss Re Capital Management & Advisory, was elected to the Board of Trustees in February. He will take office in May.

Grigsby, a Virginia native, majored in economics and psychology and was a member of Kappa Sigma fraternity. Following graduation, he worked as an economist for the Federal Home Loan Bank Board in Washington. In the mid-1970s, he traveled in Asia for a year before starting a career on Wall Street. He joined Kidder, Peabody in 1976 as a government bond trader, becoming a shareholder in 1982. He spent time at Salomon Brothers as a trader and vice president but soon returned to Kidder, Peabody as managing director and head of the firm's global government bond dealership. He became a main board director in 1986.

In 1987, Grigsby established Barclays de Zoete Wedd (BZW) Government Securities Inc., a U.S. subsidiary of Britain's Barclays Bank Group, serving as founding CEO. He then ran the firm's Tokyo office and served as a member of the Tokyo Stock Exchange, before becoming in 1993 deputy chief executive of the BZW Markets Division in London. In 1994, he became CEO of BZW Securities USA in New York. From 1995 to 2001, he returned to London and worked as joint CEO of Tokai Bank Europe plc.

In 2001, Grigsby joined the Swiss Re Group as the inaugural CEO of Swiss Re Financial Products (SRFP), a *de novo* subsidiary of the Swiss Re Group specializing in capital markets, structured finance and risk management. In 2003 SRFP merged with an affiliated company, Fox-Pitt, Kelton, to

become Swiss Re Capital Management & Advisory, with Grigsby serving as CEO of the combined businesses before becoming vice chairman in 2004. This May, he will retire from full-time executive duties but remain a part-time advisor and non-executive director and advisor of several SRGroup companies until the end of 2005.

Among other affiliations, he serves as non-executive director of Corney & Barrow Group Ltd., wine and spirit merchants based in London and founded in 1780, and as a director of JP Morgan Fleming Japan Smaller Companies plc, a London-listed investment company. Grigsby also has served as a member of the advisory council of the Institute of United States Studies at the University of London, and is secretary-treasurer of the U.K. Council of the Navy League of the U.S.

For W&L, Grigsby and his wife, Carol, have hosted faculty, students and alumni at their homes around the world. He is a member of the Doremus Society and his reunion class committee, serves as president of the U.K. alumni chapter and is an honorary member of ODK. The Grigsbys, who have a son, John Rockbridge, 15, live in Walton-on-Thames, Surrey, England, and have a retirement home near Lexington.

John W. "Jack" Vardaman '62, a partner with Williams & Connolly, Washington, was elected to the Board of Trustees in February. He will take office in May.



JACK VARDAMAN '62

"I'm very honored to be selected," said Vardaman. "I think Tom Burish is doing an excellent job. I look forward to working with him and the members of the board."

A history major, Vardaman was the president of Sigma Nu fraternity and, during his senior year, of the Finals Dances. He served as vice president of White Friars and belonged to the Cotillion Club, Mongolian Minks, the Varsity Club, the Student Activity Board and the Dance Board. He also captained the golf team.

After graduation he attended Harvard Law School, obtaining a degree in 1965. He served as a clerk to Hugo L. Black, associate justice of the U.S. Supreme Court, from 1965-1966 and then joined Wilmer, Cutler & Pickering as an associate in 1966. In 1970 he moved to Williams & Connolly, a top litigation firm. There he handles environmental, products liability and toxic tort litigation. Over his career, Vardaman has appeared before the U.S. Supreme Court as well as state and federal courts.

Vardaman is an active member of the American College of Trial Lawyers and has served on the D.C. Circuit Advisory Committee on Procedures, the District of Columbia Bar Task Force on Civility in the Profession and the ABA Long-Range Planning Group on Civil Justice System Improvements.

A skilled golfer, he competes in top tournaments all over the U.S. and in Britain. In 2001 *Golf Digest* magazine named him one of the country's top senior amateurs. From 1999-2002, he served as general counsel to the U.S. Golf Association.

He has served W&L as chairman of his reunion class committee, a class agent for the Annual Fund and a member of the D.C. Area Capital Campaign Committee. He and his wife, Marianne, have hosted W&L events at their home in Bath County, Va., Malvern Hall (once owned by W&L benefactor Letitia Pate Whitehead Evans). In 2002, Vardaman received W&L's Distinguished Alumnus Award.

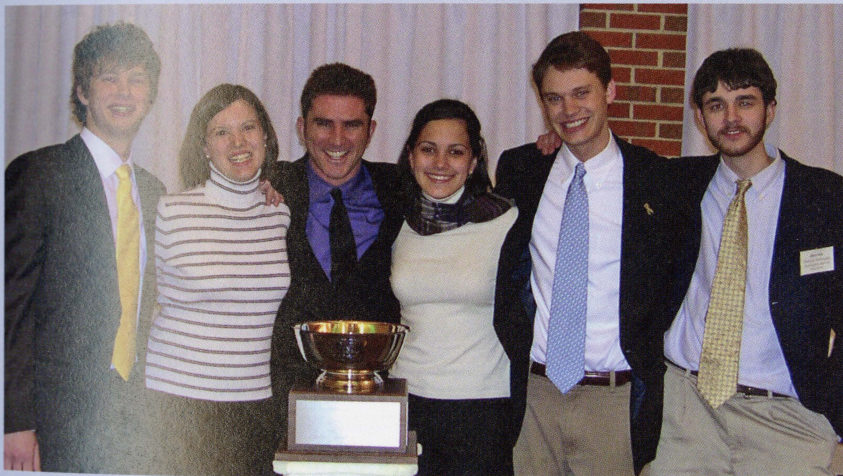
The Vardamans have four children, Davis '95, John, Tom and Shannon. His late father, John, was a member of the Class of 1936. Jack and Marianne Vardaman live in Washington.



W&L is E-2

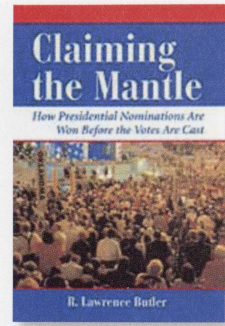
The Virginia Department of Environmental Quality bestowed an important designation on W&L—as an Environmental Enterprise (E-2) participant in the Virginia Environmental Excellence Program. The honor is due to the physical plant’s thoughtful handling of environmental and conservation issues on campus. At the Feb. 3 presentation, left to right: Paul Burns, safety officer in the physical plant; Rector Phil Norwood ’69; President Tom Burish; Tom Griffin, pollution-prevention outreach coordinator with the Department of Environmental Quality; Joe Grasso, vice president of administration; Scott Beebe, director of the physical plant.

W&L TAKES ETHICS BOWL ... AGAIN

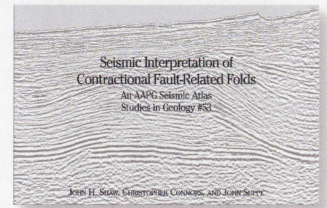


A Washington and Lee debate team celebrates its first-place win at the sixth annual statewide Ethics Bowl, held Feb. 14 at Virginia Wesleyan College. Left to right: Sam Russell ’05, Susan Somers ’05, James Mahon (assistant professor of philosophy and team coach), Leah Greenberg ’05, Matthew Claus ’05 and Derrick Barksdale ’06. The students competed against 15 teams from private colleges across Virginia in a debate about ethics and politics. The win is the fourth first-place finish for W&L in the competition’s six-year history. Wachovia Bank and the Virginia Foundation of Independent Colleges (VFIC) sponsored the competition, conceived in 1997 by the VFIC Ethics Task Force under co-chairs Roger Mudd ’50 and Phillip Stone, father of Phillip Stone Jr. ’92L.

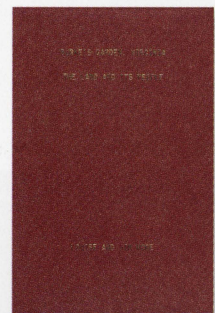
Books



In *Claiming the Mantle: How Presidential Nominations Are Won and Lost Before the Votes Are Cast*, **R. Lawrence Butler ’84** “argues that changes to the presidential nomination process designed for greater democratization,” says the publisher, “have come full circle.”

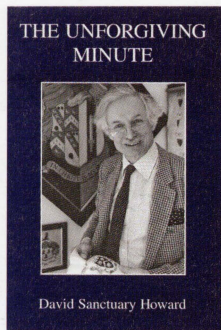


Christopher D. Connors, assistant professor of geology, is the co-author (with John H. Shaw and John Suppe) of *Seismic Interpretation of Contractural Fault-Related Folds*.

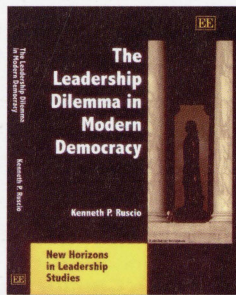


Louise and **James Hoge ’37** wrote *Burke’s Garden, Virginia: The Land and Its People* as a tribute to their Tazewell County home, where Jim grew up.

Books

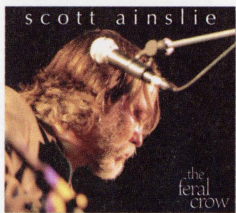


Friends of the Reeves Center know **David Sanctuary Howard**, an expert in Chinese porcelain. His new memoir, *The Unforgiving Minute*, is available from the Memoir Club, Stanhope Old Hall, Stanhope, County Durham, UK DL13 2PF.



Kenneth P. Ruscio '76, former professor at W&L and now dean of the Jepson School at the University of Richmond, has a new book: *The Leadership Dilemma in Modern Democracy*.

CD



Scott Ainslie '74 has a new CD, *The Feral Crow*. "These songs are all evidence of a good liberal arts education, which I got at W&L," he says. See www.cattailmusic.com.

Knowing that we had a rigorous walk ahead of us to Volpaia and back, we fortified ourselves well with an ample breakfast of fruits, breads, cheese, yogurt and cereal—not that we hadn't entirely burnt off the fortification of the previous night's repast. In some ways, this trip represented a contest of pleasures. It's difficult to say which is greater, the wonderful gastronomy of Italy or the splendid exercise of a walking trip that enables us to enjoy the gastronomy even more. We left the final determination to the scales back home.

**CAPTAIN'S LOG
ITALIAN WALKS: TUSCANY
TO CINQUE TERRE
October 10-20, 2004**



THE WALK FROM THE CHURCH TO VOLPAIA. LOOKING BACK AT THE CAMERA ARE WENDY AND GIL SMITH '68.

Our walk began with a visit to the small, exquisitely lovely church of Santa Maria Novella. Here, overlooking an ancient wall among olive trees hung with young fruit, we enjoyed some beautiful views of nearby vineyards laden with grapes ready for harvesting. The fecundity of Tuscany is everywhere apparent on this trip. A few minutes later we discovered that the church had been opened for a wedding, so we ventured inside. The interior was so simple and pretty that we could only stand and admire. It brought to mind, as country churches can do, a vaguely remembered spiritual peace, a feeling somewhere back in our longing—perhaps way back—where religious devotion looked and felt exactly

like this. While we stood about, quietly gazing at the murals on the walls and ceiling, David (our guide) suddenly broke into a song from a mass, sung in a gentle, clear tenor that resounded softly off the walls and ceiling. We were frozen in a rapture of surprise and delight. It was one of the trip's many moments of pure magic.

Invigorated by the visit, we began our walk to Volpaia with a downhill stretch through woodland, then up a steep gravel road past many vineyards heavy with grapes and a few handsome stone houses below the town. The climb was steady and long, so the group was pretty much strung out by the time we reached the entrance to Volpaia. Those with walking sticks made good use of them, for arms and legs can work together in uphill propulsion. At the top of the climb, the air was fragrant with roses.

Volpaia is a wonderfully picturesque burgo, a collection of handsome, venerably old buildings constructed of pale limestone and located on a brief promontory part-way up one of the high hills of Siense Chianti . . .

—Rob Fure

Creditworthy

Marc Conner, associate professor of English, has won a 2005 Technology Fellowship from the Associated Colleges of the South and the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation. The fellowship will support his Web-based project, "Virtual Joyce: The Geography of *Ulysses*," which will allow any student with access to a computer to travel the same pathways as the characters of the novel.

Marcia B. France, associate professor of chemistry, received a renewal grant from the Thomas F. and Kate Miller Jeffress Memorial Trust to continue her study, "Chiral Schiff Base Complexes as Catalysts for Asymmetric Cyclo-propanation."

Joe Grasso, vice president for administration, was elected to the board of the Eastern Association of College and University Business Offices.

James Kahn '76, professor of economics, was elected secretary-treasurer and board member of the U.S. Society for Ecological Economics, which explores solutions to pressing economic, social and environmental problems. He also received funding through the Universidade Federal do Amazonas, from the Brazilian state of Amazonas, to investigate sustainable development alternatives for the municipality of Barcelos. The grant allows Kahn and two W&L students to explore activities such as ecotourism, agroforestry and sport fishing.

Timothy S. Kolly has been named vice president for public affairs and communications. He had been serving as the interim director of communications and external relations since July 2004. In his new position, which replaces the position of director, Kolly will create and implement the University's marketing and public relations initiatives, as well as

oversee the day-to-day communications of W&L.

Pamela L. Luecke, the Donald W. Reynolds Professor of Business Journalism, is a new member of the board of directors of the Virginia Coalition for Open Government. She succeeds Hampden H. Smith III, journalism professor. The coalition is a non-partisan, nonprofit group that defends and promotes public access to official documents and governmental meetings in Virginia.

George Kester, Martel Professor of Finance and head of the management department, taught a course on corporate mergers and acquisitions last June at the University of Ljubljana in Slovenia. He also led a two-day seminar on commercial lending for Slovene bankers and business executives. In July, he was lead faculty member for the Central Atlantic School of Commercial Lending. During August, he was a visiting professor at the University of Melbourne. In October, he conducted two seminars in Singapore for executives from China, Singapore, Sri Lanka and Viet Nam. During his Winter 2005 sabbatical leave, Kester is a visiting professor at the University of the South Pacific in Suva, Fiji, teaching commercial bank lending. In May, he will travel to Johannesburg, South Africa, to lead a faculty workshop on the case method of teaching for Monash South Africa.

Kester and **Scott Hoover**, assistant professor of management, co-authored two articles: "FRICTO Analysis: A Framework for Making Capital Structure and Financing Decisions," forthcoming in the *Journal of Financial Education*, and, with **Kip Pirkle**, professor of management, "How Much Debt Can a Borrower Afford?," which was published in the November 2004 issue of *The RMA Journal*.

Irina Mazilu, assistant professor of physics, received a grant from the Thomas F. and Kate Miller Jeffress Memorial Trust for her project, "A Study of Some Non-Equilibrium Driven Models and their Contribution to the Understanding of Molecular Motors."

R.T. Smith, editor of *Shenandoah: The Washington and Lee University Review*, and a member of the English department faculty, received the 2004 Maurice English Poetry Award for *The Hollow Log Lounge*. The prize is awarded annually to a distinguished book of poems written by an author over 50.

John Stuckey, of University computing, will take on the temporary, one-year role of director of technology planning and development. In this position, he will work on a campus-wide technology master plan and work with the Office of Corporation and Foundation Relations on funding for technology initiatives. Stuckey will continue his role in strategic planning through his role as co-chair, with **John Keyser**, of the Technology Task Force. **Ruth Floyd** will serve as acting director of University computing until March 2005.

Lesley Wheeler received a 2005-2006 fellowship from the National Endowment for the Humanities, one of only 193 recipients out of this year's 1,479 applicants. She will spend one year working exclusively on her project, "Voiceprints: Sound and Presence in American Poetry."

Mary Woodson, publications manager in communications and external relations, won an Award of Excellence in the low-budget publications category from CASE (Council for Advancement and Support of Education) District III. Her winning design: the invitation to the 25th anniversary celebration of the Frances Lewis Law Center.



Blount Talk About Lee

Roy Blount Jr. (above), who spoke at Lee Chapel in December as a guest of the Glasgow Endowment and *Shenandoah*, is renowned as a humorist and a Southerner. He evinced convincingly that he is indeed both. Blount's somewhat unorthodox 2003 biography of Robert E. Lee is one of the more succinct, and the most lovingly humanizing. Irreverent at times but never disrespectful, Blount read excerpts from that book and extemporized on Lee, always fully aware of where he was and who might be listening (whether from the pews or from the beyond). In gravitating toward seemingly insignificant little episodes from Lee's life, Blount filled in, with wit and grace, many of those biographical blanks left unaddressed both by the hagiographies of yore as well as the ruthlessly critical assessments of late. Blount's ultimate mark of respect was in letting Lee be Lee, and revealing fascinating facets of the man's character on the president's own terms.

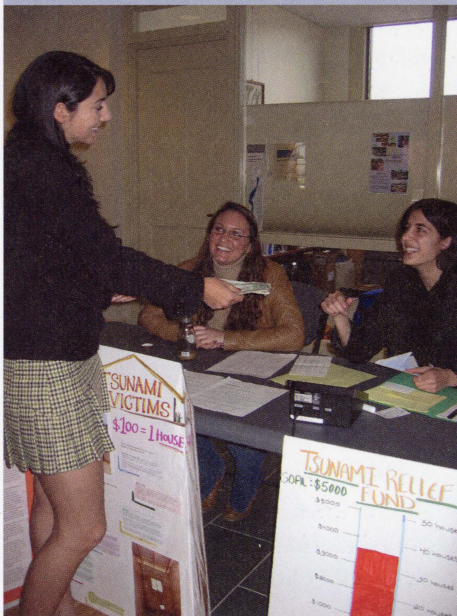
—Words and photo by Patrick Hinely '73

Dates to Remember

National Conference on Undergraduate Research (W&L and VMI)	April 21-23
Board of Trustees Spring Meeting	May 6-7
Law Commencement	May 7
Reunion Weekend	May 19-22
Baccalaureate	June 1
Commencement (Tom Wolfe '51, speaker)	June 2
Law classes begin	Aug. 18
Undergraduate classes begin	Sept. 8
Class Agents' Weekend	Sept. 23-24
Homecoming	Sept. 23-24
Parents' Weekend	Oct. 28-29

(Some dates are subject to change. See www.wlu.edu and click on "Calendars" for updates.)

Students Help Tsunami Victims



Club Asia and the International Development and Relief Group of SAIL

(Student Association for International Learning) raised money to assist victims of the devastating tsunami that hit southeast Asia on Dec. 26, 2004. For a week in January, student volunteers staffed tables in the Elrod Commons to accept donations to Habitat for Humanity International's Asia Tsunami Response Fund and raised more than \$10,000. Readers who would like to contribute may send checks payable to Washington and Lee University (indicating they are for the Tsunami Relief Fund) directly to Center for International Education, Washington and Lee University, Lexington, VA 24450-0303.

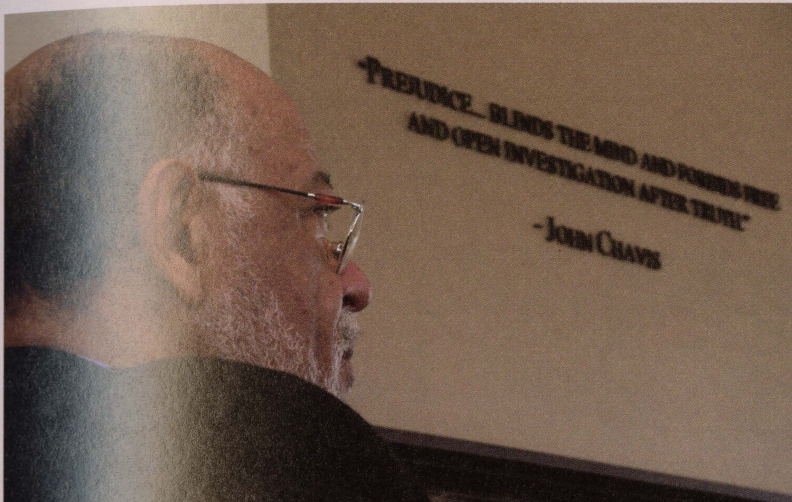
LEFT TO RIGHT: ALEXANDRA SCHAEFFER '05, BETH LEBLANC '06 AND SAHAR KAMAL '05 AT THE CLUB ASIA/SAIL TABLE IN THE ELROD COMMONS.

Photo by Claudia Schwab, courtesy of the Lexington News-Gazette

AFRICAN-AMERICAN STUDIES PROGRAM ADDED TO CURRICULUM

Washington and Lee has established a new interdisciplinary program in African-American studies. To begin this fall, it will combine courses from history, literature, politics, sociology, music, fine arts, religion and law, with a goal of helping students better understand the African-American experience and the legacy of racial differences in the United States.

Ted DeLaney '85, associate professor of history, will serve as the director. "The request for an African-American studies program actu-



TED DELANEY '85, DIRECTOR OF THE NEW AFRICAN-AMERICAN STUDIES PROGRAM, PONDERES THE WORDS OF JOHN CHAVIS, CLASS OF 1800, IN CHAVIS' NAMESAKE BOARD ROOM IN THE ELROD COMMONS. CHAVIS WAS W&L'S FIRST AFRICAN-AMERICAN GRADUATE.

PHOTO BY KEVIN REMINGTON

ally came from students, and I believe this is an important step forward for the University," he says. "Most of the courses that will compose this program have been in the catalog for years and have been very popular among students of all races. The program brings these courses together in a comprehensive interdisciplinary curriculum that will be intellectually stimulating and challenging."

Students will be required to take 21 credits, including a new course in introduction to African-American studies, taught by Marc Conner, associate professor of English, who co-authored the program proposal with DeLaney. Incorporating several guest lecturers from the W&L faculty, the course will prepare students for the broad range of topics they will explore throughout the program.

"Our aim is to provide our students and faculty with a lively, powerful course of study of what is one of the main elements of American culture: the African-American experience," says Conner. "This field is so diverse, fascinating, complex and multi-faceted, and I'm delighted that we have the faculty who can teach it and the students who want to study it. This is a terrific and even historic development for this institution, which from its very name is embedded in American history."

Shenandoah Gives 2004 Awards

Shenandoah: The Washington and Lee University Review announces the winners of its annual fiction, essay and poetry prizes for 2004.

Michael Parker of Greensboro, N.C., received the Goodheart Prize for Fiction for his story, "People Get Ready," which appeared in *Shenandoah* 54/1. The Goodheart Prize, \$1,000, is awarded annually to the author of the best story published during a volume year and is made possible by a generous gift from Harry G. Goodheart Jr., the husband of the late Jeanne C. Charpiot Goodheart, and her son, Harry G. Goodheart III. Parker's work has appeared in *Five Points*, *The Oxford American* and in the 2003 *Pushcart Prize* and *New Stories From the South* anthologies. He has recently published his third novel, *Virginia is for Lovers*. Ann Harleman, last year's winner, was the judge.

Margot Singer of Salt Lake City, Utah, won the \$500 Thomas H. Carter Prize for the Essay for "Lila's Story," published in *Shenandoah* 54/3. The Carter Prize, judged this year by Jeffrey Hammond, is given in honor of the late Thomas H. Carter, longtime editor of *Shenandoah*, and is awarded to the author of the best essay published in the magazine each year. Singer's stories have appeared, or are forthcoming, in *AGNI*, *The North American Review* and *The Mid-American Review*. She is pursuing a doctorate at the University of Utah.

David Kirby of Jacksonville, Fla., took the James Boatwright III Prize for Poetry for his poems, "I Think Satan Done It" and "Scarlet Ribbons," both of which were published in *Shenandoah* 53/2. The \$1,000 prize is awarded to the author of the best poem or poems published during a volume year and is made possible by gifts from friends of the late James Boatwright, former editor of *Shenandoah*. Cody Walker was the judge. Kirby is the Robert O. Lawton Distinguished Professor of English at Florida State University. His latest collection, *The Ha-Ha: Poems*, will appear in Louisiana State University's Southern Messenger Poets series.

DEALING WITH ALCOHOL ABUSE AT W&L

BY PRESIDENT TOM BURISH

Our main goal is to change the culture of abuse, nothing more and nothing less.

On university campuses today, no other problem than the misuse of alcohol has so many potential negative outcomes—death, injury, sexual assault, property damage, academic failure and criminal records. Unfortunately, W&L has not been immune from such tragedies. Disturbing reports this year of alcohol-related sexual assaults and other criminal behavior, and potentially lethal binge drinking on campus, have led the University, with the support of the Board of Trustees and student leaders, to examine our alcohol rules, practices and enforcement.

We have concluded that the alcohol policies the board established in 2001-2002 are basically sound; that we will analyze their effectiveness during the 2005-2006 year; and that compliance with our policies has not been as successful as it might be, and we must try to enhance it.

There are no new rules governing alcohol and drug use on campus, only enhanced enforcement. However, we must obey the laws of the state of Virginia and the rules of the national fraternity organizations.

Our main goal is to change the culture of abuse, nothing more and nothing less. In order to do so, some things have changed, such as these two new enforcement practices.

NEW PRACTICES

First, the fraternities themselves, through the Interfraternity Council (IFC), working responsibly and in good faith with the University, have begun issuing wristbands to students of legal drinking age at social events on

University property. It is impossible to claim that the University is trying to comply with the drinking-age law if it does not take reasonable steps to identify those of legal drinking age.

Second, with legal-age students now identifiable, security officials who see underage students drinking alcohol will write up their observations for the IFC or Student Judicial Council (SJC) to adjudicate. No additional security personnel will be stationed at fraternity houses. If the IFC deals with these reports in a reasonable way, as they have thus far, the administration and faculty will not become involved in their adjudication. The IFC has pledged to handle all reported violations of IFC or University policy responsibly and swiftly, and I have every reason to believe they will.

EXISTING PRACTICES

Other things have not changed.

For instance, students seeking help for a problem with alcohol or drugs, or students aiding a student who needs help, will not be subject to disciplinary action.

Furthermore, security officials do not, and will not, issue penalties if they observe non-abusive underage drinking. Those decisions are for the IFC or SJC. Security will continue to handle more serious instances of alcohol misuse, such as inebriated students of any age acting violently, destructively or out of control.

In addition, the major role of security officers was, and remains, the safety of students. They will continue to mon-

itor parties and will act upon incidents of alcohol misuse when there is probable cause. They are not at parties primarily to report instances of underage drinking; they are there to help.

Finally, we continue to support a strong, responsible and integral Greek system.

COMMUNICATION

For better communication about these issues, the University has taken several steps.

First, Dawn Watkins, dean of students, and I met with leaders of fraternities, sororities and other student organizations to discuss sexual abuse on campus—which is alcohol-related in the vast majority of cases—and to seek their advice. The students have formed the Gender Relations Task Force and are working on, for example, an anonymous reporting site for sexual assaults.

Second, we have increased the stops for our students' transportation program, Traveller, and will see that Traveller Express or Traveller Dispatch are available to all students.

Third, we are bringing to campus the national fraternity organizations and the house corporations to talk with each sorority and fraternity about alcohol misuse, to discuss national rules that apply to individual houses, to identify best practices at other institutions that might be effective here and to elicit comments from students.

Fourth, we have discussed alcohol at Parents' Weekend and alumni functions and with the Board of Trustees, the Alumni Board of Directors, the Parents' Council and other groups.

Fifth, Dean Watkins has created an informal advisory committee of students, parents, trustees and alumni. She

also is planning a thorough evaluation, with the involvement of students and national experts, of the current alcohol policies during the next academic year.

CHOOSING A PATH

It is untrue that the University's fear of being sued if a student is hurt because of an alcohol-related incident is driving our actions. However, it is true that many universities, their student leaders (often fraternity officers) and, in some cases, the parents of those student leaders have faced multi-million-dollar lawsuits and have had to pay significant damages. We must be concerned about this—but our major concern is the safety of our students.

Some people are concerned that by enforcing the laws and rules against underage and irresponsible drinking, W&L is forcing students to engage in this behavior off campus. In essence, this argument says that if we do not allow students to break the law on campus, we are the cause of their breaking the law off campus. This argument absolves students of any responsibility for their actions. The University does not have the authority to monitor private parties,

nor does it seek that authority. Students bear the same responsibility that all of us do when we hold parties at our homes. We are putting a greater emphasis on educating students on how best to exercise those responsibilities. While all of us may disagree with certain laws, teaching students not to obey laws they don't like is neither honorable nor appropriate nor an option for Washington and Lee.

No one has all the answers to the problem of alcohol misuse. Well-intentioned people have strong differences of opinion about the best path. I welcome any suggestions.



We have concluded that the alcohol policies the board established in 2001-2002 are basically sound; that we will analyze their effectiveness during the 2005-2006 year; and that compliance with our policies has not been as successful as it might be, and we must try to enhance it.

For updates and more information on this important issue, please see:

www.campuslife.wlu.edu/freshmen/substabuse.htm

www.alumni.wlu.edu/web/page/normal/387.html

Mike Gorman, Lenfest Director, Dies

Michael K. Gorman, director of the Lenfest Center for the Performing Arts, died on March 9. At press time, the cause of death had not been determined. He was 52.

Gorman joined W&L in his current position in 1991, just months before the opening of the \$10 million facility. Previously, he was the project manager of the Prichard-Laughlin Civic Center in Cambridge, Ohio; the executive director of the Strand Theater in Shreveport, La.; and deputy director of operations at the Folly Theater in Kansas City, Mo.

“For the last 14 performance seasons, Michael has been central to the phenomenal success of our performing arts center,” said Joseph Martinez, associate professor and chair of the W&L theater department. “This community owes a debt of gratitude for his vision and selfless dedication to bringing world-class performing artists to W&L and to our region. Michael helped to bring the world to our little mountain town.”

Gorman taught a seminar in dramaturgy and production, as well as in theater management. One former student, Tom Kernan '96, a member of the ShenanArts board of directors said, “Every time I approach a light-hang, I think back to the fundamentals that Mike taught me. He knew so much and wanted to share that knowledge with everyone. I valued him and his vast experience.”

Gorman also served as the faculty advisor to the W&L Dance Ensemble. “It is not an exaggeration to say that without Michael’s support, dance would never have survived its fledgling years on this campus,” noted Martinez.

Al Gordon, professor emeritus and former chair of the theater department, said, “Mike was the soul of the Lenfest Center. We all relied on him in so many ways, and he never let us down. Mike was schooled in the old ways of theater, where you learned how to do everything—build sets, hang lights, everything. You don’t get that anymore; everyone is so specialized. This made Mike so valuable to us because he could and did jump right in and help out with everything you asked him to. We couldn’t have run the place without him.”

“Mike was just an extraordinary person in so many ways,” said President Tom Burish. “Through his skill and talent, he brought the performing arts at Washington and Lee to a level that was stunning. Yet, with all the demands on his time, he always had a warm word and a smile for everyone.”

His friends and colleagues remember him for his good

humor, easy grace and tremendous energy. Sherri Lamont, director of the Lexington School of Dance and the Rockbridge Ballet, held many dance recitals in the Lenfest Center. “Mike was always so gentlemanly and cheerful,” she said. “He did everything. He’d be up there mopping floors in between shows. And he was so friendly—when you called on the telephone he always sounded happy to hear from you. He just had this wonderful, outgoing, supportive disposition.”

Missy Floyd, director of the Shenandoah Academy of Dance, said, “The energy and talent that he put forth for us—for everybody who went through that theater—was so professional, so polished. He was just a genius. With all Mike had on his plate, he never lost touch with his passion, his drive, his determination.” She recalled that during rehearsals at the Lenfest, Gorman did not arrive until after his children had finished their homework. “We just knew not to expect him until after dinner,” Floyd said. “As a parent, I had so much respect for him.”

What everyone will miss most about Gorman, though, is his laugh. “Such a bellow. It was so funny to hear him laugh,” said Floyd.

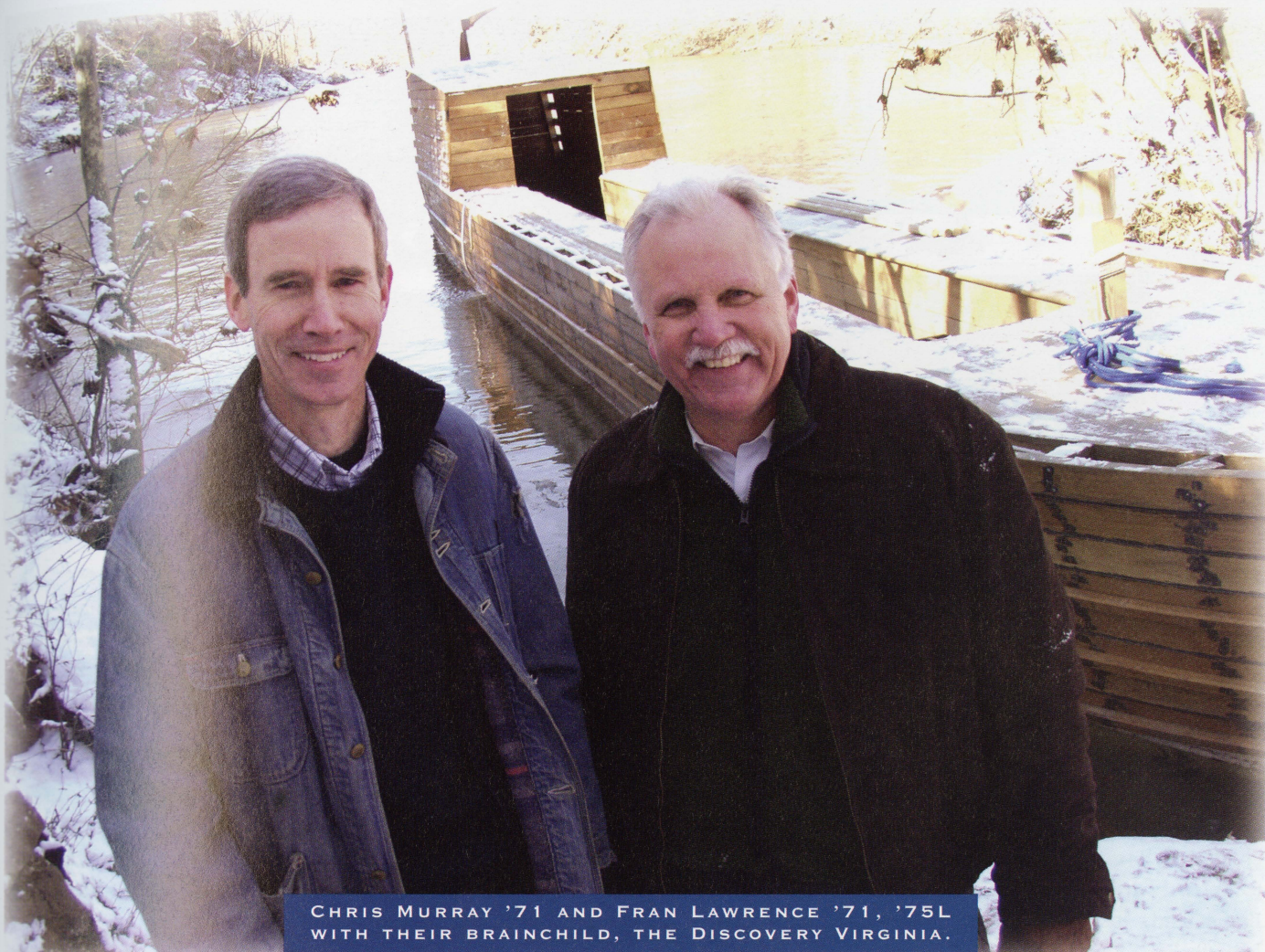
As well as providing support for all of W&L’s productions, Gorman also volunteered with a number of community organizations. He was a Cubmaster and den leader with the Boy Scouts of America, board member and treasurer for Hoofbeats Therapeutic Riding Center, resident lighting designer and board member for Lime Kiln Arts and a volunteer for Habitat for Humanity. Gorman was president of the Virginia Arts Presenters several times and had been helping the organization restructure.

A graduate of the University of Illinois with a B.F.A. (1975), Gorman earned his M.F.A. (1980) in scenic design from Carnegie Mellon University. He is survived by his wife, Linda; a daughter, Elizabeth; a son, Christopher; his parents, Harry and Barbara Gorman; and siblings, Harry Gorman III, Barbara Piccirilli, Thomas Gorman and Richard Gorman.

The family requests that all gifts be donated to the Michael K. and Linda Gorman Scholarship to support W&L students or to Hoofbeats Therapeutic Riding Center (www.hoofbeats.com). Checks may be sent to the Michael K. and Linda Gorman Scholarship Fund at Washington and Lee University, Office of Development, Lexington, VA 24450-0303. For more information, call (540) 458-8410.



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CHRIS MURRAY '71 AND FRAN LAWRENCE '71, '75L
WITH THEIR BRAINCHILD, THE DISCOVERY VIRGINIA.

When you first meet them, Fran Lawrence '71, '75L and Chris Murray '71 don't seem to have much in common. Lawrence, an attorney, is long-limbed and garrulous; Murray, a woodworker, is compact and reserved. But ask them about a special boat moored in a quiet cove on the Rivanna River just outside Charlottesville, and you'll come closer to understanding why the two men have been friends for nearly 35 years.

The boat is the *Discovery Virginia*, a 55-foot-long replica of the keelboat that carried Virginians Meriwether Lewis and William Clark and the Corps of Discovery on the first part of their 1804-1806 voyage to the West. Since 2002, Charlottesville residents Lawrence and Murray, along with numerous adult volunteers and nearly 100 local youngsters, have spent much of their free time building the vessel on the shores of the Rivanna.

Partners in Time

BY CATHY L. EBERLY

"I saw the project as a real dichotomy: the keelboat would be built by kids with absolutely no carpentry experience, and it had to float."

—CHRIS MURRAY '71

It's a labor of love that got its start in 1996, when Lawrence and a small band of the area's civic leaders and history buffs brainstormed about creative ways to commemorate the bicentennial of the Lewis and Clark expedition, which had its genesis in Charlottesville. The group began to plan an interactive museum that would educate visitors about the journey by giving them a taste of what the explorers had experienced.

"This is where the voyage began," Lawrence says. "Thomas Jefferson planned it from his Monticello home. He was an adventurer who always wondered what lay over the mountains to the west, and he recruited adventurers, many of them Virginians, to find out."

As president of the United States, Jefferson persuaded Congress to finance the expedition, including the purchase or con-



THE MAIDEN VOYAGE OF THE DISCOVERY VIRGINIA, ON THE RIVANNA RIVER.

PHOTO COURTESY OF FRAN LAWRENCE

struction of necessary tools and supplies. The keelboat was particularly important to the explorers. Kind of a 19th-century pickup truck, it was a 13-ton, oak-planked, barge-like vessel that could be poled, rowed, sailed—or towed upstream by the brute force of 22 men. The keelboat carried the Corps of Discovery from Pittsburgh to St. Louis, where the explorers spent their first winter, and on to Fort Mandan, N.D.

Lawrence and his colleagues liked the idea of building a full-size replica of the Lewis and Clark keelboat and involving children in its construction. They even found the perfect place to do it: 17 riverfront acres near the site of the Clark family homestead, just a few miles from Jefferson's home at Monticello. The project seemed altogether ideal—if they could pull it off.

That's when Lawrence placed a call to his old friend, Chris Murray. The two men had met at W&L 30 years earlier in a sculpture class. Both defensive backs on the University's football team, they shared an interest in trout fishing. But most important, they both enjoyed working with wood. After graduation, Murray had opened a woodworking shop in Lexington, and Lawrence had spent a year as a carpenter in Wyoming. They reconnected when Lawrence returned to the W&L Law School and stayed in touch as he established himself in private practice in Charlottesville, with the law firm St. John, Bowling & Lawrence L.L.P.

Meanwhile, Murray earned an M.F.A. in crafts and furniture design from Virginia Commonwealth University and worked with furniture companies in Pennsylvania and Maryland. In 1992, he launched the Children's Furniture Company, one of the nation's first manufacturers of furniture and kid-friendly play centers for physicians' waiting rooms. He moved the company to Charlottesville in 2000.

To Lawrence, enlisting Murray's help was a no-brainer. "Chris is the most talented woodworker I know, and he's wonderful with children. I wanted to interest him in teaching

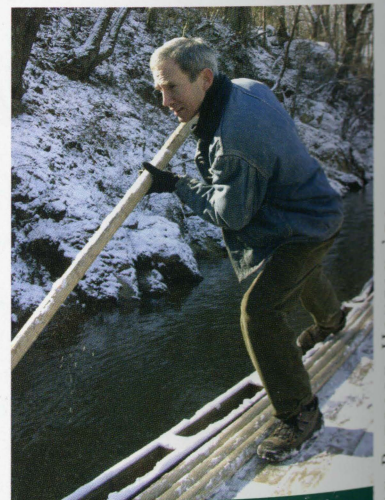
kids how to build a keelboat."

Murray was intrigued but cautious. "I saw the project as a real dichotomy: the keelboat would be built by kids with absolutely no carpentry experience, and it had to float. Furthermore, I knew wood, but not a great deal about boat building. So I knew that we would need some help."

Help came in the form of Butch Bouvier, a master keelboat builder from Iowa. Murray, as chair of the newly formed keelboat committee for the nascent Lewis and Clark Exploratory Center of Virginia Inc., recruited Bouvier to get construction underway. "From the very beginning, Butch was absolutely essential to the project's success," Murray says. "He has an amazing amount of native intelligence, much as Lewis and Clark did."

Over the next two years, Bouvier made several trips to Charlottesville. With his assistance, an enthusiastic team of kids and adults moved the project forward—pounding the vessel together using donated white oak, building materials and modern tools.

Meanwhile, Lawrence helped negotiate a 40-year lease on the center's property with the city of Charlottesville and Albemarle County. He brought in help with the keelboat construction in the form of young teens involved in the Charlottesville



CHRIS MURRAY DEMONSTRATES THE AUTHENTIC 19TH-CENTURY METHOD FOR LAUNCHING A KEELBOAT.

PHOTO BY PATRICK HINELY '73

Parks and Recreation Summer Program, youth groups such as Scout troops and families interested in learning basic carpentry skills. He also found time to work on the construction crew, swinging a hammer and lending a helping hand to young boat builders.

The project reached an important milestone last Oct. 23, when Lawrence, Murray, Bouvier and volunteers dragged, pulled, pushed and lifted the *Discovery Virginia* from her construction site and launched her on the Rivanna.

"Once, when one of the telephone poles we used for the launching ramp broke, we thought she was done for, but there was barely a creak," Murray says. "At that point, I knew this boat was real, and that she was going to float."

Despite the project's success so far, Murray and Lawrence are not ready to relax on the riverbank. There's still plenty of work to be done on the keel-boat, and ambitious plans are in the works for interactive outdoor projects, as well as a building in which to house the Lewis and Clark Exploratory Center (see sidebar below).

"There are many skills Americans took for granted in the 19th century that are all but forgotten now—like how to skin an animal, tan a hide or build a dugout canoe," Murray says. "The center is going to show kids skills that are high-touch, rather than high-tech."

LAW AND ORDER

Jacksonville attorney **Henry M. "Hank" Coxe III '72L** is president-elect designate of the Florida Bar. He will be sworn in at the association's annual meeting in Orlando in June 2005, and will assume the presidency in June 2006. He has served on the bar's board of governors since 1995, and has chaired both its legislative committee and disciplinary review committee. He is currently the chair of the special commission on lawyer regulation. Coxe specializes in criminal defense at Bedell, Dittmar, DeVault, Pillans & Coxe . . . Richmond attorney **Ashley L. Taylor '93L** has been appointed to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights by President George W. Bush. A partner in the firm of Troutman Sanders L.L.P., Taylor served as the deputy attorney general for Virginia from 1998-2001, responsible for the Health, Education and Social Services Division . . . Judge **James W. Haley Jr. '64L** has been elected to the Virginia Court of Appeals. For the last 15 years, he has been a judge in the Stafford County circuit court. He has served as the commonwealth's attorney and then district court judge of King George County . . . This year's speaker for the Law School commencement, May 7, is the Honorable **Roger L. Gregory**, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit.

Edmund D. Campbell Public Interest Award—The 2004 winner is Aimee Burdette Jackson '04L. She began work last fall with the Georgia Legal Services Program in Valdosta, Ga. In her application for the award, she wrote, "I love the kind of work I do, I am passionate about it and I cannot imagine doing anything else. I am committed to helping people protect themselves and to helping people get out of poverty." Since the award's inception in 1997, more than 155 donors have contributed gifts and pledges totaling \$217,676 to the Campbell Fund.

The Lewis and Clark Exploratory Center Inc. is a nonprofit educational organization based near Charlottesville. It focuses on the eastern origins of the Lewis and Clark expedition—especially the roles played by Virginians Thomas Jefferson, Meriwether Lewis, William Clark and Clark's slave, York.



LEWIS & CLARK EXPLORATORY CENTER OF VIRGINIA INC.

the many Native Americans who helped the explorers.

Boat-building is at the core of the center's activities, although plans are in the works for a building containing a film, an interactive exhibit for children and a library, as well as interpretive trails and replicas of an early-19th-century boatyard, an Indian village and one of the camps or forts the Corps of

Discovery built on their voyage. For more information, go to www.lewisandclarkeast.org. ♣

As James Urban '96 scrolls through the names and numbers on his cell phone, he finds the same entries as most people. There are listings for his wife, his parents and other relatives, plenty of friends and co-workers. As ordinary as this may seem, it's the co-workers' names that raise eyebrows. "I've got them all in here—McNabb, Owens, Westbrook, Coach Reid," says Urban. "They're calling me all the time." There was a time when Urban would have been excited to have phone numbers for the star quarterback, wide receiver, running back and coach of the Philadelphia Eagles football team. Now, he shrugs in a matter-of-fact way.

"I can't remember ever having a moment where I was actually star-struck or awestruck," says Urban. A native of the area around Harrisburg, Pa., he was a fan of the Philadelphia Eagles while growing up. Now, though, "they're just co-workers—I see them all the time. I know them as people, not football players."

Co-workers they are, but in a professional sense, Urban knows they are football players. That's because he is the assistant to the head coach, Andy Reid, and the project coordinator of football operations for the Eagles, one of the National Football League's premier franchises. "It's a position that not every team has," notes Urban. "It dates back to Mike Holmgren in Green Bay, if not all the way back to Bill Walsh in San Francisco."

Reid was an assistant to Holmgren, who was an understudy of Walsh. When the Eagles hired him to coach, Reid brought many of the same philosophies, and the assistant's position, to Philadelphia. Urban is responsible for a number of tasks but, most notably, he is a member of the coaching staff. "It's an interesting situation," he says. "There's definitely a slash in the job title."

Fundamentally, Urban is a coach in training. Among his chief responsibilities are coordinating the team's training camp in late summer and serving as a buffer between Reid and any number of constituents, most notably the players. During the season, he is involved with film breakdown and quality control for the offensive coaches. There's always plenty to do, but Urban strives to do as much as possible. "I think if you approach the position as an opportunity, you can learn so much," he says. "I've just tried to learn as much as I can, just basically be a sponge."

Think of Urban as a sponge floating in a vast ocean. "With training camp, I'm in charge of everything from A to Z," he says. "You move an entire NFL organization to a college campus for three to four weeks, and there is a lot to prepare for. Offices need to be set up, training rooms, meals, crowd control and so forth."

Then the season begins, and Urban's responsibilities switch to film breakdown and quality control. "I do some very specific things in terms of self-scouting," he says. "I run a weekly and ongoing list of plays that we've run out of every formation, protection package and personnel grouping, and present that to the offensive coaches so that they know what our tendencies are. Basically, I look at the plays the same way the defenses

would for the teams that we are playing."

Urban says the week of a game is regimented and geared toward consistency, doing things the same way every week. Only the game plan changes, and the hours aren't exactly nine to five. On game days, he travels with the team and stands on the sidelines with headphones on, never more than a few steps away from Reid, his mentor. "Coach Reid is a wonderful man to work for," smiles Urban. "He takes a lot of pride in loyalty

WHEN PRO FOOTBALL CALLS, THIS ALUMNUS ANSWERS

BY BRIAN LAUBSCHER



URBAN (FRONT) IS NEVER FAR FROM THE EAGLES' HEAD COACH, ANDY REID (BEHIND HIM), AS AT THE GAME AGAINST THE WASHINGTON REDSKINS LAST DECEMBER.

towards him and he is very loyal in return. I am really appreciative for the opportunity that he has given me."

Interviewed on Dec. 12, 2004, prior to the Eagles' evening game against the Redskins, Urban gave an account of the day to come. "The game will end around midnight, and we'll be on the bus by 1:30 a.m. and then take the train to Philadelphia," he said. "We'll get there around 4 a.m. and will be in the office at 6:30 a.m. to begin preparing the game plan for the next game."

Coaching in the NFL takes a tremendous commitment, one that Urban is more than happy to make. "I grew up talking football with my dad and watching football with my dad," he says. "I've always been drawn that way, and there's a lot of aspects of the profession that if you don't have love for it, you can't do it. The hours are long, but I'm passionate about what I'm doing."

"Here I was, 29 years old, master's degree, and I was an intern," recalls Urban. "I had to try and get my foot in the door to the NFL."

The passion for coaching has always been there, but not the opportunities. Urban had a solid career with the Generals, catching 39 passes for 364 yards and three touchdowns. He served as a team captain during his senior season and was among the team's top kick returners during his career. Knowing that the final game of his senior season would be his last, Urban turned his focus to a professional career. After graduating from W&L with a degree in English, he took the route of many alumni and found a position in sales, in this case for a Washington design company owned by another former football player, Steve Corbeille '83.

"That fall was the first fall that I hadn't

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been around a football since I was in second grade," notes Urban. "I knew I needed to get back to the sport." He began bombarding schools with résumés and eventually found a position in the nation's capital at Division III Gallaudet University. Soon after, an opportunity arose for a graduate-assistant coaching position at Division II Clarion University of Pennsylvania. There Urban earned a master's degree and coached the tight ends and receivers. Once he obtained his degree, however, the position expired, and he was mailing résumés again.

"My wife was my high school sweetheart, and she went to school in Philadelphia, and, of course, I went to school in Virginia," says Urban of spouse Patrice. "I was finishing my master's at the same time she was, and we just decided it was time that we lived in the same city. That's when the opportunity broke at the University of Pennsylvania."

Urban got the job as director of football operations at Penn. The Quakers had a highly successful five-year run in the Ivy League during his tenure. He wed Patrice, and life was good. In the spring of 2003 it got even better when Penn received a call from the Eagles, who were seeking an operations intern for the summer.

Urban threw his hat in the ring. Because of his work for a respected staff at Penn, and his personal experience run-

ning the Quakers' pre-season camp, he took the job, helping with the 2003 Eagles training camp.

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He kicked the door wide open in February 2004. Noting Urban's good relationship with a number of the Eagles' staffers and coaches, Reid offered him his current position. "I was, obviously, very excited," says Urban. "I knew it was a great opportunity and would lead to being a coach in the NFL, which is where I want to be."

Eventually, Urban hopes to ascend to the top of the profession. For the time being, however, he's more than happy to be learning the ropes from one of the NFL's best in Reid. "From the outside, I would say that my ultimate goal is to become an NFL head coach. But now that I'm in it, I'll just keep plugging along and keep my nose to the grindstone and keep focused," he says.

"Our safeties coach started as an intern, then was assistant to the head coach, the defensive quality control coach, assistant secondary coach—and now he's the safeties coach. I hope to take that progression and continue it."

Someday, that call will come. But for now, Urban can look back on a 2004 season in which he learned the ropes and saw the Eagles advance to their first Super Bowl in 24 years. "The Super Bowl was an amazing experience," he says. "To be able to be there in my first year has been a blessing. To make it to the ultimate game, to the top, is neat. Some coaches wait their entire careers to get to the Super Bowl. I just can't wait to get back and get another taste. The whole experience was just priceless." ♣

Like many of their fellow students, these two science majors are fashioning tailor-made academic careers for themselves. They do research with faculty members, seek unusual opportunities and practice teamwork in and out of the lab.

Research and

David Kern '05

For W&L students, the advent of Labor Day signals the beginning of a new school year. But last summer, as the day approached, David Kern, a psychology major, instead was thinking about New York City, where he'd just spent the previous weeks working in the lab of Dr. Matthias H. Tabert, a psychiatric researcher at Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons. Tabert wanted him back for another few months.

"By the time August rolled around, David had really become an integral part of the team," says Tabert. "Oftentimes, his extra pair of hands served the purpose of allowing me to be in two

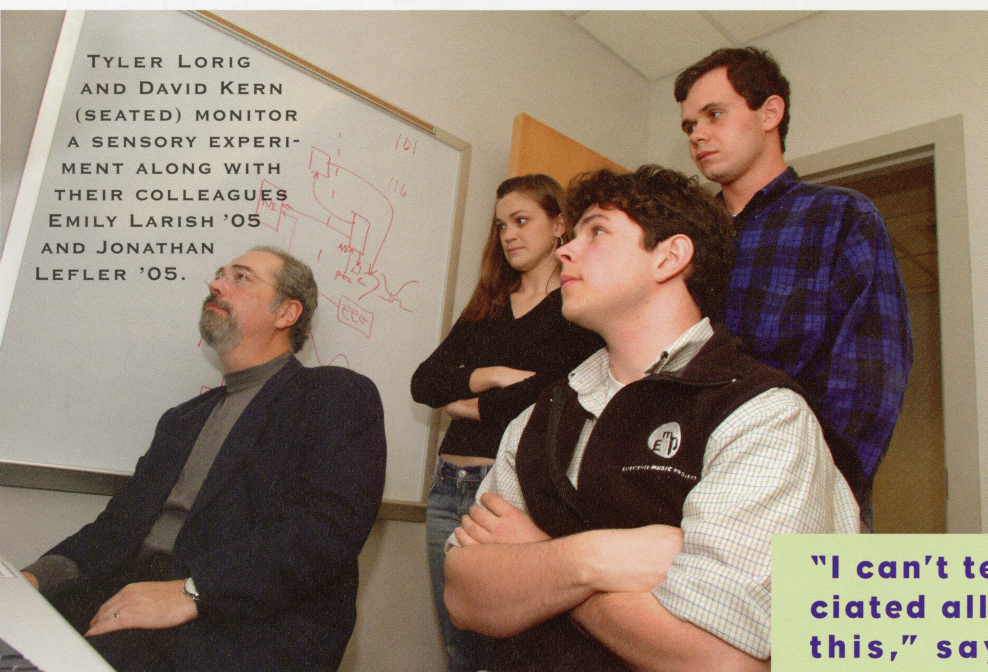
allow him to continue his internship in New York with Tabert—and still collect his diploma in June 2005.

"I can't tell you how much I appreciated all the help W&L gave me on this," he says. "I thought there was the potential for a lot of red tape, but found the opposite to be true. Dean Stewart told me, 'Go, have fun, learn and then come back and tell us all about it.'"

Kern's first research experience at W&L was with Tyler Lorig, the Ruth Parmlly Professor of Psychology. He became an expert user of an odor delivery system—an olfactometer—designed and built by Lorig and David Elmes, professor of psychology, in collaboration with Jose Pardo and David Zald of the

University of Minnesota. Labs around the world have adopted their design, which they have since modified with the help of Pam Dalton and Michel Gould at the Monell Chemical Sense Institute. Tabert was interested in using the olfactometer in his lab, and Lorig, a big advocate of the hands-on experience, suggested that Kern intern with Tabert.

While at Columbia, Kern ran a number of Functional Magnetic Resonance Imaging (fMRI) studies on patients to try to identify brain-activation patterns in olfactory-related brain areas. "Localized sections of the brain light up when it is



TYLER LORIG AND DAVID KERN (SEATED) MONITOR A SENSORY EXPERIMENT ALONG WITH THEIR COLLEAGUES EMILY LARISH '05 AND JONATHAN LEFLER '05.

places at once. David's prior knowledge and training in my laboratory allowed him to do a lot of prep work that was absolutely crucial to the complex experimental methods and setup that we use to conduct our experiments."

The Kern family mulled over the possibility of David spending the semester in New York. His parents, Arvilla and Cliff Kern '70, said their main concern—and their son's—was whether he would graduate on time. "Unlike many larger universities, W&L expects its students to complete degree requirements in four years," says his father, a member of W&L's Science Advisory Board. "As parents, we certainly had the same expectation. We also needed to know that he would benefit from the experience."

So during the last week of August, Kern spent a lot of time on the phone consulting with his advisor in the psychology department, Tyler Lorig, and other members of the administration, such as Jeanine Stewart, interim dean of the College, to work out the details. Finally he received the good news: W&L would

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reacting to smell," he explains. "We were looking to see what part of the brain lights up and if different parts of the brain light up—and at different levels of intensity—for different odors. And if so, does the same odor light up different parts of the brain for different individuals, and will those areas be different for a healthy individual versus someone who might be in the early stages of Alzheimer's?" The researchers hope that studying these fMRIs will lead to an early diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease and thus allow early intervention.

"This was definitely an important life experience," says Kern, who plans to pursue a Ph.D. in psychology. "I know our faculty have connections to set up students in internships around the country. I hope they (the students) take advantage of it."

Development

BY LOUISE UFFELMAN

JOHN WIELGUS AND KELLEY ZAGOL AT WORK IN THE LAB. "KELLEY WORKS SO WELL IN A TEAM BECAUSE SHE IS GENEROUS WITH HER TIME AND, ABOVE ALL, GENEROUS IN SHARING THE CREDIT," SAYS WIELGUS.



them 'I can't do this.' Of course, they kept saying, 'Yes, you can.' I finally reminded myself that I needed to study hard and do my best. I could always take the test again if I had to."

Setting goals for herself is how Zagol has accomplished as much as she has. "I'm very regimented, very organized," she explains. "I know what it takes to get into medical school, and if that means staying in and studying on a Wednesday night, even though everyone else is going out, then that's what I'll do."

She applied the same dedication to her soccer game. Her coach, Neil Cunningham, says Zagol became such a phenomenal player because she was willing to put in the extra effort. "The beauty about Kelley is that she always strives to improve her game. She did the off-season workouts and spent a lot of time with a soccer ball, working on technique. It's why she became our first All-American."

Off the soccer field, Zagol did research with her advisor, John Wielgus, professor of biology, on the effects of nicotine on the neural development of chick embryos. "It didn't take long for me to notice Kelley's keen organizational skills and natural leadership abilities," says Wielgus. He soon made her the lab supervisor (only the second time he's used a student in such a role), and she scheduled other students to run experiments, monitored the inventory and helped design experiments. "Kelley works so well in a team because she is generous with her time and, above all, generous in sharing the credit," Wielgus reports. "Her peers feel that they are being well served." He predicts that her ability to communicate so ably with others will serve her well as a physician, not only at a patient's bedside, but also with her colleagues.

Neuroscience appealed to Zagol's Renaissance side. "I like being able to combine some of my favorite subjects, like biology and chemistry, and I didn't want to be pigeonholed within one department." She loves English

"I like being able to combine some of my favorite subjects, like biology and chemistry." — Kelley Zagol

Kelley Zagol '05

Last winter term, Kelley Zagol faced down one of the biggest challenges of her life: the MCATs (Medical College Admission Tests). Even after years of successfully juggling academics, soccer and extracurricular activities, this neuroscience major felt the pressure. She had wanted to be a doctor since the age of eight, and the results of this test could make or break her.

"In the months leading up to the test, I had many tearful telephone conversations with my parents," she says. "I told

and has even taken classes in accounting and comparative government because, she says, "I didn't want to let the opportunity pass by."

As it turns out, Zagol had to take the MCATs only once. An acceptance letter from Temple University arrived before Thanksgiving break, and an invitation from George Washington University followed soon after. She's in the enviable position of being able to choose where she'll go, which is no surprise to those who know her. ❖

If there is anything to the recent speculations of Lawrence Summers, president of Harvard University, that women are biologically less able in the study of science, someone failed to tell this lineup of alumnae.

They are following their passions for science while blending things like family, faith and adventure into their lives. **BY WENDY LOVELL '90**

Suited for Science

Honor Goes a Long Way

Figuring out how things work is wired into the GrandPre genes. Unlike her parents, however, who are mechanics in Connecticut, Tadzia GrandPre '98 has chosen the brain as her field of exploration. "I've always been interested in science and thought about majoring in biology at W&L, but my focus changed when I took a course in neuroscience," says GrandPre, 29. "The human brain is the most complex machine imaginable, and I'm really enjoying the path I've chosen."

GrandPre credits her experience at Washington and Lee for preparing her well for a career in science. She found the size of the University, the personal attention she received from her professors and the campus culture were some of the main benefits. "The honor code is one of the best things I took away from Washington and Lee," says GrandPre. "That sense of personal integrity is so important, especially in the fields of science and research."

After majoring in neuroscience at W&L, GrandPre went on to a Ph.D. at Yale University and now is a research fellow at the Harvard Medical School Department of Neurobiology. "At Yale, my research focused on understanding why the brain and spinal cord fail to regenerate after injury," she says. "We discovered some of the molecules that prevent regeneration and went on to develop a way to block those molecules in the hopes of promoting growth of neurons and functional recovery after injury. While there is still much work to be done, those studies produced some very exciting and promising results."

GrandPre's current research at Harvard focuses on the molecular basis for plasticity within the central nervous system. "We are trying to understand how the brain wires up during development, but also how the brain is able to be continuously modified throughout life as we learn and form

memories," she says. "This work may have implications for learning disabilities such as dyslexia and a number of diseases such as Parkinson's or schizophrenia."

While GrandPre plans to continue her research after her post-doc at Harvard, she's excited about the opportunity to teach others about science. "I've always imagined I'd end up at a place like W&L," says GrandPre. "I benefited from friendly teachers who were supportive, yet challenging, and I'd like to do the same for my students."



"THE HUMAN BRAIN IS THE MOST COMPLEX MACHINE IMAGINABLE," SAYS TADZIA GRANDPRE.



LAUREN LARUE IS "FASCINATED TO SEE HOW OTHER COUNTRIES APPROACH HEALTH-CARE ISSUES."

"I'm really looking forward to practicing medicine, but I'm also interested in getting a master's degree in public health," says Lauren LaRue. "That's why this time off before medical school is so important. It gives me the chance to volunteer and learn more about the field."

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Last fall, LaRue lived in inner-city Baltimore, where she worked in a clinic that specializes in HIV care for low-income and uninsured patients. During her stay, she became certified in HIV testing and counseling and helped create a faith-based support group for HIV-positive members of the community. She also found time to assist her roommate with an after-school program for children, where she most enjoyed teaching them about science.

LaRue's currently volunteering at a Christian orphanage in Guatemala that is home to 400 children. "My radar had been out for an international experience like this one," she says. "I'm living in the dorm with the kids, working in the clinic and doing whatever needs to be done. I'm fascinated to see how other countries approach health-care issues, and often they have to be creative because the resources just aren't there."

LaRue is likely to return from Central America with another valuable experience. She'll have to slow her pace a bit in a few months, however, to hit the textbooks in medical school. "I'll probably never have an experience like this one again," says LaRue of her work at the orphanage. "This vagabond life has taught me a lot." ❧

The Vagabond Life

While she, too, appreciates the education she received at Washington and Lee, life has been one of the greatest classrooms for Lauren LaRue '04. The Houston native, a chemistry major, is spending a year between graduation and medical school by serving others and by learning more about public-health issues.

"I'm really looking forward to practicing medicine, but I'm also interested in getting a master's degree in public health," says LaRue, 23, who will focus on pediatrics at the Baylor College of Medicine, in Houston. "That's why this time off before medical school is so important. It gives me the chance to volunteer and learn more about the field."

The first stop on LaRue's journey came last summer at Camp For All in Washington County, Texas, which serves disabled and chronically ill children. "I always wanted the camp-counselor experience, and this was a great place to do it," says LaRue. "I was one of 25 people who provided activities for the campers, served meals and maintained the camp. One week we would serve children with cancer, another week we had children with HIV. Each week brought a

Memories of Lee House

Emily Malin '00 was 12 the first time she visited Washington and Lee. Her father's interest in history compelled them to stop in Lexington on their way home to Tennessee. Their souvenir of the trip is a photograph of Malin in front of the Lee House. "I never dreamed then that I'd go to school at W&L," says Malin, 26. "I also never thought I'd be in a Ph.D. program in neuroscience."

Malin didn't come to W&L to study psychology. In fact, she had no idea what she wanted to major in as a freshman, but two courses in psychology gave her direction. "One semester early on, I took a course on cognition and another on biological psychology," she says. "I really didn't like the cognitive stuff, but I found the biological psychology so exciting."

Malin credits a tight-knit, committed psychology department with helping her chart her course in science. Unlike some of her colleagues who attended larger universities, she was able to work in the lab with three W&L professors, discovering their different specialties and learning styles.

That research experience has served Malin well. This

December she will complete her graduate work at the Center for the Neurobiology of Learning and Memory at the University of California, Irvine. The center is known internationally for its work on the brain and memory, and her advisor, Dr. Jim McLaugh, is a giant in his field.

While she enjoys the research she is doing on memory and emotion, Malin has found her passion to be education. “I want teaching to be the main focus of my career,” says Malin. “My goal is to introduce and teach psychology to students, and I’d love to work at a small school like W&L that will afford me close interaction with them.”

At Malin’s graduation, her father made a point to photograph her once again in front of the Lee House. It seemed fitting to capture her image in the place where her association with the University began. “It’s hard to imagine where I’d be today if I hadn’t gone to Washington and Lee,” she says. “Without the small class sizes and close relationships with my fellow students and professors, I could be doing something very different now. However, I love what I do and know teaching science will be something that gets me up each morning.”

“It was the work I did on my senior project that sealed the deal that research was it for me,” says Mitrano, 25. “Pharmacology seemed like a great way for me to use my psychology background in the field of research.”

Mitrano is a student in the Molecular and Systems Pharmacology graduate program at Emory University, in Atlanta, where she’s focusing her research on the causes of drug addiction in various models of cocaine use. “Since college, I’ve been interested in researching cocaine addiction,” says Mitrano, who’s had friends with addictions. “I thought about counseling, but I didn’t have the personal experience with addiction I think would be helpful in that field, so I chose research instead. I’d like to find out why people become addicted, and what changes in their brains to create that addiction.”

Mitrano has found that opportunity at Emory, where her lab is researching the localization and functions of a novel family of receptors that change expression levels following chronic and acute administration of substances such as amphetamine and cocaine. The experiments involve a multidisciplinary team of neuroanatomists, behaviorists and molecular biologists, who are

working to explain the role of these peptides in the central nervous system.

Unlike some of her fellow students, Mitrano didn’t come to Emory with an extensive background in what she refers to as hard-core science, such as biochemistry and molecular biology. Her background in psychology, however, gave her a solid foundation in the behavioral elements of the research.

“I’ve had to work a little harder than some of my fellow students, but I don’t feel I’m at a disadvantage,” she says. “One of the things I

love about the lab is the independence of working on your own project. I also like the collaborative community at Emory.”

Where she will go following her program at Emory, Mitrano doesn’t yet know. “I’m interested in teaching, but I could pursue research for the pharmaceutical industry, too,” she says. “Patent law is another possibility, but I’ve got two-and-a-half to three years to figure it out.”



A MINI-REUNION OF FACULTY AND ALUMNI AT LAST FALL’S ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SOCIETY FOR NEUROSCIENCE. LEFT TO RIGHT: BOB STEWART, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF PSYCHOLOGY AND NEUROSCIENCE; DARLENE MITRANO '02; EMILY MALIN '00; AND JEANINE STEWART, INTERIM DEAN OF THE COLLEGE AND ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF PSYCHOLOGY AND NEUROSCIENCE.

The Whys of Addiction

According to Robert E. Stewart, associate professor of psychology, the department so encouraged Darlene Mitrano '02 that she had no choice but to go into hard science. Their convictions became her own during her final year at W&L.



HOLLIS LEDDY OWENS, WITH DAUGHTER CHARLOTTE, SAYS, "I LOVE BEING A MOTHER, BUT I CAN'T IMAGINE NOT DOING PHYSICAL THERAPY, TOO."

The Dream of Having It All

Hollis Leddy Owens '97 couldn't be more content. At 29, she's successful in her career, happily married to fellow alumnus Brian Owens '96 and delighted mother to Charlotte, born last September.

"From a young age, I knew I wanted to work with children, and I've always wanted to be a mom," says Owens. "I thought I would realize those dreams by being a pediatrician, but I've found my true calling in physical therapy."

Owens discovered she enjoyed psychology as a W&L freshman and was able to apply courses in that discipline to her pre-med curriculum. She changed her career plans during her senior year, however, after a discussion about medical school with her advisor and psychology professor, Jeanine Stewart (now interim Dean of the College).

"I think Dr. Stewart sensed my unease about med school and my desire to have a family," says Owens. "She suggested that physical therapy would allow me the flexibility to do both, as well as blend my interests in medicine and psychology. I am so thankful for her guidance that day, because she opened a door I had never considered that has allowed me to fulfill all of my goals."

Owens works part-time as a research physical therapist at Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children, in Dallas, where she treats patients recovering from surgery and is helping conduct clinical trials on a drug for neuromuscular disease in children.

"It's wonderful to be part of this research, and I think we are close to finding something that's going to work for these kids,"

she says. "I love research and plan on getting my Ph.D. In fact, the work I'm doing now is part of that process."

While juggling a career and family is not easy, Owens is grateful for the opportunity to do both. She has overcome the child-care hurdle thanks to a co-worker whose son was born a few weeks before Charlotte. The women work two days each at the hospital and watch both children the other two.

"At times it's difficult—it's like having twins two days a week—but it's worth it to continue my work," she says. "I love being a mother, but I can't imagine not doing the physical therapy, too."

Now that Owens is both a physical therapist and a mother, she fully appreciates Stewart's guidance. "It's hard as a student to think about the big picture, and academic advisors should offer students suggestions about their career options," she says. "I know I could have been a doctor, but physical therapy is where I have chosen to be." ❖

Going to the Dogs... and Cats

Biology major Jann Rhea '99 feels right at home as a veterinarian. For one thing, she's known since she was young that veterinary medicine was her calling. For another, it's one field of science that women are quickly coming to dominate.



JANN RHEA D.V.M. ON THE JOB, WITH BEASLEY, AN OLD FRIEND WHO MAY LOOK FAMILIAR TO RESIDENTS OF CAMPUS CIRCA 1999.

“Working primarily in intensive care and oncology has satisfied my desire to serve others, but it also gives me the chance to grapple with questions of life,” says the Rev. Jenn Strawbridge. “That ‘why’ question I struggle with on a daily basis, but I think the background I have in physics makes it a more informed ‘why’.”

While women have been in the field of veterinary science for 100 years, the jump in the number of female veterinarians has grown significantly in the past 35. According to the American Veterinary Medical Association, the percentage of women in graduating classes has increased from an average of 4.6 percent in the 1960s to 69.5 percent in 1999.

“While I don’t think there’s a difference in aptitude between male veterinarians and females, there are a lot of clients who say their animals get along better with women veterinarians,” says Rhea, 28, an associate at Village Animal Hospital in Charlottesville. “I think the perception is that we have softer voices and a softer touch and that we are more compassionate, but I don’t think that’s true.”

Rhea says her gender was never an issue for her at W&L or in veterinary school at the University of Tennessee. In fact, she’s always been encouraged to pursue her interest in science and credits many great mentors along the way for supporting her goals.

“I went to an all-girls high school in Memphis and had one of the best biology teachers,” says Rhea. “She always emphasized that women are just as qualified as men and encouraged my decision to pursue a college degree in biology and a career as a veterinarian.”

As she nears her two-year mark in practice, Rhea finds every day a new challenge and looks forward to one day becoming a part-owner or partner in a small animal practice. Ophthalmology interests her most. “I really enjoy doing surgery and medicine related to eyes,” she says. “There are actually a lot of pet owners who are interested in cataract removal, glaucoma treatment and in-depth cosmetic procedures on the eyelids to make their pets more comfortable and able to see better.”

“One of the things I like about veterinary medicine is the broad category of animals we treat,” she says. “Just this morning I removed a tumor from a hamster and followed that surgery with dental extractions on a cat and a dog. In a way, I’m able to be a mini-specialist in a lot of areas.”



JENN STRAWBRIDGE (LEFT) CELEBRATED HER ORDINATION AT CHRIST CHURCH EPISCOPAL IN NEW HAVEN, CONN., WITH ALEXANDRA R. BROWN, W&L PROFESSOR OF RELIGION (PICTURED HERE), AND WITH THE REV. CHRISTOPHER BEELEY '90, FORMERLY OF THE RELIGION DEPARTMENT.

An Informed Why

Science and religion have always gone hand in hand for Jenn Strawbridge '01. In fact, the double major in physics and religion broke ground at Washington and Lee when she did her senior thesis in both areas. The only struggle between science and religion for Strawbridge, 26, was which discipline to follow in her career. Religion won out, and the Houston native pursued a master's degree in theology at Oxford University and went on to Yale University for a master's in divinity. She was recently ordained as an Episcopal priest.

“Despite my choice to study religion, I’ve always maintained an interest in physics,” says Strawbridge. “The physics labs at Oxford were very close to my classes, and I often went with some of my colleagues to physics lectures. I even met physicist Stephen Hawking, who featured prominently in my thesis at W&L.”

Strawbridge is nearing the end of a one-year position as chaplain at Bridgeport General Hospital in New Haven, Conn., where once again she is enjoying the mix of science and religion. She’s getting the chance to experience parish work, too, as a part-time associate in a local church.

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fied my desire to serve others, but it also gives me the chance to grapple with questions of life," she says. "That 'why' question I struggle with on a daily basis, but I think the background I have in physics makes it a more informed 'why'."

The opportunity to serve on the hospital's ethics committee has been an eye-opening experience for Strawbridge as well. "I'm fascinated by ethics," she says. "Science and religious issues hit head-on in a hospital. The scientific answer might be clear when dealing with a patient, but you add the religious aspect to it and it becomes very different."

Helping patients and their families deal with these issues has been a rewarding professional experience for Strawbridge, who remains very interested in serving a parish.

"I think the ideal place for me in the next five to 10 years is to work part-time in a parish and part-time for a university," she says. "I love the thought of teaching and mentoring students, and working in a college town would bring all of my interests together." ❖

Soccer and Science

Another alumna who owes thanks to psychology professor Bob Stewart is Jenny Thomas '03. She thought about science when she was in the classroom and on the soccer field, playing for the Generals. Stewart used examples of Thomas' prowess as an athlete to demonstrate concepts in his introduction to neuroscience course.

"I love that Dr. Stewart brought soccer and science together

to teach our class about the motor system," says Thomas, 23. "I like applying science to real-world situations, and often when I was at practice kicking the ball, I would think about the things he said in class."

Thomas was so intrigued by the study of the motor system that she changed her focus from pre-med to major in neuroscience. She's pursuing a doctorate degree in neuroscience at the University of Virginia.

"The opportunity to stay in Lexington over the summer as a R.E. Lee fellow and to work in the lab helped define what I want to do," says Thomas. "Going to a small school like W&L and having the opportunity to make presentations in class made me realize that I want to teach some day."

Thomas is finishing her last semester of classes and will soon begin her lab rotation with the same professor who guided Bob Stewart when *he* was a graduate student at UVA. Her research focuses on the consequences of dietary manipulations on the developing system of taste.

Thomas also continues to kick around the soccer ball by playing on a city league team in Charlottesville, as well as on a campus intramural team. "I started playing again about a year ago, and it has made a huge difference for me," she says. "Balancing soccer and my studies fall term of my senior year was really tough, and it taught me a lot about time management. While soccer is more of a leisure activity for me now, it gives me a much-needed second focus." ❖



JENNY THOMAS IN HER LAB AT THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA. A STAR ATHLETE WHILE AT W&L, SHE LIKES "APPLYING SCIENCE TO REAL-WORLD SITUATIONS."

Mission Accomplished



Julie A. Campbell

Carlos Solari '79 had one of the most sensitive and fascinating positions in the White House—but he can't say much about it. Not because he's modest, although he is; not because he's shy, because he's a friendly sort. Rather, it's because he was the chief information officer in charge of computer security for the past two and a half years, and, well, discretion comes with the job. A biology major, he's a prime example of how a scientific education can prepare a student for just about anything—such as careers in the military, the FBI and a presidential administration.

Solari hails from Colombia—"the one in South America, not South Carolina," he smiled. He chose W&L because he was a "lacrosse wannabe" drawn by then-coach Jack Emmer, whom he called a "truly charismatic" individual. "I only played one year on the junior varsity," he said, "but I got a good education out of it." He also spent a year on the cross-country team. In addition to exploring his athletic talents, he was astounded to discover a whole new species of student: "Preppies. I didn't know such a thing existed."

The lacrosse player started out with the intention of focusing on pre-medical studies, but he soon focused solely on biology. A math course held more than one lesson. "I had never worked so hard to get a D in calculus," he remembered. He repeated the class and got a B-. "I needed to keep trying. I've never used calculus for anything. The lesson is to learn and not to give up." As for training in his future career, "W&L had no computer curriculum at all," he said, "beyond feeding a stack of cards into machines."

His expertise in that field came after he joined the military. "As a kid, I was always playing army," he said, so when the sophomore found out he could make \$100 a month in ROTC, he signed up. "The money was really appealing to me," he laughed. He entered the Army immediately after graduation and completed Ranger School, learning to be a "snake eater," part of the military's special forces that also include the Navy SEALs and the Green Berets. He likened the experience he gained in special operations to "getting a law degree but not practicing."

In the Army, he said, "I saw the increasing role, the importance of computers," and enjoyed the test of learning something new and complex. "Don't be afraid of challenges," he said. "W&L was a challenge." He also learned that there are "no excuses for failing your mission." "The Army prepared me well," he said, "for how to dissect problems."

His computer experience really "began with telecommunications, a field that in the 1980s was transitioning into computing. I caught that wave." His first course on computers came in the Army when he studied telecommunications. The second and third courses came when the Army sent him to the Air Force for engineering classes and to the Navy for a master's degree. The education built the foundation of his skills and nudged him into computer science as a profession.

After leaving the service, he worked for the FBI from 1992 to 1999. "As you can imagine, my security clearance took a while," he laughed, "being from Colombia." In the criminal investigative division, "I was involved in the

background, providing support for work on many of the events that showed up on the front pages—bank robbery, fraud, corruption and cyber crime, among other offenses.” Traveling took up a good chunk of his time, as he was in charge of computer support for legal attaché offices around the world. “It was a ton of work.” In 1999 he began work for private industries and small companies. “I got a different kind of immersion in computer services from the business side, which has served me well,” he said.

In 2002, the White House, in the form of the Office of Administration, beckoned Solari. The George W. Bush Administration had established the position of chief information officer (CIO) in the Executive Office of the President (EOP). The first holder of the job, a friend, hired him as the deputy. When the friend was promoted, he said, “‘Guess what? I think you could do this job,’” remembered Solari. “I said, ‘sure.’” He was the acting CIO for four months until it became official.

From his headquarters in an office building two blocks from the White House, Solari supervised a mix of about 200 government and contract employees who dealt with the operations, policy and budget of information technology (IT). A typical day began at 6:30 a.m. and stretched 12 hours most days, 18 hours on some. “I’m always tethered to my e-mail with my Blackberry,” he said. “You’re never free.” He reviewed projects, worked on the IT strategy for the White House, dealt with clients and “tackled the crisis of the day.” W&L mugs decorated his bookshelf and desk.

One of his roles was “first senior TSR—technical services representative,” he joked. As head of a one-stop shop for computer support, he found that “when someone’s computer’s not working, it must be addressed immediately.” Fortunately, “I had a great team to support me,” he said. It’s refreshing to learn that the denizens of the White House are just like the rest of us when it comes to their e-mail. “When it goes down,” said Solari, “they need to know who to call.”

With security of the utmost concern, he can’t give a single hair-raising detail of the serious challenges he faced every day. “The more you talk about it, the more it ratchets up the attention,” he said. “The most visible face of the White House to the outside world is e-mail and the Web site. They get a lot of attention from folks who want to do us ill.” Even the White House gets its share of scams and spam and phish—bogus e-mails in legitimate-looking disguise that ask for personal financial information. “The bad guys have jumped on it,” he said ominously of phish, “and they want to do worse things than just take your money.” Viruses and other perils lurk on the Web to infect humble home computers, as well as those of the federal government. “We’re just like everyone else,” he said. “We have to have the ability to thwart them.”

His area, the Office of Administration, cut across all levels of the EOP. “It’s a campus, with the White House in the center

figuratively,” he said. “Around it are concentric circles. I worked in one of those concentric circles.” He “ran the computer machinery inside,” setting internal IT policy and supervising the services that come along with the local area network. The administration had three offices devoted to IT, so Solari worked inside the EOP. Contact with President Bush came “only at the annual holiday parties,” he said. “I’m a great fan.”

During rare free moments from his White House duties, Solari got to know Thomas P. Whaley, the chair of the W&L computer sciences department. During a visit to campus, he met computer science students and gave a lecture, “My Trek in

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IT—A W&L Student Reports—Lessons from the School of Hard Knocks.” Whaley said “he related his experiences and emphasized how his W&L education and values had served him.” Impressed with the students, Solari obtained a thumbs-up from the White House to have Michael Kearney ’05 and Christie Palazzolo ’06 as interns last summer.

“They did some good work,” he reported. He also gave the computer science faculty a tour of the White House last year.

“My internship was an amazing opportunity,” said Kearney. “From analyzing the White House network to touring the West Wing and witnessing a Marine One helicopter take off from the South Lawn, Mr. Solari provided me with an experience that I will not forget. I am extremely appreciative.”

Palazzolo was equally enthusiastic. “I had an absolutely fabulous experience interning under Carlos. I was welcomed by the staff with only the utmost warmth, patience and sincere regard, and I truly believe that such a wonderful working atmosphere was made possible by Mr. Solari’s leadership,” she reported. “In such an environment, I learned a great deal not only about the technical work I was doing but also about the qualities of a good leader and the profound effect that a friendly atmosphere can have on one’s job performance.”

Whaley called the alumnus “an extremely valuable resource. He has been most generous with his time, influence and wisdom to assist our students. He also provided information about career paths in IT that influenced other students in planning for graduate school.”

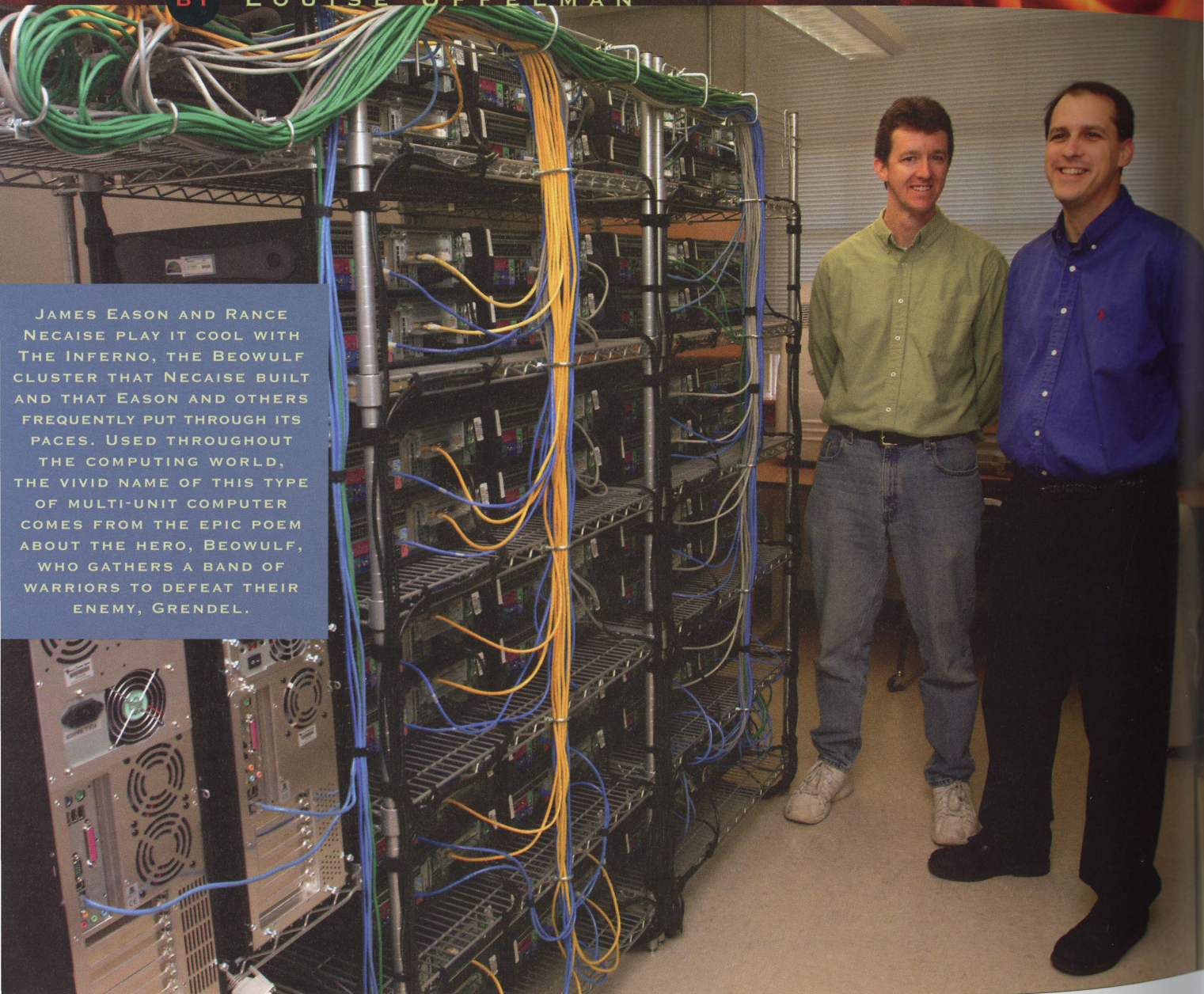
Solari and his wife, Sabine, now look forward to a new life and a new home on the Shenandoah River. He will do some consulting, and she will run a gift shop. He met his German spouse during an Army tour. Their daughter, Sarah, “my buddy,” is 20 and completing a degree in international studies at Virginia Tech. “She loves languages,” he said, “and is a much better student than I was.”

Whether it’s supporting investigations for the FBI or protecting the computer systems that serve the White House, said Carlos Solari, “you need solid foundations. How else can you lead people?” He thanks his liberal arts education and scientific training at W&L for providing just such a foundation. “They taught me well,” he said. That, at least, is no secret. ♣

Hot Stuff

W&L's Supercomputer Fuels New Research

BY LOUISE UFFELMAN



JAMES EASON AND RANCE NECAISE PLAY IT COOL WITH THE INFERNO, THE BEOWULF CLUSTER THAT NECAISE BUILT AND THAT EASON AND OTHERS FREQUENTLY PUT THROUGH ITS PACES. USED THROUGHOUT THE COMPUTING WORLD, THE VIVID NAME OF THIS TYPE OF MULTI-UNIT COMPUTER COMES FROM THE EPIC POEM ABOUT THE HERO, BEOWULF, WHO GATHERS A BAND OF WARRIORS TO DEFEAT THEIR ENEMY, GRENDL.

The temperature used to reach a sweltering 100 degrees in the Science Center room that houses W&L's supercomputer (aka The Inferno). Now, three additional air conditioners pump in a welcome 30,000 BTUs of chilled air. "The irony about this cluster," said Rance Necaise, assistant professor of computer science, "is that most of the maintenance costs are in keeping it cool." But what a small price to pay for the high-performance computing power of 48 personal computers (PCs) running in parallel.

Washington and Lee is one of the lucky few small, liberal arts universities in the country to own a Beowulf cluster this powerful. The science faculty and students are taking advantage of the system, which can slice through algorithms like a hot knife through butter. Although Necaise built W&L's supercomputer with off-the-shelf components, the synergy of its parallel processing easily surpasses the golden age of the Cray computer, once the most powerful number cruncher in the world. W&L's platform uses desktop computers, each with the 3.0GHz Pentium IV processor and 1 GB of physical memory. Gigabit Ethernet and fast Gigabit switches provide the interconnections.

Not bad for a system that cost only about \$60,000, a pittance compared to the price of a comparable single supercomputer.

Necaise's own research explores parallel processing of image quantization and gene alignments in bioinformatics. The work he's done to improve the performance benchmarks in parallel computing has opened the door for interdisciplinary collaborations with other departments in the Science Center.

"Liberal arts schools our size just don't have this kind of computing power," says James Eason, assistant professor of physics and engineering. It's made all the difference in his Virtual Heart lab. Last summer, he and his students used the supercomputer to simulate the effect of a strong electric shock on a fibrillating heart. In the course of 24 hours, the system could solve close to 10 billion nonlinear differential equations. (Yes, 10 billion.) "Once you've got data to work with, you can write papers," Eason notes.

Down the hall, Chris Connors, associate professor of geology, and Simon Levy, assistant professor of computer science, are collaborating on algorithms to model fault-bending folding associated with earthquakes. Processing these kinds of algorithms requires massive amounts of computing time on a conventional—that is, serial—computer. "The supercomputer gives me a significantly larger order of magnitude of performance than my laptop," says Connors. "What might take 10 hours on a PC takes an hour on this system."

"There's a tremendous need for this kind of computing power, but it comes at a tremendous price," says Eason. "Rance has spent many nights and weekends getting the system up and running. Anyone can buy this kind of equipment, but not many people have the knowledge and experience required to make it work."

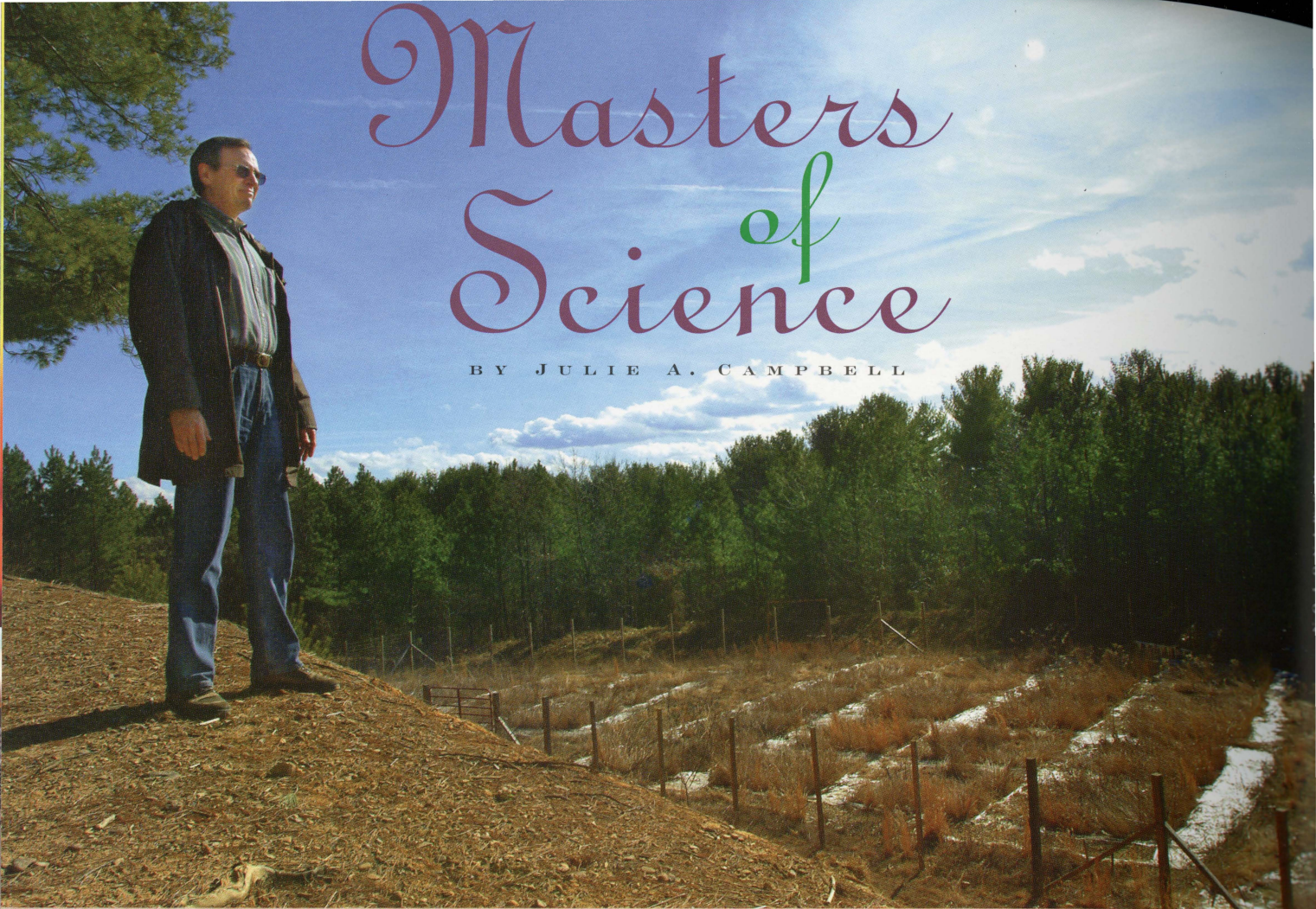
Necaise has reconfigured the cluster several times over the past few years. In 2000, the computer science department had only a handful of Linux workstations. That number grew to 36 in 2002 and evolved into a 16-node Beowulf cluster the next year. Eason contributed funds from his Jeffress Grant to expand the cluster to 32 nodes. Most recently, the Nonlinear Dynamics group provided money from its Keck Foundation grant to make the leap to a 48-node cluster. If more funding comes through, Necaise hopes to expand the cluster to 256 nodes.

Meanwhile, The Inferno is heating up once again as Necaise reconfigures the cluster to improve its efficiency. Faster is always better—and hotter. ♣

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Masters of Science

BY JULIE A. CAMPBELL



LARRY HURD, PROFESSOR OF BIOLOGY, TAKES A MIDWINTER HIKE THROUGH THE W&L SCIENCE PARK. THE SCIENCE ADVISORY BOARD AND HURD AGREE ON THE NEED "TO MAINTAIN AND FURTHER DEVELOP IT SO THAT LONG-TERM RESEARCH PROJECTS ARE SAFE FROM CHANGES IN LAND USE," AS CLIFF KERN '70 SAYS.

Here's an experiment for you. Combine 14 alumni, 14 undergraduate science degrees (several of them doubles), a bunch of advanced degrees and any number of varied, useful professions. Mix in a passion for W&L, and you have the Alumni Advisory Board for the Sciences and Mathematics—also known as the Science Advisory Board.

For the uninitiated, Kevin Coppersmith '74, who has been involved since its inception, explains. "First and foremost, the SAB is a group of alumni who love W&L," he says. The University is certainly not lacking members in that category, but the SAB puts its own spin on the emotion. "We are a biased bunch," notes Coppersmith, "who will jump at any chance to preach to prospective, present and past W&L students about the benefits of a science education at W&L."

This eager conglomeration came about in 1999, when Tyler Lorig, Ruth Parmly Professor and chair of the neuro-

science program, raised the idea with Larry Boetsch '69, then Dean of the College. Everyone was settling into the new Science Center, so the time seemed ripe. The first meeting occurred in November 2002. Modeled on the advisory board of the Williams School, the membership comprises two alumni each from biology, chemistry, computer science, geology, mathematics, psychology and physics/engineering. The 14 members (see sidebar) meet twice a year and keep their eyes on a lofty goal: "To encourage, enhance and promote excellence in the sciences and mathematics at Washington and Lee University."

From the beginning, the SAB knew W&L already had multiple strengths that embrace the sciences: undergraduate research (like the R.E. Lee Research Scholars), interdisciplinary programs (such as neuroscience and nonlinear dynamics), the engineering



KEVIN J. COPPERSMITH '74

program, student participation in conferences (the National Conference for Undergraduate Research is in Lexington from April 20-23) and the popular program at St. Andrews University, Scotland. And then there are abundant numbers of graduates, including the board members, gainfully employed as astronauts, physicians, mathematicians, geologists, researchers and so on.

To underscore those strengths, the SAB vowed to provide encouragement by working with interested students, supporting the faculty and bringing together people from different areas of W&L on common scientific and academic issues. Enhancement comes when they provide an outside perspective on life after college and advising the faculty. Promotion takes the shape of career guidance, advocacy of the sciences to the administration and the nurturing of alumni relationships.

On campus, Larry Hurd and Jeanine Stewart work closely with the group. "I act as a conduit between the faculty and the SAB," says Hurd, professor of biology. Frank Settle Jr., visiting professor of chemistry, previously filled that role. "This group has helped me to appreciate the passion of our alumni for Washington and Lee," says Stewart, Boetsch's successor as interim Dean of the College, and a faculty member in the psychology department and the neuroscience program. She particularly admires its "vast potential energy."

"It's very exciting that this group is together," says Beverly Lorig, director of Career Services. "They encourage students to think about a wide variety of fields and options for their science degrees." She says that board members also urge students to secure internships for the valuable experience. Further, their discussions with both students and faculty about what attributes employers really need and want—in scientific endeavors as well as in other areas—confirm Lorig's observation "that we're sending out graduates who can ask



MICHAEL PLEVA, PROFESSOR OF CHEMISTRY (CENTER), WORKS WITH STUDENTS IN THE LAB.

of a college education at W&L is drawn from the personalized educational opportunities we provide in the College, whether in seminars, at the laboratory bench or in the field."

good questions and who can write well."

Stewart also finds validation in the group's achievements in the working world. "I benefit from the broad perspective offered by alumni who emphasized the sciences and mathematics during their time at W&L, but who have found satisfaction in a striking array of professions," she says. "They have helped me solidify my own view that the value

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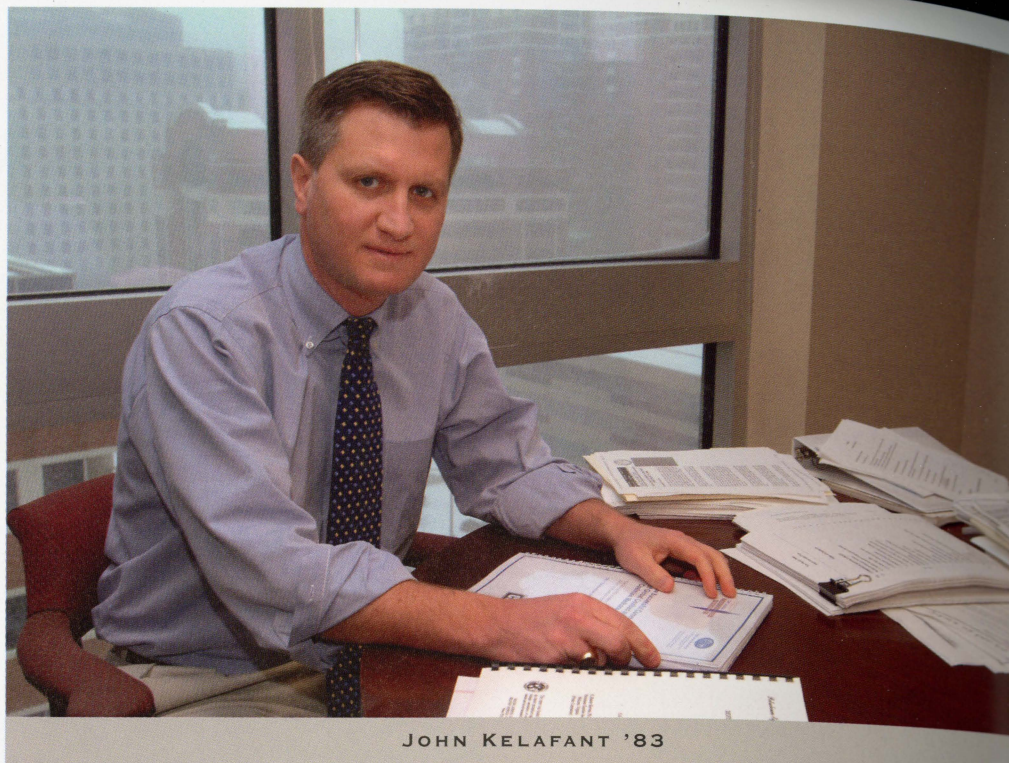
When talking to any member of the SAB, it is striking to hear how highly they rate their scientific education at W&L. For example, Coppersmith majored in geology. He is now the president of Coppersmith Consulting Inc., in Walnut Creek, Calif., which focuses on decision analysis in the earth sciences. "My studies laid the groundwork for understanding the fundamentals of geology and associated sciences and math," he says. "They also taught me the value and pleasure of field observations and honed my writing skills. I found in graduate school that my undergraduate program at W&L had been far more rigorous than that of my colleagues."

John Kelafant '83 concurs. "I believe I was as well prepared, if not better, than my peers both at graduate school and in industry," says the geology major, now senior vice president of Advanced Resources International in Arlington, Va., a firm that consults in the fields of technology development and oil and gas.

Jennifer Yanulavich '95 majored in math and physics. Now a pension actuary at Hewitt Associates L.L.C. in Charlotte, N.C., she says "math classes prepared me for some of the actuarial exams, but the greatest benefit of my W&L studies was a liberal arts education that prepared me to be able to think and write critically."

Like Yanulavich, other members of the SAB sing the praises of liberal arts. A walking advertisement for interdisciplinary study—a crucial area of interest for the board—Steve Mattingly '90, who lives in Elkins, W.Va., was a double major in computer science and philosophy. A software developer, engineer and consultant, as well as a corporate information technology manager, Mattingly also teaches. "It took me a long time to fully appreciate that the most important part of my W&L studies was not the specific knowledge that helped me perform one or another of these jobs, but the depth and especially breadth of the liberal arts education," he says. "Life skills like communication, writing, logical analysis and critical thinking, plus the ability to draw on a well-rounded education, have helped me adapt to professional challenges I never imagined I would face."

Kelafant finds that "as a consultant, one must have the ability to communicate the results of a project clearly and

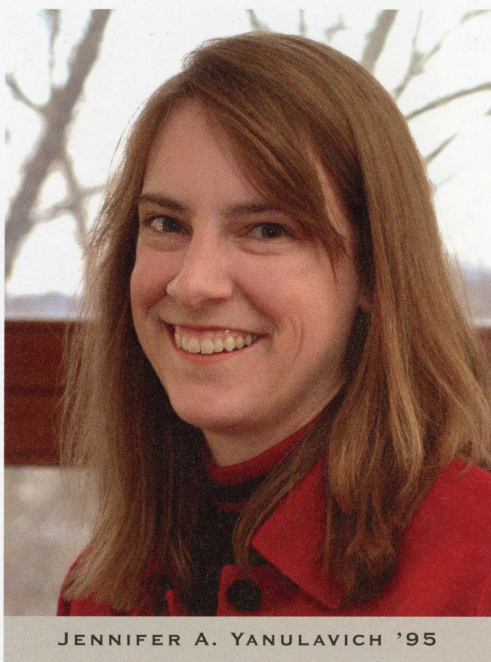


JOHN KELAFANT '83

concisely to a client. The humanities courses I took at W&L helped strengthen my writing and communication skills." He has hired a handful of recent graduates and finds the liberal arts holding their ground, thus confirming Beverly Lorig's opinions. "All of them have performed exceptionally well compared to graduates from other schools we have employed," he finds. "I believe the balance between science and liberal arts that W&L provides prepares students very well for the future."

Cliff Kern '70, of Metairie, La., is a biomedical consultant. Kern has taught biology, genetics and biochemistry at colleges, coordinated a diabetes project for the Louisiana State Health Department and performed research at a biotechnology company and Tulane University School of Medicine. His current work involves the immune system and cancer. Thanks to W&L, he says, he is "able to think with and work with people both inside and outside of my own field. The structure of the University and the liberal arts requirements allowed me to be taught by, and to get to know, professors in a wide range of departments." His study of programming and data analysis at W&L laid the groundwork for his subsequent coordination and design of data systems for use in his non-academic pursuits.

All of this comes as no surprise to Stewart. "Students educated in the liberal arts and sciences at Washington and Lee," she finds, "have virtually limitless potential in their career trajectories." Just look at the members of the SAB.



JENNIFER A. YANULAVICH '95

Consultants and Common Ground

If these alumni are so successful and fortunate in their education and careers, then why is there even a need for the SAB?

“Dean Stewart has compared us to a group of consultants,” says Kern. “I think that we provide a sounding board for the University and a very real way to help connect science and non-science alumni to the faculty and students in the math and science departments. In most cases, we, as consultants with a vested interest, can help the departments fulfill their missions by representing them to the administration and to the broader W&L community.”

Coppersmith gives an example of how the collaboration works. “Our recent consideration of the role of interdisciplinary studies in the sciences, and across other departments as well, was initiated by Dean Stewart as potential input to the ongoing consideration of this important issue in strategic planning,” he reports. President Tom Burish (a member of the psychology faculty) and Stewart also have encouraged the board “to offer advice on mechanisms for identifying and mining the science-alumni resource to encourage networking, internships, career paths and so on,” says Coppersmith. “The implementation of these ideas has just begun.”

The board also interacts with the faculty from the seven departments, gathering ideas and information spiced with reflections from current students. “In this way, the board serves the important function of searching for issues and solutions of common ground,” finds Coppersmith.

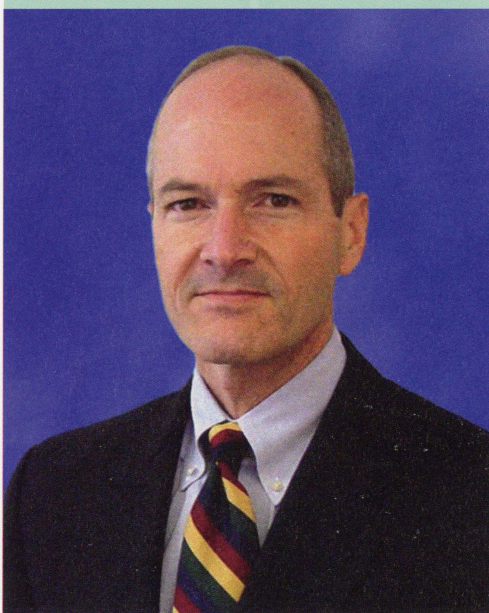
David Low '78 views the process from a business point of view. The holder of a B.S. in physics and engineering, he made three trips into space on board the shuttles *Columbia*, *Atlantis* and *Endeavour*. He is now a vice president of the technical services division of Orbital Sciences Corp., in Dulles, Va. “W&L produces a product—educated young people—for certain customers—graduate schools or technical companies,” says Low. “The SAB provides a



STEPHEN S. MATTINGLY '90

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G. DAVID LOW '78

means for customers to give feedback to the shapers of the product—the faculty and staff.”

“This is not a group who comes to campus to socialize,” notes Stewart. “They challenge me to find ways for the group to address key issues facing W&L’s science faculty, students and curriculum.”

A Dream Ticket

The SAB has several dreams. One is a network of science alumni, with a database of names cross-referenced with existing databases in the Alumni Office and Career Services. Tim Smith '04, assistant director for online communication in the Alumni Office, is working on a Web site that will be a start. Coppersmith also envisions bringing speakers to campus, identifying prospective science students in high schools across the country, providing internship and career opportunities and using admissions materials “to cast a positive light on the wonderful opportunities that the school offers science majors.”

And there’s more. Enforcing an already good reputation, spreading the news about W&L’s science curriculum to college counselors and prospective students, supporting the faculty, encouraging interdisciplinary studies and providing jobs and graduate studies are all important to the SAB. “In the longer term,” says Coppersmith, “I would like the SAB to be able to take at least partial claim to the advancement of the sciences at W&L.”

“I hope that SAB can help potential and current W&L students understand the benefits of studying sciences at a liberal arts college,” says Mattingly, “and help employers and the public understand the unique value of liberally educated scientists and engineers.”

Interdisciplinary study is important, and Mattingly is proud of its existence on campus. “Many W&L faculty are already doing interdisciplinary work through natural, spontaneous collaboration with colleagues,” he says. “If I



KIERSTIN SCHMIDT '05, A MEMBER OF W&L'S WOMEN IN TECHNOLOGY AND SCIENCE, EXPLAINS THINGS AT THE BLACKBOARD DURING A SESSION WITH GIRLS FROM MAURY RIVER MIDDLE SCHOOL. SINCE 1996, THE GROUP'S MEMBERS HAVE SERVED AS ROLE MODELS FOR YOUNGER GIRLS INTERESTED IN SCIENCE. MIMI MILNER ELROD, HEAD OF THE SUMMER SCHOLARS PROGRAM, AND JACK WIELGUS, PROFESSOR OF BIOLOGY, ARE THE FACULTY ADVISERS.

were to pick one goal for SAB to accomplish, it would be to succeed in making the entire University community—students, parents, alumni, administrators—aware of these faculty efforts, and of the need for broad support to maximize the impact.” For example, Brian Richardson ’73, professor of journalism, and Steve Desjardins, associate professor of chemistry, have collaborated on a proposal for a course in science journalism.

With a degree in computer sciences and a concentration in accounting, Julie Townsend ’94 is another interdisciplinary example. As chair of the SAB’s committee on interdisciplinary studies, she finds the concept a strong recruiting tool. The board as a whole thinks the University should encourage and support interdisciplinary collaborations between existing departments rather than establish them formally. “Collaborative teaching and

research efforts among faculty—motivated entirely from their own intellectual curiosity—can blossom into courses and programs that have a high potential for success,” says Townsend. “Washington and Lee is a perfect breeding ground for this model because of the low walls that exist between the departments.” Her committee also thinks that official recognition of such partnerships would be a boon.

Yanulavich hopes a “greater alumni network” can help with internships and jobs. Ultimately, she wants to “see W&L recognized among its peers, graduate schools and employers as producing the highest caliber of science students among private schools of its size.” Thomas J. Boyd ’87, a research biogeochemist at the U.S. Naval Research Laboratory in Washington, says that “although I think it has improved greatly since I was at W&L, I’d like to



CLIFFORD H. KERN III '70

facilitate providing a strong analytical chemistry focus.” Kelafant thinks career advice is critical.

Kern sees an important opportunity for alumni collaboration. “I am certain that there are graduates of the Williams School who are involved in businesses that have science, math and computer science components. We need to make them aware of W&L students, too.”

As for Larry Hurd, a beneficiary of the SAB’s advocacy, “I would like them to help us design the role of the sciences in the goal-setting for W&L that is now going on,” he says, referring to the strategic plan. He’d also like to see an SAB member on the Board of Trustees. For now, “I hope they will continue to advocate for us on behalf of departmental and science-wide projects such as the Science Park and a physics observatory.”

Kern also views the Science Park as a major addition to the University and is excited by the research and teaching already in progress. He thinks it’s critical “to maintain and further develop it so that long-term research projects are safe from changes in land use.” Like Hurd, he and the rest of the SAB would love to see the return of an observatory and telescope to campus.

Kern is a realist—and a dreamer. “We need to recognize that scholarship, including faculty research, is necessary to stay on top,” he continues. He hopes that the University will continue to seek “the delicate teaching/research balance that enables us to

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JULIE TOWNSEND '94

remain a first-class liberal arts university with research opportunities that benefit the entire community.” To keep this all afloat, of course, the school needs “sufficient funding to make all of that possible,” says Kern, “including appropriate staffing levels, teaching loads, the best possible students and faculty and first-rate facilities, without altering the fundamental character of Washington and Lee.”

If this is what the Science Advisory Board means by preaching, then any school would be pleased to have such a biased bunch in its corner. ‡



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JAMES EASON,
ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF PHYSICS
AND ENGINEERING, AND STUDENTS
FIGURE OUT AN EXPERIMENT.

PHOTO BY PATRICK HINELY '73



**MICHELLE L. DADSON,
Events Coordinator**

Duties: Michelle coordinates mailings and registration for the Athletic Hall of Fame, Homecoming/Five-Star Generals Reunion, Reunion Weekend, regional gatherings and other events sponsored by the Alumni Office. Michelle also assists with the day-to-day maintenance of alumni computer records, helps the entire Alumni Office staff and serves as principal secretary to the associate alumni director.

Favorite thing about the job: "Getting to see alumni return for reunions and other events on campus, to enjoy Lexington and reminisce about their days on campus."

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**TOM LOVELL '91,
Associate Director of
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Duties: On campus, Tom works with the major alumni events such as Homecoming, Athletic Hall of Fame and Reunion Weekend. Off campus, he assists with the alumni chapter programs, is commissioner of the Mink Conference, makes chapter visits and organizes regional chapter gatherings. He keeps alumni in touch with the University and with fellow alumni.

Favorite thing about the job: "Working with a great group of folks who are committed to their alma mater—in other words, selling a product that has already been bought and to which the buyer is already committed."

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**ROSA WEEKS,
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Duties: Rosa handles printing and mailings and provides general assistance with all Alumni Office functions.

Favorite thing about the job: "Operating my three-piece insert machine with a 3,000-mail presort on a good day!"

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**ELIZABETH OUTLAND
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Relations**

Duties: Elizabeth oversees alumni relations and fund-raising for the Law School. She works with the annual fund, class agents, third-year class gifts, reunions, special events, chapter events and the law alumni magazine.

Favorite thing about the job: "Getting to know the alumni."

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**ROB MISH '76, Director of
Alumni Programs**

Duties: "Trying to keep alumni happy and connected by keeping in the forefront of their minds their best memories, feelings and instincts about Washington and Lee."

Favorite thing about the job: "Those of us who work here often take for granted what this place means and what it's all about. Meeting with alumni grounds me once again about how important our mission is, how unique W&L truly is and how loyal our alumni are."

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Your Alumni Office



ANDRA SCOTT, Chapter Coordinator

Duties: "I work with the director, associate director and assistant director for online communications on a daily basis in constant communication with the volunteer leadership of W&L's alumni chapters. I also coordinate all aspects of University support for the presidents of 86 alumni chapters, from program development to the preparation and mailing of meeting invitations. I also initiate contact with chapter presidents to keep the network active and maintain program records and individual chapter files."

Favorite thing about the job: "To hear alumni's fond memories of W&L and Lexington."

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JANE SMITH, Alumni Records Coordinator

Duties: Jane maintains biographical information on all alumni. Class Notes begin with her.

Favorite thing about the job: "I enjoy Reunion and Homecoming, seeing the alumni meet classmates they haven't seen since graduation."

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JOHN T. TAFFE, Director of Special Events

Duties: John works with the Alumni Office and all other departments in planning and running special events such as Homecoming, Reunion Weekend, Board of Trustees meetings and commencement.

Favorite thing about the job: "Listening to the Five-Star Generals talking about the days of old." He also finds that "having had a daughter (Kelly Taffe '04) graduate from W&L puts a whole new spin on this place."

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TIM T. SMITH '04, Assistant Alumni Director for Online Communications

Duties: Tim is primarily responsible for the alumni Web site (alumni.wlu.edu) and Colonnade Connections (www.alumniconnections.com/wlu).

Favorite thing about the job: "Meeting and getting to know the W&L die-hard faithful from across the country." He also likes "staying in Lexington" and exploring "beyond life as a student."

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JILL GILMORE STRAUB, Administrative Assistant

Duties: Jill is the executive assistant to Rob Mish and to the Alumni Board of Directors and office manager for the Alumni Office.

Favorite thing about the job: "The sincere expression of appreciation alumni show after I have been able to assist them. The contacts vary from trying to locate a long-lost classmate to asking whom to talk to at the University regarding a prospective student; from telling us about an interesting potential story for the alumni magazine to making a request for the photo calendar. And there's the excitement I feel when registering an alumnus for an upcoming spring reunion."

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Hilton Head Hosts



Five-Star Generals socialized in Hilton Head Island, S.C., with President Tom Burish at a December 2004 alumni event at the home of Mim and Bob Jacob '59. Left to right: Ted Plowden '37, Fred Strong '35, Burish and Jay Reid '38.

1943

Corneal B. Myers

still practices law. He lives in Lake Wales, Fla.

John P. Scully Jr.

reports that he shot his age on a golf course, and then he started the back nine. He lives in Westfield, Mass.

1948

Nate L. Adams II

has left his home in Florida and is now living full time in Lexington. He says he has a wonderful and full life here.

Marvin L. Daves

is an ex-M.D., ex-radiologist, ex-chairman and current professor emeritus. He is happy living in Prescott, Ariz.

1950

Dr. Bernard C. Talley

is active in the VFW, Carroll County Retired Teachers Association and Devil's Den Natural Reserve. Devil's Den is 280 acres of land near Fancy Gap, Va., along the Blue Ridge Parkway. He lives in Hillsville, Va.

1951

James D. Ward

has been retired for 15 years. He and Ginny have enjoyed traveling in 48 states and Canada. They live in Providence Forge, Va., where

they enjoy volunteer work and work in their church. They are in New Kent County, which is celebrating 350 years of existence.

1952

Thomas C. Gardner

has recovered from replacement surgery on both knees and returned to golf, tennis, canoeing and motorcycling. South Carolina is a great place for all of this, he says.

Paul D. Weill

is still enjoying retirement with all five grandchildren. He lives in Weatogue, Conn.

1953

Edwin P. "Cy" Twombly Jr.

exhibited 10 paintings and one sculpture at the inaugural show of the new Gagosian Gallery on Britannia Street, London. Twombly lives in Rome, Italy.

50th Reunion May 19-21

1955

William H. Bartsch

received the Arthur Goodzeit Book Award from the New York Military Affairs Symposium for the best book published in 2003 on military history for his book, *December 8, 1941: MacArthur's Pearl Harbor* (Texas A&M University Press, 2003). He lives in Reston, Va.

Robert M. Cullers

will play over 150 softball games

this year, culminating in the Senior World Series in Plano, Texas. He recently finished a manuscript called "Santa Claus Lives." He lives in Strasburg, Va.

1956

William T. M. Grigg

retired from the federal government after serving as a spokesman or communications director for five U.S. health agencies: the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, the National Toxicology Agency, the Public Health Service, NIH and FDA. He is now writing a book. He lives in Chevy Chase, Md.

1961

Allen B. Dakin

has been retired for six years. He enjoys working around the house, model railroading and spending time with his grandchildren. He also enjoys cruising to Bermuda in the summer. He lives in Ewing, N.J.

1962

William C. Boyd

will be listed in *The Best Lawyers in America 2005-2006*. He specializes in antitrust, corporate, mergers and acquisitions, securities and real estate law. He is with Haynsworth Sinkler Boyd in Columbia, S.C.

1963

David W. Bevans Jr.

retired from the practice of general surgery in August 2001. His son, David, joined him in practice in July 1997. He lives in North Little Rock, Ark.

Edward W. Holmes,

vice chancellor for health sciences and dean of the School of Medicine at University of California-San Diego, was one of five University of California deans named to the commission governing the stem cell research institute that California voters approved in November 2004. Holmes, an expert in molecular medicine and a leader in training physician-scientists, oversees the Skaggs School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences as well as the UCSD Healthcare system. He came to UCSD in 2000 from Duke University, where he was dean of the medical school.

Warren B. Hughes Jr.

and his wife, Mary, report they are enjoying life at the Jersey shore. They have five grandchildren and had a great visit with Lance Tarrance '63. They live in Ocean City, N.J.

George D. Morton

continues his late-blooming acting career. He will return to off-

Willett '52 Receives Honor From Longwood University



Henry Willett Jr. '52, former president of Longwood University in Farmville, Va., was honored in October 2004 when the school named the physical education building after him. Nine of his grandchildren, pictured here, joined him for the occasion. Retired from Longwood since 1981, he still teaches two nights a week at the Hampton Roads Center of George Washington University. He lives in Virginia Beach.

Commissioner Corwin



Alan M. Corwin '62, of Olympia, Wash., was recently elected Thurston County public utility district commissioner.

Broadway and the Jean Cocteau Repertory Theatre to play Pickering, the friend and colleague of the phoneticist Higgins, in Shaw's *Pygmalion*. This past season he performed there in Ibsen's *The Wild Duck* and Brecht-Weill's *The Three Penny Opera*. He has three more shows lined up for the remainder of the 2004-2005 theater season.

Joseph L. Topinka

retired early, thanks to a great education at W&L and a bit of hard work. He lives in Raphine, Va.

1964

Dr. Brian M. Dorsk

has retired from the practice of medical oncology. He now writes wine articles and a bit of fiction, does wine lists for restaurants and teaches medical students. His

wife, Hillary, has hung up her legal shingle and designs and crafts jewelry. They live in Cape Elizabeth, Maine. Like the weather, he says, life on the coast of Maine is always exciting.

Dr. Peter S. Trager

was elected to a one-year term as president of the Georgia Board of Dentistry. He lives in Marietta, Ga.

1967

Kenneth M. Greene,

a senior partner in the Greensboro law firm of Carruthers & Roth P.A., has been selected by his peers for the 2005-2006 edition of *Best Lawyers in America*. This marks the 10th anniversary of his first appearance in the book. He lives in Greensboro, N.C.

Andrew H. Lupton

lives in Bathurst, New South Wales, Australia, having moved there from Sydney two years ago. He spent the past decade as a senior officer and member of the board of directors of two Australian Stock Exchange companies in the mining/resources industry, one based entirely in China. He left both companies in August 2002 as a result of a near-fatal illness, and now works in property development and raises Selle Francais

horses. He visited W&L last summer to introduce his Australian wife to his favorite places in Virginia. He reports that she left with a sincere appreciation of the campus, as did he, although he found his family's legacy, Newcomb Hall, was much changed from his days here. He also spent time with John Zink '67, '70L, who brought back many fond memories.

Capt. William S. Wildrick

remains on active duty with the Navy SEALs. He took command of the Naval Special Warfare Operational Support Group in October 2003. He lives in La Jolla, Calif.

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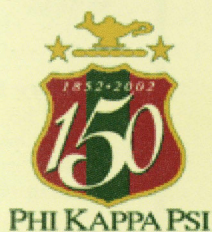
Linwood W. Davis,

a retired civil servant, now teaches full-time Latin at Prince Edward County public schools. The Hampden-Sydney College chapter of Eta Sigma Phi made him an honorary member.

Charles C. Lewis ('71L)

announces the birth of his second grandchild, Rhett Arrington Lavender, on Sept. 23, 2003, in Raleigh, N.C.

JOIN THE VIRGINIA BETA CHAPTER OF PHI KAPPA PSI AS IT CELEBRATES ITS 150TH ANNIVERSARY



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Events planned for the 150th Anniversary Celebration:

May 11-17: Cabo Alpha, Cabo San Lucas, Mexico

June 25: Amici Golf Outing, Queenstown, Md.

Sept. 8-11: 150th Anniversary Celebration, Lexington

All Phi Psis are encouraged to participate in any and all of the events.

For additional information, visit the chapter Web site, www.phipsi.wlu.edu, or contact Jim Clark '84 at (800) 568-3404, james.clark@agedwards.com, or Tom Lovell '91 at (540) 458-8467, tdlovell@wlu.edu.

McClerkin '53 Shares Secrets and Shortcuts

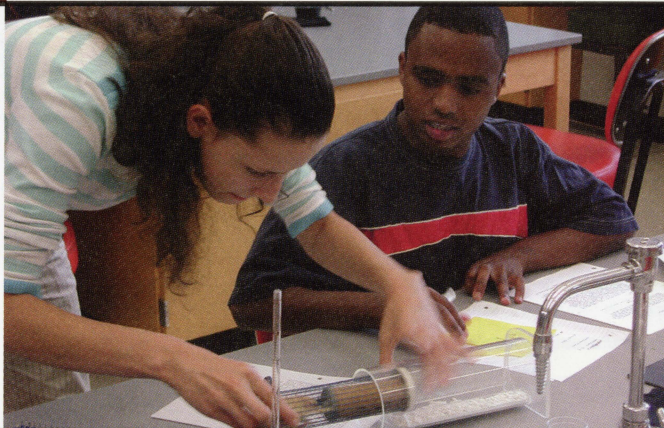


Hayes McClerkin '53 inscribed a chair after signing his new book, *Shortcuts to Life's Secrets: The Collected Thoughts of Hayes McClerkin*, at That Bookstore in Blytheville (that's the official name) in Blytheville, Ark. The store traditionally has visiting authors sign a chair. "If you could read the name on the back of the chair," writes McClerkin, "you would see 'Bill Clinton, Aug 2004.'" It was an "exciting but humbling experience."



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Field trips and social events round out the curriculum. Current W&L students serve as resident counselors, and outstanding professors teach the classes.

The fee is \$2,500. Applications are due no later than May 30. International students should apply by April 15.

1969

Robert O. Bauer Jr.

and his wife, Penny, celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary. They live in Clearwater, Fla.

Arthur S. Loring

has become more involved in charitable activities. He became the president of the Morse Geriatric Center in West Palm Beach and continues on the executive committee of the Jewish Federation of Palm Beach. He finished 123rd out of 2,570 in the World Series of Poker in Las Vegas. He lives in Palm Beach, Fla.

George L. Patterson III

is the chief appraiser at Colonial Bank, a \$17 billion bank with offices from Las Vegas to Miami. He lives in St. Petersburg, Fla.

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1970

Steven F. Unti

was elected a fellow of Phi Beta Kappa in December 2003 and initiated at the Harvard Club of New York City. He serves as the president of the Metropolitan Atlanta Alumni Association of Phi Beta Kappa. He has completed 31 years of law practice in Atlanta, where he is with the firm of Sanders and McAlpine.

1973

Matthew B. LaMotte

entered his third year of his new life as a history teacher. He also coaches lacrosse at Wakefield School in The Plains, Va.

Michael C. Schaeffer

entered his 25th season as head men's soccer coach at the University of North Carolina-Pembroke. The team comes off the best season in school history 17-1-2, ranked 16th in the nation in NCAA Division II. It participated in the Division II national tournament.

1974

Paul R. Holland III

lives in Herndon, Va., with his wife, Laurie. He is a program manager with Northrup Grumman. The nest is "like an accordion," he says, with kids going and coming back. Two have graduated from college, one is currently in and one still to go. All available funds go to one college or another. He and Laurie are brand-new grandparents, as their daughter Cyndi gave birth to a baby boy.

30th Reunion May 19-21 1975

Robert M. Lander

reports that his daughter Candice graduated from the University of Colorado. His daughter Julie is attending Lynn University in Boca Raton, Fla. He is now an empty nester and enjoying it. He attended Henry Houston's '75 wedding and had a great time.

1976

Samuel R. Brown II

represented the United States on the U.S. Triathlon Team (ages 50-54) at the Long Course Triathlon Championship in Sater, Sweden. The course consisted of a 2.5-mile swim in a lake, a 75-mile bike ride and a 18.6-mile run. He finished the race in 8:57 and placed 24th in his age group. He was very happy to have his entire family there to support him. Catherine is a second-year student at the University of Virginia, Beau is a senior at Norfolk Academy, Liza is a tenth-grader at Norfolk Academy and Thomas is a fifth-grader at Norfolk

Greene Makes List of Lawyers



Kenneth M. Greene '67 was named one of the "Legal Elite" by *Business North Carolina* in bankruptcy and business law. He practices in Greensboro, N.C., with Caruthers & Roth, P.A.

Academy. The family live in Virginia Beach, Va.

Parke S. Rouse III

reports that his daughter, Elizabeth, has completed her first year at St. Mary's College of Maryland on the dean's list. He lives in Raphine, Va.

Lt. Col. Kerry D. Scott

retired in June 2004 after 28 years in the U.S. Army Reserve. After

graduation he saw four years' active duty in Texas and Germany. He served with the 1002nd Reserve Training Unit in Lynchburg, Va., and then entered the Foreign Area Office Program in 1984. He worked as an army and defense attaché for the Defense Intelligence Agency at embassies in places including Vienna, Ethiopia, Rwanda and Liberia. He also served in Charlottesville, Norfolk and Arlington, and in Washington at Bolling Air Force

Base. Most recently he coordinated the reserve attaché course for the Joint Military Attaché School. He has an M.S. in international relations from Troy State University and is a graduate of the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College and other military schools. He holds the Joint Meritorious Service Medal, Joint Service Achievement Medal, Army Commendation Medal and Army Achievement Medal. He lives in Amherst, Va.

1984

Timothy A. Valliere

lives in New York City, where he practices law. He recently changed law firms and is now a partner at Schoeman, Updike and Kaufman L.L.P., where he is a litigator.

20th Reunion May 19-21 1985

William R. Tommins

was named market executive for Bank of America's Middle Market Banking Division, covering Connecticut and western Massa-

A Thoughtful Legacy: Les Zittrain '52

Last June, I had the pleasure of attending a session of the Alumni College, "Brain and Mind: Who Are We and How Do We Know?" The speaker was Dr. Paul McHugh, retired chairman of the Department of Psychiatry at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. The audience of W&L alumni, family, friends and faculty paid close attention as McHugh gave a fascinating talk on the challenging subject, all of it thanks to the generosity of the late Lester E. Zittrain '52.

Les and his wife, Ruth, were partners in all things in life, philanthropy included. Zittrain included Washington and Lee in his will with a generous bequest to establish an endowed fund named in his memory. However, he left the details of the specific use of the income from this endowment for Ruth to decide. She worked with Rob Fure, director of special programs, to translate Les' wishes into a legacy that would provide great benefits to W&L and its alumni: the Lester E. Zittrain Distinguished Lectureship. The annual income from the endowment enables the W&L Alumni College to invite a distinguished person to become a faculty member for the week.

The Zittrains had enjoyed returning to Lexington periodically to participate in Alumni College. Interested in sharing

W&L with others, Les and Ruth would often invite friends to join them in experiencing these stimulating programs. On one occasion, they brought their granddaughters, Rebecca and Hannah (who promptly decided she wanted to go to school at W&L).

For many years to come, the Lester E. Zittrain Distinguished Lectureship will bring people together for continuing exploration, discussion and understanding of our changing world.



Following the example of "Jockey John" Robinson, who made the first bequest to W&L in 1826, Zittrain left an inspirational legacy. His memorial reflects his great intellectual curiosity and his confidence that his fellow alumni would share his broad interests. In Lexington, as in his city of Pittsburgh, his legacy is most eloquently expressed where people gather to share ideas. For many years to come, the Lester E. Zittrain Distinguished Lectureship will bring people together for continuing exploration, discussion and understanding of our changing world.

Washington and Lee is grateful to Les and Ruth Zittrain and to the many others who have helped to make possible educational opportunities at Washington and Lee through estate gifts. If you are thinking about including W&L in your long-term financial planning through a bequest, charitable trust or in some other way, please contact me at (540) 458-8421 or at ahumphreys@wlu.edu.

—Hank Humphreys

Ring in the New Year with the Whiteheads



On Dec. 30, 2004, Andrew Hart '88 and Matthew Bryant '89 and their families enjoyed a visit in Lynchburg with Celeste and James Whitehead Sr., former director of the Reeves Center, and James Whitehead Jr. '68. Left to right: Peyton Hart, Sarah Peyton, Celeste Whitehead, Jim Whitehead, Andrew Hart, Caroline Hart, Stella Bryant, Mitra Bryant. Not pictured: Matthew Bryant, Samantha Bryant, Jim Whitehead Jr.

chusetts. He lives in Fairfield, Conn., with his wife, Paula, and daughters, Madeleine, 8, and Mia, 5.

1986

Randolph L. Ellis

works for Siemens Medical Solutions. He lives in Richmond with wife Donna, twin sons, 8, and a daughter, 4.

C. Michael Stachura

was promoted to senior editor/equipment at *Golf Digest*. He has been an editor with the magazine since 1992. He completed work on his third book, *Fearless Golf*, with Dr. Gio Valiante, to be published this spring. He lives in Shelton, Conn., with his wife, Kathleen, and two children, Annie Kate, 7, and Jack, 5.

1987

C. Bryan B. Chaffe

is the senior manager of direct marketing for Eddie Bauer in Redmond, Wash. He is also the president of the Direct Marketing Association, Seattle Chapter. He lives in Woodinville, Wa. with his wife, Maja, and daughter, Emily (W&L 2025). When he isn't working, sleeping or playing with the family, he picks a lot of bluegrass guitar.

John B. Cummings III

was promoted to regional vice president of Tuition Management Systems in recognition of his sales and service accomplishments. Tuition Management Systems is the top-rated payment service, serving W&L as well as 700 schools nationwide. He lives in Westport, Mass.

James F. Gonzalez

has been married to his wife,

Theresa, for 14 years, and they have two great children, Amanda, 9, and Daniel, 7. They started their own marketing and promotions business in fall 2004 and live in New Fairfield, Conn.

John R. Maass

presented papers at academic conferences in Ireland: one at the 18th-Century Ireland Society and 18th-Century Scottish Studies Society joint meeting. He also presented at the Centre for Irish-Scottish Studies, Trinity College, Dublin, Ireland and at the 15th Ulster-American Heritage Symposium, Omagh, Northern Ireland. He lives in Dublin, Ohio.

John T. Wiltse

was promoted to the rank of lieutenant colonel in the Connecticut Army National Guard. He is mobilized on active duty in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and is serving in Baghdad, Iraq. He is the deputy press secretary for Gov. M. Jodi Rell (R-Conn). He lives in Newington, Conn.

1988

T. Preston Trigg

became director of administration for the Hillsborough County Tax Collector's Office after 15 years of writing and editing newspapers in North Carolina and Florida, including the *Tampa Tribune*. He returned to Lexington in 1988 to complete his B.A. in journalism.

He and his wife, Jackie, live in Tampa and have two sons, William, 12, and Jack, 3.

15th Reunion May 19-21 1990

Eve L. Mullen

was named a Fulbright Senior Specialist candidate for 2005-2010 in American studies with a specialization in religion. She received Gustav-Prietsch Foundation and U.S. State Department grants for university teaching abroad. She is an assistant professor at Mississippi State University, where she and her husband, Florian Pohl, reside.

1992

Dr. W. Jay Cabbard

is a tenure-track assistant professor in social work at Western Kentucky University. Their "little general," Blake, continues to grow at an exponential rate and is eating them out of house and home.

Dr. Robert A. Goodin

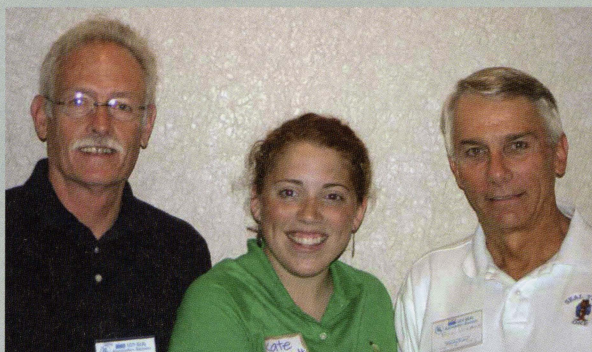
and his wife, Amy, are living in Louisville, Ky., and raising their three children, Wyatt, 3, Davis, 3, and Kate, 8 months. He practices orthopedic surgery, specializing in total joint reconstruction.

1993

Chase C. Davis

works for the Sierra Club in Spokane, Wash., where he spends lots of time outdoors. He frequently visits his goddaughter in Missoula, Waverly Winterer, the second daughter of Sheena Comer '93 and Drew Winterer '93. He recently wrote a fishing guide to the Lewis and Clark Trail, which you can see at www.sierraclub.org/lewisandclark.

SEAL of Approval



In July 2004, John Gulick '63 (left) and Bill Wildrick '67 (right) met at a reunion of former and current Navy SEALs in Little Creek, Va. At the event, Kathryn Shellnutt '08 (center) received a scholarship from the UDT/SEAL Association. She is the daughter of John Shellnutt, a senior SEAL with many years of service. Wildrick, a Navy captain, serves as a high-level staff officer in Coronado, Calif., and is heavily involved in matters that affect combat operations in Iraq.

Golfing Generals



In July 2004, alumni and friends swung their way across Scotland. In front of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club at St. Andrews are, left to right, Chris Sullivan '92, Randy Smith '93, David Hunter '93, Daniel Hart '93, Robert Jordan '93, Billy Hunter, Chris Gowen and Andy Cunagin '93. Hart took home the Silver Chalice thanks to a steady final round at the fabled Old Course of St. Andrews.

10th Reunion May 19-21 1995

Christopher J. Albert

returned to the East Coast after nine years in Los Angeles. He is director of communications for the National Geographic Channel in Washington.

R. Temple Cone Jr.

left the English department at Wake Forest University to accept a tenure-track assistant professorship in the English department at the U.S. Naval Academy. This winter, the Parallel Press at the University of Wisconsin will publish a chapbook of his poems,

Considerations of Earth and Sky. Meanwhile, his wife, Shannon Wiegmann '96, continues to work on her Ph.D. in botany from the University of Wisconsin.

1997

Dr. Amy Jarvis Albert

completed her residency in pediatrics in July 2004. She joined a pediatric group in Birmingham while waiting for her husband to finish his residency and fellowship training. She looks forward to a more normal life now that residency is behind her.

1999

Justin M. Blackwell

completed his law degree at the University of San Diego in May 2004. He celebrated his two-year anniversary with his wife, Courtney, in June 2004. He is returning to USD for an L.L.M. in taxation.

2001

Chad T. Braley

has relocated from Washington to Huntsville, Ala. He is a senior consultant with Beason and Nalley Consulting Group.

2002

Katherine E. Blocher

moved to Atlanta and is hoping to run into some W&L alums.

2003

Emma Thomas Dean,

class agent, announces that the Web site for the class is up and running. Bookmark alumni.wlu.edu/group/page/normal/187.html to stay in touch with your classmates and see what events are coming up.

Alumni Directory Update

By now, you should have received a questionnaire from the Harris Publishing Company. They have mailed or e-mailed one to each living alumnus and alumna for whom we have an address to request updated biographical data.

Please complete and return your questionnaire promptly so that we can update our alumni records. The publishing company will then follow up with verification phone calls and e-mails and will ask if you want to purchase a copy of the directory.

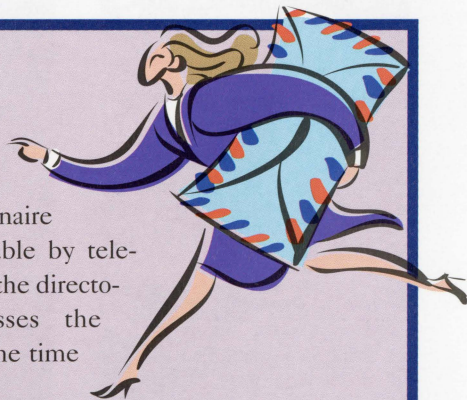
The project will cost Washington and Lee virtually nothing. Harris Publishing Company will finance it with the sale of directories. The University will not profit financially, but it will profit immensely from having cur-

rent alumni records.

Alumni who do not return the questionnaire and who are unreachable by telephone will be listed in the directory with the addresses the Alumni Office has at the time of publication.

If you do not receive a questionnaire or do not want to appear in the directory, please notify us in writing at Alumni Office, Washington and Lee University, Lexington, VA 24450-0303.

Thank you for your cooperation in this important project!



Fijis and Football



Last December, 30 members of Phi Gamma Delta from the Baltimore and New York City Alumni Chapters convened in Baltimore to watch the New York Giants play the Baltimore Ravens. From left to right: Tony Waskiewicz '89, Rob MacPherson '89, Vinny Connors '87, Rob Spencer '87, Jim Foley '86.

MARRIAGES

Timothy A. Vanderver Jr. '65 to Susan Elliotte McVay on March 20, 2004, in Bethesda, Md. Groomsmen and ushers included Peter Stelling '65, Pegram Johnson '66 and Tim Vanderver III '92. Ben Vanderver '96 was an honorary usher and Megan Hovda Vanderver '97 was an honorary bridesmaid. They live in Potomac, Md.

Dr. Roderick A. Mundy '72 to Francine C. Fitt on Sept. 20, 2003, in Arlington Heights, Ill. They live in Naperville, Ill.

Brian P. O'Riordan '85 to Lora Mae Tolar on August 7, 2004, in San Diego. Jay Boggs '85 was the best man.

Michael C. Jones '89 to Amy Elizabeth Hyland on April 10, 2004, in Montecito, Calif. The couple live in Charlotte, N.C., where he works as a director in the mergers and acquisitions group at Wachovia Securities.

Frank J. DeMento Jr. '90 to Maura Catherine Breen on Aug. 21, 2004, in Syosset, N.Y. Alumni in attendance were William R. McLean '90 and Stephen Head '88. The couple honeymooned in Italy and reside in New York City.

Laurel Empie '91 to Jim McGinley on Oct. 16, 2004, in Washington. Mignon Crockard '91 was the maid of honor. Fellow alumni in attendance included Anne Walsh '91, Carli Flippin '92, Sharon Wid-

mayer '91, Sharon Witting '91, Dietrich Wiegmann '90, Kathleen Kelly '91, Richard Martz '91 and Terance Fowler '91. The McGinleys live in Fairfax, Va.

Elizabeth Nell Murphey '95 to Edward Andrew Downey on June 26, 2004, in Oxford, Miss. Escorting the bride was her father, Joe Murphey '62. Also attending were Dr. David Baker '59 and Goodloe Lewis '91. The couple live in Antioch, Tenn.

Thomas Esposito Jr. '96 to Barbara Twardowska on Oct. 4, 2003. In attendance were John Tweardy '96 and Robert Hull '96. The couple live in Wilmington, Del. Tom works for ING Direct FSB, a web-based savings bank in Wilmington, and he is about to complete his M.B.A. at the University of Delaware. Tom is also set to release an album of original music in the spring of 2005 on the Blue House label. His wife works for MBNA Bank in Newark, Del., and she is attending M.B.A. classes at Goldey-Beacom College.

Christopher Lewis Bosworth '98 to **Martha Mason Kieckhefer '99** on June 19, 2004, in Atlanta. Alumni in attendance included Doug Hartog '98, Frank Etheridge '98, Carter Montague '98, Jonathan Gorab '98, Brian Culver '98, John Hope '00, Armistead Lemon '99, Erin Ruane Karsman '99, Corey Stephens '99, Calder Britt '99 and Becky Bruggeman '99. The couple live in Atlanta, where Chris is a commercial real estate vice presi-

dent with CB Richard Ellis, and Martha is a veterinarian with Pharr Road Animal Hospital.

Allison Frey '98 to Brandon Shelton on Sept. 18, 2004, in Williamsburg, Va. Alumnae in attendance included Dana Hood '98, Ali Kappel '98, Bligh Wollner Kwiatkowski '98, Amanda Bradford Roberts '98 and Stephanie Wolfe '99. After a honeymoon in Hawaii, they settled in Arlington, Va.

Karen Watts '98 to Matthew Smith on March 20, 2004, in Washington. Bridesmaids included Danielle Simonetta '98, Taryn Kiekow '98, Helen Kim '98 and

Millie Heatwole '98. Also in attendance were Leyla and Walter Coker '99, Laura Seaman Whitney '98, Jen McKenrick '98, Christiana Callahan '98, Rachel Allen Brown '98, Tadzia GrandPre '98, Catherine Gibbs '98, Stephen Komonytsky '98, Megan Wiedmaier Bower '98 and Margaret Rich '98. She is a special projects manager for a polling company, and he is an associate director in the Office of Public Liaison at the White House. They live in Alexandria, Va.

Kendall Cruickshanks '98 to David Visinsky on Oct. 2, 2004, in Nashville, Tenn. The wedding party included Carson Chambers

"Behind the Music," Here We Come



Until recently, Rusty Bishop '95 (guitar and vocals), Alan Hamrick '95 (bass) and Brad Paye '96 (lead vocals, keyboards, guitar) made up half of the San Diego rock band Agave, playing local clubs and a southern California music festival known as Baja Bash. They write, "Agave is currently restructuring following a celebrated band bust-up. The source of the rift was neither alcohol, drugs nor women but rather the inexorable force of capitalism. Brad moved to Houston to fill a post as an assistant professor of management at Rice University, and Alan is now a Realtor with Century 21 1st Choice Pacific. Rusty boldly carries the Agave banner onward while maintaining a 'safety' career as a doctor of biochemistry at the University of California at San Diego." Check out their Web site, www.agaveband.com.

SAEs on the Spot



Sigma Alpha Epsilons got together last October in Nantucket: Rick Essex '96, Malcolm Burke '96, David Stillman '96, Robert Nelson '96, Edward Burke '96, Bob Ross '96 and Will Hershey '98.

'00, Pamela Herbert '99 and Catherine Turner '05. Many other family and friends from W&L were in attendance. The couple reside in Memphis, Tenn.

Hans Yao '98 to Karen Phillips on July 11, 2004, in Seattle. Grooms-men included Brian J. Hooper '98. Hans is an airline pilot for Independence Air and is based at Washington Dulles Airport. His wife is an intensive care nurse. The couple are building a home in Wake Forest, N.C., where they will live with their dog, Susie.

Bret Bowerman '99 to Courtney Chepenik on July 17, 2004, near their home in Laguna Beach, Calif. In August 2004, they moved to Philadelphia so he can pursue his M.B.A. at Wharton.

Katherine E. Hill '03 to John Stewart Harvey Jr. on June 26, 2003, in the courtyard of Mulberry Hill, in Lexington. Sallie Higgins '03 and Erin Carter '03 were among the bridesmaids at the small family wedding. The couple relocated to Baton Rouge but still have Lexington in their hearts.

BIRTHS

Mr. and Mrs. Kevin T. Lamb '78, '82L, a son, Nelson Avery, on July 4, 2004.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Wreaks IV '85, a son, Charles Fitzwilliam "Fitz," on Oct. 4, 2004. He joins big sister Chloe. The family reside in New York City.

Louise, on Aug. 31, 2003. She joins sister Priscilla Elizabeth, 4. The family reside in Alexandria, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Brett Mason '90, a daughter, Estelle Helene, on Nov. 9, 2004. They live in Baton Rouge, La.

Mr. and Mrs. Stuart R. Pratt '90, a daughter, Virginia Marguerite, on May 18, 2004. She joins sister Sarah Gayle, 3. Pratt works in clinical research administration at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. They live in Memphis.

Dedra Connor Ruff '90 and her husband, **John**, a daughter, Louise Peden, on Jan. 12, 2004. She joins brother Doug, 3. The family live in Ridgeway, S.C.

Jean Stroman Warren '91 and **Richard Bland Warren '90**, a son, Charles Franklin II, on Oct. 30, 2003. He joins sister Evelyn, 2. The family reside in Huntsville, Ala.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary S. Maxa '91, a son, Grant Edward, on April 20, 2004.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Todd Pearce '91, a son, Seth Harrison, on Nov. 17, 2004. He joins big sister Mia, 3. Both children hope to start the early admission process to W&L as soon as possible. The family reside in Boyds, Md.

Anne T. Walsh '91 and **Charles C. "Carli" Flippen III '92**, a daugh-

ter, Gracie, on Oct. 13, 2003. She joins sister Lucy, 3. Flippen is an editor with Argus Media in Washington, and Walsh is home raising the girls. The family live in Columbia, Md.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester A. Lewis '92, a daughter, Alicia Marie, on May 18, 2004. She joins brother Reece Walker, born Feb. 25, 2001. Lewis celebrated his 10-year anniversary with Procter & Gamble as an analyst. The family live in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. William E. Thomas Jr. '92, a son, Gardner Stone, on Nov. 8, 2004. The family live in Miami Beach, Fla.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Kelly Vandever '92, a daughter, Ava Marie, on June 10, 2003. They live in Tulsa, Okla.

Elisabeth Jennings Clarkson '93 and her husband, **Robert**, a son, William Bannon, on July 31, 2003. The family live in Glen Allen, Va.

Heather Rhodes Preston '93 and her husband, **Bill**, a son, Harrison Rhodes, on June 13, 2003. They bought a home near Chastain Park in Atlanta, close to their friends Kathy Ferrell-Swann '93 and Chris Swann '92.

Kristen Brown Rockett '93 and her husband, **David**, a son, David, on Oct. 1, 2003. He joins sister Caroline Elizabeth.

Mr. and Mrs. David C. Bartlett '94, a daughter, Anna Lauren, on June 18, 2004. The family live in Arlington, Va.

Gregory S. Colub '94 and **Kelly Bass Colub '93**, a daughter, Camille Charlotte, on Jan. 31, 2004. She joins older sister Sophie. They live in Woodside, Calif.

Krista A. Taurins '94 and her husband, **Dmitry Taurins**, a son, Lukas Dmitry, on June 26, 2004. She is the executive director of the American Chamber of Commerce in Latvia. They live in Riga, Latvia.

Katherine Barton Paden '95 and her husband, **John "J.J.,"** a son, James Barton, on Nov. 18, 2003. The family now live in Atlanta after a job transfer.

Two Generations of Generals



The Brumby family visited the Estrada family at their ranch in Mar del Plata, Argentina, in January. Left to right: Thomas M. "Mike" Brumby '64 and daughter Virginia Ann Brumby '01, Ana Maria Estrada '04 and father Jorge Estrada '69.

OBITUARIES

Mr. and Mrs. Ryan C. Roberts '95, a son, Caleb Ryan, on July 19, 2004.

Mr. and Mrs. Christopher S. Scheve '95, a son, Kenichi Matthew Chase, on June 14, 2004. The family live in Falls Church, Va.

Thomas L. Bradbury Jr. '96 and **Julie Mayo Bradbury '97**, twins, Molly Mayo and Robert Brooks, on Sept. 7, 2004. The twins join brother Tommy, 19 months. The family live in Nashville, Tenn.

Sandra J. Holmes '96 and **Jon C. Jones '96**, a daughter, Sophie Marie, on May 27, 2004.

Julie Ayers McLeod '96 and her husband, **Ryan**, a daughter, Kelsey Mitchell, on March 14, 2004. She joins brother Tyler, 2. The family live in Parrish, Fla.

Ainsley Fisher Tillman '96 and her husband, **Matt**, a son, Thomas E., on May 13, 2004.

Benjamin R.S. Vanderver '96 and **Megan Hovda Vanderver '97**, a daughter, Virginia Katherine, on April 13, 2004. The family reside in Atlanta.

Amy Corham Case '97 and her husband, **Chad**, a daughter, Mary Josephine, on Oct. 23, 2003. They live in San Antonio, Texas.

Hollis Leddy Owens '97 and **Brian Lawrence Owens '96**, a daughter, Charlotte Johanna, on Sept. 22, 2004. The family reside in Dallas.

Holly Liles Crump '97 and her husband, **Patrick**, a daughter, Taylor Temple, on Nov. 13, 2003. The family live in Memphis, Tenn.

Jason W. Callen '98 and **Miller Wild Callen '98**, a daughter, Virginia Anne, on Sept. 22, 2004. The family live in Chicago.

Bryce Bendall Harris '98 and her husband, **Monty Bode**, a son, Stuart Horsley Bode IV, on Jan. 3, 2004.

Kathryn Luskey Jacobson '99 and **Paul E. Jacobson '98L**, a daughter, Eleanor Frances, on Sept. 9, 2004. They live in Brooklyn, N.Y. Paul is an attorney with the Manhattan firm Seward & Kissel, and Kate is on extended leave from her job as a middle school teacher in the New York City public schools.

Glenn Miller '98 and **Natalia Garcia Miller '99**, a son, Carter, on Aug. 26, 2004. The family reside in Edgewater, N.J.

Dr. O. Norris Smith '29, of Greensboro, N.C., died Oct. 25, 2004. During World War II, he was a member of the Duke 65th General Hospital Unit and served in Europe until late 1945. He was founder and president of the Greensboro Academy of Medicine and chief of the medical service at Moses H. Cone Memorial Hospital. He was a member of Beta Theta Pi social fraternity.

Sidney W. Clay '31, retired vice president of Liberty National Bank of Louisville, died Oct. 8, 2004. He served in World War II with the U.S. Army Cryptographic Signal Corps. His service on the board of trustees of Eastern Kentucky University was recognized by the naming of a women's dormitory in his honor. He was a member of Phi Delta Theta social fraternity.

Mary Tyler Freeman Cheek McClenahan

Mary Tyler Freeman Cheek McClenahan, who donated Skylark to Washington and Lee in 1977, died at her home in Richmond on Jan. 16, 2005. She was 87.

McClenahan could have gone through life solely as the daughter of Douglas Southall Freeman, the Pulitzer Prize-winning biographer of George Washington and Robert E. Lee. Instead, she was prominent in her own right as a civic leader devoted to fairness and equality for Richmond's citizens, as well as to history, art, education and other causes.

She was born in 1917 to Inez Goddin Freeman and Douglas Southall Freeman. She graduated from St. Catherine's School and from Vassar College. In 1939, she married architect Leslie Cheek Jr., director of the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts. Cheek died in 1992, and the next year she married Dr. John McClenahan. In 2004, she published a memoir, *Southern Civility: Recollections of My Early Life*.

Beginning in 1969, she and Cheek built a mountaintop compound they called Skylark on the former Fauber Farm along the Blue Ridge Parkway. They donated it to W&L in 1977 in memory of Douglas Southall Freeman. Since then, the beautiful property has hosted conferences and the annual summer picnic for employees, as well as provided Christmas trees for the W&L community.

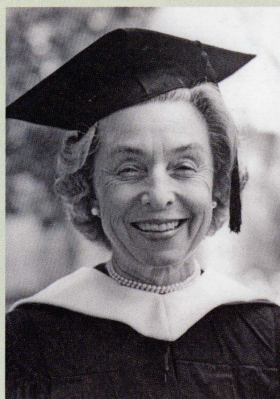
McClenahan also served the University as a member of

the Commission on the 250th Observance from 1997 to 1999. In 1997 she delivered the keynote speech in Lee Chapel on the 127th anniversary of Lee's death. "We have revered the character of Robert Edward Lee and celebrated his skills as a leader and a general," she said, "but we have not honored the wellspring of his abilities: his intellect." After expounding on Lee's abilities as a thinker and educator, she also noted, "How happy Lee would be to know that his beloved campus is now graced by the presence of ladies!"

Among the many organizations and causes to which McClenahan devoted her own intellect were the Richmond Urban Forum, Richmond Renaissance Inc., the Virginia League for Planned Parenthood, the Richmond Better Housing Coalition, the Robert E. Lee Memorial Association and the Virginia Historical Society. In 1983, W&L

showed its gratitude for her support by awarding her an honorary doctorate of humane letters, at the same time bestowing an honorary doctorate of fine arts on her first husband, Leslie Cheek Jr.

Mary Tyler Freeman Cheek McClenahan is survived by her husband, Dr. John McClenahan; sons Leslie Cheek III and Richard W. Cheek; daughter Elizabeth C. Morgan; stepchildren John S. McClenahan and Susan M. Stockdale; seven grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.



Tina Ravenhorst Dies at 89

Albertina Johanna Marie "Tina" Ravenhorst, who worked as secretary to four W&L presidents, died February 2 in Lexington. She was 89.

Ravenhorst was born on July 15, 1915, in Pella, Iowa, to Evert and Albertina Ravenhorst, Dutch immigrants. Her family moved to Lexington when she was a schoolchild. In 1943, after two years at the State Teachers College in Harrisonburg (now James Madison University), she began her 40 years at W&L. She first worked in the alumni office and then in the Bicentennial Office. In 1952 she moved to the president's office, where she stayed until her retirement in 1983.

Ravenhorst worked with Francis Pendleton Gaines, Fred Cole, William Webb Pusey and Robert E.R. Huntley '50, '57L. As secretary to the president, she had an eyewitness seat to the momentous campus events of those years: the 1950s football scandals and subsequent change in the athletic program; the 1960s and integration; and the early 1970s and antiwar protests. "What strikes me about the presidents for whom I have worked is that each of them has been the right man for the job at the time he was in office," she told the alumni magazine.

She also said that the presidents all had "a delicious sense of humor—they would have to have to be working with me." Possessing her own brand of whimsy, she would add *New Yorker* cartoons to Huntley's mail and offer a joke when the time was right.

Ravenhorst "was a mainstay of my daily life during my fifteen years as president," said Huntley. "She kept my working life organized and my office ordered. She knew my priorities without being instructed. She knew everyone I knew, or should have known. And she knew which ones I must see and which I might wish to defer. She knew W&L as well as anyone on campus, and she loved it dearly.

"But even above these talents," continued Huntley, "I valued her judgment, her wisdom and her wit. She

was a great judge of character, and though kind and forgiving, she detested sloppy thought or sloppy morals. She could always bring a smile to the face of her friends and admirers. She helped me maintain perspective on the things that matter during difficult times."

"She was so gracious to everyone," said Mary Woodson, publications manager, who shared an office

with Ravenhorst from 1979 to 1983. "She just had a way of making people feel welcome. She was your classic lady."

When Frank Parsons '54 became director of publicity at W&L, he and Ravenhorst became close friends. She was "absolutely flawless" in her job, he said. With no interest in the newfangled IBM typewriters, she stuck with her Royal until she retired. The end of coats and ties on campus and the advent of long hair and beards distressed her. Even then, however, she exercised her legendary tact by telling Parsons not that she disliked his long hair, but that she thought it looked nice when it was short.

"Her trademark was her courtesy," said Parsons. "She was delightful."

"I . . . have loved every minute of my work here," she said when she retired in 1983. "The community that is Washington and Lee is a really remarkable place. The people are so wonderful." Her friends and colleagues would agree that she was one of those people. "Washington and Lee's greatest blessing over the decades has been the character and strength of those who have labored here," said Huntley. "Miss Ravenhorst's place is in the first rank."

Her brother, Henry Louis Ravenhorst, was a member of the Class of 1935 and an engineering professor at W&L from 1949 to 1984. He died in 2002. She is survived by, among others, her sister-in-law, Dorothy A. Ravenhorst; nieces Johanna Ravenhorst, Kathrena Adams and Evelyn Doyon; nephews Skip and John Ravenhorst; and several great- and great-great-nieces and nephews.



President Huntley and Tina Ravenhorst in 1983, when they left Washington Hall.

Herbert G. Dollahite II '32, of Waipahu, Hawaii, died Nov. 10, 2002. He was a retired assistant manager of the Royal Hawaiian Hotel. He was a member of Delta Tau Delta social fraternity.

Col. Ralph C. Barnett '33 of Columbus, Ohio, died Oct. 27, 2004. He was a World War II veteran of the South Pacific. He was a life member of the Cat Welfare Association and Citizens for Humane Action Animal Shelter.

Emmet S. Richardson '33, of Richmond, died Aug. 6, 2004. He was retired from DuPont after 36 years of service.

Charles A. Butterworth Jr. '37, of Tallahassee, Fla., died Oct. 22, 2001. He served in the Army Air Corps during World War II. He was a fiscal and securities analyst for the Florida Department of Transportation.

J. Addington Wagner Jr. '37, of Green Valley, Ariz., died July 12, 2004. He was a Purple Heart Navy veteran of World War II. He was elected national commander of the American Legion in 1955. He was a member of Delta Tau Delta social fraternity.

Leonard J. DeVita '39, of Laguna Niguel, Calif., died Nov. 10, 2004. During World War II he served as chief adjutant for the north shore of Oahu. He practiced law for many years in Stamford, Conn., before retiring to California.

W. Roy Hogan '39, of Wichita Falls, Texas, died Sept. 19, 2004. During World War II, he served for three years as a B-24 pilot on 35 combat missions in the Army Air Corps. He was a petroleum geologist and worked with Halliburton in Duncan, Okla., before moving to Wichita Falls, where he worked with Neeld & Hood. He was a member of Phi Delta Theta social fraternity.

Joseph H. Ochsie Jr. '39, of Brookings, Ore., died Oct. 14, 2004. He played professional football with the New York Giants prior to his enlistment in the U.S. Marine Corps in 1941. He served in the Pacific during World War II. He was a member of the team that developed the Apollo heat shield, allowing the

successful missions to the moon. He was a member of Lambda Chi Alpha social fraternity.

James A. Saltsman Jr. '39, of Chevy Chase, Md., died Nov. 4, 2004. He served in the Army Air Forces as a captain in the Air Transport Command. After the war, he joined the Civil Aeronautics Board, where he became deputy director of the Bureau of Operating Rights. He retired in 1981 as a charter member of the Senior Executive Service. He was a member of Beta Theta Pi social fraternity.

John C. Williams '40, of Easley, S.C., died Oct. 30, 2004. He served in the Army Air Corps during World War II and was a member of the Reserve Officers Association and Woodmen of the World. He retired as a sales executive with the brokerage division of Beatrice Food Companies Inc. He was a member of Pi Kappa Phi social fraternity.

Edward F. O'Bryan '41, of Central City, Ky., died July 10, 2004. He served with the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers during World War II. He was a retired postmaster.

Carlton J. McLeod '43, of Salem, Ore., died April 4, 2004. During World War II, he served in the Marine Corps in the Pacific. He owned various construction-related businesses prior to his retirement in 1977. He was a member of Kappa Sigma social fraternity.

Richard D. Norden '43, of Glen Rock, N.J., died March 7, 2002. He was an army veteran of World War II. He was a research chemist for American Cyanamid Corp. in Clifton, N.J. He was a member of Phi Epsilon Pi social fraternity.

Philip L. Small Jr. '43, of Chico, Calif., died Sept. 6, 2004. He served in the Navy during World War II. In 1946 he joined the *Berkeley Daily Gazette* as a reporter. In 1954 he joined the public relations department of Kaiser Aluminum and Chemical Corp. in Oakland, Calif., where he was manager of sales training until retiring in 1981. He was a member of Pi Kappa Alpha social fraternity.

Dr. Albert H. Dudley Jr. '44, of Baltimore, died Nov. 10, 2004. He served as a physician in the Navy. He worked for four decades at Union Memorial Hospital and was chief of staff of the hospital from 1965 to 1969. He was also head of the department of obstetrics and gynecology from 1975 to 1978. From 1972 to 1977, he was chairman of the board of trustees at the McDonogh School in Owings Mills. He also played the saxophone and was a gifted jazz musician. He was a member of Delta Tau Delta social fraternity.

Walter E. Frye '45, of Goleta, Calif., died Sept. 24, 2004. He served in the army during World War II. He was a schoolteacher who worked in Winter Park, Fla., Stuttgart, Germany, and for 28 years in various schools in Santa Barbara, Calif., where he was a well-liked teacher. He also enjoyed running chess clubs and noon sports programs for eager students. He was a member of Phi Kappa Psi social fraternity.

H. Wise Kelly Jr. '45, '47L, of Fairfax, Va., died Oct. 15, 2004. From the late 1940s to the early 1960s, he had a general law practice in the city of Fairfax with the firm of Kelly, Louk, Lawson and Chess. Beginning in 1963, he turned his attention to banking and was president of the National Bank of Fairfax for 10 years. He remained active in banking until he retired in 1985. He was a member of Pi Kappa Alpha social fraternity.

B. Closson Allen Jr. '49, of Raleigh, N.C., died Sept. 19, 2004. He served with the Navy on a two-year tour of duty in Korea. After being admitted to the North Carolina Bar, he joined the trust department of BB&T in Wilson, N.C. He joined Nations Bank (now Bank of America) in 1960 in Raleigh as vice president and trust officer. He took an early retirement in 1977 to pursue personal investments and to join his wife in an antiques business.

John H. Reed Jr. '49, of Hurricane, W.Va., died Nov. 16, 2004. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II as an officer in the 40th Combat Engineer Regiment. He practiced law in South Charleston and, later, Hurricane for 50 years. He was also

a professor at Morris Harvey College and, in 1958, he became the first elected municipal judge for the City of South Charleston. In the early 1950s, he was twice a Republican nominee for the House of Delegates in Kanawha County.

Mark W. Saur's '49, '51L, of Richmond, died Nov. 10, 2004. He was a sergeant of the 471st Ordinance Evacuation Company during World War II. He had a long and successful career with the Virginia Savings and Loan League until his retirement in 1991. In 1980, he was elected president of the Savings Association of Trade Executives. He was a member of Phi Kappa Psi social fraternity.

Leon T. Rogers Jr. '50, of Jackson, Miss., died June 17, 2004. He served in the Army Air Corps in World War II. He was a retired real estate appraiser.

David W. Hedge '52, of Jeffersonville, Ind., died March 30, 2003. He was a retired teacher and principal. He was a member of Phi Kappa Psi social fraternity.

Ralph E. Jean '52, of Cleveland, Ohio, died Jan. 22, 2004. He was a member of Delta Tau Delta social fraternity.

William L. Johnson Jr. '53, of Bethany, Okla., died Oct. 26, 2004. He was a news editor with the Associated Press and a computer enthusiast. He was a member of Pi Kappa Alpha social fraternity.

Richard A. Cobban '55, of Hillsboro Beach, Fla., died Oct. 23, 2003. He was a retired trade book salesman for Funk & Wagnalls Co., a division of Readers' Digest.

Dr. Edgar Gilmore Civhan '56, of Montgomery, Ala., died Nov. 15, 2004. He had a long, successful career as an internist, serving as president of the medical staff of Montgomery Baptist Hospital and president of the Montgomery County Medical Society in the 1970s. He was a master gardener, lectured on gardening throughout the South and had a national reputation on the subject. He wrote six books about gardening. He was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon social fraternity.

Ernie Williams '38

Ernest Williams II '38, a generous benefactor and dedicated member of the Washington and Lee community, died at his Florida home on Jan. 28.

Describing Williams as a “wonderful man,” Peter Cronin '84, director of development, recounts the vigorous support he gave W&L. “Ernie Williams’ legacy at Washington and Lee will always be tied to his tremendous philanthropy to the University, but my memories of him will always be tied to his unbridled enthusiasm for everything W&L. He was, perhaps more than any other alumnus with whom I have worked, the quintessential Washington and Lee booster. He loved everything about the University and sought any opportunity to spread that zeal to his classmates and other alumni.”

Williams came to Washington and Lee in 1934 from his native Lynchburg, Va. He was active in a number of campus organizations, including the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity, the Glee Club, the *Ring-tum Phi* and the first lacrosse team.

During World War II, Williams spent more than two years in the U.S. Navy as a lieutenant commander. After the service, he was vice president of Bendix Radio and TV. He then held the vice presidency of Hugh W. Long & Co., in Elizabeth, N.J. (1951-1955) and of Incorporated Investors, in Boston (1955-1959). In Lynchburg, he worked as president of Mason & Lee from 1959-1970.

Williams remained deeply involved in the life of the University. He served as a class agent and was a member of the Doremus Society, the national campaign steering committee for the On the Shoulders of Giants campaign and the Commission on the 250th Observance. He received the Distinguished Alumnus Award in 1993.

He was the undisputed leader of the Class of 1938, affectionately dubbing himself and his classmates the “38er Alligators.” When the class gathered on campus for its 50th reunion in 1988, with Williams as chairman, they made a gift of \$1.3 million, at the time the largest gift ever made by a 50th-reunion class.

Williams “showed up that May with Alligator mitts for each member of the reunion class who had made their annu-

al fund gift,” Cronin recalls. They even made Cronin an honorary Alligator, “a recognition I will treasure, along with my mitt.”

Ernie and his wife, Marjorie, capped their decades of generosity to Washington and Lee in 1990 with a planned gift of approximately \$11 million. It was the second-largest single gift ever made to the University by a living alumnus. In 1995, the Board of Trustees voted unanimously to name the Commerce School in Williams’ honor. It is now the Ernest Williams II School of Commerce, Economics, and Politics.

The legacy of the Williamses’ enormous contribution to the University is alive today in the Ernest Williams II Professorship, established in 1992; the Marjorie O. Williams Endowment for Library Acquisitions, created in 1993 to strengthen the holdings of the Leyburn Library; and the Marjorie O. and Ernest Williams II Honor Scholarship Endowment, also established in 1993.

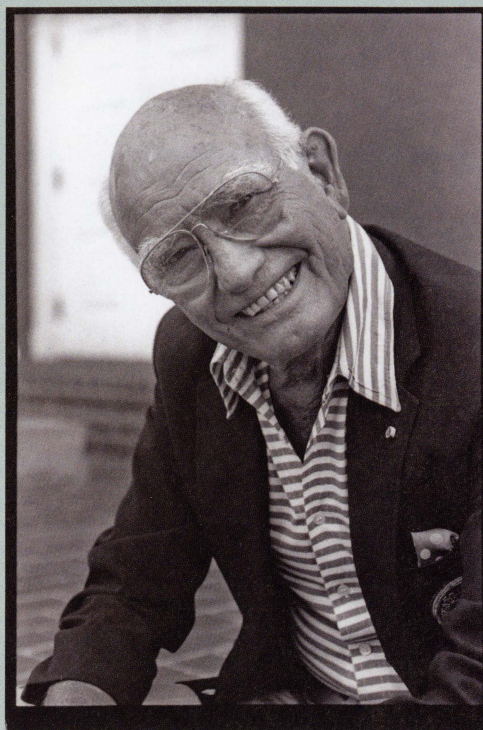
On his last visit, Cronin traveled to the Williamses’ Florida home with President Tom Burish, who was meeting him for the first

time. Despite his failing health, “that same fervor was still there when he talked to Tom about W&L,” says Cronin. “He told the president, ‘It’s a helluva place.’”

“No words were ever more heartfelt,” Cronin adds, “and because of Ernie Williams’ passion and commitment, Washington and Lee is also a better place. Moreover, those of us from the staff who had the privilege to work with him are better people for having known him.”

President Burish remembers that same visit. “Ernie Williams was one of Washington and Lee’s most generous supporters ever, financially and in myriad other ways. The first time I met Ernie, he gave me a blunt assessment of his failing health. I asked him what Washington and Lee meant to him. He responded simply, ‘It did everything for me, and I will do anything for it.’ And he did. We shall miss him.”

He is survived by his wife, Marjorie O. Williams; his son, Ernest Williams III '67; and his daughters, Tracy W. Barron and Marjorie W. Coward.



Richard A. Skolnik '56, of Barrington, R.I., died Sept. 15, 2004. He was a well-known lawyer who represented many teachers' unions and labor unions. He was a member of the board of editors of the *Boston University Law Review* and an instructor of labor law at Rhode Island College, Providence. He was a member of Phi Epsilon Pi social fraternity.

John L. Elliot '57, of Bethesda, Md., died Oct. 23, 2004. He served with the army in Korea. He practiced law with the Washington firm of Ballard & Beasley, specializing in aviation regulatory law and later in computer systems management. He was a member of Phi Gamma Delta social fraternity.

Richard E. Wilbourn II '58, of Meridian, Miss., died Oct. 23, 2004. A lawyer, businessman, banker and farmer, he began his career with the law firm of Wilbourn, Lord and Williams in 1962. He was the senior partner of the law firm of Wilbourn and Rogers at the time of his death. In 1984, he became chairman of the board and chief executive officer of Inn Serve Corporation, a hotel management company, and served in that capacity until 2002. He was chairman of the board of directors of Citizens National Bank in Meridian. He was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon social fraternity.

Paul T. Willis Jr. '61, of Tucson, Ariz., died Oct. 18, 2004. He was a retired attorney. He was a member of Lambda Chi Alpha social fraternity.

Dr. Robert M. Avent '63, of Jacksonville, Fla., died July 29, 2003. He received a Ph.D. in oceanography at Florida State University and worked at the U.S. Minerals Management Service. He was a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon social fraternity.

Dr. Timothy A. Kurten '63, of Sheboygan Falls, Wis., died Dec. 24, 2000. He was a practicing urologist. He was a member of Sigma Chi social fraternity.

Daniel McCarthy '63, of Buffalo, N.Y., died Dec. 25, 2003. He was a member of Phi Gamma Delta social fraternity.

Jaquelin H. DeJarnette '65, of Columbia, Mo., died Nov. 7, 2004. He was the owner of DeJarnette Investment Advisors, a registered investment advisory firm. He was a life member of the Commonwealth Club of Richmond and the Union League Club of New York. He was a member of Sigma Nu social fraternity.

Logan M. Bullitt IV '67, of Fort Washington, Pa., died Nov. 12, 2004. He was a partner in Bullitt & Wentz of Norristown, Pa. He was a member of Delta Tau Delta social fraternity.

McDonald Wellford Jr. '71, of Henrico County, Va., died Nov. 1, 2004. He practiced law with his father and brother at Wellford & Taylor. He also served as deputy commissioner of accounts for the circuit court of the City of Richmond. He was the last of four generations of Wellford trustees of St. Andrew's School and the Grace Arents Trust, which evolved into the present Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens. He was a member of Phi Kappa Sigma social fraternity.

Kevin D. Kurtz '83, of Penn, Pa., died Nov. 3, 2004. He was a self-employed financial planner, and his many hobbies included hunting, fishing, golf, cooking and collecting wine. He was a member of Delta Tau Delta social fraternity.

Matthew S. Jacobson '01 died in a hot-air-balloon accident on Sept. 25, 2004, in Lewisburg, W.Va. He loved all forms of aviation and had been a licensed pilot since high school. After practicing law for two years, he pursued his lifelong dream of starting his own business. Resort Aerosports was his first of several ventures.

Other Deaths

Lena Elizabeth "Peggy" Hoge Tilson died in Charlottesville on Nov. 19, 2004. She worked at W&L for many years, first as a secretary in biology, supporting the pre-med program, and then as administrative assistant to the Dean of the College.

John Marshall "J.M." Harris died in Lexington on Nov. 26, 2004. He was the respected butler of Beta Theta Pi social fraternity, where he worked for 29 years. Harris was an honorary Beta and received a ring from the Sigma Society.



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William H. Clark '60, '63L, of Pensacola, Fla., composed a long e-mail account of his adventure with September's Hurricane Ivan "for friends and relatives who were inquiring about our well-being," he says. "It's nice that it's considered worthy of publication. I'm a little self-conscious about it because thousands of people have been through hurricanes. I just happened to record the event. Nearly half of the homes in our county were damaged, which was a catastrophe but relatively manageable in comparison to disasters such as the December 2004 tsunami."

In fact, two alumni, J.T. Malatesta '00 and Caroline Dumas Malatesta '02, were traveling in Thailand when the tsunami hit. To read their dramatic account, see magazine.wlu.edu/web/page/normal/386.html.

Here is a condensed version of Clark's original story about Hurricane Ivan.

Ivan, A Hurricane

Watching Hurricane Ivan lumber toward the Florida gulf coast was like watching a suspense drama that you had seen before. You knew the outcome of the play, but you couldn't keep from being gripped by each step in the deepening suspense. Knowing the inevitable outcome only intensified the foreboding.

On Wednesday, Sept. 15, the day of the ultimate confrontation finally arrived. Ivan moved within 100 miles of our shore. We loaded the cars with family photos, the silver and important papers, and drove to the higher ground of the home of our daughter, Peggy. Only her husband, Kevin, was there. Peggy and their two daughters had left for the still safer ground of Tallahassee.

As we crossed town in the afternoon, the sky darkened and the first bands of rain spattered the car windows, whipped by blustering gusts of wind. We settled into Peggy's house, which seemed strangely silent without the boisterous granddaughters. The local television and radio stations dropped all regular programming to become a non-stop report of shelters opening, events cancelled and rising wind readings at the weather stations. We were told that the eye of the storm would hit the beach about 2 a.m. I recalled that somehow the meanest storms seemed always to strike after midnight. Could that be pure happenstance?

The hours were tense but tolerable until the late evening. About 11 p.m., the lights flickered and then extinguished. Soon afterwards WCOA, the local radio news outlet, left the air. The tower must have taken a hit. The silence in the house was startling. Familiar and comforting sounds were lost. We no longer heard the air conditioner or

the refrigerator. The noise of the wind and rain quickly replaced the household hums.

Although there were no longer any street lights, the scene outside was not at all dark. Constant flashes of lighting gave us surreal glimpses of trees and wires dancing frenetically in the gusts.

Around midnight, the dissonant chorus of sounds picked up new players. All the loose objects attacked by the wind set up their own howls and objections. The rain gutters rattled. The windows whined. Roof shingles popped. Tree limbs snapped and cracked. Windborne missiles that could not be identified pinged against the outside walls.

The prediction that the eye of the hurricane would move ashore was too accurate. In the wee hours, the crescendo was unnerving. The wind rose with a bass grumble, moved to an undulating groan and then topped off with a shriek. When you caught your breath, the pattern began anew. Many of the trees around us gave up. There were constant "whumps" as towering pines and ancient oaks let go their roots and crashed down.

Sleep was not possible. Without speaking much to each other, we moved around the house, seeking a place that at least seemed protected. Martha curled into a corner and pulled her knees up to draw her feet away from a window. I went upstairs and fell into a child's bed, against a wall in a corner bedroom. It was not a good spot. I could feel movement in the walls near my head. I remembered the big pine in the yard. I crept back downstairs.

Kevin called me into the room fronting on the swimming pool. He swept his flashlight along the row of sliding

glass doors. They were actually rippling as if made of fabric rather than glass. I couldn't bear to watch it. How I don't know, but they held.

Time seemed interminable. I repeatedly lit up the face of my watch. At daybreak the wind eased. We went from window to window describing the devastation to each other.

It was late in the afternoon on Thursday before we set out to return to the house we had evacuated. The police of course discouraged non-emergency traveling. We and many others could not force ourselves to remain away from our houses, and so we drove very slowly across town, constantly detouring around fallen trees and dangling power lines.

About six blocks from our house, we had to abandon the car because of the downed timber. Those last few blocks of our trek were especially difficult. The streets were crisscrossed with huge tree trunks. In places the water was still knee deep. Power lines and debris snaked in and out of the fallen limbs. We climbed over and ducked under and waded and high-stepped until we finally reached our street.

Our street follows the shore of a bayou that opens into Pensacola Bay. There were 20 homes there. Five relatively new houses were built on pilings, with the main living quar-

ters 12 or more feet above mean high tide. Ours is one of the elevated houses.

We saw that water had risen into every home that was not elevated. Actually, the water had not just risen into the homes. It had surged into them, filling the rooms, and then violently emptied them, carrying away doors and walls. The water-logged possessions of our neighbors were strewn across the yards and stuffed into the bushes. We came to houses that were slashed open through and through. Some were merely shells. Where garages and outbuildings had been, there was nothing.

We found our house intact. The storm surge had swept away the contents of the ground floor but had not reached the living quarters. Gone were downstairs doors and a window, the water heater, air conditioners, exterior steps, tools and the like. One entire wall had been sucked out. The chimney cap had been blown off. I would have called this extensive damage if I had not been struck by the comparison with my neighbors' losses. In that context, our damage was minor.

Our experience from former disasters tells us that we will recover. One large billboard downtown proclaims, "Ivan can't bring us down."

—William H. Clark '60, '63L

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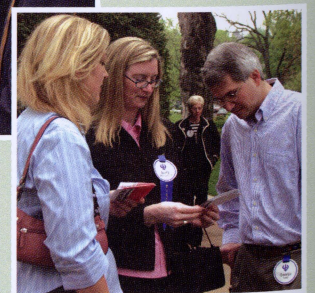
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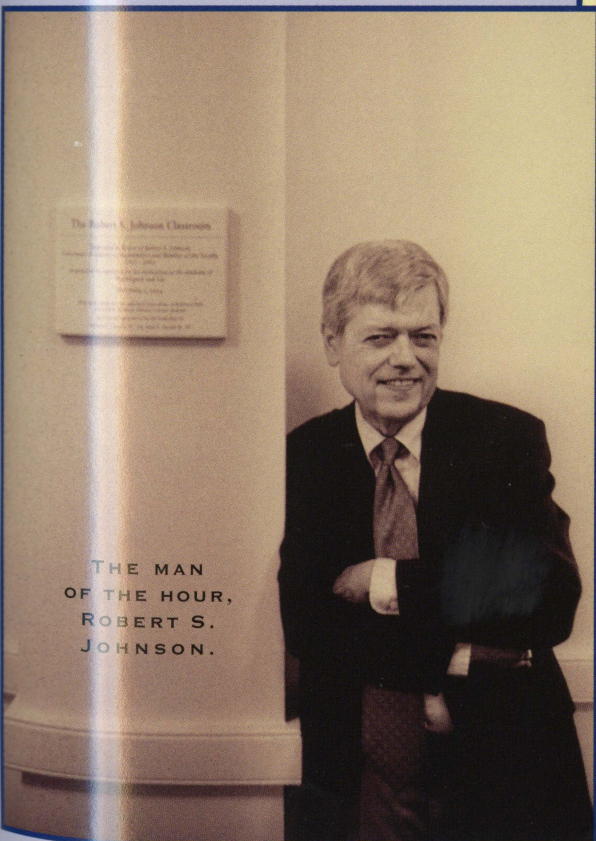
The classroom known to generations of mathematics scholars as Robinson 6 recently received a renovation and a new name: the Robert S. Johnson Classroom. Johnson, the Cincinnati Professor of Mathematics emeritus, taught at W&L from 1965 to 2003.

He has two of his grateful students, Jorge Estrada '69 and William F. Connors '83, to thank for funding most of the renovation. Estrada is a current member of the Board of Trustees and proud father of several students. Connors, while a student recuperating from surgery, received a cordial hospital visit from Johnson, who brought a portable blackboard and left an assignment. Now, *that's* dedication.

At the October 2004 celebration, another Johnson student, Paul S. Bourdon '81, professor of mathematics at W&L, remembered his teacher's influence. As a freshman, Bourdon was determined not to take a single math course. After a few visits



MATH MEN PAST AND PRESENT IN FRONT OF ROBINSON. FRONT ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: NATHAN FELDMAN, HENRY SHARP JR. (FORMER HEAD OF THE DEPARTMENT), HONOREE ROBERT JOHNSON, THOMAS VINSON. MIDDLE ROW: WILLIAM K. SMITH (FORMER VISITING PROFESSOR, NOW RETIRED IN LEXINGTON), PAUL BOURDON, ALAN MCRAE. BACK ROW: MICHAEL EVANS, WAYNE DYMÄČEK (CURRENT DEPARTMENT HEAD), GREGORY DRESDEN.



with Johnson, however, he found himself in Robinson 6 taking the professor's Mathematics 272. "By the end of term," said Bourdon, "I knew I would major in mathematics." Even better, he said, "Professor Johnson became my adviser, my friend . . . and, eventually, my colleague."

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