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A gasp swept through the commencement crowd on June 7 when President Ken Ruscio '76 told everyone we had received a gift of that magnitude. It is the largest donation in our history and one of the largest ever received by a liberal arts college.

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- ◆ It establishes a new scholarship program, which will become a signature feature of W&L, attracting students with exceptional academic and personal promise regardless of their ability to afford tuition and other expenses.
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The president called the donor, unnamed for now, "a dear and generous friend of the University" who "prefers that our attention at this particular moment be on the program, the University and, most important, the graduates."

the course of history. The other, in the Williams School of Commerce, Economics, and Politics, will teach leadership and entrepreneurship.

- ◆ It establishes a lecture series and a symposium that will shape not only the campus conversation but also the national conversation on leadership in the 21st century.
- ◆ It establishes a leadership experience program that will enable rising seniors to pursue a summer project or an internship to develop their leadership potential.

See the next issue of this magazine for much more about this modest friend—an alumnus—and complete details of the ground-breaking program that his generosity will nurture.



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Like those who have preceded me, I am grateful for the enormous privilege of serving W&L in this capacity. In a year that commemorates the 400th anniversary of the first English settlement in Jamestown, and the 200th

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anniversary of Robert E. Lee's birth, I want to offer some personal reflections on the namesakes of our great University.

"The independence and liberty you possess are the work of joint councils and joint efforts, of common dangers, sufferings and successes."

These words, part of George Washington's 1796 farewell address, are inscribed on a nondescript monument in Philadelphia's Washington Square. I have walked past it for years but did not stop to read and reflect until recently. What do these words, excerpted from a speech that was read annually to Congress for more than 100 years, mean today? For me, the timeless nature of Washington's words resonates and reminds us of the commitment and sacrifice of one of our University's namesakes on behalf of our nascent nation. They are part of the revealed truth of our history, and it is impossible to imagine a future where they will not have relevance to this country, and certainly to Washington and Lee.



Roger Reynolds Jr. '88,
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Like many W&L alumni, I have sought, collected and received as gifts countless items with the images and words of both Lee and Washington since graduating. My business partners jokingly refer to the "shrine" in a corner of my office where I prominently display several items. An inscription on a lithograph of Lee reads:

"General Lee was a man whom once to see was ever to remember . . . the high aspect of one born to command."

I see those words every day, as they are within mere feet of my desk. I have been happy to see the University observe Lee's 200th birthday by celebrating the contributions he made to W&L and to higher education in the final years of his life. Viewed in full and fair context, Lee's selflessness in assuming the role of president of our fledgling

University at a time of devastating hardship, and his personal contributions to healing the nation by educating and inspiring young people, was and is a remarkable story. The timely renovations of the Lee Chapel Museum will ensure that we will tell it beautifully.

Washington and Lee. Those names inspire us to lead and motivate our desires to strengthen this institution. I am honored and proud to have attended, and now to help advance the mission of, the very special place they preserved. We on the Alumni Board need and welcome your input as we work for Washington and Lee University and for all alumni. ‡

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Lee at 200

The article "Lee at 200" (Winter 2007) was wonderful and brought back great memories. As a freshman in 1948, I took physics from Dr. Thomas Early Lothery. At the front of the classroom was a mock-up of the planetary system, a large metal frame thing with globes all around and attached to it.

In the early 1980s, I came to Lexington to see the then-new science building. I asked our guide if he knew of such a thing. He did and took me to the basement of one of the buildings in the Colonnade. I was told that Lee himself gave it to W&L.

Frank Barron '52
Rome, Ga.

The shark tooth on p. 18 of the Winter 2007 issue is probably a tooth from *Carcharodon megalodon*. It was a very large shark that lived from about 25 million to 1.6 million years ago and is fairly common in Miocene deposits of the East Coast.

Andrew M. Gombos Jr. '70
Houston

I find much to be proud of at Washington and Lee, and as a student I felt privileged to be in a place of deep intellectual integrity. Part of that had to do with tradition, but I attribute most of it to W&L's devoted and very talented faculty. Yet a school also

exists on its public values and reputation. And I have to ask myself how far W&L can aspire to rise intellectually and morally when it is named after a man who failed utterly at the most fateful moral issue of his time.

On a personal level, Robert E. Lee was an immensely honorable man. But he lived in an era when his country faced a watershed moral crisis. Would it continue to condone the buying, selling and brutalization of African Americans? His country answered that question most honorably when it elected Abraham Lincoln as president in 1860. At that crucial historical moment, Lee chose to devote his life and considerable talents to defeat his country's choice. That meant treason.

Lee's ancestors were slavers, and so was he. He devoted his life to the defense of their culture and the institution that supported it. As a result—the ultimate irony for one whose father fought in the American Revolution and whose in-law was the Father of Our Country—he was a traitor. But for the grace of Ulysses S. Grant and others, he would have stood trial for treason after the Civil War and been either imprisoned or hung.

This is not the type of person a school that aspires to greatness should be named for (or should celebrate in its alumni magazine).

Walter Bennett '65
Chapel Hill, N.C.

Gay-Straight Alliance

It was with great disappointment that I read the article on the Gay-Straight Alliance in the 81:4:2006 issue, as well as the letter applauding it in the Winter 2007 issue. I was particularly surprised that the University would endorse and encourage such activity, which the Bible clearly describes as a sinful perversion that is condemned always, in any

form, by Scripture.

My position is the same as Joshua's (24:15) when he addressed the nation of Israel: "And if it seems evil to you to serve the Lord, choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve. . . . But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." I stand with Joshua and the Bible, and it saddens me that know that the University does not.

Thomas F. King Jr. '58
Jacksonville, Fla.

Military Leaders

With the end of the draft, the ROTC program ended at W&L for lack of participation. Students may enroll in coordination with VMI to qualify for a commission. Do we encourage incoming freshmen to seek this opportunity?

I am concerned that elite institutions such as W&L provide the political leadership for the nation, but that only a small proportion of those leaders who decide our foreign and military policy have any meaningful military experience.

George Washington and Robert E. Lee sacrificed enormously to serve the country, and it seems incumbent upon their namesake institution to encourage similar service from its graduates. The bulk of our junior enlisted service members deserve the best leadership. W&L has a moral obligation to help provide its share of those leaders, some of whom will go on to Congress and the Executive and Judiciary branches to contribute the wisdom of experience to our national policies.

John Ashby Morton '60
Major, U.S. Army Infantry, Ret.
Columbia, S.C.

Note: Rob Rain '07 was recently commissioned into the Marines; through the ROTC program at VMI, Ben Acinelli '07 and Paul-Devon Kuettner '07 were commissioned into the Army.

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"It's All About the People"

June R. Aprille Named New Provost

BY LOUISE UFFELMAN

June R. Aprille has held many titles over her career: professor, researcher, chair, vice provost, provost. But professor is the one she's proudest of. She'll be tapping into that role as she joins W&L in July as its new provost, the second-highest administrative position at the University.

Soon after accepting the job, in fact, she gave a tenure talk before W&L's biology department. "I felt that it was really important for me to do," she explained. "Here you have a provost parachuting in from out of the blue, and she happens to be a biologist. I should be expected to pass muster with my new colleagues. The role of professor—as a teacher and a mentor—is still really important to me. In my view, supporting the role of the professor as the heart and soul of the university is central to what I will be doing."

Prior to moving to Richmond, June Aprille was a professor and an administrator at Tufts University. She held the Henry Bromfield Pearson Professor Chair in Natural Sciences. She also served as assistant and then as associate clinical professor of pediatrics in the School of Medicine. Aprille was associate provost for academic affairs at Tufts from 1986–89 and vice provost for the following two years. She served as the University of Richmond's provost from 2001–2007.

President Ken Ruscio '76 knows her well from his University of Richmond days as dean of the Jepson School of Leadership. "June is a leader in higher education," he said. "An accomplished scientist and teacher, and an experienced provost, she is a proponent of the liberal arts and is committed to the highest standards of academic excellence. She will make an invaluable contribution to the future of the University."

Aprille is a native of Everett, Wash., and the first in her family to attend college. "It's remarkable to me that I got where I am today," she said, "particularly considering how few career options existed for women."

She originally planned a career as a high school teacher, but her college professors at Washington State University encouraged her to pursue an academic career in higher education. The University of Chicago accepted her to its graduate program in physiology, but with reservations. "I still have two classic letters from them," said Aprille. "The first said, 'Congratulations, you've been accepted. Our only misgiving is that you are a girl. Few young ladies do anything worthwhile with their education.'" She chose the University of Illinois instead.

Aprille lets her 16-page CV do the talking. She has applied her expertise in cellular metabolism to a broad range of interesting biological problems, including the regulation of mitochondrial function in cancer cells and in human diseases such as Reye's syndrome, Huntington's disease and disorders caused by mutations in mitochondrial DNA. In 2001, she was part of a team that reported on the mechanism by which fireflies control their precise flashing patterns. She has published extensively on biochemical and physiological mechanisms that are important in human development, and she held long-term affiliations as lecturer on biochemistry in pediatrics at the Harvard Medical School and as consultant in biochemistry in the Children's Service at Massachusetts General Hospital. She has published extensively and presented regularly at academic conferences and seminars.

In 1977, she joined Tufts University as an assistant professor at a time when the school was transforming itself into a national research university. "It was an incredibly exciting time, but scary as heck," she remembered. "We started programs we didn't have the money for and didn't know if we were going to fall flat on our faces or be wildly successful. There was a can-do attitude. We just all pitched in."

During her 24 years there, she took on more and more administrative duties, discovering a real gift for leadership. "This was the kind of role I really enjoyed, inspiring people to do things for which there may not be much reward, except in the intellectual joy of doing it and the sense of accomplishment—and of being part of a team."

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June Aprille

"June's ability to deal with all academic disciplines was a major contribution," said Sol Gittleman, provost emeritus of Tufts University. "But there were staff people, dining service personnel, groundskeepers and just plain folks who thought she was the most civilized person in the administration. She is down to earth, has an instinct for academic quality, loves students, is a gifted researcher and teacher. June Aprille was the best colleague I ever had."

Aprille took those skills to the University of Richmond. As its provost since 2001, she spurred initiatives that led to a significant increase in the size of the tenure-track faculty;

built the quality, volume and visibility of student-faculty collaborative research; dedicated new resources for scholarly work that enriched teaching and mentoring; and started a new financial aid program to increase accessibility to the school.

She also led the creation and implementation of Richmond's innovative diversity plan, Common Ground, and championed several new interdisciplinary programs, including the Center for Civic Engagement, the office of Institutional Research and Assessment and the Richmond Research Institute. During her term as provost, Richmond completed a \$45 million science initiative that included a major building project, curriculum development and Richmond's first Howard Hughes Medical Institute grant for undergraduate science education.

So why come to W&L? An avid fly fisherwoman, she denies prime fishing locations in the area had anything to do with her decision. "Ken was the big draw," she said of her former dean. "Any change is a risk—it's like a Frost poem. You're looking down two diverging roads and you're looking as far as you can see, but you can't see around the bend. So it's going to be the people you meet and work with who will make or break any new venture. It's not the salary, it's not the position. It's all about the people. Knowing Ken, knowing what his value systems are, knowing what he believes is important was tremendously appealing to me. I won't have to spend six months figuring those things out. We can hit the ground running—together."

She also looks forward to building on current provost Tom Williams' foundation to further develop the office of the provost at W&L "so everyone can realize the full value of having a provost, from the president to the faculty to the staff."

Along the way, we can expect much good-natured ribbing from her. As a speaker at Ruscio's inauguration last fall, she compared the occasion to Thanksgiving and carried the metaphor all the way to the stuffed turkey at the center of the occasion. "But enough of this light-hearted roasting," she said at the time. "We have come to praise Ken, not baste him."

Welcome to the family, June.

Education

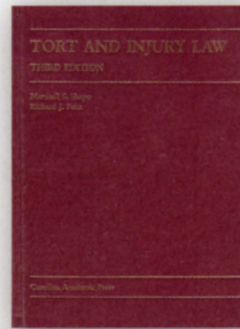
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Jan Drabek '57 published his memoir *His Doubtful Excellency: A Canadian Novelist's Adventures as President Havel's Ambassador in Prague* with Ekstasis Editions Canada Ltd. Born in Czechoslovakia, he returned there in 1960 and ended up as an ambassador. He now lives in Vancouver, Canada.



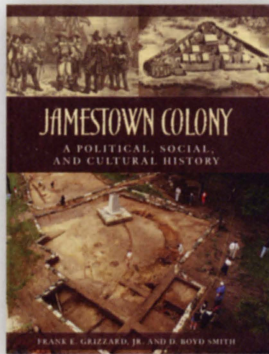
Rick J. Peltz '93 published a third edition of his textbook, *Tort and Injury Law*, co-authored with Marshall S. Shapo, with Carolina Academic Press. He is a full professor of law at the University of Arkansas's William H. Bowen School of Law, Little Rock, Ark.



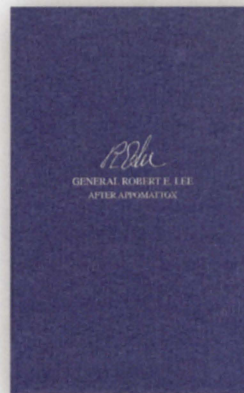
Hill Goodspeed '92 published his fifth book, *Skylines of the World*, which in December was featured on NBC's "Today Show" as one of critic Gene Shalit's top holiday gift books.



Byron W. Petty, lecturer in music, issued a new CD, *Traveler's Tales*, with Capstone Records. It features his recent compositions along with performances by W&L faculty members past and present: **Shuko Watanabe** (his wife), **Chris Magee**, **Mark Taylor** and **Janice Vincent**.



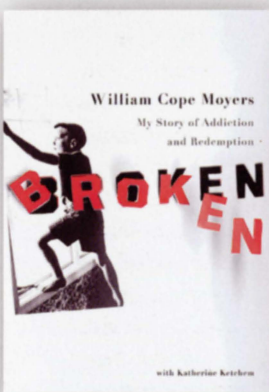
Frank E. Grizzard Jr., director of the Lee Family Digital Archive, published *Jamestown Colony: A Political, Social, and Cultural History*, with ABC-CLIO. He co-authored it with D. Boyd Smith. The publisher has partnered with the History Channel and National History Day to produce a companion Web site, www.jamestown.abc-clio.com.



Lee Book Reprinted

To commemorate the 200th birthday of President Robert E. Lee, the University Store has reprinted *General Robert E. Lee After Appomattox*, edited by Franklin Riley (1922). The book, which has long been out of print, features a new foreword by Taylor Sanders, W&L professor of history.

Only 450 copies of this special edition are available, at \$35 each, plus postage and handling. To order your copy, call the University Store at (540) 458-8633 or visit bookstore.wlu.edu.



William Cope Moyers '81 published his memoir, *Broken: My Story of Addiction and Redemption*, with Viking Press. "It was in the J-school at W&L where I learned how to gather the facts and write," he said, "and those skills were crucial in helping me put together and tell this story." Moyers lives with his wife and three children in St. Paul, Minn., where he is a vice president at the Hazelden Foundation, a renowned drug-treatment facility.

Shenandoah Unveils Special Issue

The special 57/1 issue of *Shenandoah: The Washington and Lee University Review* includes remarkable portfolios on two world-renowned alumni, author Tom Wolfe '51 and artist Cy Twombly '53.

From professors Robin LeBlanc, Doug Cumming, Marc Conner and Pam Simpson come essays exploring Wolfe's writing on women, reporting style and connections to African-American poetics, as well as Twombly's ties to Lexington. Alissa Walls Mazow '97 illuminates Twombly's "Natural History Part I, Mushrooms," and Lorna Golder '07 looks into the history of Wolfe's infamous white suit.

The issue also features a selection from novel-in-progress *Pagans and Pilgrims*, by early *Shenandoah* editor William Hoffman '53.

Editor R.T. Smith especially recommends work by Lyrae Van Clief '93 and Rebecca Makkai '99, who are beginning to make their mark in the literary world. Also included are book reviews by Sarah Guy '07, Julie Campbell (editor of this magazine) and Donald Johnson.

The issue sells for \$10. Subscription and purchasing information is available online at shenandoah.wlu.edu.



Around the World by Private Jet: Angkor Wat

Even on the most ambitious of journeys—a trip around the world by private jet—the memories are found in the details: the soft murmur of the Urumbamba River deep within the valley below the lofty ruins of Machu Picchu; the mysterious aspect in the gaze of the moai on Easter Island; and the delicate, seamless interplay of light and shadow on the dome of the Taj Mahal. A trip around the world is, after all, too long and wide to hold in one's mind. Pieces of it return again and again long afterwards, like images in a scrapbook. For the fortunate

30 W&L travelers who set out from winter in Washington for tropic latitudes, the wealth of memories over 24 days of travel is a profound accumulation of small change.

And yet, once recalled, each memory teases out a narrative—our visits to Angkor Wat and Angkor Thom in Cambodia, for example. Dating from the mid-12th century, Ta Prohm represents the high point of temple construction. Except for a path through the surrounding forest, the temple has been left a ruin so that the visitor can sense the wonder felt by the first archaeologists as they came upon the remnants of the lost civilization of the Khmer Empire, which dominated Southeast Asia from the 9th to the 15th centuries. Thick, sinuous roots of huge fig and kapok trees embrace the fallen stones and crumbling walls of the sprawling complex, alternately coalescing and shattering the sandstone masonry. Their trunks vault up beside the ancient pylons and arches to form a canopy of leaves above the ruin, as if Shiva and Vishnu, the Hindu gods of destruction and preservation, were still at work here.

Nearby, Angkor Wat, an immense temple complex covering some 500 acres, soars above the trees. The site is dominated by a central mass of temples whose five towers rise like enormous gray honeycombs 200 feet above a labyrinth of causeways, colonnades and shrines. Unlike Ta Prohm, Angkor Wat has been reconsolidated and continues to serve as a Buddhist temple. The complex is home to several Buddhist monks, vivid in their saffron robes, who quietly engage Western visitors in halting English. What is most remarkable about the place, despite its astonishing immensity, is the extraordinary delicacy and abundance of relief carving, much of it devoted to the military exploits of Hindu legend—good propaganda for Khmer imperial expansion. And yet one also finds everywhere images of *apsara*, the lithe and nubile celestial dancers, carved in attitudes of serenity and sensuousness idealizing the female form.

The carvings evoke the 12th century, the Khmer Empire already 300 years old, a city with one million citizens. Images of a lost civilization resound here, and, despite the 800,000 visitors it receives each year, Angkor Wat seems to hold a Buddhist repose, even in the intricate splendor of its architecture, as if it were dreaming of past glories. Back then, Paris had a population of perhaps 30,000, living on trade and whatever the river brought down. Notre Dame had not yet been conceived. Today, on the nether end of Fortune's wheel, Cambodia is one of the poorest nations of the third world.

And this was only one day.

—Rob Fure, Director, Special Programs



Please take your seats: W&L travelers boarded a private jet (top photo) that flew them to exotic locations around the world. One of the stops (bottom photo) included a visit to the pyramids of Egypt.



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The Washington and Lee Repertory Dance Company's "Veil of Ignorance," choreographed by W&L Dance Artistic Director **Jenefer Davies** and danced by **Alice Shih '08** and **Marjie Zethraus '07**, was chosen as one of 10 outstanding and exemplary artistic works at the American College Dance Festival Association (ACDFA) conference on March 14-18. The company, which is in its first year at W&L, shared the stage with dance departments from the University of North Carolina-Greensboro, North Carolina State University and the University of Maryland, among others. With its top-10 placement, the company earned the opportunity to dance at the conference's Gala Concert on March 17. "The W&L dancers were applauded for their commitment and well-realized work, as well as their confident and beautiful performances," said Davies. "The judges called 'Veil of Ignorance' mesmerizing and commented on its sophisticated assemblage, its beautiful images and its bravery."

Cale Grove '10 is W&L's latest Kemper Scholar. The program of the James S. Kemper Foundation prepares students for leadership and service, especially in the fields of administration and business. Kemper Scholars receive annual scholarships of \$3,000-\$8,000, based on need, during their sophomore, junior and senior years of college. They also receive \$6,000 stipends for work as interns in major nonprofit organizations in Chicago during the summer following their sophomore year.

Scholars learn about financial management, organizational strategy, fund-raising and nonprofit administration. The summer following their junior year, they are eligible for independent project grants. Grove joins **Steve Rivoir '08**, a business administration major, and **Becca Taylor '09**, an economics major, as current Kemper Scholars.

The **Department of Journalism and Mass Communications** was recommended for re-accreditation following a site visit by the Accrediting Council on Education in Journalism and Mass Communications. The department is the only accredited journalism and mass communications program in *U.S. News & World Report's* top 25 liberal arts universities. Of about 400 programs in journalism, communication and mass communications in the nation, only about one fourth are accredited, and fewer than 20 of those are at private universities. "We are enormously pleased to have taken this important first step on our path to re-accreditation," said Brian Richardson, department head. "The site-visit team has affirmed that our students, faculty and curriculum belong among the nation's journalism and mass communications elite."

David S. Peterson, associate professor of history, has received a fellowship from the National Endowment for the Humanities to spend his coming sabbatical year writing a book, *Power and the Sacred in Renaissance Florence, 1375-1460*. It is based on research Peterson has conducted in the archives and libraries of Florence, Italy, and at the Vatican. It analyzes the place of religion and the church in Florentine politics and society in the early Italian Renaissance.

Peterson has previously authored more than a dozen articles on this topic, most recently the chapter on "Religion and the Church" for the Renaissance volume of *The Oxford Short History of Italy*. He will spend his sabbatical writing in Lexington and returning periodically to Italy to consult manuscripts and archival documents.

Maggie Puryear '07 received the Sarah G. Ball Teaching Award for 2007. The award, established in 2003 by the Ball family to honor Sarah Ball '01, recognizes excellent preparation for teaching in elementary and secondary schools and a commitment to community service. It goes to a graduating senior who is committed to teach in a school that serves a community of learners with diverse needs. "I have always wanted to teach," said Puryear. "After years of pretending in my attic, with my siblings as students and old workbooks as my resources, I am excited to really be 'Miss Puryear' in my own classroom." The alternate for the award is **Jessica Hunsinger '07**.

The **Ring-Tum Phi**, one of W&L's student newspapers, won four Mark of Excellence awards from the Society of Professional Journalists. It placed first in Editorial Writing, second in both Sports Writing and General News Reporting, and third in Best All-Around Student Newspaper. **Katherine Greene '08** is the editor in chief.

A story by **Rod Smith**, editor of *Shenandoah: The Washington and Lee University Review*, will be included in the 2007 volume of *New Stories from the South: The Year's Best*. This will be the fourth appearance of Smith's fiction in the series in the past six years. "Story," which originally appeared in *Prairie Schooner* in 2006, was chosen by Pulitzer Prize-winning novelist Edward P. Jones.

Denise Watts, a graphic designer in the Communications Office, won first place in the Best in Print Contest from Printing Industries of Virginia. The winning entry was her brochure about last October's homecoming and presidential inauguration.

MEET THE PROFS

Introducing a recent addition to the faculty. Those of you who've been gone from campus for awhile have old friends in that group. In this feature, you can get to know the gifted teachers who will fill that role in the lives of today's students.

Name: Jeffrey M. Rahl

Title: Assistant Professor of Geology

Education: B.S., geology, the University of Dayton, 1999; M.Phil., geology, Yale University, 2002; Ph.D., geology, Yale University, 2005. Turner Postdoctoral Research Fellow, University of Michigan, 2005–2006.

Ph.D. dissertation: Tectonic evolution of the Hellenic (Greece) and Otago (New Zealand) subduction wedges.

Area(s) of scholarly interest: Tectonics, with a focus on understanding the formation, growth and erosion of mountain belts. I study how rocks have been squeezed and stretched to find clues about the forces that build mountains. I also use a special type of radiometric dating that reveals how rocks cool as they are brought up to the earth's surface by erosion and faulting. I've been fortunate to carry out my studies in mountain belts all around the world, including the American West (Nevada and Utah), Greece, New Zealand and Spain.

What drew you to this field?

I've always been fascinated by the tremendous scale, both spatially and temporally, of geology. Mountain belts may span thousands of miles and develop over tens of millions of years, distances and time scales that are difficult to comprehend from our human perspective. I'm also attracted to the interdisciplinary nature of the subject; the research of the best geologists incorporates principles from physics, chemistry, biology and mathematics.

Where did you grow up? Cleveland, Ohio.

Family: My wife, Tiffany Pempek, is currently a postdoctoral fellow at Georgetown University, where she studies the impact of media on infants and toddlers.

How long have you been at W&L? I began teaching in September 2006.

What courses do you teach? I teach a general education course focused on the historical development of the theory of plate tectonics; Rocks and Minerals; and Introductory Geology. I hope to develop an upper-level course on Tectonics, as well as courses on the Earth's Mantle and the History of Geology.



What are your impressions of W&L students so far?

They are an unusually talented group. They are bright, diligent and thorough with their work, and the best students are extremely inquisitive. I've also been particularly impressed by their writing ability. Overall, they are a wonderful student body to have the privilege of teaching.

What are your impressions of W&L so far?

Probably most newcomers to W&L are struck with the strong sense of history and tradition on campus. I've also found the W&L community to be welcoming and supportive. One of the most impressive things I've discovered is the thoughtfulness of the faculty; people are deeply committed to providing the best possible education for our students.

Anything else you'd like to tell the readers of the

alumni magazine? There are many exciting things happening in the Geology Department right now. Each spring we take students into the field to experience geology firsthand; recent students have witnessed active volcanism in Hawaii and observed glacial and tectonic processes in New Zealand. We also engage many of our extraordinarily talented students in research; this summer, for example, we have majors traveling to Spain, Barbados, and Switzerland to begin cutting-edge research projects. And if you aren't already aware, please know that we have planned a Geology Department alumni reunion for this September. If possible, come! I would welcome the opportunity to meet you.



Student Scholarship

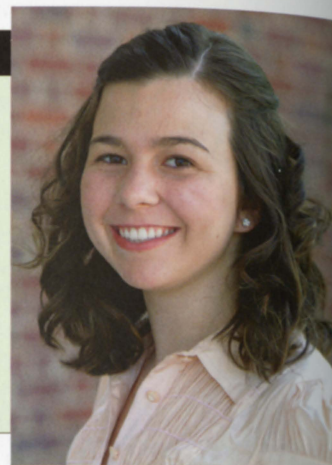
Spain, Germany, South Africa and Argentina are just a few of the countries W&L's students will visit in their quest for more knowledge. Every year a few select students win prestigious grants and fellowships that extend their learning experiences. Here are this year's winners.

BY JULIA O'BRIEN AND LOUISE UFFELMAN

BOREN FELLOWSHIP

Elissa Hanson '09, a politics and economics major, received a NSEP Boren fellowship that will fund six months of study in Brazil beginning this summer. She'll spend the first six weeks in Manaus studying Portuguese and then attend Universidade Estual do Norte Fluminenses in Campos. Hanson will also have the chance to conduct research and is specifically interested in the links among land reform, sustainable development, economics and political stability.

Hanson grew up in Mexico, Puerto Rico and Japan, and her time in Latin America fueled her interest in the "political dogmas and cultural permutations that create fractured societies and untenable governments," she said. She's particularly interested in the policies used to alleviate poverty, corruption, environmental degradation and extreme income disparity.



FULBRIGHT RESEARCH FELLOWS

Liane Carlson '07, a religion major, will spend a year in Germany exploring the ways human suffering is perceived. Her volunteer work at Project Horizon, the domestic abuse shelter in Rockbridge County, fueled her interest in this area. "Quite a few of my close friends have suffered from some sort of sexual, emotional or verbal abuse, so I had a personal interest in working for a women's shelter," Carlson said.

"In 1952, Paul Celan published in Germany a lyrical reflection on the Holocaust—first written in 1944—entitled 'Todesfuge' or 'Death Fuge,'" said Carlson, "and many critics believed it was written to beautify and aestheticize suffering." Carlson is curious about why Celan's literature was refuted. She notes that Christian art represents "2,000 years of aestheticized suffering, and almost no one considers it problematic."

She plans to tackle these questions "by reading Celan's poetry and the issues he raises against the medieval tradition of the *Andachtsbild*, a particularly grotesque type of devotional image of the crucified Christ, in order to examine how the mediums used to express suffering shape the experience of it for the spectator.

"Being in Germany should offer valuable insight into the role a place plays in our experience of suffering," Carlson continued. "Until now, my experience of suffering has been related

to the disembodied voice in hotline calls, but Europe—Germany in particular—is steeped in these issues and places in a way that is inaccessible to me in America."

After her year abroad, she plans to pursue a Ph.D. in religion.

Will Townes '07 received one of 10 Fulbrights awarded for the Philippines this year. A biology major, Townes said, "My desire to study tropical rainforests began while I was studying abroad in Costa Rica, but the processes of nature have captivated me since childhood. Ecology and conservation biology are great fields because they are intellectually interesting and provide a chance to be outdoors."

While in the Philippines, Townes will conduct ecological research in the Northern Sierra Madre National Park in Luzon, one of the last remaining primary forests. In June, Townes enrolled at the University of the Philippines-Diliman and is learning to identify the plants of the region. He will also attend classes in Tagalog, one of the most common languages spoken in the Philippines. From September to November, he will conduct experiments in the Palanan preserve under the guidance of plant ecologists Dr. Leonardo Co and Dr. Daniel Lagunzad.

Townes plans to pursue a Ph.D. in ecology and evolutionary biology, specializing as a tropical ecologist.



FULBRIGHT TEACHING FELLOWSHIPS



European history and German major **Richard Kyle '07** will teach English in Germany. Throughout middle school and high school, he taught on a volunteer basis during weeklong summer camps for elementary students. As a high school student, Kyle frequently tutored his peers in their International Baccalaureate German courses.

"I am ecstatic about the possibilities that the next year holds for my growth as an individual," said Kyle. "I hope to be a positive ambassador for the United States and to improve my understanding of German society."

He added, "I look forward to spending the next year immersed in German culture and exploring Europe."

Nadia Prinz '07, a classics and German literature major, will be teaching English in a German secondary school in Baden-Württemberg, "conveying important elements of American culture and history, as well as instructing them in the language," she said. It's a role with which she's familiar, for she spent many summers teaching children, both in camps and in public schools.

Prinz is thrilled to be teaching German students. Born in Luxembourg, she has been speaking German since birth and knows what it is like to learn a new language at a young age.

"My father is Austrian," she said. "We spoke both German and English at home. We ate different foods and had different family rituals. In general, I had trouble identifying with my young peers. My love of school and reading, however, soon helped me overcome this uncertainty. For these reasons, I have loved teaching and interacting with children since I was a child."



Emily Sberna, '07, a Romance languages major, will teach English in Spain. Sberna will work in a major city and fully integrate herself into the host community.

"I plan to do everything possible while I'm in Spain," said Sberna. "I've never been to Europe before—a sin considering I'm a Romance languages major—so I am going to take advantage to visit every single place."

After her Fulbright year is over, Sberna has no concrete future plans. But she does hope to use her language skills to teach Spanish or French or perhaps become a translator/interpreter. "I can't imagine having a career where I don't use my Spanish, or other language skills," she said.

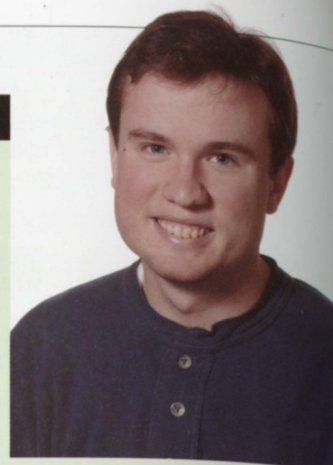


BARRY M. GOLDWATER SCHOLARSHIP

Mathematics major **Jameson Graber '08** is one of 317 students selected to receive a \$7,500 academic grant for the 2007-08 academic year. "The Goldwater Scholarship is highly prestigious, and the awards process is very competitive," said Marcia France, associate professor of chemistry. "In addition to needing outstanding academic credentials, nominees are also required to write an essay discussing an idea for research in their field of study. Jameson Graber's proposal on nonlinear sequence transformations applied to sequences of functions was very impressive."

Graber spent the past two summers working on research projects at W&L and at Kansas State University. In his Goldwater proposal, he noted the importance of a liberal arts education. In a philosophy class, he discovered the connection between the philosophy of the mind, neuroscience, computer programming and mathematics. "The brain is a sort of parallel processor," he said. The class helped him explore "the deep questions that pertain to mathematics as a part of a general search for knowledge. This will make me a better and wiser person later in life."

He continues, "I am really happy that I received the Goldwater, because I believe it will help me to get into a good graduate program. After I reach that goal, I don't know what I'll do, but it will probably involve project proposals, so the experience of applying for a Goldwater will hopefully help me in the long run."



THOMAS J. WATSON FELLOWSHIP

Ben Long '07 will use his \$25,000 Watson for his project "Bovine Bonanza: The Changing Face of Cattle Farming." The fellowship will fund his travels to Switzerland, South Africa, Argentina, Australia and Turkey to study cattle farming, and perhaps to India and New Zealand, as well.

Long knows cows. Born into a farming family, he understands the complex relationship a farmer has with his cattle. During his yearlong journey, he will see firsthand how cows can be religious symbols, a lifeline for nomadic people and a business for farmers.

Although he will be studying cattle farming practices around the world, Long is also looking forward to exploring the countries he visits and to getting to know the people and their customs. "Basically, I will be an ambassador for the United States," Long said. "In this day and age, the U.S. needs some help with international relations."

He added, "I have never been this excited and this terrified at the same time in my entire life. It is almost too good to be true."



Going Home

Students aren't the only ones from W&L heading overseas under the Fulbright aegis. Domnica Radulescu, professor of Romance languages and head of the Women's Studies Program, received a Fulbright Scholarship and will spend the fall 2007 term at the University of Cluj, Babes-Bolyai, in her homeland of Romania. She will teach theater and gender, help develop a master's program in theater and do research on women and feminism in Romanian contemporary theater.

Radulescu is returning to her native country the same year that it joins the European Union. "This is extremely exciting for me for a variety of reasons," she said. "Romania is a hot country to be in right now—there are extraordinary currents and energies of change. The theater and art worlds are bubbling with new ideas and innovative forms of expression. It is thrilling for me that I will be lecturing and researching in a European university in the country where I was born and grew up, but which is in so many ways a very different country than the one I grew up in. It's like going home and yet also abroad. And I am really curious to find out what women and feminist theater practitioners are cooking up over there."

—J.O'B.





ARTIST: BARBARA RATNER

W&L Embraces a Center for Jewish Life

At the moment, Hillel's First Fridays at Five Shabbot services are held at the Alumni House. With more than 75 people attending, it can get a bit crowded. The group also observes Passover, Yom Kippur and Hanukkah, meets for lectures and hosts a Very Interesting Professors dinner series. That means scheduling spaces in Evans Dining Hall or Elrod Commons or meeting somewhere off campus. That situation, however, is about to change.

In October 2006, the Board of Trustees approved a plan to build a Center for Jewish Life. It will stand on the site currently occupied by Howard House, adjacent to the R.E. Lee Memorial Episcopal Church. The center will be built with the support of alumni, parents and friends. The fund-raising goal, including an endowment for its future maintenance, is \$4 million.

The spot is easily accessible to both the campus and Rockbridge communities. The three-story building—this rendering illustrates a possible appearance—will house staff offices, meeting rooms, a lounge, at least one kitchen and possibly a kosher café, as well as a large multi-purpose room that is flexible enough to be used for worship services, lectures and other celebrations.

"The quality of an education is measured by what occurs inside and outside the classroom," said Dawn Watkins, dean of students. "Many students experience an enriched educational experience through religious exploration during their college years. Hillel at W&L has developed a broad and rich program for interested students at W&L, and a center for students promises an even more rewarding experience for all W&L students."

"I am sure that I speak for the many W&L alumni who have been eager to see the University make a commitment that will encourage prospective Jewish students and their parents to realize that the climate of this University is an inclusive and all-embracing one," said Paul Weinstein '55, of the Hillel Advisory Board. "This center will serve as an impetus in attracting students, but even more important, the center will be a vibrant, exciting addition to both the cultural and religious life of the University."

Board of Trustees Welcomes New Member

Jessine A. Monaghan '79L, of Washington, was sworn in as the newest member of the W&L Board of Trustees on May 17. She is manager and senior counsel of government relations for GE Industrial-Plastics, a global manufacturer of plastic resins.

Monaghan practiced law with Hunton & Williams from 1981–1992. She has served in a variety of positions with General Electric, including from 1992–1995 as the environment, health and safety attorney for GE Plastics' European operations, and from 1995–1998 as leader of GE's Corporate Environmental Programs in Brussels, Belgium. From 1998–2000, she worked for Sotheby's as director at the European Compliance Office in London.

Monaghan received her B.A. with honors from Wellesley College in 1975. At W&L, she belonged to the International Moot Court Team and the Women Law Students Association and was a Burks Scholar. She was the first female member of Omicron Delta Kappa from W&L. In recent years, she has served W&L on the Consolidation Committee of the Strategic Plan, on the Dean's Search Committee, on the Law Council (including as president), as Class Agent and on the D.C. Area Committee of the Rising Generation Capital Campaign.

Monaghan's other affiliations include the Virginia State Bar, the District of Columbia Bar, the National Pollution Prevention and the Toxics Advisory Committee to the EPA, and service as a national trustee of the National Symphony Orchestra.



PHI BETA KAPPA WELCOMES 48 STUDENTS

Washington and Lee University inducted 48 new members into the Phi Beta Kappa academic honor society on March 15. The convocation speaker was Martin E. Marty, the Fairfax M. Cone Distinguished Service Professor Emeritus at the University of Chicago, one of today's prominent interpreters of religion and culture. Elizabeth G. Webb '09 received the Sophomore Award for the student with the highest cumulative scholastic average through the end of the fall term of the sophomore year.

Graduated Seniors:

Christopher J. Brown '06
Elizabeth A. Frayer '06
Hugo A. Ledesma Diaz '06
Jacob T. Spencer '06

Class of 2007:

Adrienne L. Adkins
Mary R. Brooks
Matthew T. Burrus
Liane F. Carlson
Kari M. Christoffersen
P. Maxwell Courtney
Padrick D. Dennis

Kristine M. Early
Anne E. Finley
Jason A. Fitzsimmons
Valerie O. Hannon
Morgan K. Hill

Julia E. Jackson
Sang H. Jeong
Lauren E. Kampf
Derek J. Kosciolk
James S. McKay
Jared J. Meyer
Alexander R. Miltenberger
Amy K. Nunez
Nadia C. Prinz

Rozaliya B. Stoyanova
Michael M. Wagoner
Taylor F. Walle
Samuel A. Wilmoth

Class of 2008:

Andrew P. Ackell
Thomas M. Brower
William T. Campbell
Lucas L. Carmalt
Martha L. Caulkins
Nicole Conkling
Micah F. Ferguson
Katelyn M. Finley

Stacie L. Gilmore
Christine G. Giordano
Philip J. Graber
Diane M. Kuhn
Carly S. Levin
Chonyang L. Lu
Michael J. McArdle
Deborah A. Newell
Jennifer M. Schieltz
Timothy P. Vacek
Randolph C. Wilson

Unsung General, Decade Award Honor Outstanding Students

Beth Lidinsky '07 is the 2007 John W. Elrod Unsung General of the Year. The campus community and the University's Celebrating Student Success Committee chose her from 25 nominees for her leadership and volunteer service to W&L. Lidinsky will split her \$1,000 prize

with the campus or local organization of her choice. She will also have her name engraved on a plaque in the Elrod Commons. Her nomination was in the area of community service, as she is a member of the Nabors Service League.

"I intend to donate my prize to one of the organizations where I have been able to volunteer through Nabors and the Shepherd Poverty Program," said Lidinsky. She has served as the Nabors health and disabled chair and publicity chair. In addition, Lidinsky has belonged to Alpha Epsilon Delta premedical honor society, Young Democrats and Kappa Delta sorority, has been a Panhellenic recruitment counselor and has landed on the honor roll each year.

The biochemistry major participated in the Shepherd Poverty Alliance Internship at the D.C. Primary Care Association and Bread for the City in 2006, was a laboratory aide in the Neonatology Department of Johns Hopkins School of Medicine in 2004 and 2005 and has volunteered at the Rockbridge Area Free Clinic. She will attend the University of Maryland School of Medicine in the fall.

Other Winners

In addition to Lidinsky, the Celebrating Student Success committee recognized these students:

- *Publications/Media*: Katherine Greene '08
- *Recreation*: Erin Tainer '07
- *Performing Arts*: Lauren Sapikowski '08
- *Community Service*: Dane Boston '08
- *General Clubs and Organizations*: Matthew Loar '07
- *Greek Life*: Kathryn Heaberg '07
- *Religious Life*: Madeline Gent '08
- *Programming /Social Activities*: Katie Long '07
- *Government*: Matt Krieg '07

Decade Award

Regina Mills '09 and Grace Andrews '09 are co-winners of the University's Decade Award, which honors a sophomore woman who has exhibited exemplary leadership and who has advanced discussion of women's issues on campus.

Mills is an English major with a concentration in women's studies. She is a leader in Knowledge Empowering Women Leaders (KEWL) and the Alpha Phi Omega National Service Fraternity. She is involved in the Nabors Service League and has worked as a basketball camp counselor. She has hosted the WLUR radio show "She Speaks" for the past two years and is the editor of *She Says* literary magazine.

Andrews is a politics and sociology major with concentrations in women's studies and poverty. She is an active member of the Multicultural Student Association, KEWL, the Ladies' Club and Student Association for International Learning. She is a Bonner Leader, a mentor at local schools and a writer for the *Ring-tum Phi*.

—Julie Clime



REGINA MILLS (LEFT) AND GRACE ANDREWS.

Wolfe Seminar Examines Satire



TOM WOLFE '51 (LEFT) AND CHRISTOPHER BUCKLEY (RIGHT) CHAT WITH A STUDENT.

This year's edition of the Tom Wolfe '51 Lecture/Seminar, on April 13–14, featured novelist Christopher Buckley, author of *Florence of Arabia* and *Thank You for Smoking*. Buckley delivered a talk, "Inside the Beltway and Other Belly Laughs: A Writer's Life in Washington, D.C." Faculty delivered two other talks: "Let Smoking Guns Lie: Colliding Themes in *Thank You for Smoking*," by William Connelly, professor of politics, and "Propaganda, Public Relations and the Press: Parsing Truth in a 24/7 Media World," by Pam Luecke, Reynolds Professor of Journalism. Bob Strong, professor of politics, led a panel discussion, and Wolfe offered closing remarks. The Office of Special Programs runs the event, which is sponsored by the Class of 1951.

W&L Receives Another Reynolds Grant

The Donald W. Reynolds Foundation has renewed a three-year, \$450,000 grant to W&L that enables us to continue offering student internships at leading news organizations, and to bring distinguished business journalists to campus. The award, like the previous one, complements the work of Pamela K. Luecke, the Donald W. Reynolds Professor of Business Journalism. The grant also will make it possible for students to go on field trips, attend business-journalism conferences and take advantage of other opportunities to link to the profession.

"Thanks to the Donald W. Reynolds Foundation's generous funding, Washington and Lee is becoming known as both a source of talented, well-prepared young journalists, and a place where seasoned practitioners find an eager and appreciative audience among students and faculty," said Luecke. "Business journalism is an exciting, growing field, as our students are experiencing through internships and on-campus learning." Companies offering permanent jobs to business journalism students include Dow Jones and Bloomberg.

Added Brian Richardson, head of the Department of Journalism and Mass Communications, "I'm delighted that the Donald W. Reynolds Foundation has given our business journalism program another vote of confidence. We're clearly realizing our potential to be a leader in business journalism education."

—Sarah Tschiggfrie

Check out your graduation photos!



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At this site, you will find individual and general graduation images. You may easily review and select the photos and sizes you would like for your graduate and family. Questions? Call (540) 458-8939.

Here in Lexington on the morning of April 16, the undergraduates were away on spring break, and the law students were wrapping up classes. Then the terrible news came from Blacksburg. Our friends and neighbors at Virginia Tech faced unimaginable grief and horror when a student killed 32 people before taking his own life. As we tried to grasp the enormity of the event, W&L reached out in several ways.

That day, we immediately called the president's office at Tech to offer condolences and assistance. Our Student Affairs staff called their colleagues at Virginia Tech, who asked simply that we keep the Tech community in our thoughts and prayers and said they had a great deal of on-site support for their students. Dawn Watkins, dean of students, is a Tech alumna and works one day a week with her counterpart at Tech.

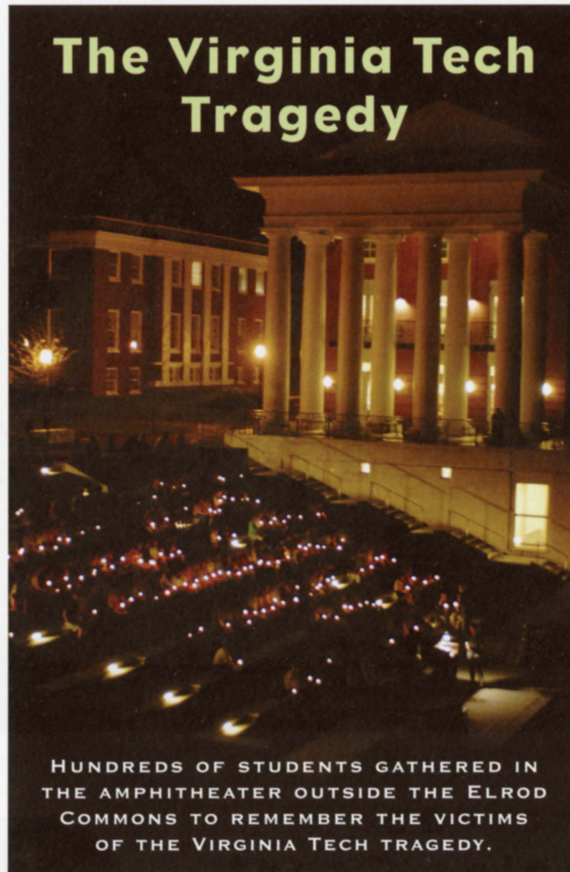
We held several commemorations: a candlelight vigil on April 16 organized by Yousri Omar '07L, an alumnus of Tech; a University-wide moment of silence on April 17 to coincide with the service at Tech; a noon vigil on April 20 as part of the state day of mourning; and a memorial service on April 23, after the undergraduates had returned.

Emergency Preparedness

Even before the tragedy, W&L was in the process of fine-tuning our crisis management plan. The events of April 16 brought an immediacy to those preparations in a way that we could not have imagined. As President Ruscio noted in his e-mailed letter of April 17, we cannot defend against every possibility or crisis, but we can try to minimize the possibility of a critical incident on campus and to mitigate the possible harm.

W&L has already hosted an emergency simulation with VMI, city, county and hospital officials on May 8. The University is also buying a text-messaging system to communicate with the

campus instantaneously in the event of a crisis; it should be ready this fall. The University may also purchase a siren or whistle to alert the campus that an emergency incident has occurred.



HUNDREDS OF STUDENTS GATHERED IN THE AMPHITHEATER OUTSIDE THE ELROD COMMONS TO REMEMBER THE VICTIMS OF THE VIRGINIA TECH TRAGEDY.

Our Community

W&L's small, close-knit nature helps us help each other. Student Affairs staff, faculty members and deans are in constant communication about students with emotional difficulties. Our Health and Counseling Services Office deals with students' mental health. Public Safety uses the tried-and-true method of knowing students as a way to assist them in their work. Residential Life staff have daily contact with students in the residence halls. Greek Life staff are in regular communication with house directors and chapter presidents. The Office of Religious Life talks with campus ministers. The Dean of Students Office coordinates all those communications and helps families when necessary.

Our Public Safety officers are well trained and capable. Because of our close relationship with local law enforcement, our officers do not carry weapons. The Lexington Police Department is within walking

distance of campus, and we share a radio frequency and have regular communication with both LPD and the Rockbridge County Sheriff's Office. Any 911 call made from campus also immediately alerts our Public Safety Office. Finally, we prohibit the use, possession and storage of all firearms, dangerous weapons, explosives or other dangerous articles. Law enforcement officers duly authorized to carry such instruments are exceptions.

Said President Ruscio, "We will continue to strive to provide as secure an environment as possible for the Washington and Lee community."

On the Scene

At least two dozen Washington and Lee journalism alumni were involved in coverage of the tragic shooting deaths of 32 people at Virginia Tech on April 16, according to the Department of Journalism and Mass Communications.

Greg Esposito '00, who covers Virginia Tech for *The Roanoke Times*, was on campus when most of the shootings occurred. Journalists who reported from

Tech soon after the tragedy include Marc Santora '97 of *The New York Times*, Sreya Banerjee '06 of Reuters and Richard Lesko '00 of WTVR Channel 6, the CBS affiliate in Richmond.

At least six more journalism alumni worked on the story from three newsrooms in Roanoke: Juliet Bickford '00 and Ryan Hale '06, WSLC Channel 10; Joe Dashiell '80, Ira Quillen '81 and David Seidel '97, WDBJ Channel 7; and Kathy Lu '97, *The Roanoke Times*.

In addition, two journalism graduates now affiliated with media at Virginia Tech provided information to visiting reporters: Paul Lancaster '74 and Ricky Lovegrove '77.

Other journalism alumni involved in the coverage work for Bloomberg News, CNBC, CNN's "Anderson Cooper 360," Fox News, *The Norfolk Virginian-Pilot* and network television and radio affiliates in Philadelphia, Cincinnati and Washington.

Shepherding His Flock



Tom Shepherd '52 (center), founder of W&L's Shepherd Poverty Program, visited campus on March 23 to celebrate his namesake along with officials of the State Council on Higher Education in Virginia and W&L staff and students. The event included special taped remarks from the Honorable John W. Warner III '49, senior senator from Virginia and former Secretary of the Navy. He had planned to deliver the keynote speech, but his senatorial duties kept him in Washington. Students Sam Wilmoth '07 (left) and Quiana McKenzie '08 (right) addressed the crowd about their work with the Shepherd Program and enjoyed meeting the man himself.

On Our Honor

W&L's Stand on Student Loan Scandal

With the national controversy swirling around questionable student-loan practices, President Ken Ruscio '76 has added his voice to the conversation. "I am happy to assure all alumni, parents and friends that a detailed internal review of our financial aid operations confirms that Washington and Lee is *not* involved in the current controversy over student loans, lender incentives and lender kickbacks to institutions of higher education," he said.

"We have no financial arrangements or revenue sharing with any lender. Further, we are committed to an admissions and financial aid program that serves our students' best interests and is operated with integrity and professionalism," continued President Ruscio. "We have, and will continue to review, our operations within the legal and best-practices framework for relationships between universities and lenders. We are monitoring the quickly changing legal landscape on this matter and will adopt or modify our policies as needed."

The Audit Committee of the Board of Trustees has praised the review and approves of the finding.

New Scholarships Honor Phillips and Hotchkiss

The names of Charles F. Phillips Jr., the Robert G. Brown Professor of Economics, Emeritus, and Farris P. Hotchkiss '58, retired administrator, grace two new endowed scholarships at W&L, both from the Walter I. and Eva Grace Peak Foundation.

The Charles F. Phillips Jr. Scholarship goes to undergraduates (who will be known as Phillips Scholars) who express an interest in the Williams School of Commerce, Economics and Politics. It honors "one of the Williams School's most dedicated and loyal professors of economics, a scholar and an author," according to the foundation, which seeks to further education in the South.

The Farris P. Hotchkiss Scholarship for law students (Hotchkiss Scholars) celebrates "one of the University's most enthusiastic, untiring and successful development officers, who served as a vice president and director of development, secretary to the Board of Trustees and adviser to presidents over a 40-year period," says the foundation. Phillips and Hotchkiss remain active in a wide variety of University and community activities.

Three alumni compose the foundation's Distribution Committee: Gen. Benton C. Tolley Jr. '42, '48L of Naples, Fla., chairman; F. William Burke '64, '67L, of Bethesda, Md.; and Julian E. Markham Jr. '64 of Potomac, Md. Claire Favereau Peak and Lawrence I. Peak established the foundation to honor his parents.



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Jeremy Franklin, COMMUNITY TREASURE

BY AUSTIN STAIR CALHOUN '03

Chances are, if you've been to a Washington and Lee athletic event, you've seen Jeremy Franklin '04. He doesn't paint his chest or carry a catchy sign, but he is one of the Generals' most dedicated followers.

As general manager of Washington and Lee's radio station, WLUR, Franklin oversees the sports department and organizes the radio coverage for more than 100 athletic events—everywhere from the Warner Center and Wilson Field to traversing the Mid-Atlantic and points beyond so Generals fans can tune into their favorite sporting events.

Over the past three years, Franklin has expanded the radio station's offerings, worked hard to make WLUR a 24-hour radio station and orchestrated the station's move to its new digs in the Elrod Commons.

With those accomplishments under his belt, it might seem as though Franklin would have been a Reid Hall denizen while an undergraduate. This history major's start in radio, however, was a little less conventional.

"When he was a sophomore, he was the sports editor of the *Ring-Tum Phi*," explained Doug Chase '74, a sports/news writer with the *News Gazette*, Lexington, who has been calling W&L athletic events for WLUR for over 12 years. "All I knew was that this kid kept showing up to all the basketball games. It kind of intrigued me that he would keep coming. During one game, I needed a halftime guest, so I walked up to him, and I asked him to join me. He ended up staying and doing the color commentary for the entire second half."

Franklin ultimately stayed longer than that. Chase invited him to participate in another broadcast, and soon he became a regular on the Lexington airwaves. "It kind of snowballed from there, and I did a few more basketball games that year," Franklin recalled. "I did color for a few baseball games that

spring with Lincoln Rose '03, and then the next fall, they needed someone to do play-by-play for soccer."

Franklin developed a passion for soccer, and it soon became evident that sports broadcasting was not simply an after-school hobby for this North Carolina native. The following spring, he continued to expand his broadcasting repertoire, teaching himself to call lacrosse. Then, in his senior year, Ben Losi '02, the general manager of WLUR, announced his departure.

"Ben was moving on, and I knew that I was looking for something to do after I graduated," said Franklin. "It worked out that he could recommend me for the job."

Losi took Franklin under his wing that winter and spring, dubbing him the station's assistant general manager and showing him the ropes. "All I had done—period—was sports broadcasting and the 'Monday Night Sports Beat' (a student-run weekly sport digest)," Franklin said. "I started learning the technical aspect of running a radio station, managing the budget and learning the music side.

"I've been a journalist for almost 10 years, going back to high school," said Franklin. "I worked on the campus newspaper and literary magazine and was a stringer for my hometown paper. I never thought I'd make a career out of it, but I've just not been able to get away from it."

Washington and Lee is lucky that Franklin has had such trouble extracting himself from the profession. With his legion of student broadcasters and local hosts, he has merged town and gown. Chase calls Franklin "a community treasure," and many echo that opinion.

Rose, who continues to do play-by-play for Time Warner television's broadcasts of regional football, basketball, volleyball and boxing in Texas, said, "Jeremy is just the third station manager since the studios were removed from Reid Hall. But he has already become the longest-tenured and most successful, utilizing his passions for and knowledge of all radio program formats. His incorporation of NPR programming and desire to reach an audience beyond the Colonnade have raised the bar for his successor and increased the value of the experiences gained by its student staff as well as the station's value to the community."

One of the other ways WLUR gets beyond the Colonnade and out of the Shenandoah Valley is through its Internet broadcast of W&L athletic events. Families of student-athletes and coaches, alumni and opposing fans can listen to the FM feed online.

As an alum, Rose still listens to the Generals via the online broadcasts. "To this day, 2,000 miles away, I'll tune in online to one of WLUR's sports broadcasts, knowing there may be a familiar voice providing the live call," Rose admitted.

Student-athletes hailing from great distances have also used the Internet broadcast to satisfy their hometown fan base. Jessica Hunsinger '07, a three-time All-ODAC selection in women's basketball, said, "Jeremy's work in broadcasting the

basketball games has meant so much to my family for the past four years. They aren't able to make it to many games since Arizona is so far away, but they listen to the radio broadcasts religiously. When my aunt came to visit recently, she wanted to meet Jeremy because he is her favorite broadcaster."

While Franklin deserves a lot of credit for the wealth of sport broadcasts, he is quick to direct praise to his predecessors, Losi and Brendan Harrington '01, the original WLUR general manager and sports broadcaster, and to his student workers. "The fact that we have increased student involvement and get a lot of journalism and non-journalism majors involved has enabled us to maintain and increase our coverage of games," he noted.

Working with students, Franklin has found another unlikely role—teacher and mentor. He is quick to say he's never thought of himself as a teacher, but others, especially those who have been lucky enough to inherit his broadcasting knowledge, would disagree.

Will Waller '08 has worked alongside Franklin for two years as the color commentator for the women's basketball broadcasts. Another history major turned journalist, Waller also was a novice broadcaster, before learning from Franklin.

"When you start to do a broadcast with Jeremy, you know it's going to be nothing but the best," said Waller. "He gives you on-the-job training, and he's a good teacher. He allows you to make mistakes, while guiding you on how to learn from them."

Chase also agrees that Franklin has talent as a teacher—and that he always leads by example. "I think Jeremy is someone that strives for excellence, but not in an overbearing way," said Chase. "He takes what he does seriously, but he doesn't take himself too seriously."

As a broadcaster himself, Chase knows what Franklin does both on and off the air is hard work. "Sport broadcasting is work," he said. "I think people think it's easy, but it only sounds easy because Jeremy does it so well. Play-by-play is an art. It's like jazz. If it's good, it's rhythmical. Jeremy studies his craft and he appreciates the intricacies."

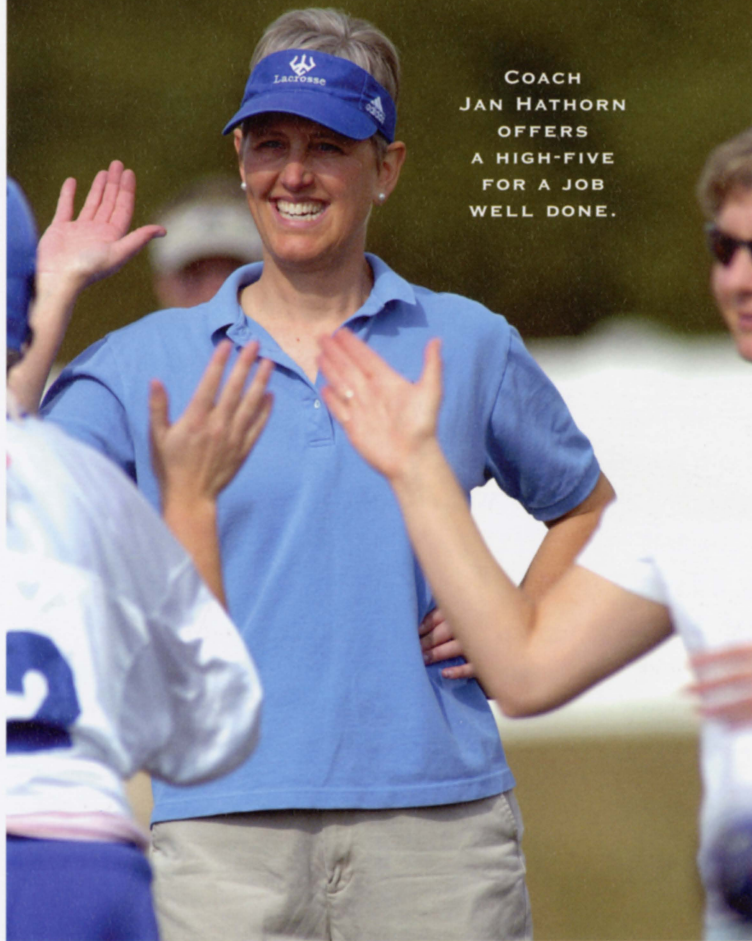
It would be an understatement to say the University community, student-athletes and Generals fans will miss Franklin's work ethic and skills. The man who never meant to stay in this position may soon be moving on to pursue a graduate degree in 2008. He said it will be bittersweet to leave this place where he has lived for a little less than a decade, but he hopes he and others have laid a firm foundation. "I hope that we continue to maintain and expand the sports coverage, among the many other things we do here," Franklin said. "I hope that nothing subsides when I leave."

Things will change, though, when Franklin does depart the sound booth. As for his flock of loyal fans, painted chests and catchy signs will not be nearly enough to salute his departure.

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Doug Chase '74

Jan Hathorn Named Director of Athletics



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In its 258-year history, Washington and Lee has appointed only six athletic directors. The seventh, Janine Hathorn, will be the first woman to hold the position. The assistant director of athletics at W&L since 2002 and women's lacrosse coach since 1987 started her new position on July 1.

"It is an honor and a privilege to serve as W&L's new director of athletics," said Hathorn. "It is a great responsibility to make certain the W&L Physical Education and Athletic Department continues to promote student excellence in the classroom, on the playing fields and in their lives outside of the University."

The director of athletics is a member of the faculty and reports to the University Provost. Responsibilities include management and coordination of 23 men's and women's intercollegiate sports and the department's program of physical

education courses. One quarter of W&L's 1,750 undergraduates participate in intercollegiate sports.

"Jan Hathorn knows Washington and Lee and is a strong proponent of the student-athlete model," said President Ken Ruscio '76. "She will add to the tradition of W&L athletic directors committed to the highest standards of competition and student development."

Hathorn has directed W&L's women's lacrosse program since its inception in 1988. Her skill at developing programs has led to W&L's appearances in the NCAA Division III Tournament in 1993, 1998, 2001, 2003, 2004, 2005 and 2006. W&L's 2006 team set a school record for wins in a season, posting a 16-4 overall record. She guided the team to its fourth-straight Old Dominion Athletic Conference (ODAC) Championship (eighth overall) and fourth-consecutive NCAA Tournament berth, where it advanced to the second round.

Hathorn claims a 274-111 (.712) career record, and her 274 victories are the fifth-highest total in the history of women's lacrosse. She also entered the 2007 season with the 10th-best winning percentage among active coaches in Division III.

In the women's first varsity season, Hathorn led the Generals to the semifinals of the ODAC tournament. Since then, W&L has posted 17 winning campaigns in the last 18 years and won ODAC titles in 1992, 1993, 1998, 2001, 2003, 2004, 2005 and 2006.

Hathorn was named ODAC Lacrosse Coach of the Year in 1992, 1993, 1998, 2001, 2003, 2004, 2005 and 2006 and has served on the NCAA Lacrosse Committee.

Hathorn enjoyed similar success in women's soccer, where she served as head coach from 1987-2000. She led W&L to ODAC regular season titles in 1991 and 1998 and a then-school record 12 wins in 1996. She was named the ODAC Soccer Coach of the Year in 1988 and 1996.

"Jan has won out in a very tough competition," says Provost H. Thomas Williams, who chaired the search committee. "We had over 90 applicants for this position, many of them with great experience in very strong colleges and universities. She will bring to the job her many years of athletic success, as well as profound involvement in campus issues beyond the department of athletics."

Before joining W&L, Hathorn spent five successful years at Denison University, where she coached the lacrosse team to five conference titles. She was named the North Coast Athletic Conference Women's Lacrosse Coach of the Year in 1987.

Hathorn earned a B.A. in physical education from the State University of New York at Cortland in 1982 and an M.A. in physical education from Ohio State University in 1985. She played lacrosse and basketball at Cortland.

—Austin Stair Calhoun '03



Kingsbury '07 Wins Prestigious Scholarship

Tennis player Katie Kingsbury '07 is one of two winners of the Walter Byers Postgraduate Scholarship from the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA). The \$21,500 scholarship for graduate school is renewable once if she is in good academic standing and is a full-time student during the second year of study.

The Walter Byers Scholarship, the NCAA's most prestigious honor for student athletes, recognizes outstanding academic achievement and future success in postgraduate studies and planned careers. The NCAA selects one male and one female recipient each year, who must have at least a 3.500 grade-point average, show evidence of superior character and leadership, and demonstrate that participation in athletics has been a positive influence on personal and intellectual development. Nebraska football player Dane Todd is the other recipient.

Kingsbury, of Jenkintown, Pa., is a three-time Intercollegiate Tennis Association Scholar-Athlete and two-time Old Dominion Athletic Conference Women's Tennis Scholar-Athlete of the Year. In addition, the Phi Beta Kappa member and dean's list honoree worked as an intern with the Rockbridge County Area Department of Social Services Child Protective Services Division. She participates in the Shepherd Poverty Program and serves as leadership coordinator for the Generals Christian Fellowship. The psychology major will attend graduate school to seek a doctorate in that field.

—A.S.C.

Women's Tennis Team Takes National Championship



The Washington and Lee women's tennis team posted a 5-2 win over Amherst College to secure the NCAA Division III National Championship on May 17. This is the first team title for the program and the first at W&L since men's tennis won the crown in 1988. *Complete details will appear in the next issue.*

New Law Dean Rodney A. Smolla

Rodney A. Smolla is the new dean of the Washington and Lee University School of Law. Smolla, formerly dean and George E. Allen Professor of Law at the T.C. Williams School of Law at the University of Richmond, succeeded Acting Dean Brian C. Murchison on July 1.

“Dean Smolla is a distinguished scholar, a leader in legal education, an attorney who has argued in front of the Supreme Court and a proven administrator known for his collegial and creative leadership,” said President Ken Ruscio '76. “He is committed to the values of our University and our School of Law, and we look forward to working with him in the years to come.”

“The Law School at Washington and Lee is indeed one of the jewels of American legal education,” said Smolla. “For many years I have admired the school’s balanced sense of proportion and duty, as expressed in its emphasis on all three of the great and inspiring missions of legal education: teaching, scholarship and public service. I am humbled and pleased to be joining the school as its next dean.”

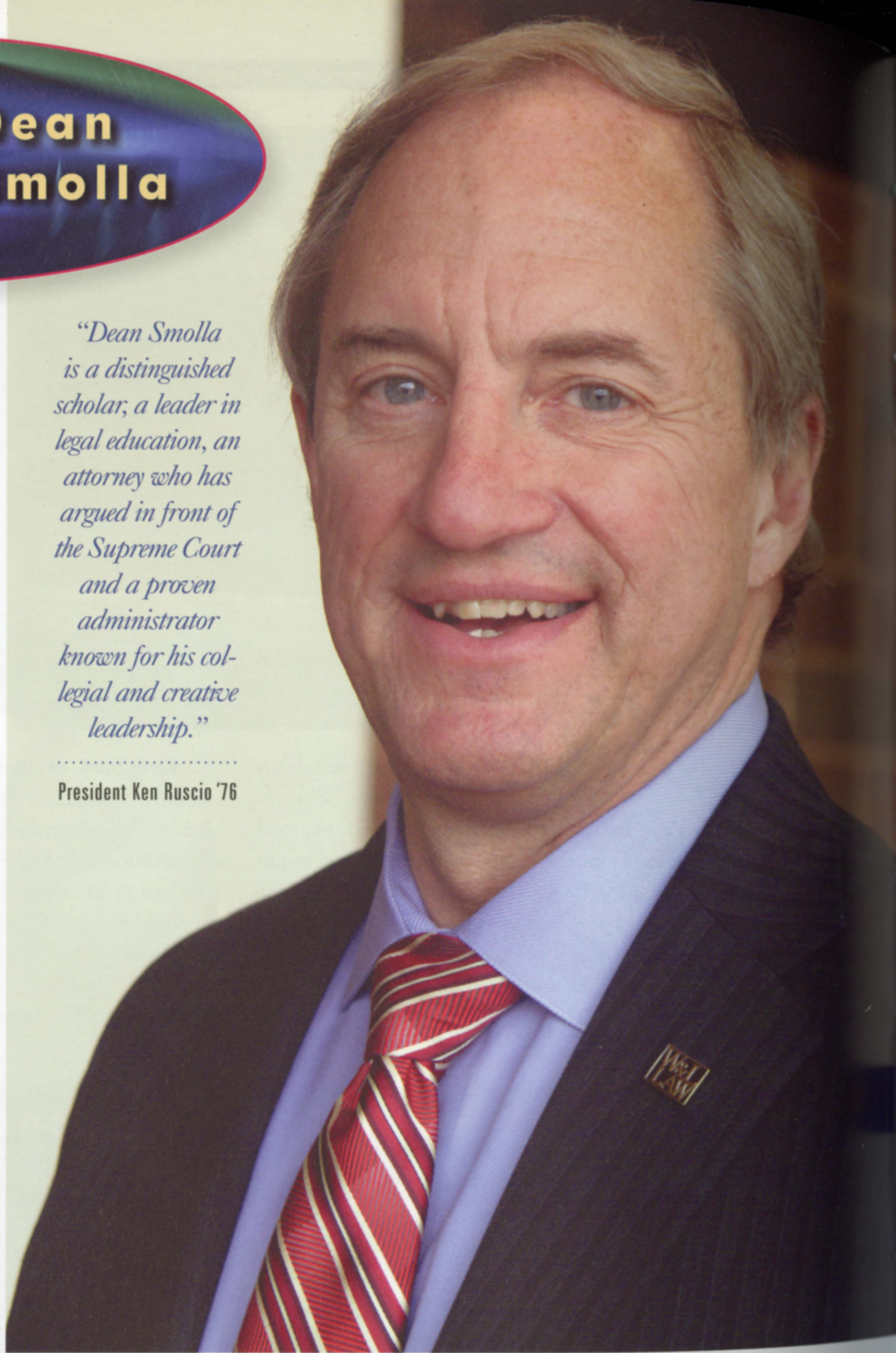
A prolific writer, Smolla is regarded as one of the top public-law scholars in the country. His principal area of expertise is the First Amendment. His book *Free Speech in an Open Society* (Alfred A. Knopf, 1992) won the William O. Douglas Award as the year’s best monograph on freedom of expression. He was the editor of *A Year in the Life of the Supreme Court* (Duke University Press, 1995), which won an ABA Silver Gavel Award. His book *Suing the Press: Libel, the Media, and Power* (Oxford University Press, 1986) won the ABA Silver Gavel Award Certificate of Merit.

Smolla has published scores of law review articles in the *Duke Law Journal*, the *Stanford Law Review*, the *University of Pennsylvania Law Review*, the *University of Virginia Law Review* and the *Washington and Lee Law Review*, to name a few.

Smolla has been a nationally prominent advocate in cases involving constitutional law, civil rights, mass media and defamation and privacy law. He has participated as counsel

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or co-counsel in litigation matters in state and federal courts throughout the nation. He has also presented oral arguments in numerous state and federal courts, including the Supreme Court of the United States.

Smolla graduated from Yale University in 1975 and the Duke University School of Law in 1978, where he was first in his class. He then served as law clerk to the Hon. Charles Clark on the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit. After practicing law in Chicago at Mayer, Brown and Platt, he taught at several law schools before joining the William and Mary Marshall-Wythe School of Law, where he was director of the Institute of Bill of Rights Law from 1988 to 1996. Smolla joined the University of Richmond in 1998 and was named dean there in 2003.

Bring in the Troops

Alumni Return to Judge the Jessup International Law Competition

When Josh Humphries '07L was looking for people to judge the South Central Regional Round of the Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition at W&L on Feb. 16-18, he wanted the best. So it was only natural to turn to W&L alumni.

He started by perusing the plaques of past Jessup Team winners hanging on the walls of Lewis Hall. From there the list grew to include alumni who have distinguished themselves in state and federal law. "Holding the regionals at W&L was a good opportunity to show off W&L to the outside world," he explained. "Not just the Milhiser Moot Court Room, but also our talented graduates and our amazing faculty."

The response to his request was overwhelmingly enthusiastic. "Our alumni are a great group," said Humphries. "The ones I was able to contact were really excited to be a part of this. Even those who weren't able to come said that if there was any way they could have moved the mountain, they would have been here."

Planning such an event has its rewards. For Humphries, it was "seeing the care and devotion that so many alumni have for W&L. I loved seeing old friends catching up, and people who hadn't met becoming acquainted. And there were a number of funny coincidences, such as Jane Allen Fletcher '84L having lived in the Lexington apartment Brooke Lewis '76, '83L once occupied."



Front row (l. to r.): Bob Connolly '80L, the Hon. J. Leyburn Mosby J. '62A, '65L; Jonathan Robbins '06L, Morten Skoejer '05LL.M., '07L; Jane Allen Fletcher '84L. Back row (l. to r.): Dan Westbrook '80L, Paul Fletcher '85L, the Hon. William F. Stone '68, '70L, Sam Allen '82L, Jack Corrado '80L, Kyle McNew '06L. Alumni not pictured but who served as judges include the Hon. Walter Kelley '77, '81L, Tommy Spencer '69L, Brooke Lewis '76, '83L and Steven Talevi '82L.

Humphries also has high praise for the W&L law faculty. "Another highlight was once again seeing the law professors jump into the breach to help out when needed. Several responded to the last-minute emergencies. I also had a lot of help from members of Moot Court Board and law students, who helped at all levels."

While there was only one winning team, at least one group took losing graciously, sending a bottle of wine over to Bob Connolly '80L and his dining companions after the competition was over. "Wasn't that a nice gesture?" asked Connolly.

They'll Always Have L.A.

While W&L was hosting the Jessup's South Central Regionals, the Law School's own Jessup Team traveled to UCLA to compete in the Jessup Pacific Regionals. Unfortunately, the team of Adam Hull '07L, Chris Price '07L, Kristina Longo '08L, Madeline Stow '08L and Diane Meier '08L did not advance to the semi-final round, but, as Longo commented, "Going to California was a nice treat in February."

One of the team's goals was to establish a legacy "where there will always be 3Ls on the team who can usher in the 2Ls, who will then do the same the following year," Longo said. "I have every intention of staying involved with the Jessup Team next year as a 3L, and am grateful to last year's team for paving the way for us."

Preparation began with practice rounds before W&L professors, primarily W&L's international law scholars. "We started writing before finals in the fall semester and prepared for the oral advocacy in January. It was really difficult at first, as three of us had not taken International Law yet, but luckily Adam and Chris helped a lot in this regard," said Longo.

She believes the team's greatest skill was arguing the law in response to complex questions about the state of the law and



From left to right: Madeline Stow, '08L, Kristina Longo '08L, Adam Hull '07L, Chris Price '07L.

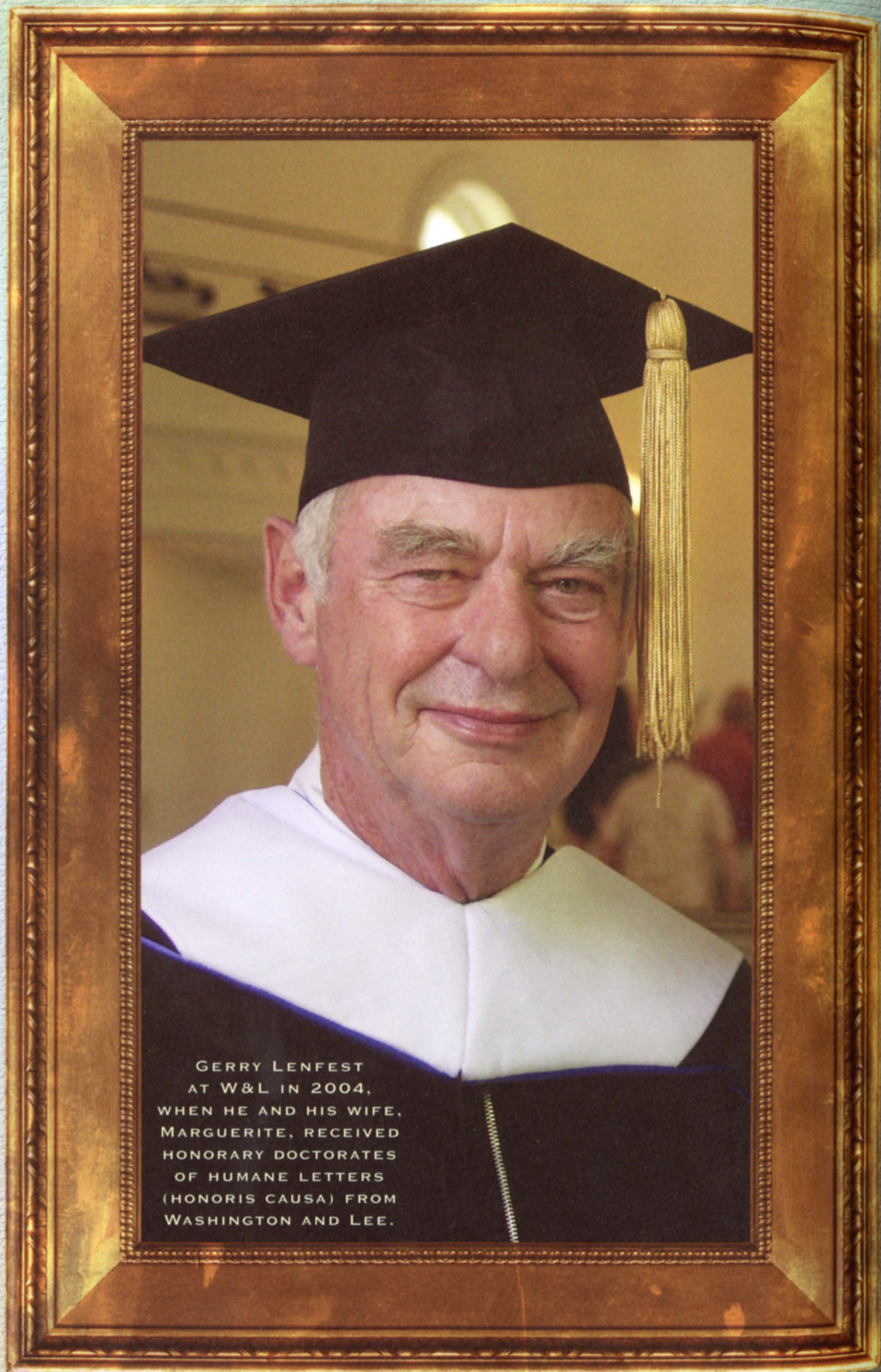
policy implications, even though the judges didn't always query them in those areas during the competition.

"There are things I would have done differently," she said, "and things we as a team could have done better, but I am hoping that I will carry that with me to next year's competition."

An Enduring Impact: Gerry Lenfest Makes a Spectacular Gift

Ted Turner does it. So does Warren Buffet. And now so does H.F. “Gerry” Lenfest ’53, ’55L. The longtime W&L beneficiary has joined the growing list of billionaires who are in the business of giving their money away. And in Lenfest’s case, he’s just given \$33 million of his funds to Washington and Lee.

In April, Lenfest, a member of the Board of Trustees from 1989 to 1998, committed \$33 million to W&L to increase and maintain faculty salaries. It’s welcome news for the University, which in the new strategic plan identifies faculty and staff salaries as a top priority. (See an upcoming issue of the magazine for full details of the plan, which was approved at the May board meeting.)



"No matter how much one loves teaching or a particular university, it is important to be adequately compensated for that dedication," said Lenfest. "Like all Washington and Lee alumni, I am proud of what this school has become, a major teaching institution in the U.S. My life benefited from great W&L teachers, and I am happy to make sure that today's students have that same benefit."

An economics major, Lenfest says he has no favorite memories of faculty during his time. "They were all good," he emphatically stated.

In 2000, Lenfest sold his Philadelphia cable company, Lenfest Communications Inc., to Comcast and created the Lenfest Foundation with the profits. He and his wife, Marguerite, use the foundation to fund charitable causes, museums and schools, and both sit on the boards of many more organizations. "I think I'm more active now than I've ever been," he noted. "Giving money away is almost as difficult as making it."

His biggest goal is to disperse his wealth within 30 years after his and Marguerite's deaths. "I don't believe in foundations that live in perpetuity," he said. "There are a lot of wonderful organizations worthy of support. Our alma maters—Mercersburg Academy, Columbia, W&L and Wilson College—go to the top of the list." This particular gift to W&L, however, came out his personal funds.

His three children, Brook, Dianne and Harold, also run philanthropic foundations. "I'm against family foundations," he explained. "When one person doesn't get what he or she wants, it sets the family members against one another. My children chose to set up their own individual foundations with their share of the profits and are happy doing their own thing."

The Lenfests have been particularly generous to W&L, contributing a total of almost \$63 million. The University's performing arts center, of course, is named for them, and they provided major funding for Wilson Hall, the University's new art and music building.

"This is one of Washington and Lee University's finest hours," said Rector Philip W. Norwood '69. "Our great friend and benefactor, Gerry Lenfest, has provided the leadership for us to realize one of our most pressing initiatives: bringing our faculty compensation to the mean of that of comparable institutions. A gift of this magnitude will have a tremendous and enduring impact."

The gift requires a match of \$33 million. Lenfest will transfer his matching funds as the University raises money. The gift is solely for enhancing faculty compensation in both the undergraduate and law schools.

"What separates W&L from other schools is the quality of teaching and our student/teacher relationships," said President Ken Ruscio '76. "What better testimony is there than a \$33 million gift from a successful alumnus like Gerry Lenfest dedicated solely to faculty compensation? It is, plain and simple, recognition of the positive role that W&L teachers played in his life."

Added Provost Tom Williams, "Every faculty in America would love to have a benefactor like Gerry Lenfest. As professors, we teach because we love the challenges and the promise of human potential. A gift like this is just affirmation of the importance of what we do."

—Louise Uffelman

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The Lenfest File

Lenfest is president and chief executive officer of The Lenfest Group, in West Conshohocken, Pa. Following graduation from Columbia University Law School, he practiced with the New York firm of Davis Polk & Wardwell. In 1974, he started Lenfest Communications with the purchase of two cable television companies. By the time he sold it, the enterprise had become one of the top 12 cable companies in the country.

Lenfest has received numerous awards for public service and philanthropy. In 2005, *Business Week Magazine* named him one of the 50 Most Generous Philanthropists. In 2006, he received the Horatio Alger Award for those who "rise from humble beginnings and overcome adversity through hard work," joining the ranks of fellow winners Maya Angelou, former Sen.

Robert J. Dole, boxing legend George Foreman, the Rev. Billy Graham, entrepreneur H. Wayne Huizenga, former Secretary of State Colin L. Powell and media mogul Oprah Winfrey.

Lenfest recently became chairman of the James Madison Council of the Library of Congress, the library's private-sector advisory body. He has belonged to the Madison Council for more than 15 years. In addition to supporting many library initiatives, he was instrumental in helping it secure the 1507 Waldseemuller Map, the first map to depict the New World and use the name "America." Lenfest, an early supporter of the library's National Digital Library, has purchased for its collection manuscript maps that record the role of the Marquis de Lafayette in America's fight for independence.

Fancy Dress: W & L'S PARTY OF THE CENTURY



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On March 10, 2007, W&L students, faculty, staff and alumni celebrated the 100th anniversary of a revered tradition: Fancy Dress. What began in 1907 with the school librarian organizing a costume dance for \$40 has grown to a 60-student committee spending \$90,000 on a band, a deejay and two gymnasiums' worth of glamour.

BY WENDY LOVELL '90

"The sense of community at Washington and Lee reveals itself in those special experiences we all share, when today's students find common bonds with previous generations," said President Ken Ruscio '76, who has attended a few balls of his own. "Fancy Dress is one of those occasions."

This special experience was the brainchild of Anne Robertson White, the W&L librarian from 1895 to 1922. She made her professional mark here by instituting the Dewey decimal system, completing a card catalogue, writing a shelf list and increasing library hours. She is best known, however, for organizing the first Fancy Dress Ball, in February 1907. With a little more than \$40 leftover from a theater production, "Miss Annie Jo," as she was called, coordinated "Le Bal Masque," an extravagant event complete with costumes, decorations and music by the Virginia Military Institute orchestra.

"To say that the ball was under the personal direction of Miss Annie R. White is sufficient unto the end sought. . . ."

wrote the *Calyx* about the 1908 event. "The costumes worn varied from those gorgeous creations of the French Court to the more modern affectations of clown and tin soldier. There passed in bewildering array well-known characters from the stage, soldiers, sailors, peasants, girls from every nationality, dukes and duchesses, Indians, pirates, and flowers, and the creations of fiction—more fantastic than the creator ever dreamed. It was beautiful; more than that we can not say." White set a high standard for herself and W&L. The beloved founder presided over the event until 1920, and continued to attend unless ill health kept her away. She died in 1938.

By 1924, students had begun planning the ball themselves, taking pages from their history and English texts as thematic inspira-

tions. Fancy Dress went Colonial many times in its early history, including a 1932 salute to George Washington's 200th birthday. Royalty such as Louis XIV, Emperor Alexander III and Queen Elizabeth I inspired other balls. Literature provided "1001 Nights," "Robin Hood" and Shakespeare. Current entertainment intrigued organizers in 1921, when "Chu Chin Chow," a popular musical comedy of the era, provided a fanciful setting. Opera gave us "Carmen" in 1951 and "Don Giovanni" in 1957. Hollywood themes have appeared in the guise of "The Wizard of Oz" (1956), "Hooray for Hollywood!" (1976), "Celebrating the Silver Screen" (1993), "Dressed

"Miss Annie Jo" White probably modeled the Fancy Dress Ball on the Fancy Dress Hop she attended at W&L in 1876. Lexington photographer Michael Miley took this photograph of White dressed for that event as Pocahontas. The queen of Fancy Dress maintains a presence on campus today in her namesake Annie, the library's online card catalog.



DANCE ETIQUETTE TIPS FROM THE 1923 CALYX.

THE PARTICIPANTS IN 1932 WENT ALL OUT IN THEIR NOD TO GEORGE WASHINGTON'S 200TH BIRTHDAY. WONDER WHERE THEY FOUND THE POWDERED WIGS?



Fancy

to Kill” (2003) and “Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory” (2004). Perennial favorites Mardi Gras and the Civil War have made repeat appearances, with a rare note of controversy in 1988 over the “Reconciliation Ball of 1865,” which the Minority Student Association boycotted. (For a complete list of all themes, see the sidebar on pp. 30–31.)

Due to W&L’s all-male status (until 1985), the excitement of Fancy Dress rippled throughout women in the South and on the East Coast as they traveled to Lexington for the big party. Media giants also got into the act, with the New York Times, Life and Look magazines, and the CBS and NBC radio networks periodically covering the ball and broadcasting live from Fancy Dress during its first 50 years.

The music, needless to say, always played an important role in the event’s success. The orchestras of such great band leaders as Kay Kyser, Benny Goodman, Woody Herman, Count Basie, Dave Brubeck, Duke Ellington, Jimmy Dorsey and Glenn Miller have entertained W&L guests over the years. As the musical focus shifted from big band to rock ‘n’ roll, Fancy Dress

committees booked well-known names like the Atlanta Rhythm Section (1982), Marshall Crenshaw (1988) and George Clinton and the P-Funk All Stars (2003). Artists like singer-songwriter John Prine (1981) and rapper Coolio (1996) would appear a day or two before Fancy Dress, while the dance bands led by Peter Duchin and Lester Lanin provided the soundtrack for the actual ball.

The 1958 Fancy Dress offered an extra-special musical guest for “Gilbert and Sullivan at Buckingham Palace.” “The Dance Board was a big deal in the ‘50s, and as president, I was responsible for hiring the bands,” said Harry Brunett ‘58, of Columbia, Md. “My biggest coup was getting Louis Armstrong to come to Lexington right after the release of the movie ‘High Society,’ in which he appeared with Frank Sinatra and Bing Crosby. Doremus Gym was absolutely packed.” While Buddy Morrow and his orchestra entertained during the ball itself, famed trumpeter Armstrong



CBS RADIO BROADCAST FROM FANCY DRESS IN 1948. MEMBERS OF THE ELLIOT LAWRENCE ORCHESTRA (WHICH INCLUDED FAMED JAZZ SAXOPHONIST GERRY MULLIGAN) GOT INTO THE SPIRIT WITH THEIR ATTIRE.



IN 1948, FOR “HAMPTON COURT UNDER CHARLES, 1662,” WILLIAM D. BIEN ‘46 AND HIS WIFE, CATHERINE, TRAVELED FROM BALTIMORE TO PORTRAY COMTE AND COMTESSE DE GRAMONT.



THIS PHOTO OF A HANDSOME COUPLE PROBABLY DEPICTS 1950’S “KING ARTHUR’S COURT.”

THIS PERPLEXING BUT ENTERTAINING VARIETY OF OUTFITS REFLECTED 1960’S THEME, “EVOLUTION OF MAN.”



Dress

stole the show at a jazz concert the next afternoon and at a formal dance later that evening.

By the late 1960s, Fancy Dress, with its creative costumes and opening figure (a stylized dance), had given way to the cultural and social upheaval of the 1960s. From 1970 to 1973, the event consisted only of concerts, often at Zollman's Pavilion, and no one managed to put on any kind of event in 1971. In 1974, however, after four years without a true Fancy Dress, a few students decided to return to tradition.

"I grew up in Lexington and remember my mother taking my brothers and me to look at the decorations each year," said Doug Chase '74, who lives in Lexington today. "The themes and decorations were impressive, as was the music. Bob Morecock '75, John Embree '75 and I decided we should have Fancy Dress again, and the theme should be the 'Wizard of Oz.'"

A Mardi Gras theme, however, turned out to be a better sell. With a lot of persistence—and the help of Beau Dudley '74, '79L, John Killpack '75, Russ Chambliss '74, Rush Dickson '76 and Billy Thomas '76—Fancy Dress reintroduced itself to a new generation.

"We were guys from different fraternities and social groups who came together to make Fancy Dress happen once again, and it was a great success," said Chase. "For me, what's special about that time wasn't the party but about what we did as a group. Everybody parked their egos at the door for every second of the process, and it was magic."

Like a student who swapped a T-shirt for a tuxedo, the Early-Fielding University Center and Evans Dining Hall effected an amazing transformation for the event. "I was simply amazed that a building that was so familiar in one way," said President Ruscio, a student at the time, "could be so totally transformed into what seemed to be an entirely different world."

The revival of Fancy Dress stuck, much to the delight of old and new members of the W&L community. As the crowds returned during the 1970s and 1980s, the ball moved back to Doremus Gym and the Warner Center, offering the space for more decorations and multiple bands. First daughter Susan Ford, daughter of President Gerald Ford, even attended one year in the mid-1970s.

In the fall of 2006, when they convened to plan the 100th edition, Fancy Dress co-chairs Niki Tsiknakis '07 and Lily De Grazia '08 and the committee realized that capturing a century of history and celebrating such a milestone were a tall order. "We focused on the fact that this was the 100th ball first, and the theme second," said Tsiknakis, of Lutherville, Md. "We didn't want the theme to eclipse the anniversary, and



THE HAIR! THE BOW TIE! THE LAPELS! IT SURE LOOKS LIKE THE LATE 1970s. IN FACT, IT'S GENEVA DAVENPORT, NOW THE HOUSE DIRECTOR OF PI KAPPA PHI FRATERNITY, AND DAVID SORRELLS '80.



DURING HIS STUDENT DAYS, BEAU DUDLEY '74, '79L, NOW THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF ALUMNI AFFAIRS, CROONED WITH THE LESTER LANIN ORCHESTRA.

THE 1977 FANCY DRESS TRANSFORMED EVANS DINING HALL FOR "PASSPORT TO PARIS," AND PARTYGOERS DANCED TO WOODY HERMAN AND THE THUNDERING HERD.



PHOTO BY SALLY MANN

Fancy

we decided that an allusion to Truman Capote's legendary 1966 Black and White Ball at New York's Plaza Hotel might be a good way to highlight Fancy Dress' prestige and grandeur."

Unlike Capote, who limited his guest list to 540, Washington and Lee hosted around 2,500 on Saturday, March 10. Alumni were cordially invited, and the Alumni Office helped with the planning. Nearly all the revelers at this year's edition followed the black-and-white dress code, sporting bright colors only on elaborate masks that organizers encouraged as a nod to the Le Bal Masque theme of the first Fancy Dress.

"I realized as a freshman that I would be a senior at the 100th Fancy Dress," said Tsiknakis, who's been on the planning committee all four years of her college career. "I'm really pleased not only with the turnout, but also at how well everything went."

The students pulled off a spectacular event. Canopies of black and white fabric covered the Warner Center and Doremus Gym, enhanced by glowing white Chinese lanterns and white trees iced with white lights. Huge, feather-covered masks accented the stage in each room, and dancers swung and shimmied to the music of the Pat Patrick Band in Warner and to a disc jockey in Doremus. A fireworks display midway through the evening and a confetti drop at



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Fancy Dress Themes,

- 1907 Le Bal Masque/Colonial America
- 1908 Fancy Dress
- 1909 Fancy Dress
- 1910 Fancy Dress (with college and fraternity pennants)
- 1911 Le Bal Masque (with hanging Japanese parasols)
- 1912 Colonial America
- 1913 Le Bal Masque
- 1914 Le Bal Masque (with world flags and hanging Japanese parasols)
- 1915 Colonial America
- 1916 Court of Louis XIV
- 1917 Le Bal Masque
- 1918 Europe and Columbia, the Gem of the Ocean
- 1919 A Midsummer Night's Dream
- 1920 Bookland
- 1921 The Chinese Court of Chu Chin Chow
- 1922 The Scottish Highlands
- 1923 Le Bal des Operas
- 1924 My Lady of the Fan
- 1925 Romance of the Dance
- 1926 Bal Beaux Arts
- 1927 Carnival of Venice
- 1928 Bookland
- 1929 1001 Nights/The Arabian Nights
- 1930 Spanish Fiesta
- 1931 Robin Hood
- 1932 Colonial Ball/George Washington's 200th Birthday

- 1933 Ball of the Grandees/Court of Spain's Philip IV
- 1934 Coronation of Emperor Alexander III
- 1935 1814 Congress of Vienna
- 1936 Queen Elizabeth I and the Earl of Essex
- 1937 Italian Renaissance
- 1938 Charleston, S.C., on the Eve of Secession
- 1939 Knights of the Golden Horseshoe/His Majesty's Colony of Virginia
- 1940 The First Kentucky Derby Ball, 1875
- 1941 King Rex and His Court at Mardi Gras/Old New Orleans
- 1942 A Night at the Monte Carlo Casino, 1861
- 1943 American Spirit 1776-1918

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1944-1946 *Fancy Dress was suspended due to World War II*
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- 1947 Carnival at Rio
- 1948 Hampton Court Under Charles, 1662
- 1949 George Washington's Birthday Ball in Philadelphia
- 1950 King Arthur's Court
- 1951 Carmen/A Night at the Opera
- 1952 The Works (or World) of Shakespeare
- 1953 The Court of Versailles Under Louis XVI
- 1954 King Rex and His Court at Mardi Gras
- 1955 An Odyssey Through Empires
- 1956 The Wizard of Oz
- 1957 Mozart's Don Giovanni
- 1958 Gilbert and Sullivan at Buckingham Palace

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midnight made sure that "FD 100" was quite memorable.

This year's return to tradition with the Pat Patrick Band, a society orchestra from Nashville, proved popular with students, faculty and alumni alike. "My wife and I have been going to Fancy Dress since the mid-80s, and it's been awhile since we've enjoyed a band as much as this one," said Ed Craun, professor of English. "They began with big band music that morphed into Motown, and we had so much fun dancing, we never made it to the smaller gym." Craun also thought that a pre-ball reception in Evans Dining Hall co-hosted by Ken and Kim Ruscio and the Alumni Association made this year's ball a special affair.

The presence of more than 200 alumni and their guests added to the occasion's luster. "It was a great gift this year that the students were open to alumni participation," said Beau Dudley, now back on campus as executive director of alumni affairs. "We held our breath and wondered if any alumni would come, and they did and they had a great time."

One visitor, Charlie Nolte '58, and his wife, Susan, traveled from their home in Severna Park, Md., for the anniversary. "The weekend was wonderful, and it was just like déjà vu," said Charlie. "There was a lot more security than I ever remember, but other than that it was much like Fancy Dress balls of my era."

Several law students also responded to the excitement. "Fancy Dress really doesn't pop up on the Law School social agenda," said Tom Good '07L, who attended along with several

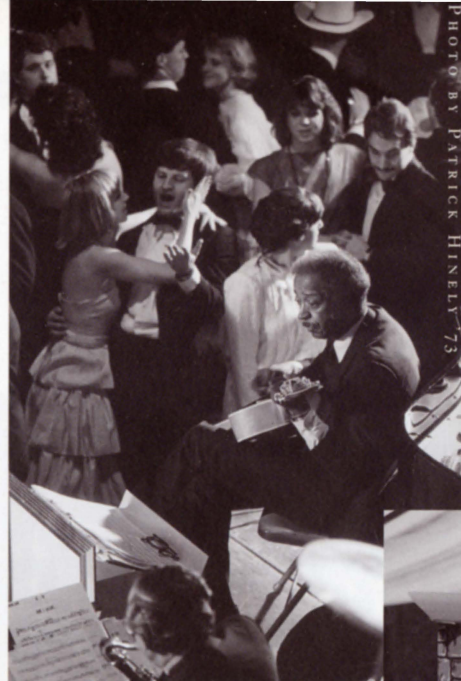
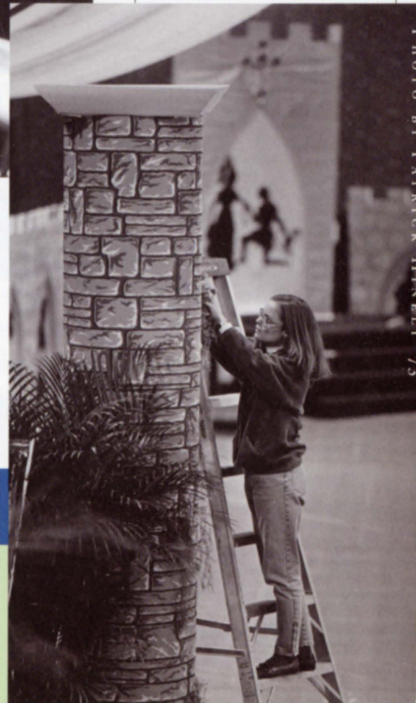


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THE COUNT BASIE ORCHESTRA ENTERTAINED AT FANCY DRESS IN 1985. THE GUITARIST IS FREDDIE GREEN, LAST SURVIVING MEMBER OF THE ORIGINAL ORCHESTRA.

DECORATING THE GYM IN 1991 FOR "A ROYAL FESTIVAL AT KING ARTHUR'S COURT." A LOT OF BLOOD, SWEAT, TEARS AND BUILDING SUPPLIES GO INTO FANCY DRESS. IN 1994, FOR EXAMPLE, ORGANIZERS USED 14,000 NAILS AND 2,784 SQUARE FEET OF PLYWOOD TO CREATE "A MAGICAL CARPET RIDE."



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| 1959 | Golden Jubilee (50th Anniversary) | 1985 | The Mink Dynasty |
| 1960 | The Evolution of Man | 1986 | Carnival: A Night in Rio |
| 1961 | Shakespeare in the Court | 1987 | The Dark Continent |
| 1962 | High Society | 1988 | Reconciliation Ball of 1865 |
| 1963 | American Civil War Centennial | 1989 | An Evening Excursion on the Orient Express |
| 1964 | Mardi Gras | 1990 | Gatsby's Great Gala |
| 1965 | Mississippi Riverboat | 1991 | A Royal Festival at King Arthur's Court |
| 1966 | Derby Day Ball | 1992 | A Return Voyage to the Age of Exploration |
| 1967 | Opening Night | 1993 | Celebrating the Silver Screen |
| 1968 | High Society | 1994 | A Magical Carpet Ride |
| 1969 | Inaugural Ball | 1995 | Une Soiree Parisienne |
| 1970 | Allman Brothers (concert only) | 1996 | A Mad Tea Party |
| 1971 | <i>No event of any kind</i> | 1997 | Under the Big Top |
| 1972 | Sha-Na-Na (concert only) | 1998 | Anything Goes: Flappers, Flight and Jazz All Night |
| 1973 | Billy Preston (concert only) | 1999 | Le Bal Masque/Medieval |
| 1974 | Mardi Gras | 2000 | Lights, Luck and Luxury—Destination Vegas! |
| 1975 | In the Mood, 1941 | 2001 | Laissez Les Bon Temps Roulez in New Orleans |
| 1976 | A Salute to Hollywood | 2002 | Dance With the Dragon: An Imperial Ball |
| 1977 | Passport to Paris | 2003 | Dressed to Kill: Always Shakin', Never Stirred |
| 1978 | Glories of Egypt | 2004 | Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory |
| 1979 | A Taste of the Big Apple | 2005 | In the Shadow of the Sphinx |
| 1980 | Monopoly: A Stroll Around the Board | 2006 | Studio 54 |
| 1981 | On Broadway | 2007 | The Party of the Century: Black and White Masquerade Ball (100th Anniversary) |
| 1982 | A Diamond Jubilee (75th Anniversary) | | |
| 1983 | Waiting for the Robert E. Lee:
An Evening Along the Mississippi River | | |
| 1984 | Lost Cities of Gold | | |

Compiled from fancydress.wlu.edu and 100 years' worth of *Calyxes*, with research assistance from Lucy Rowe

Fancy Dress

classmates. The party often falls during their spring break. “However, we were aware of all of the planning that had gone on this year and wanted to see the decorations,” he said. “It really was a first-class, first-rate event, and we had a great time.”

The decorations have always been a draw for the Ruscios as well. As many members of the W&L community have always done, they used to take their young son, Matt, to see the decorations on the afternoon of the ball. (This year, Matt, now 17, made the guest list.) “Two of my favorite themes are the ‘Orient Express’ (1989) and ‘Gatsby’s Great Gala’ (1990),” said Kim Ruscio. “I think this year’s ball had a special feeling. The male students looked dashing, and the women were so sophisticated. Everyone was excited to be there, and for awhile there was even a long line to get in.”

“It has changed over the years,” said President Ruscio about Fancy Dress. “But what has not changed is the spirit, a time of friendship and a time for the community to come together as one. It creates memories that live well past graduation and remains one of those distinctive features of the University that link our past with the present and the future.”

“We’ve all heard the story of Miss Annie Jo White starting Fancy Dress,” said Dudley. “And here we are 100 years later, and it’s still a centerpiece of our social scene.”

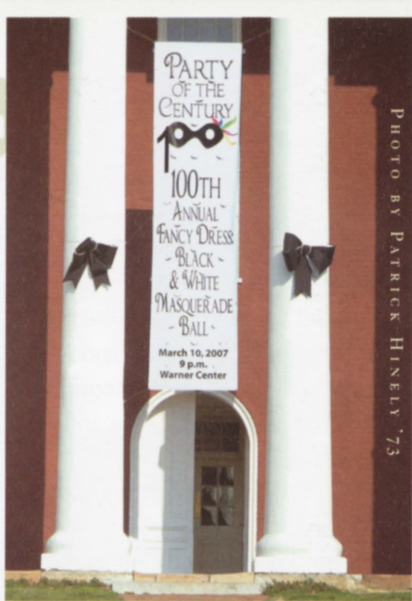


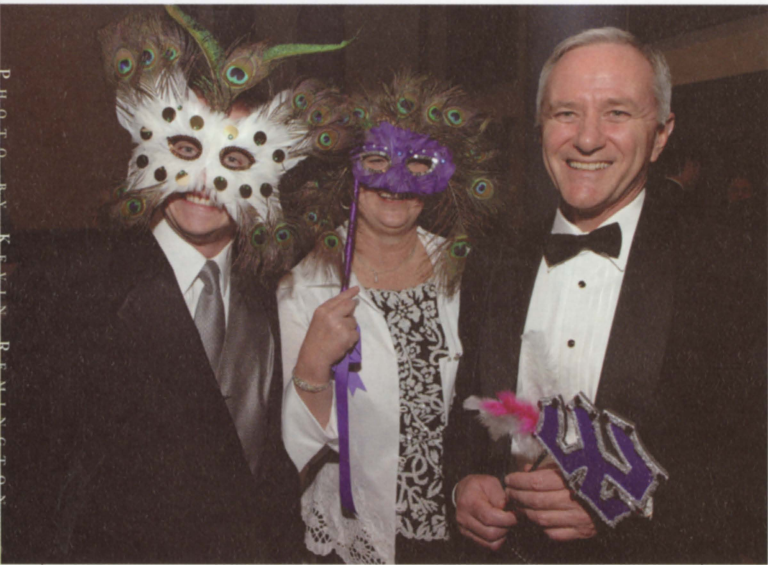
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THE COLONNADE TOOK ON A FESTIVE AIR IN THE WEEK LEADING UP TO FANCY DRESS (THOUGH THE BLACK BOWS PUT MORE THAN ONE OBSERVER IN MIND OF HOW THE COLONNADE WAS DRAPED IN MOURNING WHEN PRESIDENT ROBERT E. LEE DIED).

CHARLIE NOLTE '58 AND HIS WIFE, SUSAN, AT THE 100TH FANCY DRESS. CHARLIE ESCORTED SUSAN TO EACH BALL HE ATTENDED AS A STUDENT.



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WE THINK THOSE MASKED FIGURES ARE MATT AND KIM RUSCIO ON THE LEFT AND IN THE CENTER; WE KNOW THAT'S PRESIDENT KEN RUSCIO '76 ON THE RIGHT, ALL AT THE 2007 DANCE.



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REVELERS ENJOYING THE 100TH EDITION OF FANCY DRESS.



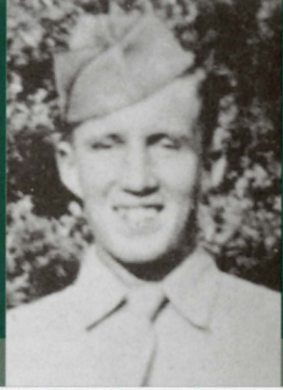
THIS 2007 QUARTET IS A STUDY IN GLAMOUR.

In 1958, Stuart Flanagan '58 made a promise. Like all W&L students who receive a scholarship, he wrote a thank-you note to the donor of his, Lawrence Humphreys 1911, who endowed the Philip Wilhelm Murray Jr. Scholarship. Flanagan promised his benefactor that someday he would try to repay

awards, fellowships and grants. He now consults for school systems in five states, creating materials to help schools meet the No Child Left Behind requirements. Flanagan has five children, Mark, Mike, Chet, Chris and Lynn. He and his wife, Carmen, live in North, Va.



The Fellowship of Our Alumni: Flanagan '58, Murray 1911 and Humphreys 1911



Stuart Flanagan '58 (left) and Philip Wilhelm Murray Jr. (right)

him for his help. Murray did not live to see that happen, but Flanagan eventually fulfilled the promise by contributing to the Murray fund. Along the way, he made a surprising discovery.

In 1954, when Stuart Flanagan applied to W&L, his father, Robert Flanagan Sr., had fallen ill, and his mother, Haley Flanagan, was already struggling to put an older brother, William Flanagan '49, through medical school. Stuart, wanting to ease his family's economic hardship, quietly withdrew from W&L the summer before his freshman year. Dean Frank J. Gilliam alerted Mrs. Flanagan.

Flanagan explained to his mother that he had decided to attend The College of William & Mary, as it would be less expensive. But when she asked, "Which school do you want to attend?" Flanagan admitted he would rather go to W&L. She replied, "Let me worry about the money."

Due to his mother's determination and the Murray scholarship, Stuart Flanagan made it to Lexington. Although today 32 percent of students at W&L receive need-based financial aid, in Flanagan's day he was one of just a handful. In fact, he joked with a former roommate, Don Duncan '58, "We were the most economically disadvantaged students at W&L since Robert E. Lee's first class after the Civil War."

Flanagan graduated with a B.S. in mathematics, earned an M.Ed. and Ed.D. from the University of Virginia, and from 1968 to 1998 was an accomplished professor of mathematics education at William & Mary, where he is now a professor emeritus. He also made significant contributions to public education in Virginia, most notably his creation of the Literacy Passport Test with which Virginia schools prepared students for standardized exams. Flanagan has published many articles and won numerous

In 2006, Flanagan decided it was time to make good on his promise of almost 50 years ago by contributing to the Murray scholarship the amount he had received, increased to account for inflation. (The scholarship goes to first, a resident of Duncan, Okla.; second, a resident of Oklahoma; third, a student from elsewhere.) When he contacted W&L to make arrangements, he learned the touching history of the Philip Wilhelm Murray Jr. Scholarship.

In 1948, Lawrence Humphreys 1911 created it to honor the son of his college roommate, Philip Murray Sr. 1911, with whom he had maintained a long friendship. Philip Jr. had planned to attend W&L but was killed during World War II. In 1949, as W&L's 200th anniversary approached, Humphreys decided to make a gift to the University that would honor the fallen son of his old friend. "Your generous gift will enable this university to have some promising boy here constantly, supported by [a scholarship] . . . in the name of your friend's son who had himself expected to become a member of the fellowship of our alumni," wrote then-President Francis Gaines to Humphreys. "It will also throw a radiant light on the meaning of true friendship as it is sustained across the years." Stuart Flanagan, of course, was one such promising boy.

After Flanagan heard the whole story last year, he realized with pleasure that he already knew a member of the family, although neither was aware of the connection until now. Mary Frances "Murph" Murray White, who had befriended Flanagan during

his 30 years at W&M, was none other than the sister of Philip Murray Jr. White was just as delighted as Flanagan to learn of these connections, and to know that although her brother never made it to W&L, he is still remembered here.

BY ANNE LEMON

1941

Alvin T. Fleishman

recalled his life and military career for an article in the Dec. 3, 2006, edition of the *Reidsville Review/Eden* (N.C.) *Daily News*. He served in the Pacific Theater during World War II and continued in the Navy Reserve, attaining the rank of lieutenant commander. In 1946, he married Florence Gates, a WAVE he met while in the Navy. He lives at Bayberry Retirement Inn in Eden, N.C.

1949

Michael J. Barrett ('51L)

reports that the highlight of the year for him and his wife was a 22-day cruise from Ft. Lauderdale through the Panama Canal to Seattle, Wash., with a number of stops along the way. They also spent time with their seven grandchildren.

Perry Mann ('62L)

never dreamed he would be a graduate of W&L and never imagined he would appear in an article in the alumni magazine (see the 81:3:2006 issue). He sends "thanks to the G.I. Bill and Louise Uffelman (who wrote the article), and to Rush Webb '51L for a letter remembering our days there."

C. Victor Moore Jr.

and his wife, Ann, remain in relatively good health and par-

ticipate in many local activities. They enjoy retirement in Moraga, Calif., and celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in July 2006. Earlier in 2006, he published a book, *Drunk'n 19: My Service with General Patton's Third Army Press Camp*.

Charles Tait Trussel

is still writing articles for various publications, such as a recent issue of *The Saturday Evening Post*.

1950

Dr. Robert S. Mendelsohn

enjoys retirement and is in frequent contact with Herb Lubs '50.

1951

Sol Wachtler ('52L)

was honored on Nov. 11, 2006, by the Tilles Center for the Performing Arts of Long Island University.

1952

The Very Rev.**Robert Schenkel**

and his wife, Anne, live in Bethlehem, Pa., after his retirement as dean of the Cathedral Church of the Nativity. He stays involved as priest in charge of a new parish in Nazareth. They hope to make his 55th reunion in May.

The Thornton Sisters Fan Club

Members of the Zeta Beta Tau Class of 1966 held a 40th reunion last October in Lenox, Mass. Organizers contacted all 24 brothers who attended W&L for all or part of the four years, netting 14 attendees (plus 12 wives). Golfing, hiking, wining, dining and other fun activities on a beautiful fall weekend provided the perfect setting for reminiscing about good times and renewing friendships. They particularly enjoyed a CD of music from their college years that included songs by the incomparable Thornton Sisters, who, before earning doctorate degrees in varied fields, were the musical attraction at many terrific parties at the ZBT house during the 1960s. The Doctors Thornton also astonished the attendees by sharing a treasure from their archives: the chapter's 1964 rush brochure. Left to right: Joe Rosenbloom, Les Grandis, John Lifter, Bruce Kramer, Richard Margolies, Bill Lehman, Larry Hellman, Paul Schlesinger, Fred Mindel, Charlie Bensinger, Steve Sweitzer, Ron Laupheimer, David Fleischer and Harry Denny.

1954

Robert E. Bradford

was named an honorary board member for life of the National Easter Seal Society. He served two terms as chairman and two terms as chairman of the National Easter Seals Foundation.

1957

William O. Shropshire

retired from Oglethorpe University, in Atlanta, in 2002, but returned to work in 2006 as interim provost.

1959

William Harrison

retired from dental practice in June. He is busy taking courses in Spanish and digital editing, as well as sailing and babysitting his grandchildren.

1960

Bishop Peter James Lee,

of the Episcopal Diocese of Virginia, preached at the principal service at St. Paul's Cathedral, London, on Dec. 31, 2006, as part

of the Cathedral's commemoration of the 400th anniversary of Jamestown.

Joseph E. Ringland,

having celebrated his 50th at Andover, says he is looking forward to the big FIVE-OH at W&L.

1963

Robert Holland

was named a senior fellow for education policy at the Heartland Institute. As a senior fellow with the Lexington Institute (a Washington-area think tank) from 1999 to 2006, he specialized in educational, reform-driven, consumer choice. His book on teacher preparation, *To Build a Better Teacher: The Emergence of a Competitive Education Industry*, was published in 2004. In his former career as chief of a 10-county news bureau in Southside Virginia, he covered the story of Massive Resistance in Prince Edward County. Another of his books is *The Story of the Prince Edward Free Schools*. His career

Birthday Greetings from Florida

The Palm Beach Chapter celebrated Lee's 200th birthday and Washington's 275th on Feb. 22 with a visit from Dean Hank Dobin. Left to right: Bill David '65, George Stamas '67, Dobin, John Trimper '72 (event organizer and chapter president) and Jim Warms '42.

since then has included an award-winning column in the *Richmond Times-Dispatch* on education, and he has given talks on education around the country and in England.

Thomas P. Rideout

joined the Mason School of Business at The College of William & Mary as associate director of development last fall.

1964

Philip S. Booth

left the Metropolitan Opera, where he sang as a principal bass from 1975 until last year, and has found a new and exciting outlet—teaching writing and oral presentation at the Stevens Institute of Technology, in Hoboken, N.J. He reports, “It’s been a long-standing dream of mine (since W&L, actually) to teach college-level English, and now I am, the oral component helping to compensate for not teaching Lit.”

1965

F. Anderson Stone

and his wife sold their home in New Orleans in 2005 to return to Roanoke. He enjoys working part time and being close to three children and two grandchildren.

1966

Dr. John R. Burk

is a pulmonary physician with

Pulmonary Consultants of Texas and owns Sleep Consultants. He is also a founding member of 29 physician groups. He and his wife, Stephanie Steves Burk, have five children: Tiffany Schmid (husband Eric, daughter Sophie), Jennifer (husband Bill, son Alex, 10, and twins Kathryn and Emily, 5), Justin (23, graduated in 2006 from the University of Richmond), Jonathan (21, junior at Hampden Sydney) and Thomas (17, junior at Fort Worth Country Day School).

Samuel H. Frazier

announces the birth of his first grandchildren, twin boys, James Jefferson and Frederick Alexander Sennewald. They were born on June 30, 2006, to Sarah Frazier and her husband, Marc Sennewald, in Houston.

Charlie Jones

put together a network of 10 local Atlanta CPA firms, Atlanta CPA Connect, to compete with regional and national firms. His first grandchild just turned one. He reports that he saw Baur recently as he blew through Atlanta on the way to Florida.

Val S. McWhorter ('69L)

was appointed to the Commission on Higher Education for Virginia. The board reviews potential appointees and makes recommendations to the governor. He

previously served as chairman of the Virginia State Council of Higher Education and on the board at George Mason University.

1967

Kenneth M. Creene

was named to *Business North Carolina's* Legal Elite for 2007. He is an attorney with Carruthers & Roth P.A., in Greensboro, N.C.

John K. Hopkins

retired last year and has found retirement is one thing he can really do well. He and his wife live on Kiawah Island in South Carolina about 60 percent of the time, but they still have a home outside of Annapolis, Md., to be near children and their three grandchildren. He owned and operated Admiral Inc., a chain of 30 dry-cleaning stores, plants and routes in Maryland, for 30 years. He sold the operation to his oldest daughter, Whitney '92, and her husband, Scott, in 2005. “They are kind enough to ask my advice every now and then,” he says, “so I guess that makes me a ‘consultant.’” He owns some commercial real estate and serves on a bank board of directors. Other than these activities, he and wife, Penny, travel, babysit grandchildren and play as much golf as possible. Their second daughter, Kendall, lives in Annapolis, and their youngest, Kylie, just graduated from Vanderbilt and plans to be married on Kiawah in May.

1968

Richard K. Christovich

was elected to the American Board of Trial Advocates. He practices aviation and maritime trial law in New Orleans. Rick and his wife, Sally, have three grandchildren, including Eliza Day Christovich, daughter of their son, Jamie '97, and his wife, Leigh Ann. Jamie is a residential construction project manager with Lardis Construction Co. in New Orleans.

Stephen Shepherd

became chief operating officer of Orbea-USA, the North American distributor of high-end Spanish bicycles, in January. After 30 years as a competitive cyclist, he sees this as an opportunity to match his love of bicycling with his job.

1969

Thomas K. Slabaugh

practices urology with his son, Thomas K. Slabaugh Jr. He is president-elect of the Kentucky Medical Association and will be installed as president in September.

John A. Wolf ('72L)

CEO and chair of Ober/Kaler, is included in *Maryland Super Lawyers 2007*. He also is listed in the “Top 50” Super Lawyers section.

1970

W. Foster Gaillard

is a partner in the law firm Buist Moore Smythe McGee P.A. He is a member of the American College of Real Estate Attorneys. He has been listed in *Best Lawyers in America* for the past 10 years. His daughter, Susan, graduated from W&L in June 2006.

1971

Charles F. Harris

divorced after 33 years of marriage and moved to Hanover, N.H., where he is enjoying the social and cultural activities of a small, rural college town. He says that in many ways, Dartmouth College is the Washington and Lee of the North.

Dr. William M. Jordan

is chief of staff for one year at Jackson Hospital, in Montgomery, Ala. He has been on staff there since July 1999. He is certified by the American Board of Anesthesiology, received his medical degree from the University of Alabama School of Medicine, and completed his internship at Kaiser Permanente-San Francisco and his residency at Tulane Medical Center, New Orleans. A native of Montgomery, he and his wife, Patricia, have nine children and five grandchildren.

1972

W. Henry Jernigan ('75L)

is included in *The Best Lawyers in America 2007*. He is a lawyer for Dinsmore & Shohl L.L.P.

Don Weir Jr.

writes to his classmates, “A bunch of us are heading to the mountains of N.C. after reunion this spring, if’n you wanna join us.”

Globe Trotter



William Modica '72 recently visited Turkey, including Istanbul, Ephesus (where this photo was snapped) and Ankara. Since he'd been to Greece and Italy earlier, he says, this trip satisfied his need to see more old ruins. Next stop? Liberty Hall in Lexington.

BEAU KNOWS



On the Road Again

President and Mrs. Ken Ruscio '76, Vice President for Advancement Dennis Cross and I have been traveling to alumni chapters including New York, Houston, Fort Worth, Dallas, Charlotte, Birmingham and Charlottesville. Ken and Kim Ruscio have been very generous in making these trips, and the president enjoys reconnecting with alumni all over the country.

Is There Anything Quite Like Fancy Dress?

Highly doubtful, especially if the 100th Fancy Dress Ball on March 10 is the standard. The students kindly agreed to let alumni join the fun, and it was a great evening. About 200 alums and their guests joined the Alumni Office at a pre-ball reception that we co-hosted with the Ruscios and then danced at "The Party of the Century" in Warner Center. This special tradition is thriving at your alma mater, and the student committee put on a real first-class event. For more, see the article on the history of Fancy Dress on pp. 26-32.

And the Winners Are . . .

Kudos to this year's recipients of the Distinguished Alumni Award, Dr. Robert Maslansky '52 and Robert M. Couch '78, '82L, and to the winners of the Distinguished Young Alumni Award, Dr. Anthony Mazzarelli '77 and Capt. Alex Cross '95. (Read more about them in the next issue of this magazine.) They have brought credit to W&L, and it was our honor to recognize them in Lee Chapel during Reunion Weekend, May 3-6.

Electronic Tool Box

After extensive study, the Alumni Office has contracted with Publishing Concepts Inc., an industry leader, to redesign our home page, launch electronic event registration, improve the online directory and provide several other promising technological upgrades. Watch these pages and the "Generally Speaking" e-newsletter for news of this promising program.

Until the next issue,
Beau Dudley '74, '79L
Executive Director of Alumni Affairs

1973

Ralph H. Smith

was elected a director of the American Association of Rhodes Scholars and continues to run the scholarship selection for Alabama, Florida and Tennessee as district secretary. He serves as general counsel of the three-campus University of Alabama system and recently was named a distinguished lecturer at the Alabama Law School, where he teaches corporate law.

1975

Ralph F. MacDonald

joined the Capital Markets Group of the global law firm of Jones Day in May 2006, where he focuses on securities, mergers and acquisitions and governance, primarily in the financial services area. He recently celebrated his 20th wedding anniversary with his wife, Nancy. He has three sons: Ralph IV, who started Rhodes College last fall, and Thomas and Michael, who attend the Lovett School, in Atlanta. He says Jones Day may have the highest concentration of W&L alums of all Atlanta law firms.

1976

Spencer W. Morten Jr.

is retired. He spends his winters in Florida and his summers in Bassett, Va.

1978

Arthur R. Carmody III

accepted a new position with J.P. Morgan in Shreveport, La., as the managing director of its private client services group. He enjoyed hearing from W&L classmates around the country who saw his son, Arthur IV, win the Lou Groza award on ESPN's College Football Award Show as the Top Collegiate Placekicker in the country. He says that several W&L classmates have already made plans to meet him and his wife, Jacquie, on Sept. 29 in Raleigh, N.C., when Arthur's Louisville Cardinals play N.C. State.

Jonathan R. Morris

is a managing director with Lehman Brothers in New York. He and wife, Margaret, celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary. Their daughter, Catherine, is a junior at the Hotchkiss School in Lakeville, Conn. They live in Essex, Conn.

Warren Mowry

was a finalist for South Carolina's Professor of the Year award, drawn from all of the state's two- and four-year colleges and universities, and was named Governor's Distinguished Professor.

Peter M. Pearl

has joined the law firm of Sands Anderson Marks & Miller in

Four!



Greg Haynes '84, Jeff Willis, Yaacov Pushkin and David L. Miller '84 posed last August on the Swilcan Bridge, at the 18th hole (the Tom Morris) on the Old Course, Saint Andrews, Scotland. The quartet also played Carnoustie Golf Links, Kingsbarns Golf Links, Gullane Golf Club No. 1 Course, Craigielaw Golf Club and the North Berwick Golf Club.

its Blacksburg, Va., office as a member of the business, finance and real estate practice group focusing on bankruptcy law. He has been practicing law for over two decades in bankruptcy and creditor's rights. He was with a law firm in Atlanta for nearly 17 years, where he was partner and headed the commercial and bankruptcy law section.

1979

James O. Davis III

joined the firm of Holland & Knight L.L.P. in its Tampa, Fla., and Washington offices. He will provide strategic counsel to clients in the District of Columbia and across the country. Davis, the former U.S. representative for Florida's 11th Congressional District, ran for governor of Florida last year.

Gerald M. Malmo III,

along with other principals of Holden Mickey & Mickey Inc., were recognized as leaders in production with MassMutual Financial Group. The award goes to the top 10 percent of the 5,000 financial services professionals who represent the group in the U.S. Malmo, who has earned the

CLTC for being certified in long-term care insurance, is a member of the Million-Dollar Round Table and the Winston-Salem Estate Planning Council.

1980

Thomas A. Lisk ('85L)

was elected chairman of State Law Resources Inc., a national network of more than 45 independent law firms with practices in administrative, regulatory and government relations at the state and federal level. He is a shareholder and senior officer of the Richmond-based law firm LeClair Ryan P.C. He previously served as chair of the Administrative Law Council of the Virginia Bar Association and was named one of Virginia's Legal Elite by *Virginia Business*. Lisk also was listed as a top governmental relations lawyer in Virginia by *Best Lawyers in America*.

1982

Timothy C. Taylor

is included in *Super Lawyers*. He is a partner in the business transactions section of Jackson Walker L.L.P., Austin, Texas. He focuses on real estate and lending transactions.

Climb Every Mountain

Dan Einstein '83 is on top of the world—or at least the top of Mount Kilimanjaro, in Africa. He reported that it “was so windy that none of the pics I took had the Trident completely unfurled.” When he's not exploring the world's great mountains, Einstein lives in Greenville, S.C., and is the new vice president of the Alumni Board.

1984

Eric J. Campbell,

his wife, Helen, son Stephen, 13, and daughter Catherine, 10, moved to Birmingham, Ala., after 25 years in New York. Eric is working for Dunn Building Co. as a project manager and estimator.

1986

John Palattella

was named the poetry editor of *The Nation*. He is also an editor at large of the *Columbia Journalism Review*.

1987

Jonathan W. Hedgepeth,

with Hannibal F. Heredia, opened a new law firm, Hedgepeth & Heredia L.L.C., specializing in family law. Hedgepeth graduated from Mercer Law School and has worked with Davis, Matthews & Quigley, P.C., and was most recently a partner with Kessler, Schwarz & Solomiany P.C. He is a member of the board of governors of the Atlanta Bar Association's family law section and lead writer for the section's newsletter.

John Maass

received a one-year Ohio State University Presidential Fellowship for 2007, where he is completing a Ph.D. in early U.S. history.

1989

Lt. Cmdr. Mike Holifield

is deployed in Kabul, Afghanistan, working with the Afghan National Army to establish a military justice system. When he returns this summer, he will be transferred to Washington.

Margaret Pimblett Rhodes

is the equestrian director for the Pine Acres Equestrian Center, a program of the Girl Scout

On His Honor

Roger McDonough '84 became a judge of the New York State Court of Claims last year. His wife, Florence, and their six children (ages 3 to 11) looked on as he took the oath. Since then, as acting Supreme Court justice in the 3rd Judicial District (the Albany area), he has presided over 10 felony jury trials. He served the previous four years as a senior assistant counsel for criminal justice in the Governor's Counsel's Office, and before that as an assistant district attorney in Queens County, N.Y., and as an assistant attorney general in New York. The McDonoughs live in a suburb of Albany.

Council of Northwest Georgia. She manages a stable of 21 horses, teaches weekly riding lessons to about 40 students and runs programs for Girl Scout troops and summer campers.

1990

James Ambrosini

started a new job with Protivit Consulting in New York in November 2006, where he is responsible for technology strategy and risk management projects at major corporations. Prior to joining Protiviti, he was a senior manager at Ernst & Young.

Patsy Sciuotto-Doerr

and her husband, Rick, moved to Hong Kong with their two children, Nicholas, 4, and Ella, 17 months. Patsy is heading up the Credit Suisse Business School for the APAC region and expects to be in Hong Kong for at least two years. Rick is a regional account director for BBDO. So far, the family is enjoying life in Asia.

Timothy Place

was named Urban University's head football coach. Prior to this, he was the defensive coordinator. Tim's wife of 12 years, Jennifer, is an adjunct instructor in psychology at UU. They live in Ohio with their two children, Nate, 5, and Claire, 3.

1991

Dr. Tracy E. Norman

completed her residency in large animal internal medicine at Texas A&M in July. She works at Blue Ridge Equine Clinic in Free Union, Va., and lives with her husband in Greenwood, Va.

Sharon Alayne Widmayer

is one of two teachers of the year for Fairfax County (Va.) Public Schools' Transitional ESOL High School Program. She is also the co-recipient of the Mary Finocchiaro Award for Excellence in Non-published Pedagogical Materials, given by Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages. Widmayer lives with her husband, Alan Thompson, and children, Ewan, 5, and Alice, 1, in Alexandria, Va.

1992

John Trey Cox III,

a Dallas attorney, successfully represented the world's largest wind farm in a lawsuit filed by opponents who claimed the facility created a private nuisance. Cox is a partner at Lynn Tillotson & Pinker L.L.P.

Thomas J. Mazziotti

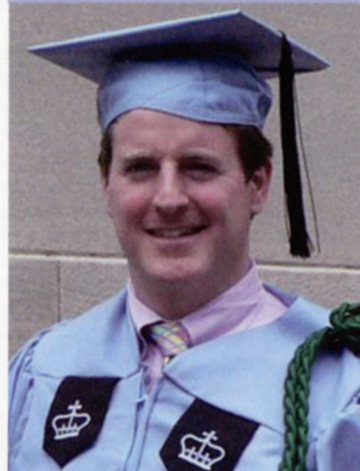
was elected a shareholder at Greenberg Traurig L.L.C. and is in the litigation practice group in its Atlanta office. He focuses on product liability defense, specifically medical device, pharmaceutical and automobile products. In 2005 and 2006, Tom was elected one of Georgia's Rising Star Super Lawyers. Tom and his wife, Jennifer, live in Sandy Springs, Ga., with their three children, Mary Elizabeth, Caroline and Thomas.

1993

Robert H. Burger

was elected partner with Williams Mullen, Virginia Beach, Va., where he is a member of the litigation section. He focuses on commercial litigation, with an

A General Becomes a Marshal



Patrick O'Connell '98 graduated from Columbia University last year with an M.S. in non-profit management—and the honor of serving as class marshal and valedictorian at commencement. He is continuing his studies at Columbia's School of International and Public Affairs, working toward an M.P.A. in management and finance.

1994

Matthew J. Appel

is still a stay-at-home dad who got a promotion in April 2006 with the birth of Henry James Appel. Wife Katie started as a manager at a smaller C.P.A. firm, Smith Bunday Berman Britton, in January.

Edward S. Elliott

lives in Marin County, Calif., with his daughter, Taylor, 2½, his wife, Erika, and their dog, Molly. He travels a fair amount to visit the 130 hospital clients of his company, jobsience.com.

1995

George Alan Hamrick

is a full-time residential realtor at Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage in downtown San Diego.

1996

Charles B. Carabello

returned from a trip to Germany and the Czech Republic as part of the Fulbright Commission's International Education Administrators Program. He was one of 23 U.S. higher education representatives who spent 18 days learning about the changing landscape of education throughout Europe and how it may affect study abroad exchanges with U.S. universities.

Sam Frazier Jr.

still lives in Birmingham, Ala., working in film and video and writing for *FilmThreat.com*. His last movie, "Piece of Cake," with Mo Rocca, is making the rounds of the festival circuit.

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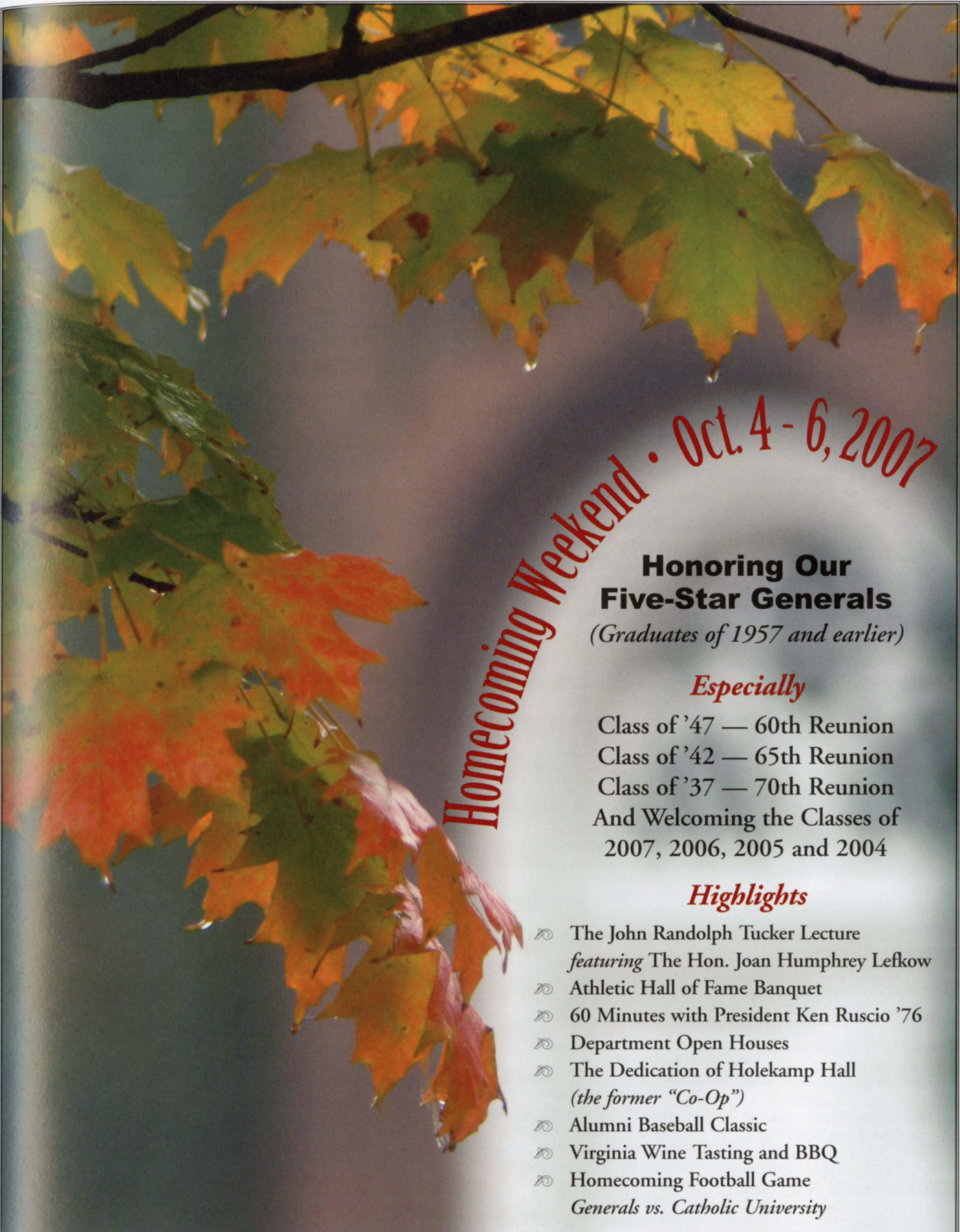
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A Meeting of the Chapters



The Westchester Fairfield and Connecticut River Valley Chapters joined forces for a recent get-together. Here are three of the attendees: Gretchen Tencza '02, her brother Nate Tencza '99 (Connecticut River Valley president) and Susan Reil Bria '91 (of the Westchester Fairfield Chapter).

J. David Stewart III

is a partner in the Birmingham, Ala., office of Bradley Arant Rose & White L.L.P. and a member of the governmental affairs and economic development practice groups. He represents clients before the executive and legislative branches in Washington and in Montgomery, Ala. He also advises clients on federal and state campaign finance and ethics laws.

1997

W. Harrison Schroeder

was elected 35th governor of the Jamestowne Society last November. His grandfather, Emory L. Carlton, served as governor from 1971–1973. Membership in the society comprises descendants of stockholders in the London Company and the Virginia Company, and of those who owned land or had domiciles in Jamestowne or on Jamestowne Island before 1700. Schroeder's ancestor is Benjamin Harrison I, who arrived on Jamestowne Island prior to 1633. He is also a descendant of Benjamin Harrison V, who signed the Declaration of Independence. Schroeder is an attorney in Floyd, Va., where he lives with his wife, Michelle Lee, and their children Amanda Carr, Anne Lee, Emma Randolph and William Harrison Jr.

1998

Ryan J. Gibbs

and his wife, Miriam, returned to Cincinnati, Ohio, after eight years in Chicago. Ryan established the Gibbs Firm, a law firm focused on real estate, tax and litigation.

Greg Ruthig

and his wife, Marion, have a 1½-year-old son, Jackson. Greg works at Arizona State University, Tempe, after completing his Ph.D. in biology at the University of Virginia.

2000

Craig Avino

may be remembered as "Newman." He recently started at the law firm of Borowsky & Borowsky L.L.C., in Red Bank, N.J., as an associate attorney. He graduated from the Dickinson School of Law of Penn State University in 2004. His practice focuses on civil litigation. He lives in Aberdene.

2001

Torey Gerwin

completed his master's degree in accounting and information services in 2006 and works at Ernst and Young in Kansas City, Mo. He lives in Leawood, Kan., with his wife, Kara.

Danica Oliver

lives in San Diego. She received

her graduate degree in gemology and works as the career services manager at the Gemological Institute of America, Carlsbad, Calif.

2002

Robert Bland

is a student at the Stanford Graduate School of Business, Class of 2008. He loves the weather in Palo Alto, Calif.

2004

Kate Leggett

is in her second year studying for a master's in architecture at Georgia Tech, in Atlanta. She studied in Paris this spring.

2006

Catherine M. Alexander

is enjoying studying physical therapy in Chapel Hill, N.C. She will have an internship this summer at a clinic in Wilmington, N.C.

Snyder '95, David P. Marsh '95, Tricia Ochs Dougherty '97 and Christophér S. Pugsley '98. Former sports information director Brian L. Logue also attended. The family live in Fairfax, Va.

Henry Van Os '94

to Judy Beck in May 2005. They live in Atlanta, where Henry is a real estate developer, and Judy is a C.P.A. Henry just finished developing a 49,000-square-foot office building in a northeast suburb of Atlanta.

Sakina Paige '96, '02L

to Jamal Thomas on July 22, 2006, in Carle Place, N.Y. Bridesmaids included Elizabeth Yost Hodgson '96, Anna Bentley '96, Kelly del Campo '96, Karly Jennings '96, Tobi Bromfield '02L and Pranita Raghavan '02L. Also in attendance were Tanya Hunt Handley '02L, Rachel Cox '02L and Tamara Watkins '96.

Mary Taylor New '98

to Judson Hines Dalton.

MARRIAGES

Clinton Penn Owen III '81

to Gwen Elizabeth Parrish on Nov. 25, 2006, in Memphis, Tenn. They live in Memphis with their daughter, Elizabeth Graham Parrish.

T. Patrick Smith '94, '98L

to Elizabeth M. Botta on April 1, 2006, in Annandale, Va. Alumni in attendance were Bryan L.

Amy Wood '00

to Raleigh Harwell on July 8, 2006, in Louisville, Ky. Raleigh is a relationship manager for Key Bank. Amy is a doctoral candidate in occupational therapy at Belmont University in Nashville. Attendees included Tasha Sedlock Blair '00, bridesmaid T. Blair '99, Katie Boening Cumbus '00, Emily Belcher Reynolds '00,

I'm Dreaming of a Jamaican Christmas



Recent alumni soaked up the yuletide sun last Christmas in Little Ochie, Jamaica. Left to right: Julian Ledford '06, Shalene Magee '03, Norman Kim-Senior '05, Tran Kim-Senior '05, Jeffrey James '01, Joanna James '03 and Paul Ledford '04.

Christ '01—Parshley



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William Christ '01 married Jessica Parshley on Aug. 5, 2006, in Bar Harbor, Maine. The wedding party included Brent Christ '99 as best man, Sean Cronin '01, Pete Iwancio '01 and Mike Weil '02. Other graduates in attendance were Brian Bagdonas '01, Roy Burns '99, Andy Crawford '01, Jen Davis '01 and John Fidler '01. John Fuller '01 also made a brief appearance. Bill is a student at the Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth, and Jessica is assistant director of development at Kimball Union Academy. They live in Norwich, Vt.

Marlea Leary '01, Faith Collins '01, Laura Adelman Philipson '01, Stephen Philipson '01 and Laurel Yanow '01. The couple live in Nashville, Tenn.

Ellen Ritsch '01 to **Martin Boyle '01, '06L** on Nov. 18, 2006, in Richmond. Ruth Duncan Coppeans, Carson Harris, Caroline Gee Prezzano, Keenan Weston, Spencer Liles, Brent Rosengren and Jeff Sloan, all '01, were in the wedding, as well as Craig Thrift, Michael Meacher and Joe Tino, all '06L. The Rev. J. Fletcher Low Jr. '54 officiated. The couple live in Richmond.

Michel M. Marcoux '01 to Steele Thomas on May 27, 2006, in Atlanta. The wedding party included groomsmen John Dumas '01 and Jeff Barnes '01 and bridesmaid Fontaine Marcoux '04. They live in Birmingham, Ala.

Jeff Sloan '01 to McKenzie Ray on Sept. 30, 2006, in Chicago.

Allison MacQueen '02 to Jonathan Felder on Oct. 8, 2006, in Aptos, Calif. Several alumni attended, including the father of

the bride, Bruce MacQueen '70, and the wedding party: Evan MacQueen '06 (brother of the bride), Staunton Binsted Wright '02, Katie Elsnab '02, Karly Shallow '02, Natalie Cuicchi '03, Sylvia Kokis '02, Emily Hager '02 and Amie Lucier '02. Allison works for Banana Republic as a merchandise planning manager at its headquarters in San Francisco, and Jonathan works as an education policy analyst at the National Center for Public Policy and Higher Education in San Jose. The couple live in San Mateo, Calif.

Karl A. Kuersteiner '03 to Anna Maria Macaluso on Dec. 28, 2006, in Austin, Texas. Guests included Kanishka Thakur '03 and Nick Gorham '05. They live in Houston, where both are pursuing medical degrees at the University of Texas.

Alexis Roosth '05 to Lt. Kurt Hassel on Nov. 26, 2006, in Dallas. Alexis works for a gas company in Dallas, and Kurt is a pilot for the Marines.

BIRTHS AND ADOPTIONS

Mr. and Mrs. C. Russell H. Shearer '88, a daughter, Elizabeth Grace Carey, on Feb. 6, 2006. She courteously arrived one day after her mother's birthday. The family live in Alexandria, Va.

Nancy Whalen Eichler '89 and her husband, **Allen**, a daughter, Lucy Elizabeth, on Aug. 20, 2006. She joins brother Harry William, 4, and sister Adeline Rose, 2. They've been living in Grand Turk, Turks and Caicos Islands, British West Indies, and are relocating to Boynton Beach, Fla.

Mr. and Mrs. R. David Allen Jr. '90, a son, William Caffey, on Oct. 6, 2005. He joins sister Eugenie and brother David III. They live in Birmingham, Ala.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank J. DeMento Jr. '90, a daughter, Brigid Marie, on Oct. 27, 2006. They live in Manhasset, N.Y., a few houses down and on the same side of the street as Mark Lotruglio '91.

Dallas Wilt '90 and her husband, **Fleming**, a daughter, Joanne Fleming, on Feb. 9.

Dianne Makosky Ackerman '91 and her husband, **Doug**, a daughter, Kristin Lynn, on Nov. 26, 2006. She joins brother Steven, 4½.

Elizabeth Baker Golpira '91 and her husband, **Pierre**, a daughter, Ann Gray Golpira, on Aug. 17, 2006. She joins sisters Lily, 5, and Charlotte, 3.

Brad T. Miller '91 and his wife, **Carrie**, a son, Preston Thomas, on Jan. 26. He joins sisters Virginia Claire, 3, and Madeline, 2. Brad works as an attorney at WilmerHale in Washington. The family live in Vienna, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. John Neslage '91, a daughter, Claire Elizabeth, on Jan. 12.

Kyra Draves Sosna '91 and her husband, **Ron**, a daughter, Alexandra Isabella, on Nov. 12, 2006. The family live in Gaithersburg, Md.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard L. Weinstein '91, a daughter, Joia Morgan, on Sept. 6, 2006.

Sewell '00—Nagel



Kelly Paige Sewell '00 married Kevin Scott Nagel on June 17, 2006, in Clarksville, Va. Shay Ansley '00 served as a bridesmaid, and Juliet Bickford '00 was a reader. Other alumni in attendance included Lee Holland, John Thomas, Nancy Dixon Davis, Meredith Mlynar and Elizabeth Harvey Abrams, all '00, and Enid Dean '99. Kelly is working on her M.B.A. at Kenan-Flagler Business School at the University of North Carolina, and Kevin is a partner with Accenture.



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Dale Wyatt Coates '92 and her husband, **Philip**, a daughter, Louise Elizabeth, on Sept. 26, 2006. She joins sister Helen Jane, 2½. They live in Asheville, N.C.

Mr. and Mrs. Hill Goodspeed, a daughter, Anna Grace, on July 27, 2005. She joins brothers, Connor Patrick, 9, and Jackson Thomas, 5. The family live in Pensacola, Fla.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Alan Lefevre '92, a son, Dylan Alexander, on Dec. 16, 2006.

Mr. and Mrs. Duncan Miller '92, a son, Max Burnett, on Jan. 14. Hopefully, he will join the newest members of the Halloran, Bacdayan and Edwards families as a member of the W&L class of 2029.

M. Nicole Oden '92 and her husband, **Matt Ludwig**, a daughter, Gabrielle Amelia, on Nov. 8, 2006. She joins brother William Aiden, 18 months. They live in Reston, Va. Nicole continues to work as a corporate attorney for Kelley Drye and Warren L.L.P., in Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Patton '92, a son, Robert Locke, on Nov. 24, 2006. He joins his sisters Madison, 7, and Smith, 5, in their new house in Atlanta.

Dr. Michael Sebesta '92 and **Dr. Cheryl Sebesta**, a son, Noah Alexander, on Jan. 7.

Susan Moseley George '93 and her husband, **Steve**, a daughter, Kathryn Marie, on Nov. 13, 2006. She joins brother Emmet, 2. The family live in San Francisco.

Laura Howard Mayer '93 and **Thomas S. Mayer '92**, a son, Daniel Thomas, on Dec. 5, 2006. He joins big brother Liam, 5.

Sarah Horn Thiessen '93 and **Douglas W. Thiessen '95**, a daughter, Charlotte Rose, on Nov. 16, 2006. She joins sisters Hannah, 9, and Heidi, 3, and brother Taylor, 7. They live in West River, Md.

Cory Allison '94 and **Evan Allison '93**, a daughter, Stella, on Jan. 4. The family lives in Chattanooga, where Evan is a partner with Miller & Martin P.L.L.C., and Cory owns Wigglesworm, a children's boutique. Stella joins brother Spratt, 3.

Dr. Wendy Neel Bacdayan '94 and **Wali Bacdayan '92**, a son, Charles Wallace, on Sept. 14,

2006. He joins older brothers Ben, 4, and William, 3. They live in Upper St. Clair, Pa., where Wendy is a pediatrician in private practice, and Wali is a partner of a private equity fund.

Heather Edwards Murphy '94 and her husband, **Paul**, triplets, two sons and a daughter: Seamus Peter, Liam Sean and Harper Eileen, on Jan. 17, 2006. They live in Gulfport, Miss.

Elizabeth Coodykoontz Sherrill '94 and **Richard Sherrill '94**, a son, Luke Thornton, on March 20, 2006. He joins sister Mimi, 5, and brother Gordon, 3.

Megan McCloskey Deppe '95 and her husband, **Jack**, a son, John Robert, on Aug. 28, 2006. He joins sister Sierra, 2. They live near Annapolis, Md.

Planned Giving: Listen to Your Father

Kendall Jones '57 has a sound recommendation: listen to your father. His own "felt that W&L had a strong business program and encouraged me to apply," he said. "It was good advice and, in many ways, my time at Washington and Lee was four of the best years of my life."

W&L opened doors for Jones personally, professionally and intellectually. It was especially important to him as a place where he grew and matured. "I almost enjoyed my time at W&L too much," he said, "but L. K. Johnson (a professor in the Commerce School) and others were excellent teachers and mentors and helped me find my way, so that by my senior year I was on the Dean's List."

Jones has remained connected to the University and especially to the many friends he made here. He says that the Alumni College in particular has contributed to his strong feelings for W&L. Through the Alumni College's travel and campus programs, he and his wife, Nancy, have strengthened the bonds to the University created more than 50 years ago.

As he approached his 50th class reunion this May, Jones decided it was time to do something special for the University where he, his brother Lew '68, son Kendall Jr.

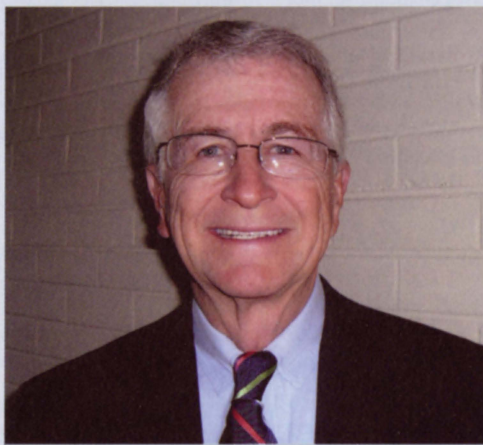
'79 and nephews Ashby Hackney '94 and Pope Hackney '01 received their degrees. Jones, who helped organize the reunion, was particularly pleased that he and his classmates made a significant gift to the Class of 1957 Lee Chapel and Museum Endowment Fund.

"Lee Chapel is at the heart of W&L," said Jones. "In my case, I was able to take advantage of a limited option for charitable giving made possible by Congress in 2006," the IRA charitable rollover provision of the Pension Protection Act. The provision makes it possible for individuals 70½ or older to exclude from their taxable income certain direct transfers from traditional or Roth individual retirement

accounts made to public charities. Those transfers, which can amount to up \$100,000 per taxpayer in 2007, must be made before December 31, 2007.

If you would like to explore the possibility of such a special gift to Washington and Lee, please contact Hank Humphreys or Sue Woodruff in the Planned Giving Office, (540) 458-8421 or swoodruff@wlu.edu.

—Hank Humphreys
Director of Planned Giving



Kendall Jones '57

Melissa Miller '95 and her husband, **William Strickland**, a daughter, Elizabeth Amelia Strickland, on Nov. 1, 2006. She joins brother Jack, 3.

Adina Erdman Bailey '96 and **Mike Bailey '98**, a daughter, Emmeline Jane Bailey, on Nov. 4, 2006. She joins brothers Owen, 4, and Nolan, 1½.

Laura Forster Bennett '96 and her husband, **William**, a son, William Adams IV, on Oct. 2, 2006. They live in Alexandria, Va.

Caroline Connolly Counselman '96 and **William L. Counselman '96**, a son, James Burke, on Oct. 5, 2006. He joins brother William Lee III, 3. They live in Boston.

Mr. and Mrs. Todd A. Fontaine '96, a son, Will Alexander, on Oct. 1, 2006. They live in Germany and enjoy traveling around Europe.

Elizabeth Yost Hodgson '96 and her husband, **Tom**, a son, Charles Joseph, on Oct. 31, 2006. The family live in Richmond.

Mr. and Mrs. Doug Kennedy '96, a son, William Maxwell, on Dec. 5, 2006. Both mother, Kelly, and son are doing great and looking forward to getting some sleep in a few months. They have contacted Coach Miriello about recruiting information.

Matthew V. Smith '96 and his wife, **Clarissa Albo Smith**, a son, Ethan, on July 7, 2006. They live in Cleveland, Ohio.

Tiffany Cagliardi Trotman '96 and her husband, **Andrew**, a daughter, Philippa Grace, on Nov. 14, 2006, in Dunedin, New Zealand. Tiffany is a lecturer in Spanish literature and culture at the University of Otago.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert N. Turner '96, a son, Daniel Robert, on June 24, 2006. He joins sister Ashley and brother Clark. Robert works for Goldman Sachs and was recently promoted to vice president.

Aloise Bozell Vansant '96, '01, and **Derek Vansant '96**, a daughter, Anna Baker, on July 21, 2006. They live in Bethesda, Md.

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin H. Whitman '96, a daughter, Allison Jane, on Dec. 18, 2006.

Elizabeth Bissel Barton '97 and her husband, **Luke**, a daughter, Katherine Sibley, on Jan. 10. She joins brother Fain, 17 months. They live in Atlanta.

Lorilei Dreibelbis '97 and her husband, **Chris Dreibelbis '94**, a daughter, Izabelle Yve, on Dec. 25, 2006. She joins brother J.T. Chris has a new job as director of communications and economic policy at the Reform Institute in Alexandria, Va.

Sarah Ferguson Harris '97 and her husband, **Michael**, a daughter, Carrington Randolph, on Oct. 2, 2006. She joins brother Michael, 2. The family live in Richmond.

Megan Flohr Hess '97 and her husband, **Andy Hess '97**, a daughter, Avery Jean, on Nov. 27, 2006. She joins brother Graham.

Lamandra Jenkins Kuck '97 and **Brian Kuck '97**, a daughter, Margaret McCall, on Jan. 26. They live in Houston, where Brian works in the oil and gas industry, and Lamandra stays at home with Margaret.

Beth Mozena Niccolini '97 and her husband, **David**, a son, John Phillip, on Oct. 6, 2006. He joins sister Lauren, 2½. They live in Pasadena, Md.

Amber Richter '97 and **Kurt Richter '96**, a son, Corbin Leas, on March 28, 2006. He joins brother Graham. The family live in Bethesda, Md.

Mr. and Mrs. Nick Hodge '98, a son, Graham, on Dec. 5, 2005. They live in Memphis, Tenn., where Nick works in real estate for Kroger, and Tracy is a dentist.

Whitney Kestner '98, a daughter Lee Russell, on Nov. 23, 2006. Lee was delivered by Jennifer Vallidis '99, who is a midwife.

Mr. and Mrs. Forrest H. Norvell III '98, a son, Forrest Henson Lee, on July 28, 2006. They are doing well in Charleston, S.C.

Mr. and Mrs. William Poynter '98, a son, John Bolling, on Nov. 21, 2006.

Mary Jo Mahoney Slidell '98 and **Duncan Slidell '96**, a daughter, Hallie Elizabeth, on March 10, 2006. They live in Bethesda, Md.

Megan Beakley '99 and **Michael Beakley '99**, a daughter, Maya Grace, on Jan. 4. They live in Dallas.

Cory Mettee Birdsall '99 and **Steve Birdsall '99**, a daughter, Caroline, on Nov. 12, 2006. They live in Washington, where Cory is an assistant state's attorney for Montgomery County, Md., and Steve works as an associate director of admissions at the McDonough School. Steve graduated from the Catholic University of America with an M.A. in educational administration.

Yulia Gorodetskaya Thorpe '00 and **George L. Thorpe '96**, a daughter, Katherine Jessica, on Aug. 21, 2006. She joins sister Alexandria Maria, 3. Sister Jessica Leigh (Sept. 1, 2005) watches her from above. They live in Manassas, Va., where George is a software engineer for Ravenwing, and Yulia divides her time between working as a billing administrator and spending time with the girls.

Mr. and Mrs. John A. Jensen III '01, a son, John David, on Nov. 14, 2006. They live in London, England.

Robert Marmorstein '00 and his wife, **Elizabeth**, a daughter, Abigail Virginia, on Feb. 13. For pictures, go to rmmarm.freeshell.org/Beth/Pictures/BabyPics.html

Elizabeth Doerries Meister '01 and **Scott B. Meister II '01**, a son, William Scott, on Aug. 3, 2006. They live in northern Virginia. Scott is the corporate controller for Atlantic Media Co., publishers of the *National Journal* and the *Atlantic Monthly*, in Washington.

Caroline Dumas Malatesta '02 and **J.T. Malatesta '00**, a daughter, Julianne Grace, on Aug. 22, 2006. They live in Birmingham, Ala.

Emily Averitt Large '04 and her husband, **Alex Large '02**, a daughter, Eloise Marie, on Feb. 9. They live in Vail, Colo.

OBITUARIES

John H. Miner '29, of Winter Park, Fla., died on Jan. 5.

James Murdoch Shackelford '29, of Monterey, Calif., died on Aug. 8, 2005. He graduated from Massachusetts Institute of Technology with a B.S. in engineering and business administration. He served as office manager of research laboratories with the Johns-Manville Corp. He served as a lieutenant colonel in the Army during World War II. In 1959, he became the treasurer of Johns-Manville. He later worked for the North Carolina Retirement System as a research and planning officer. He served as secretary and president of the New York chapter of the National Society for Business Budgeting. He belonged to Alpha Tau Omega social fraternity.

Carl C. Tucker '32, of Cleveland, Ohio, died Sept. 2, 2005. He graduated from Ohio State University with a B.A. in 1934 and a J.D. in 1939. He worked for the law firm of Jones Day Reavis Progue, even before he finished law school. He made partner and retired from the firm.

Charles T. Carolan '37, of Brownsville, Texas, died April 5, 2004. He served as a pilot with the Canadian Air Force. As a CPA, he served as auditor for Newark, N.J., later becoming treasurer of Suburban Propane in Morristown, N.J. In the early 1960s, he invested in Cushman Baking Co. and moved the family to Maine. He later worked for Marathon Manufacturing, in Houston. He eventually made Brownsville his permanent home, working both there and in Matamoros. He was a charter member of the Cactus Club and belonged to Sigma Phi Epsilon social fraternity.

Vernon T. Strickler '38, of Newport News, Va., died on Jan. 21. Before World War II, he worked for the Old Dominion Insurance Co. of Richmond as a sales agent in Rockbridge County and as a staff superintendent on the Eastern Shore of Virginia. He volunteered for the Army Air Force as an aviation cadet in 1941. He graduated as a second lieutenant from Officers Candidate

School. Strickler served as a squadron and staff administrator in heavy bombardment units in the 13th Air Force (B-17s) and 7th Air Force (B-4s) in the Pacific from 1941 to 1943. He retired in 1970 after completing 28 years of active and reserved commissioned service. He worked for Life Insurance of Virginia and in 1951 established an independent agency, the V.T. Strickler Agency Inc. (later Strickler-Dwyer Agency). He retired in 1994. He was involved in many civic and community activities, including Toastmasters, and was a past president of the Peninsula Washington and Lee Alumni Association.

Ralph C. Clark '39, of Waterford, Conn., died May 24, 2006. He served in the Army Air Corps during World War II. After the Army, he was assistant commandant at Admiral Billard Academy, director of Waterfront and captain of Schooner Yankee, a training ship for cadets. He graduated from Mitchell College in 1949. He was founder and president of the Waterford Canoe Club and served as an alternate on the 1968 U.S. Olympic canoeing team. He also served as a U.S. member of the North American Canoe Racing Committee. The highlight of his canoeing career was in 1967, when he led a crew of seven Waterford Canoe Club members on a trip from Waterford to Expo '67 in Montreal via the Hudson River. He was on the staff of the Mystic Marine Museum for several years. He was moderator of the Waterford town meeting and served on the shellfish and harbor management commissions. He served as a state fire warden for 25 years and was a life member of the Goshen Fire Department. In 1986, he received an outstanding service award as a super volunteer from the Waterford Administrators and Supervisors Association. In 1993, he received the V.F.W.'s American Award and a Certificate of Appreciation from the town of Waterford. He was in charge of construction for the road, parking lot and bridge to Waterford Beach. He also constructed 40 ballfields in southeastern Connecticut. He traveled several times to British Honduras (Belize) and arranged delivery of three tons of school books donated by the Waterford Board of Education for children in British

Honduras. He belonged to Delta Upsilon social fraternity.

James Francis Coffey '39, of Lexington, died on Jan. 8. He moved to Lexington with his family in the early 1920s; his father was a general contractor and the builder and owner of the Mayflower Hotel, now an assisted-living center where Coffey lived for the last few years of his life. At W&L, he belonged to Beta Gamma Sigma, an honorary fraternity for commerce and business students. After serving in the Navy during World War II, he returned to Lexington and joined his father in the construction business, W.W. Coffey & Son, and became president of the firm after his father's death. He retired in 1984. In his last years as a building contractor, he was heavily involved in restoration projects in Lexington, serving as general contractor of many of the historic buildings downtown, including the Stonewall Jackson House. In the 1950s, he was a founding member of the Rockbridge Camp of the Gideons International and was elected an officer of the local branch many times.

Stanley J. Nastri '39, of East Norwich, N.Y., died on March 7, 2006. He was a materials manager for the Knitting Machinery Division of the Singer Co. and purchasing director and materials manager for various divisions of the Sperry Rand Corp. He was also a systems engineer with General Systems Co. of Pittsfield, Mass. In 1975, he became manager of corporate purchasing system services for the Stanley Works of New Britain, Conn., where he remained until his retirement. He belonged to Pi Kappa Phi social fraternity.

John H. Ward III '39, of Louisville, Ky., died on Jan. 11. He entered the insurance business in 1939 with Aetna Life & Casualty Insurance Co. and spent 44 years there before retiring at age 66, having served as the general agent for Kentucky from 1950 to 1983. After retirement, he co-founded Helm, Creznic & Ward Inc. and worked there until age 85. His service to the industry included the presidency of the Louisville Association of Life Underwriters, the General Agents and Managers Conference, the Kentucky Chapter of the

Chartered Life Underwriters and the Kentucky Association of Life Underwriters, where he served two separate terms. His service at the national level lasted from 1962 to 1991 and included two terms as trustee and eight years as treasurer for the National Association of Life Underwriters. He was one of three founders of LUPAC, the Life Underwriters Political Action Committee, headquartered in Washington. He served as the national secretary/treasurer and, for five years, as national chairman. He was the first recipient of the Kentucky Medal of Honor for outstanding life insurance person in the state. In 1942, he volunteered for the Navy and spent 32 months at sea. He served with distinction, receiving seven campaign ribbons for action in the European and Pacific Theaters. He participated in the invasion of Normandy, where he received special commendation, and of Iwo Jima and Okinawa. He belonged to the Society of Cincinnati, the Society of Colonial Wars, the Society of Mayflower Descendants, the Sons of the American Revolution and the Society of the Lees of Virginia. He was involved with the Boy Scouts of America and served on the boards of the Frazier Rehabilitation Institute and the Actors Theatre of Louisville. He belonged to Pi Kappa Alpha social fraternity.

William M. Gwyn Jr. '40, of Gainesville, Texas, died on Jan. 16. He worked as a reporter in Idabel, Okla. In 1942, he enlisted in the Army horse cavalry as a second lieutenant. He served in the Philippines and in the occupation of Japan. In 1947, he acquired part of the Ball Ranch and went into the cattle business with his brother, George Gwyn, to raise Black Angus cattle. He retired from ranching in 1983. He was a Boy Scout merit badge counselor and coached a Little League baseball team. Gwyn belonged to Kappa Alpha social fraternity.

Dabney W. Watts '40, '47L, of Advance, N.C., died Nov. 22, 2006. He served in World War II as a reserve officer in the Navy, in the Pacific Theater. He began his practice of law in Winchester in 1947 and was appointed Commonwealth's attorney in 1949, serving in that post until his retirement in 1985. At the

time, he held the distinction of being Virginia's longest-serving Commonwealth's attorney. He was a member and past president of the Virginia Commonwealth Attorneys Association and member and past president of the Winchester-Frederick County Bar Association, among other associations and committees. An avid amateur photographer, he donated a collection of 184 courthouse photographs to the W&L Law School. Watts belonged to Sigma Phi Epsilon.

Robert S. Junger '41, of Dallas, died on Feb. 7, 2005. He went to work for Columbia Pictures Corp. after graduation and then took a position with Seagram's Distilleries. He spent four years in the Army Air Corps, two of them in the Pacific Theater. After his discharge as a captain, he went to work with his father in the investment securities business. He later went to work for Botany 500, becoming its vice president of sales. He retired in 1988 and then traveled to Israel, France and England. Junger belonged to Phi Epsilon Pi.

Guy O. Keller '41, of Charlotte, N.C., died on Feb. 11. He graduated from the University of Virginia Medical School in 1944. He served a Navy internship from 1944 to 1945 during World War II. He did his residency at the University of Rochester Strong Memorial Hospital, Rochester, N.Y., from 1947 to 1952. He practiced in Bluefield, W.Va., from 1952 to 1953. After service in the Navy Medical Corps during the Korean War at the Naval Air Station in Millington, Tenn., and aboard the aircraft carrier *U.S.S. Princeton*, he moved to Charlotte, N.C., in 1955. He was a member of the Mecklenburg Country Medical Society and American Board of Surgery. He was chief of staff and surgery at Presbyterian Hospital, Mercy Hospital and Good Samaritan Hospital, and on staff at the Carolinas Medical Center. He was a diplomat of the American Society of Surgery, fellow of the American College of Surgery and fellow of the Southeastern Surgical Society. He had 30 years of perfect attendance with the Charlotte Downtown Rotary Club. He retired from practice in 1992 and then worked part-time for Serological Inc. and Life Sera from 1998 to 2006.

Horace H. Jeter '42, of Shreveport, La., died on Jan. 6. He received an M.B.A. from Harvard. He served in the Army during World War II and with the Army of Occupation in Korea. When he returned to Shreveport, he earned his CPA and was an accountant for a number of years. One of the foremost ornithologists in Louisiana, he traveled the world identifying birds, including eight visits to Australia. He was dedicated to conservation and supported the Nature Conservancy of Louisiana. Also devoted to W&L, he attended many summer sessions for alumni and traveled to Europe and Africa on University-sponsored trips. Jeter belonged to Kappa Alpha social fraternity.

Thomas Dabney Kern '43, of Charlottesville, died on Dec. 2, 2006. He joined the Army Air Force during World War II. He graduated from the Engineering School at the University of Virginia, where he served as president of his class and as a member of Omicron Delta Kappa. He began his career as a civil engineer with the Illinois Central Railroad and remained there until his retirement in 1984. In 1996, he left Chicago for Charlottesville. There he enjoyed many activities, especially volunteering for Meals on Wheels and recording for the blind and dyslexic.

Michael M. Selzer '43, of Denver, Colo., died April 3, 2006. He graduated from the University of Nebraska and was a veteran of World War II. He lived in Sidney, Neb., and worked in the family's Coca Cola bottling business until 1960. He owned Sidney Office Supply from 1961 until his retirement in 1992. Selzer belonged to Alpha Tau Omega.

Maury Kort '44, of Louisville, Ky., died on Dec. 23, 2006. He was the owner of Maury's Fluorescent and Appliance Co. from 1946 until he retired in 1986. He was a cheerleader at W&L and graduated from the University of Louisville. He was a Navy veteran of World War II. He was a scratch golfer and an avid boater and fisherman. Kort belonged to Zeta Beta Tau social fraternity.

Charles A. Mead Jr. '44, of Jacksonville, Fla., died on Nov. 12, 2005. He received his

M.D. from George Washington University. He retired from the Navy Reserve as a commander in the Medical Corps and served in the Korean War. Mead was a well-known orthopedic surgeon in Jacksonville for many years, the chief medical officer for CSX Railroads, a licensed maritime captain and a member of the Florida Yacht Club. He was a member and former president of the Florida Orthopedic Society, member of the American Board of Orthopedic Surgery and fellow of the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgery. Kort belonged to Phi Gamma Delta social fraternity.

James B. Kirk '45, of Mount Dora, Fla., died April 25, 2004. He was a World War II Army Air Corps veteran and served as a B-25 instructor at Turner Field in Albany, Ga. He was a real estate broker and former owner of Jim Kirk Real Estate in Pompano Beach, Fla. He was a co-owner of his family's auto dealership in Ohio before his retirement. Kirk belonged to Phi Kappa Psi social fraternity.

Anthony C. Hail '46, of San Francisco, died on Sept. 26, 2006. He served in the Navy from 1943 to 1945. He owned an interior decorating business, Anthony Hail Studio. Hail belonged to Phi Delta Theta social fraternity.

Frederick S. Holley '46, of Santa Ana, Calif., died on April 14, 2006. He worked for the *Virginian-Pilot* in Norfolk from 1948 to 1963 as police reporter and as assistant chief of the copy desk. He was a charter member of the Hampton Roads Newspaper Guild. He then worked as a copy reader for the *San Diego Evening Tribune* and retired after 30 years at the *Los Angeles Times*. He compiled the *Los Angeles Times Stylebook*. He taught at California State University, Northridge; Art Center College of Design, Los Angeles; and California State University, Fullerton.

James C. Kincheloe '46, '49L, of Fairfax, Va., died on July 3, 2006. He was a combat veteran who served in the Army during World War II, receiving a Purple Heart and a Bronze Star. He practiced law in the city of Fairfax for more than 50 years. He served as president of the Fairfax Bar Association and as a substitute

judge. Kincheloe belonged to Pi Kappa Alpha social fraternity.

John M. West '47, of Venice, Fla., died on Jan. 4. He lived in Venice for 49 years. He owned and operated a moving and storage company and a concrete block plant. A veteran of the Army Air Force, he belonged to Pi Kappa Alpha social fraternity.

Richard A. Boykin '48, of Davidson, N.C., died on Dec. 3, 2006. He was a salesman by profession. After retiring from International Paper Co. in the late 1960s, he established Mariner TableCraft, a custom furniture company in Matthews, Va. He was a decorated veteran in the U.S. Army Air Corps, having flown 32 missions over Germany with the 44th Bomber Group, and attended W&L on the GI Bill. He loved to sail the Chesapeake Bay, golf, sketch, work with wood and walk on the beach with his wife. Boykin belonged to Kappa Alpha social fraternity.

Peter C. Lufburrow '48, of Manhattan, Kan., died on Jan. 4. In the Army during World War II, he served in the Battle of the Bulge and attained many honors. He had a career in the plastics field, working on many household items. He was an enthusiastic fan of the K-State women's basketball team and loved to travel the U.S. and Europe. He enjoyed camping, hiking and canoeing. He belonged to the American Legion Post #17 of Manhattan and to Kappa Sigma social fraternity.

James E. McNeer '48L, of Huntersville, N.C., died Dec. 25, 2006. He served in the Army in World War II. He was a member of the West Virginia Bar and a former president of the Harrison County Bar Association. He began his law career in 1948 with the Robinson & Stump law firm and, following several mergers, became a partner in the firm of McNeer, Highland, McMunn and Varner. He served on the State Bar Legal Ethics Committee for 13 years and received the Certificate of Merit for his service. He also served on the State Bar board of governors, the board of directors of Rotary and as president of Civitan. An avid reader, camper and golfer, he made a hole in one at the age of 80.

F. Rodney Fitzpatrick '49L, of Roanoke, died on Feb. 13. He served in the Air Force in World War II. He practiced law in Roanoke for 55 years and belonged to the Roanoke Bar Association (president 1975-1976), Virginia State Bar, Virginia Bar Association and Virginia Trial Lawyers Association (president 1974-1975), and was a fellow of the Virginia Law Foundation in 1999. Fitzpatrick belonged to Kappa Alpha social fraternity.

Edward W. King '49, of Kingsport, Tenn., died on Dec. 7, 2006. During World War II, he served in the Pacific. He centered his career around family corporations, his last position being chairman-treasurer of the Mason and Dixon Lines Inc. (a trucking company) and president-treasurer of Crown Enterprises Inc. (a real estate company). King was president of the Tennessee Motor Transport Association, trustee of the ATA Foundation and chair of the Regular Common Carrier Conference. Active in civic organizations, he served as secretary-treasurer of Holston Valley Hospital and Medical Center, on the Kingsport Board of Education and as president of Kingsport Civitan Club, among others. He also served as a board member of two financial institutions, Kingsport National Bank and Kingsport Federal Savings and Loan. In 1958, he received the Young Man of the Year award from the Junior Chamber of Commerce. King belonged to Delta Tau Delta social fraternity.

Robert W. Sharer '49L, of Westfield, N.J., died on Feb. 1. He received his B.S. from Miami University. He was a lieutenant and navigator-bombardier in the Army Air Corps in World War II. As a young man, he was a page at the New York Stock Exchange. He was a stockbroker for Hemphill, Noyes, Hornblower & Weeks, New York, from 1950 to 1978, becoming general partner in 1961. He later became a gentleman farmer with Paradisevalley Farm in Cherry Valley, N.Y. He also assisted his wife with her antiques business in Westfield. Sharer belonged to Phi Gamma Delta.

Richard Bennett O'Keeffe '52, of Arlington, Va., died May 10, 2006. He was an Army veteran of the Korean War. He was a 1955

graduate of Catholic University, where he also received a master's of library science in 1958. Early in his career, he was an assistant editor of the *Catholic Periodical Index* for the Catholic Library Association. From 1961-1969, he was a research analyst for the American Legion and specialized in the Panama Canal. He also was an indexer for AAA and *US News & World Report*. Starting in 1978, he served a five-year term on the Virginia board that certifies librarians. More than 175 volumes of his personal journals are archived at the University of Virginia's Alderman Library. He did scouting work, and volunteer work for the Reagan presidential inaugurations. An amateur botanist and mountaineer, he spoke Spanish and read Latin, Greek, German and Russian. O'Keeffe belonged to Sigma Chi social fraternity.

Ed A. Hiestand Jr. '53, of Weston, Conn., died on Jan. 9. He worked in advertising and then became a writer for television, including "The Tonight Show." He then returned to advertising, retiring from J. Walter Thompson in New York City. Hiestand belonged to Kappa Sigma social fraternity.

David Warren Cummings '54, of Queenstown, Md., died March 30, 2006.

Stephen H. Snow '54, of Newtown Square, Pa., died on Nov. 17, 2006. He served in the Army. He was a printer, owner and operator of the Media Printing Center. Prior to branching out on his own, he was employed by the Globe Ticket Co., where his father also worked for many years. An avid Eagles fan, he was a season-ticket holder who missed only one home game out of 388. He enjoyed sailing and spent summers on Cape Cod from the early 1940s. Snow belonged to Phi Kappa Sigma social fraternity.

Richard Ernest Johnson '55, of Vero Beach, Fla., died on Oct. 28, 2006. He served in the Army. In 1960, he became a medical service representative for J.B. Roerig and Co., a pharmaceutical division of Charles Pfizer & Co. Inc. He later became a high school biology teacher. Johnson belonged to Beta Theta Pi social fraternity.

Raymond D. Ross III '56, of Montgomery, Ala., died on Nov. 20, 2006. He belonged to Delta Tau Delta social fraternity.

Dale F. Cuy '57, of Kansas City, Mo., died on Jan. 17. He worked for Bank of Southwest as a management trainee and then for Bank of Hawaii as a credit analyst. Later, he moved into petroleum and petrochemical marketing as a vice president of Tauber Oil Co. and then as a senior vice president for Hydrocarbon Trading & Transport Co. Inc. He was active in the Antique & Classic Boat Society, restoring several antique Chris Crafts during his lifetime. Ross belonged to Sigma Chi social fraternity.

John C. Binford '58, of Waynesville, N.C., died on Dec. 12, 2006. He lived from 1965 to 1997 in Albuquerque, N.M., where he worked as a commercial real estate developer and a stockbroker. He wrote short stories and poetry and published work through the New Mexico Poetry Society. He loved outdoor recreation and mountains, from the red peaks of New Mexico to the green Appalachian ranges of North Carolina. He was a member of the Waynesville Historic Preservation Commission. Binford belonged to Beta Theta Pi social fraternity.

William H. Thesmar '60, of Memphis, Tenn., died on Dec. 4, 2006. He graduated from Memphis State University. He belonged to Kappa Sigma social fraternity.

Jon Worth Burger '61, of La Luz, N.M., died Sept. 14, 2005. He belonged to Beta Theta Pi social fraternity.

Frank A. D'Lauro Jr. '62, of Worcester, Pa., died on Feb. 10. He earned a master's of architecture from the University of Pennsylvania in 1965. He served as a captain in the Army during the Vietnam War and received the Bronze Star, Oak Leaf Cluster and Soldier's Medal for Heroism. In 1968, he joined and eventually headed his father's commercial building firm, headquartered in Philadelphia. He was a Big Brother, and a member of the board, vice president and president of the Big Brother/Big Sister Association of Philadelphia for 32 years. He was chairman

of the Montgomery County Housing Authority for 15 years. He was a member and chairman of the Worcester Planning Commission and was particularly interested in saving open space and preserving the rural character of the township. A descendant of Captain James Armitage, of Philadelphia, he was a member of the Pennsylvania Society of the Sons of the Revolution. D'Lauro belonged to Sigma Nu social fraternity.

Edward Hardin '62, of New York, died on Jan. 20. He was a photographer and once owned a pizza shop. He belonged to Pi Kappa Phi social fraternity.

Alan D. Caldwell '63L, of Douglas, Nev., died on June 19, 2005.

John William Griffis Jr. '63, of Winston-Salem, N.C., died on Aug. 18, 2004. He served in the Army Security Agency in Frankfurt, Germany, from 1961 to 1962. He received his B.A. and J.D. from Wake Forest University and his L.L.M. from New York University. He practiced law in North Carolina and practiced corporate and commercial law in New York City, London and Saudi Arabia. He was a member of the University Club in New York and a life member of the Circumnavigators Club, meaning he had circumnavigated the earth. He opened a law office in downtown Winston-Salem in 2001. His favorite pastimes were the arts, golf and bridge.

Donald Eldredge Jackson III '63, of Wayzata, Minn., died on Jan. 4. He spent two years in the Army in Panama, in a combat engineer unit that ran a jungle warfare school. He began his banking career at Northwestern National Bank of Minneapolis in 1971 and retired from Wells Fargo in 1999. His primary interests were his children's athletic and business endeavors. He was also an avid golfer. Jackson belonged to Sigma Alpha Epsilon social fraternity.

Kim P. Ladewig '66, '69L, of Charleston, W. Va., died on Dec. 24, 2006. He graduated from Harvard Law School. He practiced with the Jeter Law Firm in Malden, W.Va.

James Benjamin Bladen '67, of Carlsbad, Calif., died on July 19, 2006. He was a computer software developer and consultant for 25 years. He served in the Air Force for 10 years as a C-130 pilot. He received a B.S. in electrical engineering and computer science from George Washington University, and an M.S. in computer science from the University of Virginia. He was a model train collector and member of the San Diego Garden Railway Society. Bladen belonged to Sigma Chi social fraternity.

Harold K. St. Clair '73L, of Clifton Forge, Va., died on Feb. 12. He graduated from VMI in 1963 and served as an officer in the Air Force from 1965 to 1970. He worked as an associate in Shad Solomon's office in Bath County from 1973 to 1976 and had a private law practice from 1976 until his death. He was Commonwealth's attorney for Alleghany County from 1976 to 1983 and county attorney from 1976 to 1987. He was a substitute judge for the 25th Judicial District from 1986 until his death. He also served on the District Ethics Committee from 1977 to 1987. He was a member of the Alleghany and Lexington Bar Associations, Virginia State Bar, Virginia Trial Lawyers Association and the Alleghany Chapter of the American Red Cross, among other civic and community organizations.

John J. Aprea '74, of Mountain Lakes, N.J., died on Nov. 25, 2006. He was the director of marketing and international export for Union Carbides Films Packaging Division. In 1986, he formed three corporate entities and became a worldwide leader in the distribution and marketing of plastic packaging materials. In the mid-1980s, he and his late brother, Robert, developed the Brookhaven Health Care Center in East Orange, N.J. He developed and built the Rose Garden Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Dover Township in 2005. He moved to Mountain Lakes in 1994 and maintained an oceanfront home in Point Pleasant, N.J., where he enjoyed spending time with family and friends.

W. Kirkland Ruffin '77, of Norfolk, Va., died on Jan. 10. He received his medical degree

from the University of Virginia in 1981 and completed his general surgery internship at Harvard's Massachusetts General Hospital. Ruffin served in the Navy Active Duty Reserves, achieving the rank of commander. He was stationed at the U.S. Naval Hospital in Millington, Tenn., where he served as the chief of surgery for four years. He received the Navy Commendation Medal and the Navy Achievement Medal. Upon completion of his naval service, he returned to Boston and the Massachusetts General Hospital for a surgical oncology fellowship. He then joined the staff of Mass General in the department of surgical oncology, specializing in breast cancer and melanoma. In 1992, he returned home to Norfolk to join the Norfolk Surgical Group. In 2004, he completed a second residency in sur-

gical pathology at Eastern Virginia Medical School. He joined the department of anatomy and pathology at EVMS and worked there until his death. He was active in many medical societies, including the American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons and the American Society of Bariatric Surgeons. He published medical papers, articles and book chapters. He served on the board of the Norfolk Forum and was vice president of the board of Lee's Friends, a support organization for cancer patients and their families. Ruffin belonged to Chi Psi social fraternity.

Peter Fisher Jr. '78, of Raleigh, N.C., died on Nov. 22, 2006. He served as a patrol officer with the Stamford Police Department for 22 years and retired in 2001.

Other Deaths

Reuben E. Alley Jr., an associate professor of physics at W&L from 1955 to 1957, died on March 9. He was 88. A native of Petersburg, Va., he graduated from the University of Richmond and obtained his Ph.D. in physics from Princeton. After serving in World War II, he taught here and at UR, and did research at Bell Laboratories and Texas Instruments. He taught at the U.S. Naval Academy from 1964 until his retirement in 1992 as professor of electrical engineering emeritus.

Patricia (Patty) Owens, a W&L employee since 1989, died on March 25. She started in dining services and then was promoted to a supervisor in Evans Dining Hall. She transferred to the Snack

Bar Express in 1998 and in 2002 to the athletic department, where she worked as a custodian.

Elizabeth Tayloe Lancaster Washburn, the widow of the late William C. Washburn, beloved alumni director and associate director of development at W&L until his 1988 retirement, and mother of William Washburn '66 and Marshall Washburn '73, died on April 6. She was 87. A Blacksburg, Va., native, she was the daughter of the late Dabney S. Lancaster, the educator for whom Dabney S. Lancaster Community College is named, and Mary C. Lancaster. Memorial contributions may be made to W&L or to Westminster Canterbury Foundation, 1600 Westbrook Ave., Richmond, VA 23227.

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The Mystical Arts of Tibet

graced W&L for several days in March, with a photo exhibition in Lenfest Hall and the three-day creation and destruction of a sand painting—a mandala—in Wilson Hall.

After the opening ceremony (photos 1 and 2), the Tibetan Buddhist monks, from Drepung Loseling Monastery, in India, drew an outline of the mandala on a wooden platform (3). Each monk held a metal funnel, a chak-pur, in one hand while running a metal rod on its grated surface (4). The resulting vibration caused the colored sands (5) to flow like liquid.

Mandalas (6) have outer, inner and secret meanings: the world

in its divine form; a map by which an ordinary mind is transformed into an enlightened mind; and the balance of body and mind. Buddhists believe that the creation of a mandala effects purification and healing on these three levels, as well as the healing of living beings and the environment.

At the closing ceremony, the monks destroyed the mandala in a metaphor of the impermanence of life and swept up the sands into an urn (7 and 8). They gave half the sands to the audience and poured the rest in Woods Creek (9), so the waters could carry the healing blessing throughout the world.

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