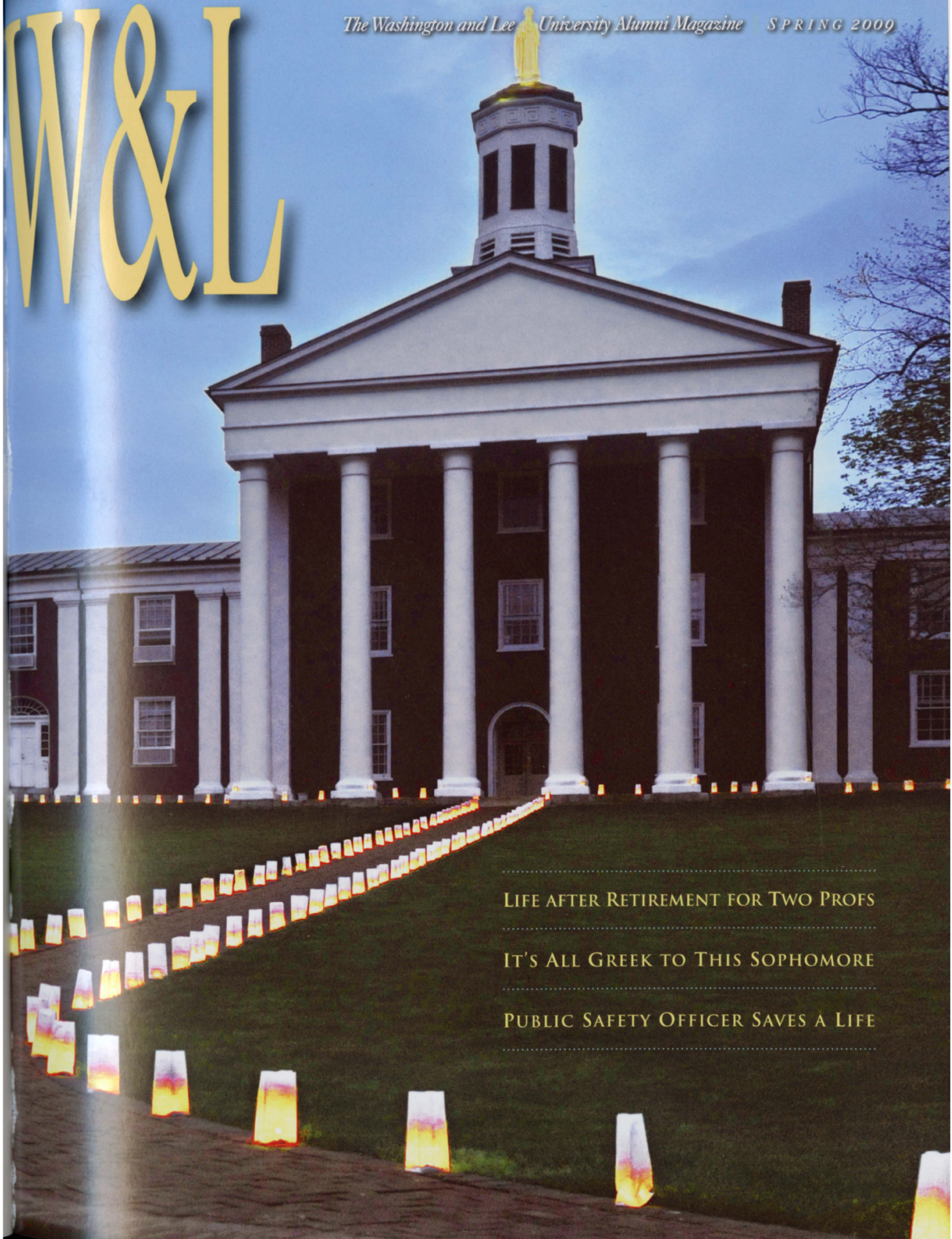


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Making a Pitch for Education

During Washington break, 19 students, all members of the W&L volunteer group English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL), traveled to the San Diego Padres' baseball academy in Najayo, Dominican Republic. No, they weren't trying out for the team; instead, they helped the Padres with a new educational program for their young players and taught at the small town's elementary schools.



All the W&L students are bilingual; five are native Spanish speakers. Three faculty members tagged along: Ellen Mayock, professor of Romance languages and faculty adviser to ESOL; Jeff Barnett, head of Latin American and Caribbean studies; and Jan Hathorn, W&L athletic director.



The suggestion for the project came from Sandy Alderson, CEO of the Padres, to his friend Mike Walsh, W&L's special assistant to the vice president of advancement. Walsh in turn suggested ESOL, which has 80 student volunteers who teach English and Spanish and provide translations in Lexington and Rockbridge County.



The Padres' academy draws potential players between the ages of 16 and 20 from the Dominican Republic and other Spanish-speaking nations. Said Mayock, "The Padres want to provide them with an education that will stand them in good stead when they return to their homes. The Padres already have teachers at the academy, but they are looking for instructors closer in age to the baseball players who can also tell them about American culture."



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by Wendy Lovell '90

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Charles Dickens' famous words from *A Tale of Two Cities* embody what many feel today: "It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness, it was the epoch of belief, it was the epoch of incredulity, it was the season of Light, it was the season of Darkness, it was the spring of hope, it was the

THE AGE OF WISDOM

winter of despair, we had everything before us, we had nothing before us, we were all going direct to heaven, we were all going direct the other way."

Fortunately, here at W&L, the age of wisdom is prevailing. Let me tell you why I think so.

On behalf of the Alumni Association, I have attended meetings of the Board of Trustees. I am struck by their commitment and dedication. For example, I observed a committee wrestle with a serious issue pertaining to student self-governance. The trustees care deeply about this. They made their concerns known, but did not impose the outcome. Instead, they asked probing questions of student leaders and administrators and underscored the importance of students rising to today's challenges by governing themselves.

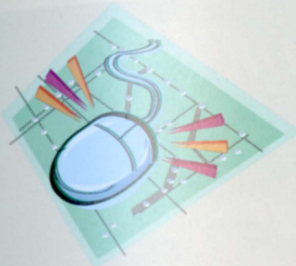
More recently, the trustees have been wrapped in discussions about the financial turmoil. As a result of savvy planning and sound

financial management, W&L is appreciably better situated than many others to face and resolve these challenges without compromising what is most important to us. The trustees and administration have engaged in careful forecasting, and they are informed about possible scenarios. The administration has demonstrated its wisdom by necessary and prudent belt-tightening. During a period of great financial strain in higher education, W&L remains on course in the steady hands of talented and dedicated leaders. As alumni, we should offer them our profound thanks and admiration.

As your association ends its first operating year under a new strategic plan, we remain vigilant and committed to our goals. We have had an awesome year in chapter development, in large part due to the inspired leadership of Tommy McBride '88 (Dallas), Valerie Pierson Gammage '89 (Greenwich, Conn.) and Tom Lovell '91 and Sue Woodruff in the Alumni Affairs Office.

Your association will benefit from a strong incoming president, David Proctor '81 (Birmingham, Ala.). David brings a passion for W&L, experience and insightful leadership. He and a talented board will lead us to even greater success.

The collective dedication of alumni to our alma mater remains a source of everlasting strength for the school that we love. It is very worthy of our support, and it has been my honor and privilege to serve as your president.



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✦ **A reader survey.** Please take a few minutes to tell us what you think about your alumni magazine. We are pondering a redesign and want your opinions.

Thumbs Up

What an enthralling series of stories about art collectors (Winter 2009, "The Collecting Call"). I loved them all and can identify with each one. I hadn't heard of it before but am now dying to see Jack Warner's museum. Coincidentally, my wife asked about destinations for summer trips, and I surprised her with an ebullient "Tuscaloosa." Thanks to W&L for continuing to teach me something decades later.

*James P. Laurie III '84
Raleigh, N.C.*

Thumbs Down

I recently received the Winter 2009 edition and was sadly disap-

pointed at the emphasis on art collectors. The values I received at W&L were centered on honesty, integrity and character. Affluent art collecting was not mentioned. How, in any way, does such an exposé promote the fundamental values of the University? While I am happy for the personal satisfaction these collectors have attained, the alumni magazine is not the appropriate forum. What would Robert E. Lee say?

*The Rev. Laurie A.
McAlpine '73
Georgetown, S.C.*

Walt Michaels '51

Your obituary for Gil Bocetti '52, '54L (Winter 2009) included an opinion as to his NFL potential

by Walt Michaels '51, whom you identified simply as a teammate. Michaels' qualifications to make such a judgment exceed the status of teammate, for he was a linebacker and defensive signal caller with the Cleveland Browns for several years. He concluded his NFL career as head coach of the New York Jets.

*Tom Dameswood '51, '53L
Charleston, W.Va.*

Correction:

In "The Collecting Call," we misspelled the name of Hollis Taggart '71, owner of Hollis Taggart Galleries in New York. We regret the error.



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It's All Greek to Samantha Copping '11

—BY JULIE CLINE—



TUTOR SAMANTHA COPPING AND HER YOUNG CHARGES HOLD COURT AT THE LEXINGTON COFFEE SHOP.

PHOTO BY PATRICK HINELY '73

Twice a week, sophomore Samantha Copping sits down with her students at the Lexington Coffee Shop for a tutoring session. It's an unremarkable scene until you consider the subject—ancient Greek—and the students' ages.

"Yes, I am, in fact, teaching grade-school boys ancient Greek, the language of Homer and Plato," said Copping, a classics major.

Copping began with second-grader Harry Richter, who had expressed an interest in learning ancient Greek. Then word got around about the lessons. Before she knew it, Copping had five students—all boys—ranging from second to fifth grades. And so the after-school enrichment program in ancient Greek began.

Why boys? Copping surmises that it's partly because the boys play computer games with Greek warriors, watch television shows with ancient Greek heroes and play with swords. For Harry, it was also a question of being bored in school. His mother suggested learning a language. He jumped at Greek, the language of his heroes.

When asked why he wanted to learn ancient Greek, third-grader Ben Hansen said he just thought it would be

fun. "I wanted to learn a foreign language, and I thought Greek would be rewarding because I could read lots of stories in the original Greek. And Poseidon—the Greek god of water—he's my favorite god."

Last semester, Copping started Harry off with the alphabet, putting letters together into words, recognizing words, learning grammar and reading ancient Greek (or Attic Greek, as it's called), which varies significantly from the Greek spoken today. "Harry got pretty far into the grammar last semester," said Copping, "and he was understanding concepts that I thought there was no way an eight-year-old could comprehend—concepts like case, number, gender."

Copping continued, "Now we're just starting with some of Harry's friends, still making sure they have a grasp of the alphabet." Once, her young students were thinking about a Greek word, trying to spell it in their minds, when Harry chimed in with a clue: "What dessert don't I like?" The answer, pie; the Greek letter they were searching for, pi.

"We spend the second half of the class doing a craft or activity—the crafts can come into play with the culture

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—BEN HANSEN

and mythology side of ancient Greek,” Copping said. “For example, when we were talking about Greek theater, we discussed the masks that had big mouth holes to amplify the sound. They wanted to make their own masks. So that was our activity for a few days.”

Copping tailors the program to the boys’ ages. “Being little kids, they have short attention spans,” she said, “so I’ll take them as far as I can with the grammar and words before they get to the point where it’s not fun anymore, and they want to move on to something else.”

“A teacher once told me, you never really know anything until you have to teach it,” said Kevin Crotty, professor of classics and Copping’s adviser. “That was my own experience with the ancient Greek grammar, I know. And so I was very happy that the students in Greek and Latin are getting the opportunity to teach to others what they are learning in their classes here at Washington and Lee.”

“I have been very pleasantly surprised by the avid response from our students when I, sometimes a bit sheepishly, ask if anyone is interested in doing a spot of tutoring,” continued Crotty. “Moreover, it’s wonderful to have such a vote of confidence in classical studies from the children of Lexington. I think these kids are very lucky to get an intro-

duction to a fascinating subject at an early age from really bright college students. I’m awfully proud of our students.”

This is not the first time that W&L’s Classics Department has been asked for its help in tutoring. Middle-schooler Jake Keen, son of Suzanne Keen, Thomas H. Broadus Professor of English, started being tutored in fourth grade. Now he is studying ancient Greek with Katie Kern ’09 and is taking Latin in school.

Jake developed his interest after studying Greek myths and culture in elementary school. Seeing antiquities in the British Museum and the Louvre and having his dad read him *The Odyssey* (in English) inspired him to learn ancient Greek. Kern is his third W&L tutor.

Copping’s interest in Latin began in middle school. When interviewing with the admissions office, she told them of her interest in Latin, mythology and ancient stories, and they recognized “a perfect classics major.”

Tutoring kids helps Copping with her love of Greek. “In the middle of the night, translating a passage for class can get discouraging, but when you see little kids love it so much, that reawakens that love,” said Copping. “Those memories of what it was like in middle school to be captivated by something—that’s something I don’t ever want to lose.”

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EDITOR’S NOTE

Heart and Coal

COVER

BILLY EDD WHEELER—“Coon Creek Girls and Billy Edd” (*Rosie Foley and Lily May Pennington; from a photograph by Warren Brunner*) oil, 16” x 20”. 2002

In the six months since Jamie Brown joined the W&L Public Safety Office last September, he'd never spent a longer—or more critical—seven minutes.

As one member of the four-person security detail on duty in the early hours of Thursday morning, March 12, Brown had been conducting his rounds as usual. He'd just checked the Pi Kappa Phi house on E. Washington St. and was across the parking lot at Kappa Sigma when he got the call: a fire at Pi Phi.

It was 4:17 a.m.

Brown sprinted across the parking lot, where he saw the flames crawling up the front of the three-story brick-and-frame house.

Trained as a member of Lexington's Volunteer Fire Department, Brown immediately entered the building to check the house director's apartment on the ground floor. He found the apartment empty and discovered that the house director, Geneva Davenport, had already managed to leave.

Back in front of the burning house, Brown saw the fraternity members pointing to the third floor and shouting that they thought someone was still in the building.

It was now 4:19 a.m.

"By then, it was all adrenaline," said Brown, a Rockbridge High School graduate who had spent the past four years working as an officer at the Rockbridge County Jail.

Just as he was figuring his next move, Brown saw Sgt. Scott Bedell, of the Rockbridge County Sheriff's Department, getting out of his patrol car and heading up the hill toward the scene.

"There must have been an angel," Brown said. "I had worked as a sheriff's reserve deputy and knew Sgt. Bedell. He was coming toward the building and hearing what I was hearing about



Public Safety Officer Prevents Tragedy During Pi Kappa Phi Fire

—BY JEFF HANNA—

someone still on the third floor. We made eye contact, and I said, 'Come on, I know the way in.'"

So Brown and Bedell headed back into the building by the side entrance, past the front door where the fire was now centered, and up the stairs. Since Brown knew the layout of the house, he led the way, pausing at a coat rack to grab T-shirts for himself and Bedell and finding a water cooler to douse the shirts with water and put them over their mouths.

"I'd gone into burning buildings before," Brown said, "but I'd always gone in with the proper gear. This was just what we could find, and it had to do."

Once they got to the third floor and found a student still sleeping on a couch, Bedell led the student toward safety while Brown swept the remaining rooms.

"I think there were two more rooms on the floor, and I went through and patted the beds to

make sure no one was there," Brown said.

Bedell, meantime, had gotten the student to the first floor and narrowly prevented him from exiting into the flames.

"The student was just about to go out that front door, which would have brought a burst of oxygen into the building and caused a huge explosion," said Brown. "He really saved him twice."



FIRE CAUSED EXTENSIVE DAMAGE TO PI KAPPA PHI, BUT, THANKFULLY, NO ONE WAS HURT.

By the time Brown made it back out, the first fire trucks were on the scene.

It was 4:24 a.m. Seven minutes had passed—the longest seven minutes Brown could ever remember.

“It felt like an eternity,” said Brown, the father of two boys, ages three and 17 months.

Several days later, Bedell wrote a two-page letter of commendation on Brown’s behalf, saying that his actions represented “a superior level of selflessness and dedication to duty.”

Bedell wrote that many people deserved credit for averting a tragedy—from the students passing by who called 911, to the house director, to the fraternity members and to all the emergency responders.

However, Bedell added, “in performing his role, Officer Brown did so without the aid of expensive equipment, bright lights, elaborate gear, strong backup support and most importantly before the outcome was certain. I hope the Washington and Lee community will recognize Officer Brown for his actions for keeping his promise to safeguard the students and the campus community.”

In addition to Brown, the other W&L officers on the night shift were Sgt. Tony Stinnett and Officers Brian Watts

and Kevin Booze. Denise Neuhs was the dispatcher.

“They all deserve credit, as does everyone who responded,” said Brown. “Everyone played a critical role.”

Mike Young, director of public safety at W&L, said that while the list of people who provided invaluable support was long given the circumstances, he believes the actions of Brown and Bedell are as heroic as he could imagine.

“When I talked with Jamie about his actions, he simply said that he was doing his job,” said Young. “But that hardly begins to give proper credit to what happened that morning.”

President Ken Ruscio ’76, who was on the scene of the fire and learned of Brown’s role, said that Brown exemplified the best qualities of the University’s employees. “It has always been the case that the University’s staff has the highest standards of professionalism and is invested in the lives of our students. What Jamie did at the Pi Phi house is the clearest example of those qualities that I can imagine,” Ruscio said.

Members of the Pi Phi house spent the remainder of the winter and spring terms living in the Kappa Sigma house. All indications are that the Pi Phi building will be ready for occupancy by the beginning of the fall 2009 term.

NEWS TO GO—BOB SCHIEFFER VISITS W&L



BOB SCHIEFFER (RIGHT), CHIEF WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT OF CBS NEWS AND ANCHOR AND MODERATOR OF “FACE THE NATION,” VISITED W&L DURING WINTER TERM AT THE BEHEST OF HIS FRIEND TOM MATTESKY ’74 (LEFT), FORMER DEPUTY WASHINGTON BUREAU CHIEF FOR CBS NEWS AND DONALD W. REYNOLDS DISTINGUISHED VISITING PROFESSOR OF JOURNALISM AT W&L. ACCOMPANYING SCHIEFFER WAS HIS ASSISTANT, KAYLEE HARTUNG ’07 (CENTER).

PHOTOS BY PATRICK HINELY ’73

Family Adventures with W&L

Through the Alumni College and the W&L Traveller, W&L offers family vacations that allow alumni, parents and friends to take their children and grandchildren on educational adventures, both on campus and abroad. Last December and January, the W&L Traveller offered two family adventures, one to Quebec City, Canada, for a four-day holiday at the Château Frontenac Hotel, and one to Kenya, for a nine-day African safari. For the latter trip, Beverly Lorig, director of Career Services at W&L, served as host, along with her husband, Tyler Lorig, the Ruth Parmly Professor and chair of the neuroscience program. Here she describes a visit to a Maasai village in Kenya.



A HARDY GROUP OF W&L TRAVELERS SPENT NEW YEAR'S DAY IN KENYA, AFRICA.

Today we made a special visit to one of the Maasai villages, where we mingled, talked with Maasai, visited their huts and purchased their crafts.

Our visit began with young warriors performing a ritual of dance and song. All of us, children and adults alike, were silent and in awe at the colors and sparkle of the clothing; the stark leanness of the young bodies; the silent movement of their feet in unison. I saw each young man carefully draped in fire truck-red cloth tamed by a simple plaid of umber running through the entire length of robe. His attire had all the elegance of Coco Chanel accented with the sparkle of jewelry by Tiffany & Co. But this was not "Project Runway." This was the regal, confident, gentle and eternal look of the Maasai. The Elk Dance was followed by greetings by Simon, our host, and the entrance of the beautiful and glorious women of the village. The men suddenly seemed to us quite plain as these brilliantly wrapped, draped and jeweled women chanted in a high-pitched rhythm. I could hear the pitch. I could hear the sounds. I could see the limber movement of their necks. But I could

not come close to imitating any of this.

The females in our group were invited to join the "conga" line and move with the Maasai women. I made comfortable eye contact with one young woman. Clearly she was listening to my voice and my attempts to replicate the Maasai voice. She brought another young woman to watch and listen. She repeated the line of chanting. I attempted again to repeat the line after her. They both laughed, with sparkling eyes. We repeated this several times. They laughed just as I do when watching "America's Funniest Home Videos." Our group of travelers must have seemed the same to the Maasai. Nutty people such as we are always worth a good laugh!



This summer on campus, the Alumni College will offer a Family Adventure with Science from July 30-Aug. 2. The program, which runs Thursday evening to Sunday morning, will encourage families to explore the wonders of science in the laboratories and natural environs of W&L. Directed by W&L chemistry professor Matt Tuchler, the program

PAGE AND THOMAS DUDLEY, OFFSPRING OF BEAU DUDLEY '74, '79L, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF ALUMNI AFFAIRS, ENJOYED THEIR W&L TRAVELLER ADVENTURE IN ALASKA.



will include talks, demonstrations and field trips led by faculty from biology, biochemistry, geology, psychology and computer science. The kid-friendly residential program is designed for children ages 7-15 and their parents and grandparents.

For a description of this and all programs we offer, please see alumni.college.wlu.edu or contact the Office of Special Programs at (540) 458-8723 or spclprog@wlu.edu.

Creditworthy

Washington and Lee journalism students earned seven awards—with an unprecedented three first-place winners—in the Society of Professional Journalists (SPJ) Region II annual collegiate journalism competition. Winners of the Mark of Excellence Awards were **"The Rockbridge Report,"** the converged news Web site of the Department of Journalism and Mass Communications; **Jacob Geiger '09**, for his editorials in the independent, student-run *Ring-tum Phi*; and **Alex Scaggs '09**, for her feature profile of a former POW published in *Take Two!*, the department's single-issue magazine for 2008. Geiger is a senior print journalism major. Scaggs is a business journalism major. W&L also earned three second-place and one third-place awards.

It was the third win in the last four years in Region II for "The Rockbridge Report," a weekly Web site through which W&L's journalism classes cover local news. It won in the category of Best All-Around Independent Online Student Publication. "Independent online" means it is not the Web site of a campus paper. "The Rockbridge Report" has also been a national runner-up in two of the last three years.

The 2008 Region II runners-up from W&L are the student magazine **inGeneral**, in the Best Student Magazine category; Election Day '08 coverage in "The Rockbridge Report"

in the Online News Reporting category; and "Funding the Silver Tsunami," a "Rockbridge Report" project on the local costs of retirement for baby boomers, in the Online In-Depth Reporting category.

Students who produced the multimedia "Silver Tsunami" project for last spring's In-Depth Reporting journalism capstone course were **Melissa Caron '09**, **Megann Daw '08**, **Kat Greene '08** and **Drew Scarantino '09**. The third-place award went to *Take Two!*, which showcases the work of students in the spring term 2008 Magazine Feature Writing class.

Christa Bowden, assistant professor of art, has received a 2009-2010 Fellowship from the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts (VMFA). She will use the \$8,000 to continue working on her current body of work, "Still Flight," during her pre-tenure leave this fall. "Still Flight" combines flatbed scans of winged organisms with 19th-century photographic processes, such as platinum/palladium.

Katherine Crowley, assistant professor of mathematics, will be a American Mathematical Society Congressional Fellow for 2009-2010. She will join 29 other congressional fellows representing the other scientific societies on Capitol Hill for the next academic year. The fellow-

ship is designed to demonstrate the value of science-government interaction, and to bring a technical background and external perspective to the decision-making process in Congress. Crowley will spend a year working on the staff of a member of congress or on a congressional committee. Her precise assignment will be decided in September when she will attend a week of placement interviews. "I'll be looking to bring back some opportunities for W&L students, although I don't know what those will be yet," said Crowley. "Maybe it will be in the classroom, giving them a better understanding of how math can be used in public policy decision-making. Maybe it will be some type of internship. I'll be keeping my eyes open."

Professor Emeritus **Cleve Hickman** received the 2009 Thomas Jefferson Medal for Outstanding Contributions to Natural Science from the Virginia Museum of Natural History. The Martinsville, Va., museum gives the medal to a Virginia educator who has made significant contributions to natural history, environmental science or science education.

The late **Ronald MacDonald**, former professor of journalism at W&L, was inducted into the Virginia Communications Hall of Fame on April 2.

PHI BETA KAPPA INDUCTS NEW MEMBERS; RENAMES AWARD FOR RETIRED PROFESSOR

On March 12, the W&L chapter of Phi Beta Kappa inducted 47 members of the classes of 2008, 2009 and 2010 into the academic honor society. The chapter also made H.F. "Gerry" Lenfest '53, '55L an alumnus member and his wife, Marguerite, an honorary member. The memberships recognize the Lenfests' outstanding contributions to the worlds of business, education and the arts.

The chapter also announced the renaming of its Sophomore Award, which goes to the student who has achieved the highest academic average during his or her first four terms at W&L. It is now called the Phi Beta Kappa J. Brown Goehring Sophomore Award, in honor of the retired professor of chemistry who, during his 38-year career at W&L, spent 22 years as secretary/treasurer of the Phi Beta Kappa chapter. Goehring was in the audience for the surprise announcement.

"He truly exemplifies Phi Beta Kappa at Washington and Lee," said chapter president Marcia France, professor of chemistry. "He is responsible for the high level of organization at which our chapter continues to function. Professor Goehring was, and remains to this day, the institutional memory of Phi Beta Kappa at W&L."

The winner of the Goehring Award was Frank Andrew Tessier Jr. '11, of New Orleans, La.

Also announced were the winners of the Edward Lee Pinney Prize. The W&L Student Affairs Committee gives it to an undergraduate or undergraduates who demonstrate extraordinary commitment both to personal scholarship and to the nurturing of intellectual life at Washington and Lee. Emily T. Mathews '11 and Wesley B. O'Dell '09 are the 2009 recipients.

Following the introduction of the honorees, the audience heard from Steven W. Squyres, the Goldwin Smith Professor of Astronomy at Cornell University and the principal investigator of NASA's Mars Exploration Rover Project.



BROWN GOEHRING (LEFT), RETIRED PROFESSOR OF CHEMISTRY, AND SPEAKER STEPHEN SQUYRES (RIGHT) AT THE PHI BETA KAPPA CONVOCATION ON MARCH 12. THE CHAPTER RENAMED THE SOPHOMORE AWARD AFTER BROWN.

PHOTO BY PATRICK HINELLY '73

The inductees:

Seniors: Aaron P. Albert, Sarah L. Atkinson, Erik N. Ball, Olivia Claire Barrett, Katherine M. Bastian, Jessica N. Bergquist, Rebecca R. Bratu, Melissa R. Caron, Hilary L. Craig, Melissa L. Dolan, Scott C. Ennis, Robert L. Frasco, Briana C. Gapsis, Leann A. Gerlach, Phillip S. Golladay, Elissa N. Hanson, Anthony L. Ives, Lisa P. Luu, Jennifer V. Lysenko, Christopher L. Martin Jr., Kaitlin M. Simpson, Andrew M. Sims, Aaron L. Toomey, Alexandra E. Utsey, Anne M. Van Devender and Emily K. Wallace.

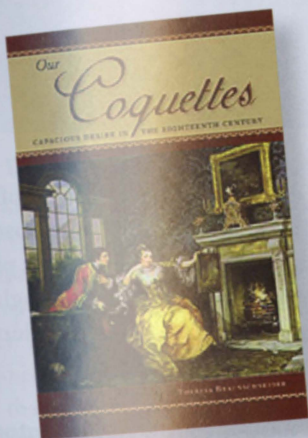
Juniors: Hiba M. Assi, Natalie I. Bunnell, Whitney R. Burns, William J. Cooper, Josiah W. Davis, James C. Dick, Neville L. Fogarty, Stephanie A. Marks, Joseph P. McDonald, Christin E. Quinn, Holly L. Ratliff, Rachel M. Skains, Dorothy R. Todd, Sarah J. Trimble, Darinka Truebutschek, Bena Tshishiku, John R. Weems and John T. Wren.

From the Class of 2008: Jessica C. Cobb, Logan Gibson and Audrey M. Horn.

Faculty Books

Theresa Braunschneider, associate professor of English, has won the Walker Cowen Memorial Prize for an outstanding work of scholarship in 18th-century studies, for her new book, *Our Coquettes: Capacious Desire in the Eighteenth Century* (University of Virginia Press). The publisher says the work “examines the ubiquity of the coquette in the 18th century to show how this figure enables authors to comment upon a series of significant social and economic developments—including the growth of consumer culture, widespread new wealth, increased travel and global trade and changes in the perception and practice of marriage.”

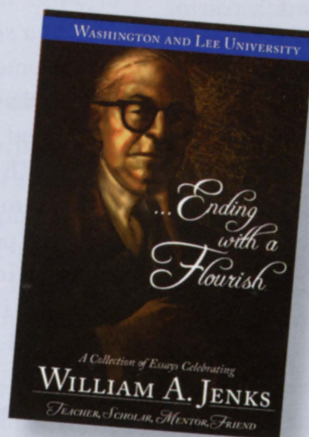
Braunschneider also has received a fellowship from the American Council of Learned Society (ACLS) that she will use for a sabbatical year during 2009-10 to complete her next book, *After Dark: Modern Nighttime in 18th Century Literature*.



Her new book will look at how the radical changes in the use of nighttime in the 18th century were linked to notions of modernity. She explains that in the early 18th century, writers used the new phenomenon of public nocturnal assembly in London to define the age as modern. “People were going out at night—to pleasure gardens, balls, assemblies, theater and opera,” she said. “This reflected a broader 18th-century enlightenment notion that people could be independent from natural cycles. New lighting technologies meant going to bed at four in the morning and getting up in the afternoon. It was a real shift

in people’s schedules. And the period’s writers often measure their modernity—their sense of difference from and advancement beyond earlier periods—by this shift.” She will emphasize the dynamic relationship between conceptions of gender, modernity and nighttime.

If you didn’t pick up this celebration of a favorite history professor, *Ending With a Flourish: A Collection of Essays Celebrating William A. Jenks* (Mariner Publishing), when it was published last year, the University store still has copies for sale. See the ad on p. 27.



Johnson Opportunity Grants

The Johnson Program in Leadership and Integrity has announced the eight inaugural recipients of the Johnson Opportunity Grants. The grants are funded by a gift to W&L that also created scholarships, a lecture and symposia series focusing on leadership and two endowed professorships.

The grant will support students in a variety of off-campus summer projects that will help them in their chosen careers and fields of study.

Hiba Assi '10, a double major in physics and mathematics, will be conducting research on fluid dynamics in a lab at the American University in Lebanon.

Cristina Bratu '11, an economics major, wants to work with a U.N. development program in Romania.

James Dick '10, an economics major, is active in the Shepherd Poverty Program, and will be working in Peru with a microfinance project that helps people in that community take advantage of small business opportunities.

Felice Herman '11, an anthropology major, will spend the summer doing field work in Gabii, Italy, the site of an ancient Latin city that was once a rival to Rome.

Catherine Kruse '11, a double major in English and psychology and a minor in Women’s and Gender Studies, has an internship with the National Women’s Law Center in Washington.

Kendall Massengill '10, a biochemistry major, is seeking an internship in health and social justice.

Holly Ratliff '10, a double major in religion and classics, is planning to work in Washington for an organization that studies the legal and public policy issues involving relations between church and state.

Lauren Sturdy '11, majoring in art history and chemistry, will have an internship with the Museum Conservation Institute in Maryland and work on textile conservation.

Neil Cunningham: An Unwavering Passion

BY BRIAN LAUBSCHER



PHOTOS BY KEVIN REMINGTON

Neil Cunningham, assistant director of athletics and head women's soccer coach, sat down with Brian Laubscher, sports information director, to talk about football (a.k.a. soccer), country music and Lexington's lack of a pub.

Neil Cunningham has coached women's soccer at W&L since 2001. Over the past nine seasons, he has guided the Generals to a 116-25-16 (.789) overall record, a pair of Old Dominion Athletic Conference titles and four NCAA Tournament berths. His 2006 squad set new program standards, 19-1-3 overall. The Generals advanced to the NCAA Elite Eight and were ranked 10th in the final National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA) Division III Poll. W&L also led all of collegiate women's soccer with a miniscule 0.127 goals-against average. Following the season, Cunningham was named ODAC Coach of the Year and NSCAA Division III South Region Coach of the Year for the second time in his career.

Prior to W&L, Cunningham served as the men's and women's soccer coach at Savannah College of Art & Design (SCAD). His 178 career victories and .743 winning percentage both rank in the Top 30 among active Division III coaches.

A native of Manchester, England, and a graduate of the West London Institute of Higher Education, with a bachelor's degree in physical education, Cunningham taught physical education at the St. James School in Bolton, England, from 1992-1994. He also earned an M.S. in sport leadership from Virginia Commonwealth University in 2003.

Your road to becoming a coach and administrator at W&L was a little different than most. Can you take us through the progression of how you ended up here?

As a sophomore at the West London Institute, I signed up to come to New York and coach camps over the summer. The camps were 8-10 weeks and took place on Long Island. I returned for three summers. After graduation, I taught high school P.E. and would return to the United States in the summer to do the camps for a month. In 1994, I was offered a full-time position. The next year, SCAD was looking for their first full-time head women's soccer coach and assistant tennis coach. In 1996, I also took over the men's soccer program and continued to run both programs for the next five years.

What interested you about W&L and prompted you to pursue the coaching position?

I brought my men's team from SCAD here and played against W&L in 1998. We had a little time to walk around

campus. SCAD enjoys an urban campus very different from W&L. When I walked on W&L's campus, it took my breath away. Being British, I loved the sense of history and the architecture on campus. I also felt the W&L program could reach the next level. The opportunity to teach in addition to coaching was a big draw for me. To have an opportunity to interact with students other than your team was very appealing.

Can you talk a little bit about your passion for P.E. and for teaching?

I trained to be a teacher, and it was what I always wanted to do professionally. My excitement and passion for teaching, and the school's commitment to the physical education requirement, are a great fit. I teach a theory class on coaching philosophy, and it's nice to explore something other than soccer with students I wouldn't normally work with on a daily basis. If I ever gave up coaching, I would absolutely go back to teaching, without hesitation. It is a noble profession. When asked to be the director of P.E., I didn't think twice. It is an important part of the educational experience at W&L and something that I take seriously, as do my colleagues.

What are the differences, if any, between American soccer and soccer (football) played internationally?

Well, besides the ridiculous name—soccer—I think the culture is drastically different. As much as the U.S. has tried, it is very difficult for soccer to find an identity. It is hard to compare when soccer is the No. 1 sport and No. 1 priority in Europe, but in the U.S. it probably ranks fifth in the pecking order. As a kid in England, the first thing that you learn how to do is kick a soccer ball. It is the national sport in England, and that is something that is never going to happen here. In addition, I am still confused at the use of artificial grass to play soccer and the lack of true passion in the eyes of the supporters. If you have ever attended a football game in England, you will know what I am talking about.

How about the cultural differences in everyday life?

I have always been made to feel welcome wherever I have traveled in the U.S. I think you would find the same in England as well. People there will tend to put you at ease and ask you to talk all the time like you are a novelty act, but there is a genuine sense of togetherness. Do I miss England? Yes. I miss my family there, but I don't miss living there. However, I must confess that the music is far better in England; not sure what all that country music is all about but thankfully it never crossed the pond. Also, like any true Englishman, I like a nice pint of beer and often wonder, what is the point of drinking light beer? I do miss people's sense of humor, especially at times of adversity. You only



have to ask any player who has played for me to appreciate that my sense of humor is a little different.

Tell us a little about your coaching philosophy.

I am a huge believer in the Division III philosophy. The mission for the Athletics Department goes hand in hand with the school's overall mission and goals. I definitely believe students should enjoy the experience of playing collegiate athletics and understand what it takes to be a student-athlete at a university like this. They should understand the values of working hard and committing to something. I expect my players to have respect and passion for the sport they are playing. I have an unwavering passion for the sport of soccer. I can't talk about it enough, can't play it enough and can't watch it enough, and you hope that some of that passion transfers to the players. I also believe that the lessons they learn on the field will carry them through anything in life, either professionally or personally. I am extremely proud of the student-athletes who have gone through the program, and I am constantly amazed at the remarkable things that they have achieved. At the same time, it's rather scary that

those fresh-faced know-nothings can turn out to be our next generation of doctors, lawyers and teachers.

You have experienced great success in your time at W&L. Can you talk a little bit about how it has been possible?

We were successful a lot faster than I thought we would be when I took over. We won the ODAC in my second and third years. The program had never accomplished that before and had to come to terms with receiving national recognition and all the strain that goes with renewed expectations. I think we recruited some good student-athletes and developed a winning mentality. Once the players got a taste of success, they realized that it was because they worked hard, and they challenged themselves to keep it going. We haven't taken anything for granted, and we've had to work hard every year. I always say that the strength of our program is the student-athletes. They commit to something for four years, and some of our best seasons were with classes that had the right balance of talent, leadership and that winning mentality. The thing I am most proud of, however, are the efforts of the alumnae to stay connected to the program. It's a wonderful feeling as a coach to have past players stay in touch and share their new lives with you—new job, promotion, introducing the fiancé to me (probably more daunting than introducing him to his future father-in-law). It tells me that they remember their time at the institution and in the program fondly, and that's just special.

You recently added assistant athletic director to your list of responsibilities. Can you touch on that transition?

I think that for me personally, coaching is a fulfilling experience, but the off-season leaves a little bit of a gap for me. I wanted something to keep me sharp and focused, and I have really enjoyed serving a more broad community at W&L. It's been rewarding to serve on committees and to see how and why decisions are made. It has been good to look at things from not only a coaching perspective. The last couple of years have helped me see the bigger picture and how women's soccer fits into that picture.

Your wife, Susan Cunningham, works in the development office at W&L as director of major gifts. Can you talk about what the University and Lexington communities have meant to your family?

W&L is a great place to work, and the town of Lexington is a wonderful place to raise a family. We are blessed to have so many good friends in the community and have been very fortunate to have these opportunities, both for us and our children. My son, Daniel, is 5 and knows all the soccer players and their jersey numbers, and my daughter, Anna, who is 3, has no earthly idea yet how lucky she is to be surrounded by such great role models. We follow all the teams, attend dance recitals, musicals and absolutely anything else we can take advantage of. You are a fool not to. Now if someone can just open an Indian restaurant in town and a pub that shows English Premier League soccer games, I will sign a lifetime contract.



Portrait of an Artist

BY LOUISE UFFELMAN

Jane Du '09L had her first art exhibition in the faculty lounge at Lewis Hall. See more of her work at oilwaterandcoal.com.



PHOTO BY KEVIN REMINGTON

Jane Du '09L is a relative newcomer to the world of art. Some might find it surprising that a new graduate of the W&L School of Law would mount her first art show during her third year of law studies, but she doesn't find it all that surprising. "I always had a creative streak as a child," she said. "I was always taking bits and pieces of stuff and making them into something."

Du majored in electrical engineering at the University of Texas. "I took the typical art classes in elementary school, middle school and high school," she said. "And I loved them. They were my favorite classes. But then I went away to college, and I completely forgot about them. Engineering took up all my time."

She's bemused at where she finds herself today. "Electrical engineering is so far away from art or law. But I have found my calling. I do want to be a lawyer." She has joined the firm of Fish & Richardson in Washington, focusing on intellectual property litigation.

Du's artistic awakening came during the summer after her sophomore year in college. "I was given an easel for my birthday, and I thought, 'Oh, what am I going to do with this?' So I bought some charcoal and started doodling." She was interning with Texas Instruments and had a lot of free time on the weekends, so she decided to take a few oil-painting classes from a Chinese artist. "He taught me how to use color. I guess you could say that's when I formally started my artistic streak. Since then, I've taught myself how to use watercolors, which is my favorite medium."

Because she came straight to law school from UT, Du hasn't had much time to devote to art. "My first year in law school, I did nothing, but during my second and third years, I felt more relaxed. Everything felt more squared away, and I had a lot more energy. That's when I painted most of what's

hanging on these walls."

Painting is a spontaneous act for Du, one that seems to come in cycles. "I don't plan to paint. It's a really random activity. Whenever I have the urge, I drop what I'm doing and churn out a few pieces. I can be really creative for two or three months and then not touch it for quite a while. I'm not very consistent."

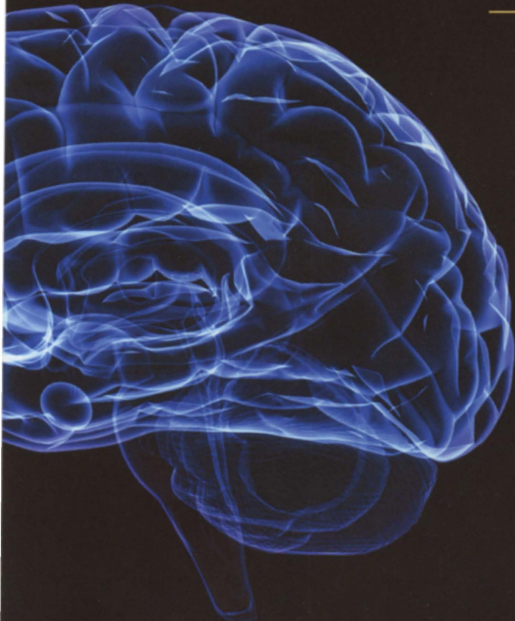
Her work, which includes charcoals, oils and watercolors, covers a variety of subjects—portraits, nudes, still lifes and landscapes. As she experiments with a new medium, she sometimes unconsciously explores new subjects. "My nudes are done in watercolor because the models changed position every 30 minutes, and I had to be quick." Most of the time, she finds inspiration in photos. "As a law student, it was hard to come up with something coherent, so I used a photo as a jumping-off point."

Du is still learning about art. She confesses to never having taken an art survey class, but she is drawn to Impressionism and to Monet in particular. "One of my favorite pieces is 'Impression: Sunrise.' It's done with very abrupt strokes. You can see the artist's hand in it. I think original art is exquisite, and I hope one day to be able to collect other people's work, not just my own."

In the meantime, she continues to explore the boundaries in her art. "I used to think that abstract art was just so easy that a child could do it, but if you look into those artists' pasts, they always started out in realism. They got good at it and then realized that's not where you should end. That's just the beginning of creativity. Not to just paint what you see, but paint what others cannot see. I hope one day to obtain that nirvana, but am sticking with realism for the moment. I'll try branching out later."

First, she needs to make partner.

Retirement Plan



On the surface, they are different. One works in the lab, the other in the field. One is a psychologist, the other a geologist. One studies the mind, the other the earth. These two scholars, however, have a lot in common. Professors Len Jarrard and Ed Spencer '53 are both retired from Washington and Lee after many years of guiding young minds, and both are the polar opposite of the stereotypical retiree. Along with many of their W&L colleagues, they are pursuing their research even after they've left the workday world behind.



BY WENDY LOVELL '90

Questions to Answer: Len Jarrard

Leonard "Len" Jarrard has always been intrigued by the brain. When he retired in 2001 as the Robert Lee Telford Professor of Psychology, Jarrard began studying the connection between the brain and obesity. A five-year, \$4.2 million grant from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) ensures that he'll spend his retirement pursuing those studies.

"There are so many crucial, important questions out there I think we can get a good handle on," he said. "It's fascinating work that I wanted to continue to be a part of. Also, I enjoy working with bright young people at a crucial point in their careers."

Jarrard and colleagues at Purdue University and the University of Cincinnati are taking different approaches to learn more about how the brain and environmental factors, such as diet, influence eating and weight gain. With the assistance of several W&L students, Jarrard is conducting experiments that delve into why so many Americans are overweight.

Jarrard possesses a special knowledge of how the brain, especially the portion known as the hippocampus, controls learning and memory. During his 42-year career at W&L, he discovered that lab rats with a damaged hippocampus have trouble with memory and eat more, long past the point when they are satiated.

"The rats in our study are not able to sense food cues," said Jarrard. "Other studies have shown that people who have suffered strokes, heart attacks or the onset of Alzheimer's disease can have the same problem. Some of the questions we'd like to answer concern repair and prevention of this problem."

Because of his research, Jarrard remains a guiding light in the Psychology Department, helping student researchers grow

and develop. He is grateful that the University has allowed him to maintain an office and lab on campus. According to biology major Lisa Luu '09, the arrangement benefits both parties.

Luu, of Monterey Park, Calif., worked for Jarrard last summer as a full-time research assistant and has continued part-time during the academic year. She has helped him examine the effect that lesions on different areas of the hippocampus have on learning, memory and body weight. She has also conducted behavioral tests and compiled and organized data for analysis.

"I have benefited enormously from working with Dr. Jarrard in the lab," said Luu. "I have gotten the chance to learn hands-on a number of techniques and behavioral tests commonly used in neuroscience. More importantly, I have begun to develop a huge interest in neuroscience, and I am considering now more than ever applying to graduate school."

Jarrard has had a positive impact on many students like Luu during the 30 years he received National Science Foundation funding to support research. Many students whom Jarrard has mentored have gone on to medical or graduate schools. Like Luu, working with Jarrard helped recent graduate Cagla Defterali '07 determine that her future lies in research, not in medicine. She is pursuing graduate training in neuroscience at the University of Edinburgh, in Scotland.

"Working with our students over the years has been extremely rewarding," said Jarrard. "I thoroughly enjoy seeing them develop and mature during their time here, and I enjoy following their progress after they leave. Who knows, perhaps one of them will find the answers to questions about the brain and memory that continue to puzzle us." †



BECAUSE OF HIS RESEARCH, LEN JARRARD REMAINS A GUIDING LIGHT IN THE PSYCHOLOGY DEPARTMENT, HELPING STUDENT RESEARCHERS GROW AND DEVELOP.

Doing What He Wants to Do: Ed Spencer

During his 44-year career as a geology professor, Edgar “Ed” Spencer ’53 wrote the book on earth science and geology for generations of students. Since he retired in 2001, he has developed the maps, too. Thanks to a grant from the U.S. Geological Survey, he has created a geological map of Rockbridge County and several quadrangles in the surrounding area for the Virginia Division of Mineral Resources.

“A geologic map is an interpretation based on the amount of time you have to gather information,” said Spencer, the Ruth Parnly Professor of Geology Emeritus. “I’m updating quadrangles, some I’ve done before, to a scale that’s 1:24,000. These maps provide information necessary for land development and conservation projects.”

Spencer’s knowledge is a hot commodity at the moment, since Virginia is considering how to alleviate traffic problems on nearby Interstate 81. His map of the 10-mile area on either side of the corridor will assist with selection of project sites, determination of construction costs, protection of groundwater,

evaluation of geologic hazards and more.

With a topographical map in one hand and aerial photography in the other, Spencer walked much of Rockbridge County as he updated the map. He enjoyed meeting interesting people along the way.

“You’ve got to get permission from the property owner before walking on their land, and that’s given me the chance to meet a lot of folks and hear a lot of stories,” said Spencer. “When I finally got to a house at the end of a long road, I found the owner making a violin. He lived in the middle of nowhere, and his closest neighbor was doing his job on the Web. Only here in Rockbridge County would you see that.”

Getting to know the residents of the county, and getting to know more about its pristine environment, is nothing new to Spencer. He helped found the Rockbridge Area Conservation Council (RACC) in 1976 to promote stewardship of natural and cultural resources and to protect and enhance the quality of life for present and future inhabitants of the county. He has written

WITH HIS IMMENSE KNOWLEDGE OF THE LAND AND HIS PASSION FOR PROTECTING IT, ED SPENCER '53 HAS BEEN A CONSTANT FOR THE ROCKBRIDGE AREA CONSERVATION COUNCIL, WHICH HE HELPED FOUND IN 1976.



Shy? Retiring?

THOUGH THEY'VE LEFT THE CLASSROOM AND THE COLONNADE

David B. Dickens, retired professor of German, has written *The Pleasures of Franconia* (PublishAmerica). He explores this portion of northern Bavaria, “combining travel with cultural history” and examining “unforgettable works of art and architecture,” not to mention cuisine, says the publisher.

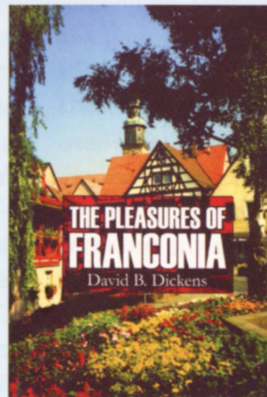


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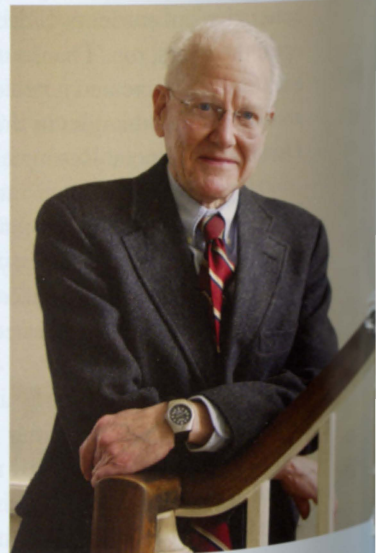


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grants for the organization, served as its president and sits on its board, shepherding it through good times and bad.

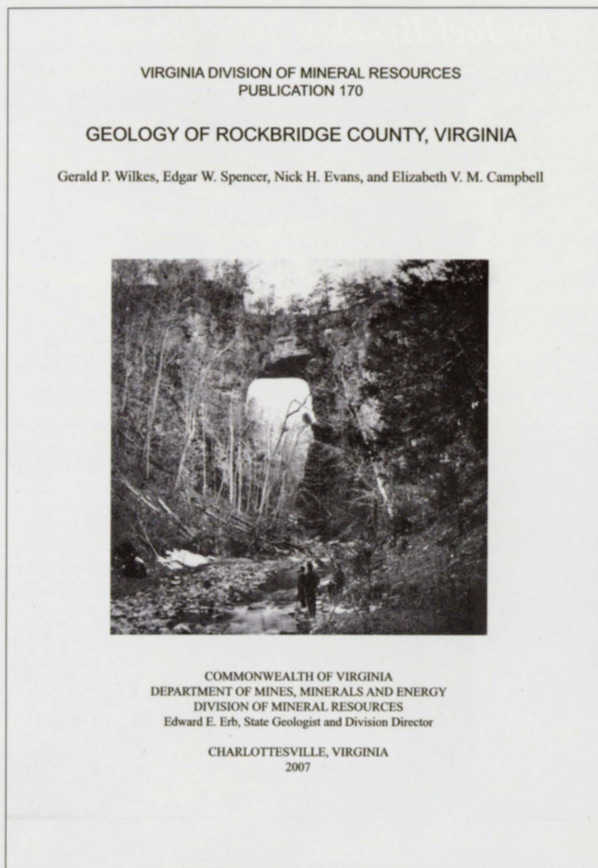
With his immense knowledge of the land and his passion for protecting it, Spencer has been a constant for RACC. He recently helped the organization publish a homeowner's guide that includes information on soil, site location and geologic hazards, as well as a video entitled "Flooding in the Valley of Virginia," which high schools throughout the Shenandoah Valley are using in earth science classes.

Spencer's next project is a field guide for naturalists visiting the Blue Ridge Mountains. He's snapped quite a few photographs of birds and plants during his mapping of Rockbridge County and is preparing commentary on landscape, climate, ecology, vegetation, wildlife, national and state parks, and, of course, geology. With the help of one daughter who's a graphic designer and another who's in environmental

studies, he may publish the book himself.

For several years after retiring, Spencer taught courses for the Geology Department and accompanied students on field trips in the West. More recently he's served as a study leader for several W&L Traveller programs, in the Grand Canyon, Nepal, Patagonia, Norway and Sweden, Australia and New Zealand, Switzerland, the Pyrenees and a trip around the world by private jet. "The opportunity to go around the world was once in a lifetime," said Spencer. "I loved traveling with the group, but my favorite part of the trip was looking out the window and seeing geologic formations such as the Great Barrier Reef in Australia and areas of Tibet. What an incredible experience." In August, he will accompany alumni on an inland cruise of the Great Lakes.

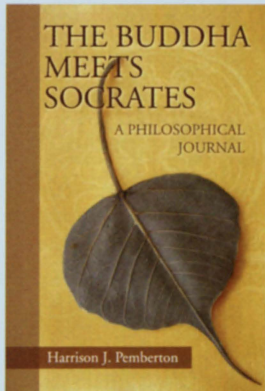
"When I retired, I said, 'I'm not going to do anything I don't want to,'" said Spencer. "That's what I've done." ❦



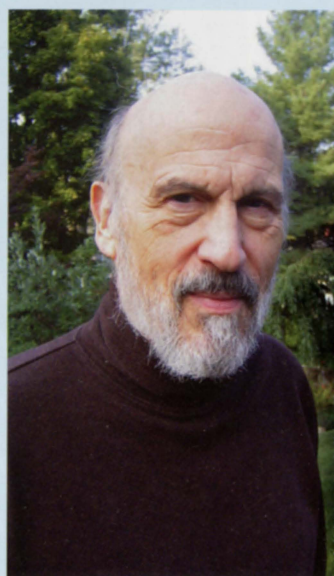
Not These Former Profs

THESE RETIRED PROFS CONTINUE TO PURSUE CREATIVE WORK.

The year before his retirement, **Harrison Pemberton**, professor emeritus of philosophy, spent five weeks in India teaching young Buddhist monks the key concepts of Western philosophy. Among those students was His Holiness the 17th Gyalwang Karmapa, then in his early 20s, the head of one branch of Buddhism. Pemberton's private conversations with the young man formed the basis for *The Buddha Meets Socrates: A Philosophical Journal* (Xlibris).



Last October, **Dabney Stuart**, the S. Blount Mason Jr. Professor Emeritus of English, read from his last three books of poetry—*Settlers* (1999), *The Man Who Loves Cezanne* (2003) and *Family Preserve* (2005)—as part of the fall literary series at the Library of Congress. Each year, under the auspices of the Gertrude Clarke Whitehall Poetry and Literature Fund, the series features poets who are known widely through their publications and work with poetry. Audio and video recordings, as well as a webcast (loc.gov/today/cyberlc), are recorded for the library's archive. During his 40 years at W&L, Stuart taught Shakespeare, 17th-century poetry and creative writing.



Let the Gates Be Opened: Becoming a Buddhist Priest

by Joel Breckinridge Bassett '84



Four teachers glowered at us. We sat seiza style, kneeling on thin cushions. We had to be absolutely still and silent. The head teacher spoke. "From this time, you have checked your ego and your freedom with me. They will only be returned when you leave here." We were here to become Nichiren Buddhist priests. We faced 35 days cut off from the rest of the world. I thought of Minor Rogers—if he could only see me now.



ROGER AND SYLVIA JEANS CELEBRATED JOEL BASSETT'S GRADUATION IN MAY 2008.

Before W&L, I had no interest in Japan. During my freshman year, however, Roger Jeans (now the Elizabeth Lewis Otey Professor of East Asian History Emeritus) and his wife, Sylvia, asked me to help a Japanese exchange student adjust to American life. From that experience, I decided to study Japanese and major in East Asian studies. Later, in 1983, Minor Rogers, professor of religion, told me that W&L was starting an exchange program with Kansai Gaidai University, in Osaka, Japan. He said I would be a good candidate. I had doubts. (His choices were limited: I was the only East Asian studies major that year who spoke any Japanese.) Minor leaned back in his chair, fingers lightly pressed together almost in prayer, looked toward the ceiling and said in his slow, methodical voice, "Well, Gaidai would

make a nice landing pad if you wanted to stay in Japan for awhile." That cinched the deal, and I became the first W&L exchange student at Kansai Gaidai.

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My original goal was to stay three years and learn more Japanese. Buddhism was far from my mind, though I did enjoy the comparative religion course Minor taught, and I was fortunate to take a class on Zen Buddhism from the well-known scholar Thomas Cleary. After that I focused on work and career, putting college behind me.

In Buddhism, it is said you don't have the opportunity to hear the teaching of the Buddha until you are ready. My chance came in 2001, when I met the Buddhist priest, the Rev. Kanshin Mochida, who would become my teacher at an international service, where he gave a short but penetrating



BASSETT AND HIS CLASSMATES. HE'S IN THE FOURTH ROW, THIRD FROM RIGHT.

talk. For some reason that I didn't understand at the time, I kept coming back to the services, and eventually became a temple member.

I learned many things, but the real test for putting lessons into action came a few years later, when my mother was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. She faced her three-year struggle with great courage. After she died in 2006, I looked back at the experience and felt I owed a debt of gratitude. A week after returning to Japan, I asked Rev. Mochida if I could become a priest. I felt that though it would be hard work, it would happen quickly. Rev. Mochida agreed and became my teacher, a lifelong commitment in a way. I started a year-and-a-half journey into a life I never could have imagined back in my W&L days.

Shingyo Dojo is the final training for Nichiren priests, the last step of a process that usually takes two to four years. (Nichiren was the 13th-century founder of this branch of Buddhism.) The actual training is the responsibility of the teacher and is the way Buddhism has been passed down

for centuries: from teacher to disciple. I trained at Rev. Mochida's temple, which has a history of nearly 400 years, in downtown Tokyo, every weekend and spare moment.

My favorite part was studying theology and taking the test: five days of lectures (in Japanese) and exams (in English). It was like being back in college, with novices cramming every night in the dining hall. (Only this time, I knew how precious the time was and enjoyed every minute.) Besides basic Buddhist theology, we had to learn the history of Buddhism.

Each day started at 4 a.m. with *suigyo*, an ascetic practice of chanting while dousing oneself with buckets of cold water. After changing, we marched up the hill in lock step while beating drums and chanting, to the main hall for morning service at Kuonji, the head temple. We filed in slowly and sat *seiza* style in absolutely straight rows, trying not to move a muscle except when we had to bow, which we were expected to do in perfect unison. The service usually lasted 45 minutes to an hour. By the end of it, I had hardly any feeling in my legs. When we got up, we checked our fellow students on

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either side to make sure they could stand. We marched back to our *dojo* and did another morning service, followed by the head teacher's greeting.

No matter what the topic was for the day, the greeting inevitably boiled down to, "Don't lose your focus. You only have 35 precious days here; it's the chance of a lifetime." A younger teacher would then chew us out and hand out demerits. Nothing we did was fast enough or good enough. Not sitting absolutely still was bad, not trying hard and not chanting loud enough were worse. Falling asleep in service was unforgivable. With any infraction, the floor cushions or dining hall chairs would disappear, and we would sit *seiza* on the wooden floor. If a group did not perform their duty correctly, it would have to kneel on the wooden floor and put in extra chanting time, with the teachers stamping their feet and yelling at them to chant louder.

Our last duty before lights out was one of my favorites: *Shodaigyo*. We chanted "*Odaimoku*" to the beat of a drum, with just the altar candles for light. The drum would start slow and then get faster and louder until we were all yelling at the top of our lungs, a peak of pure energy and concentration. The drum gradually slowed until the bell sounded, and we meditated. It only lasted 20 minutes but felt strangely refreshing, every single time. On our very last night, we marched to Nichiren's grave in a pocket of forest by a stream, with a blood-red full moon rising over the mountain. There we did *Shodaigyo* for almost an hour.

My brother saw my graduation the next day, May 19, 2008. He said our chanting made the hair on his neck stand up. The next day, each teacher congratulated us and said goodbye with tears in his eyes. The head teacher quietly said, "I give you back your ego and your freedom. Let the gates be opened." We were finally free to join the outside world. All of us were only just starting down a long path with much more to learn, but today we celebrated.

Shingyo Dojo was the last and the hardest step of training—and yet the most simple. Every morning, as we marched up the hill to Kuonji, we passed mountains in fresh, spring green dotted with blooming wild-cherry trees, and marched through quiet, cool groves of giant cedar trees filled with bird song. I thought of my mother, Minor and all the people who led me to this point. I wondered if there was any way to really thank them for blessing me with such opportunities, experiences and knowledge. In the end, I don't think there is, but I can be grateful and endeavor to honor them with my actions. My teachers have taught me well. The only thing left to do is do my best.

Bassett lives in Tokyo. Three days a week, he works at Rev. Mochida's temple, Honkyuji, in the historic Asakusa district. He also works part-time as a business reporter, covering Japan for OTR Global L.L.C.

New Trustees

Washington and Lee welcomed two new members to its Board of Trustees on May 8.

R. Allen Haight '84, of Old Greenwich, Conn., a retired executive, graduated magna cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa, with a B.S. in business administration and European history. He worked for KPMG in New York before attending the Darden School at the University of Virginia, receiving an M.B.A. in 1989.



That year, Allen moved to London, England, and joined Permira, a European private-equity firm. He was a partner at the time of his 2008 retirement. He is a former member of W&L's Williams School Board of Advisors. Allen and his wife, Franziska, have three children, Madeleine, Richard and Charlotte.



Bennett L. Ross '83, of Cabin John, Md., is a partner with the law firm of Wiley Rein L.L.P. in Washington, chairing the firm's telephony practice. He graduated magna cum laude with a B.S. in commerce. As a student, he served on the Student Recruiting Committee and as president of the Executive Committee,

and belonged to Pi Kappa Phi fraternity. After graduation, Ross worked as an admissions counselor at W&L, helping to select the last all-male and first coed classes. In 1988, he received a J.D. from Vanderbilt University, where he was elected to Order of the Coif and served as editor in chief of the *Vanderbilt Law Review*. He was a partner with the law firm of Bass Berry & Sims, in Nashville, Tenn., practicing general litigation. In 1995, Ross began a 12-year career with BellSouth Corp., including as general counsel of Georgia operations and general counsel of the D.C. office. Ross has been a W&L class agent and served on the steering committee of the On the Shoulders of Giants capital campaign and on the steering committee for his 25th reunion. He chairs the W&L Alumni Admissions Program Committee in D.C. and is vice chairman of the Founders Committee of the W&L Institute for Honor. He and his wife, Alyson, have two children, Jacob and Samuel.

1945

Collier Wenderoth Jr.

was inducted into the Arkansas Agriculture Hall of Fame. He lives in Ft. Smith, Ark.

1950

Frank Love Jr. ('51L)

is featured in the new book and companion DVD, *Raising the Bar: Legendary Rainmakers Share Their Business Development Secrets*, by Robin Hensley, president of Atlanta executive coaching firm www.RaisingtheBar.com. The book gives Love's advice about business development, practicing law and building a lifetime of client goodwill. A majority of the profits will be donated to the Atlanta Legal Aid Society. He lives in Atlanta.

1955

J. Hardin Marion ('58L)

says that although he is happily retired in Lexington, he is busier than ever. In June 2008, he was elected chairman of the board of directors of Kendal at Lexington, a continuing-care retirement community; he is serving his second three-year term as an elder on the session of the Lexington Presbyterian Church, and has just been named chairman of the church's capital campaign task force; he serves on the board of trustees of the Stonewall Jack-

Baby on Board



Trey and Jaime, were born in Lexington while he attended law school in the late '70s—"no sweat," he says. The family live in Egg Harbor Township, N.J.

Louis P. McFadden Jr. '76, '79L and Rhys Cori McFadden take the helm. Rhys was born on April 25, 2008, to Louis and his wife, Michelle Cori. He joins a family of Generals, including grandfather Louis P. McFadden Sr. '79L and uncles Kevin McFadden '79 and Michael McFadden '82. Louis' two oldest children,

son Foundation; and he chairs the board of directors of W&L's Friends of the Library. He plays racquetball occasionally, audits three classes a semester at W&L, reads a great deal and continues as counsel to his Baltimore law firm. He does not golf.

1958

Rice M. Tilley Jr.

was named one of *Worth Magazine's* Top 100 Attorneys in the United States in trusts, estates, philanthropy and other family law. He works with Haynes and

Boone L.L.P. in Fort Worth, Texas.

1960

J. Thomas Touchton

was named the Tampa Metro Civitan Club's citizen of the year for his fund-raising work for the Tampa Bay History Center.

1967

Mack Fowler

and his wife, Cece, were honored by Scenic Houston as 2008 scenic visionaries.

1969

John A. Wolf ('72L)

was selected for inclusion in Maryland Super Lawyers 2009. He focuses his practice at Ober/Kaler on construction litigation.

R. David Carlton ('74L)

was named vice president and associate general counsel of Northrop Grumman Corp., where he serves as counsel to the technical services sector in Herndon, Va. He lives in Oakton, Va., with his wife, Donna, and daughters Rachel, 10, and Caitlin, 9.

1971

Dr. Thomas E. Reynolds

continues to practice family medicine in Culpeper, Va. His youngest son, William, was married in October; he is in graduate school at North Carolina State, and his bride is in medical school at Duke University. Reynolds writes, "Charla and I continue to enjoy our winter skiing as long as our bones hold up. We are traveling more, and I enjoy biking with our local bike club."

Bate C. Toms

hosted a luncheon for the visit to London of Viktor Yushchenko, the president of Ukraine. Previously, he hosted a dinner for Yulia Tymoshenko, the Ukrainian prime minister. Both functions

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A Phi Delt reunion last November of alums from the late '70s and early '80s in Birmingham, Ala., drew these duffers. Front row, l. to r.: Bill Pritchard '80, Tracy White '79, Johnny Scruggs '77 and Mell Duggan '80. Back row: Tom Coleman '81, Bear McCubbin '80, Tommy Tift '78, David Newman '79, Bill Schooley '78, Richard Drennen '81, John McIntyre '82, Jeff Milstead '81, Ben Butts '80, David Proctor '81, Phillip Mangum '80 and Scooter Smith '78.

Celebrate Good Times



On the weekend of March 13, a few alumnae gathered in Casanova, Va., at the Poplar Springs Inn and Spa for a day of indulgence and decadent food. The purpose? To celebrate milestone birthdays and toast more than 20 years of friendship. Front row, l. to r.: Alisann McGloin Fatemi '91, Ginger Gay Lubkowitz '91, Ashley Harper '92 and Steffie Fitzgerald David '91. Back row: Courtney Adams Christensen '91, Stacey Patmore '91, Stephanie McNulty '91 and Tara Perkinson '91.

A Famous General



C. Edward Klank '89 was inducted into the Christian Brothers High School Athletic Hall of Fame in Memphis, Tenn.

were organized by the British Ukrainian Chamber of Commerce, which he chairs. After years as a partner in a U.S. multinational law firm in London, he has spent the past 18 years building a law firm in Kyiv, Ukraine, where he organizes inward investment and project financing.

1975

William K. Smith

joined the Cleveland office of Buckingham, Doolittle & Burroughs L.L.P. as a partner. He has practiced real estate law for 30 years and will focus on non-standard financing for real estate transactions.

1978

Mark A. Bradley

received an assistant attorney general's award for supporting the national security mission. He heads the oversight section of the U.S. Department of Justice's office of intelligence and is a member of the government's senior executive service.

1979

Gerald M. Malmo III

was recognized as a production leader by the Greensboro-based regional wholesaler of MassMutual. In addition, he shared the 2008 top regional leadership position in production for this region. For several years, he has received the National Quality Award from the National Association of Life Underwriters, which recognizes and promotes excellence in client and customer representation. He is also a member of the Million Dollar Roundtable and the Winston-Salem Estate Planning Council.

1981

Marc S. Firestone

was elected to the board of the Illinois Equal Justice Foundation, a not-for-profit entity responsible for distributing and monitoring the state appropriation for civil legal aid for low-income families and individuals. He is executive vice president, corporate and legal affairs, and general counsel of Kraft Foods Inc., and lives in Highland Park, Ill.

A Tailgate in the Tidewater



Left to right: Chris Smythe '90, Sarah Smythe '91, Henry Meredith, Larry Bryant '80, '83L and Jack Moore '88.



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—Beau Dudley '74, '79L
Executive Director of Alumni Affairs

Showers of Good Wishes



Six members of the class of 2003 gathered in Charlottesville in March for a wedding shower in honor of Ann Whitham. Pictured, front row, l. to r.: Becky Johns, Ann Whitham and Kathleen Gibson Dragan (holding Bailey Marie Dragan); back row: Kelli Austin, Carroll Thompson Vuncannon and Natalie Cuicchi.

1982

Earle S. Greene

is assigned to the U.S. Consulate General in Karachi, Pakistan.

1986

John W. Palattella

was appointed literary editor of *The Nation*. He lives in Brooklyn, N.Y.

1987

Scott M. Newman

and his wife, Margaret, moved from Colorado to Santa Fe, N.M., where Scott manages New Mexico's general fund investment portfolio. He writes, "I raced the Leadville Trail 100 Mountain bike race in August and was soundly beaten by Lance Armstrong. We look forward to getting to know the ski hill in Taos."

1993

Kathleen M. O'Connor

received a doctorate in linguistics with highest honors from the Université Charles-de-Gaulle (Lille 3), in France. She writes, "It's too bad W&L doesn't offer any coursework in linguistics—I'd love to come and teach a class."

1994

Capt. Keith Grant

is serving his second deployment to Iraq. Keith is an infantry officer with the Army's 1-7 Cavalry Regiment, which is a part of the 1st Cavalry Division, based in Fort Hood, Texas.

1995

Rob Robinson

was named director of social media at McNeely Pigott & Fox Public Relations. He will supervise interactive media campaigns and shape company strategy, tactics and policy regarding digital media, including blogging, mi-

croblogging and social networking sites. He lives in Nashville, Tenn.

1996

Dr. Anna K. Mirk

returned from a 15-month tour as a physician in Iraq. After eight years, she has completed her Army commitment and is now enjoying being a civilian. She lives in Atlanta and is working as a geriatrician for the Atlanta Veteran Affairs and Emory University.

1997

Ian K. Leavy

became a member at the Chattanooga office of Miller & Martin P.L.L.C. His practice focuses on labor and employment law and he provides counsel to local, state and national clients.

1998

Alexandra C. Fennell

joined the intellectual property practice of Pepper Hamilton L.L.P. in Boston. She has experience handling patent litigation and antitrust matters, which has included the enforcement of patents in various technology areas. She also has conducted patent

litigation defenses and defenses against allegations of misappropriation of trade secrets and trade dress.

2000

J. Brandon Chalk

and Kristine Oelberger plan to climb Mt. Everest together in 2010. They have already climbed Denali, Alaska, in 2007 and Mt. Elbrus, Russia, in 2008. Brandon climbed Aconcagua, Argentina, in 2006 and hopes to return in a few years to climb it again with Kristine. He lives in Avon, Colo.

2004

Joanna Schubert Singleton

manages the 2,110-square-foot Dallas office of Jackson Spalding. The office has two employees with expectations for growth in 2009. It is a full-service image creation, cultivation and communication firm that was co-founded by Glen Jackson '85.

Christopher J. Stanek

joined the Cleveland office of Baker & Hostetler L.L.P.

Lee in London



As Frank Sinatra sang, "London by night is a wonderful sight." With this in mind, the U.K. Alumni Chapter hosted a black-tie dinner cruise on the Thames River on Jan. 17 to commemorate President Robert E. Lee's birthday. Alumni from all over Europe, including Turkey, France and Spain, joined in a night of good food, good sights and good fun. Dennis Cross, vice president of University advancement, brought London the latest news from the Colonnade. Attending were Jean-Marie G. Grandpierre '56, Isabel and Antonio Ferrero P '04, '07, Angus B. Rosborough '91, Kevin K. Battech '95, '98L, Kristin L. Greenough '92, Sara Jurkowsky '04, James Whiteman '04, Arslan Volkan '05, Merrill Shaw '91, Jake Koch '06, Matthew Seals '00, Matt Willis '95, Alex Cook '07L, Chad Lewis '04, Robert B. Ludwig '02, Daniel Jones '05, Paul Tribble '03 and Kevin Strachan '02. Holding the banner in the photo are Cross and Gonzalo Ferrero '04.

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D. Clayton Hall '00 to **Stuart Crigler '01**, on June 28, 2008, in Lee Chapel. Members of the wedding party included Stuart's classmates Marlea Leary, maid of honor; Faith Collins, Becca Dupps Edwards, Laura Adelman Philipson and Annabelle Wirth; Courtney Hall Murphy '92; Don Weir '00 (best man); and Charlie Antrim, Clay Colton, Lee Fentress, Grant Sharp and Joe Speicher (all Class of '00). Chris Brown '00 served as an usher. Stuart is the daughter of the Hon. B. Waugh Crigler '70. Pictured: the bride, Jim Fernald '73, John Madison '64, Don Weir Sr. '72, Joe Leary '74, Bob Priddy '67, Bob Weston and Katie Busch Weston '01, Adam Reynolds '03 and Emily Belcher Reynolds '00, Tabor Novak '00, Stephen Philipson '01, Josh Leary, Trey Kuppin '00, Bryan Carney '00, Greg Meyers '00, Mike Malone '00, Casey Huke '00, Margaret-Hunter Turner Wade '01,



Margaret Jane Courtney Willoughby '01, Liz Powers '01 and the alumni members of the wedding party. They live in Washington, where Clayton is chief of staff for Congressman Joseph Cao (Rep., La.), and Stuart is a director of government affairs for the law firm of Van Ness Feldman.

Wedding Scrapbook

David Meeker '96 to **Anne-Lamar Brown '98**, on Sept. 15, 2007. Alumni in attendance, first row, l. to r.: Russell Croft '96, Brooks Brown III '65 (father of the bride), the groom, the bride, Lise Brown Hinton '95 (sister of the bride), Melissa New '98, Amy Greeley '98. Second row: Duncan Slidell '96, Adam Butterworth '96, Mary Dalton '98, Ericka Croft '98, Mary Jo Slidell '98. Third row: Mason New '96, Bo Manuel '96, Catherine Willard '96, Meg Manuel '96, Peter Preston '65, Jill Fitzpatrick '98, Liz Brown '95, Julie Bradbury '97, Abby Propst '94, Sarah Galloway '98, Heath Galloway '99. Fourth row: Scott Willard '96, Carrington Williams '96, Ben Brown '94,



Tom Bradbury '96, Scott Mackley '95, Taylor Burke '95, William Propst '95, Matt Goodwin '94, Whitney Kestner '98. Fifth row: Cole Van Nice '96, Brian Gately '96, Butler Ball '96, Hilton Ball '97, Doug Kennedy '96, Ande Jenkins '97, Bill Gill '97, Gordon Meeker '98.

The groom's cake featured a frosting Trident, and one of the ring bearers was the bride's nephew George Hinton, son of Lise Hinton. Also there but not pictured: C. Ridgely Grant '65 (uncle of the bride), F. William Burke '64, '67L and Edward Crosland Jr. '66.

Kathryn R. Baldwin '01

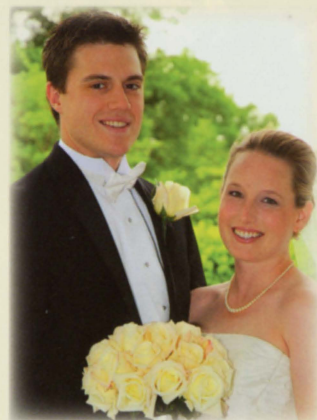
to Chris Kirtley, on Jan. 3, in Charleston, S.C. Alumni in attendance included Jenna Poole Abel '01, Will Baker '01, Susannah Hewlett Baker '04, Bryan Baldwin '70 (father of the bride), Chris Baldwin '98 (brother of the bride), Ruth Caldwell '01, Jack Cartwright '71, John Comly '01, Andy Cook '00, Martha Pettyjohn Cook '00, Mark DiCristina '98, Bess DuRant '02, Bernie Feld '69, David Field '70, Caroline Priddy Habenicht '02, Fontaine Marcoux Haskell '04, Allen Clare Elkins Heckman '03, Spencer Liles '01, Kate Mahan '02, Michel Marcoux '66, Michel Marcoux '01, Jim McElroy '70, Forrest Norvell '98, Danica Oliver '01, Lauren Bradshaw Palmer '01, Bob Priddy '67, Kendall Priddy '05, Razz Raspberry '70, Elizabeth Alford Rice '02, Sarah Riggs '01, Cooper Robertson '99, Andy Robison '02L, Lindsay South Robison '00, Crystal Simpson '01, Jeff Sloan '01, Charlie Stone '70, Carter Thomas '02, Anna Baker Trimble '01, Christine van den Toorn '01, Elizabeth Nacozy Wessel '02, Christina Campbell West '01 and Caroline Cobb Wright '00.



Andrew A. Barnett '02 to Victoria A. Ueltschi, on Dec. 6, 2008, in Vero Beach, Fla. Members of the wedding party included Rob Brown '03, Carling Dinkler '02, Curt Gallagher '02, Marshall Schutt '02 and Paul Wallace '02. They live in New York City, where Andrew works at Alternative Investment Management, and Tori works at ABC News.



Christina L. Webster '04 to **Christopher J. Stanek '04**, on May 17, 2008, in Cincinnati, Ohio. Members of the wedding party included classmates Eden Parks, Corinne Mathieu and Jacqueline Green. They live in Cleveland, where Christina teaches at the Laurel School, and Chris is a first-year associate at Baker Hostetler L.L.P.



MARRIAGES

Justin King '95 to Jami Smith, on Nov. 22, 2008, in Oklahoma City, Okla. Andrew Mascolino '95 and Alvin Townley '97 attended. They live in Oklahoma City, where Justin continues to practice law, and Jami bases her ministry when she is not traveling the country playing worship music.

Jana L. Heisler '99 to Daniel Alan White, on May 3, 2008, in Denver, Colo. She received her Ph.D. in ecology from Colorado State University in May 2008 and has since moved to Laramie, Wyo., where she is a post-doctoral research scientist with the University of Wyoming and the United States Department of Agriculture. Her research focuses on the effects of climate change on rangeland ecosystems of the West.

Sonia Hall '00 to Jonathan Dwyer, on Dec. 13, 2008, in Montego Bay, Jamaica. Attending were longtime W&L friends Dawn Hewitt Byrne '99, Colleen Calvey '00, Lee Dunham '00 and Amina Elgouacem '03. They live in Washington.

Walter W. Baker '01 to **Susannah Hewlett '04**, on May 31, 2008, in Charlottesville. They live in Washington, where Will works as the assistant vice president in the productions department of Green Park Financial, and Susannah is a nurse at Georgetown University Hospital. More than 30 alumni attended the celebration.

Shane M. Saunders '03 to Taylor Tidwell, on March 14, in Palmetto Bluff, S.C. They live in Tulsa, Okla.

John K. Weedon '03 to Brooke Elizabeth Stegall, on Feb. 14, in New Orleans. Groomsmen included classmates Peter Thompson, Shane Saunders, Clark Griffith, Matt Dougherty, Bennett Moore and Brian Baker. His father, Jerry Weedon '70, and his sister, Lauren Weedon Hopkins '99, were also in the wedding party.

BIRTHS AND ADOPTIONS

William E. Birbick '76 and his wife, **Lesley**, a son, Alexander William, on Jan. 15. They live in Kernersville, N.C.

Thomas T. Dierdorff '90 and his wife, **Katherine**, a daughter, **Mary Bowes**, on Dec. 15, 2008. She joins sister **Julia**. They live in Atlanta.

Christopher C. Baradel '91 and his wife, **Lesley**, a son, **Tyler Collins**, on Sept. 25, 2008. He joins sister **Ava**. They live in Atlanta.

Frank B. Turner Jr. '91 and his wife, **Loy**, a son, **Frank Burney III**, on Dec. 5, 2008. He joins sisters **Ivy Daniel** and **Julia Hamilton**. They live in Covington, Ga.

Sarah Horn Thiessen '93 and **Douglas Thiessen '95**, a daughter, **Clara Noelle**, on Nov. 5, 2008. Clara joins sisters **Hannah**, **Heidi** and **Charlotte Rose** and brother **Taylor**. They live in West River, Md.

Mary New Dalton '94 and her husband, **Jud**, twin daughters, **Taylor Watt** and **Leigh Ballard**, on Nov. 24, 2008. They live in Lynchburg.

Deirdre T. Denechaud '95 and her husband, **Michael Tolliver**, a daughter, **Mackenzie Keller Denechaud Tolliver**, on Aug. 19, 2008. She joins sister **Madeleine**, 4, and brother **Michael Byrne**, 6. They live in Raleigh, N.C., where **Deirdre** is a partner in a law firm, and **Michael** works in biotech finance.

C. Allen Scott '95 and his wife, **Amanda**, a daughter, **Samantha Maddin**, on Jan. 15, 2008. They live in San Francisco.

W. Lee Counselman '96 and **Caroline Counselman '96**, a son, **Reed Everett**, on Feb. 25. He joins big brothers **William** and **James**. They live in Hingham, Mass.

Clifford K. Holekamp '96 and his wife, **Megan**, a daughter, **Camilla Wright**, on March 21. They live in St. Louis.

Myles F. Reynolds '96 and his wife, **Lauren**, a daughter, **Mad-**

Former Goalie Makes a Save for W&L

Bill Russell '57 was a sophomore when the soccer coach recruited him off the basketball court. He had never played, but the team needed a goalie. Since soccer was less time-consuming than basketball, Russell gave it a try.

The move paid off. During his first season, Russell invited Florence "Flossie" Mack to Lexington for a dance. Just before her arrival, Russell's successful goal-tending sealed a big win against the University of Virginia.

"I was crazy about Flossie, but her opinion of me wasn't the highest," Russell said. "That improved over the weekend as everyone treated me like a hero. She took another look at me and fell in love with Washington and Lee, too."

Following graduation, Russell made professional choices much like the ones he made as a student-athlete; they didn't follow a clear path. He wanted to be a high-school basketball coach, but he followed two years in the Army with a job at Bell Telephone. Before long, however, much like taking on a brand-new sport, Russell decided to make a go of it as a stockbroker.

"At the time, the Dow was at 300, not 3,000, and many of our friends thought I was crazy to give up my solid job with the telephone company," said Russell. "However, by the mid-'60s, stocks became popular, and I was a seasoned broker in a growing industry."

Russell started his own investment advisory firm in the 1970s. He and Flossie raised four daughters in Pennsylvania and moved to Florida when Russell's firm merged with another. His dream of becoming a basketball coach came true in 1996, when he served as a volunteer coach at a high school.

Flossie passed away in 2002, and Russell retired in 2004. He recently moved to Lexington, where he enjoys attending athletic and cultural events at the University. He is planning to audit a class or two, and to wed Karen Rosenthal.

While he's enjoying his new life, Russell is saddled with a home in Florida that hasn't sold, and some of his investments have suffered. Nevertheless, he is grateful for a decision he and Flossie made in 1993: to establish a deferred-gift annuity at W&L.

"At the time, I was co-chair of the On the Shoulder of Giants area campaign in Philadelphia," said Russell. "Flossie and I didn't have appreciated securities to make an outright gift then, so we chose to establish a gift annuity. We got a substantial tax write-off that year and deferred the return for seven years."

Now, he is receiving a regular income from W&L, part of it tax free, at a higher rate of return than if he had invested the money in a CD. "This type of gift should really appeal to CD interest-bearing owners who are getting ridiculously low rates right now," said Russell. "They may be getting a 1 or 2 percent return, while Washington and Lee is offering 4.5 to 9 percent right now for a charitable gift annuity, depending on your age. You could defer the income and possibly get an even better rate. I really don't see a downside to this type of philanthropy."

Russell is pleased that he and his late wife were able to support W&L while making a wise investment that will provide him with an income for the rest of his life. The former goalie sees the decision as another great save he's made for the Generals.

If you would like more information on charitable gift annuities or to join the Russells in making a planned gift to W&L, please contact Hank Humphreys or Louise Wasserott at (540) 458-8421, or by e-mail at ahumphreys@wlu.edu or lwasserott@wlu.edu.

—Wendy Lovell '90



eline Dell, on Oct. 14, 2008. She joins brother Max. They live in Dallas.

Virginia Yoerg Behr '97 and her husband, **Brad Behr**, a son, Simon Peter, on Aug. 10, 2008. She writes, "He is happy, healthy and adored by all of his grandparents, including Norm Yoerg '65." They live in Silver Spring, Md.

Hilary Martin Chaney '98, '04L and **Nathan Chaney '04L**, a son, Jay River, on June 20, 2008. They live in Fayetteville, Ark.

Robin Boyce Everitt '98 and her husband, **Ladd**, a daughter, Grace Arden, on July 20, 2008. They live in Washington.

Michael Gilchrist '98 and **Jennifer Selder Gilchrist '99**, a daughter, Chloë Linnaea, on Dec. 4, 2008.

M. Roy Burns '99 and his wife, **Emily**, a son, Michael Roy "Red" Burns Jr., on Sept. 19, 2008. They live in Boston.

Kevin Cumbus '99 and **Katherine Boening Cumbus '00**, a son, Cooper Henry, on Oct. 17, 2008. They live in Charlotte, N.C.

Christopher C. Dyson '00 and his wife, **Joy**, a son, Nicholas

Robert, on Nov. 17, 2008. They live in Pleasant Valley, N.Y.

Athena Mahoney Meyers '00 and **Creg Meyers '00**, a son, George Mahoney, on Oct. 6, 2008. They live in New York City.

Dr. Mary Vaden Greiner '01 and her husband, **Hans**, a son, Benjamin Pettit, on Sept. 17, 2008. He joins brother Luke, 2. They live in Winston-Salem, N.C., where Mary and Hans work at Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center.

Julie Boncarosky Holmes '01 and **Michael Holmes '01**, a daughter, Bridget Claire, on Nov. 20, 2008. They live in Alexandria, Va., where Julie continues to practice law at Covington & Burling, and Mike works in the family business.

John Valentine '01 and **Sarah Sturtz Valentine '03**, a daughter, Anna Elise, on June 9, 2008. They live in Tampa, Fla.

Kathleen Gibson Dragan '03 and **Grant Dragan '03**, a daughter, Bailey Marie, on Jan. 11. They live in Middleburg, Va.

Kelly Taffe Lynn '04 and her husband, **Hunter**, triplets, sons Brody Thomas and Carter Taffe

and daughter Morgan Stuart, on Feb. 1. They live in Charlottesville.

OBITUARIES

Joe A. McVay '32L, of Huntington, W. Va., died on Nov. 20, 2008. McVay was the oldest living alumnus of W&L. He practiced law in Huntington and then became a special agent for the FBI. He was a charter member of the Society of Former Special Agents of the FBI. He also served as a judge in Huntington. McVay belonged to Alpha Tau Omega.

Charles O. Hearon Jr '34, of Saluda, N.C., died on Nov. 23, 2008. He worked for Draper Corp. of Rockwell International. He served as president of the Spartanburg Rotary Club. He was an artist and an author of poetry and stories about his hometown and a historian on the SC-ETV television station. Hearon belonged to Phi Kappa Psi.

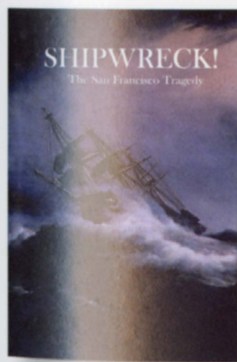
Robert C. McCardell '34, of Frederick, Md., died on Jan. 26. He served in the Navy during World War II. He worked as a national bank examiner for the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, U.S. Treasury Department. He then worked at Fred-

erick County National Bank and A.C. McCardell. He served on the board of trustees of the Record Street Home for the Aged and on the advisory board of the Salvation Army. He belonged to the American Legion and the Sons of the American Revolution. McCardell belonged to Phi Delta Theta. He was uncle to John M. McCardell Jr. '71 and Charles L. McCardell '74.

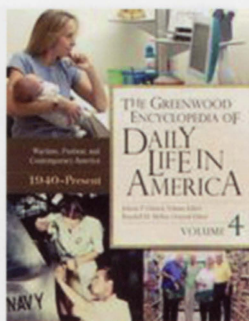
Neil Campbell Pascoe '34, of Naples, Fl., died on Feb. 4. He served in the Army during World War II. He then became senior vice president and personnel director of Selective Insurance Co. He was president of the Sussex County Rotary Club and a charter member of the Culver Brook Restoration Foundation. He also was chairman of the Sussex County Mosquito Extermination Committee. Pascoe belonged to Sigma Phi Epsilon.

Leonard Leight '36, '38L, of New York City, died on March 15, 2008. He served in the Army during World War II in the judge advocate department, and he received a battle star for the Burma Campaign. He worked as an attorney for the firm of Leight and Neckritz.

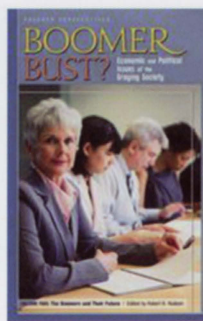
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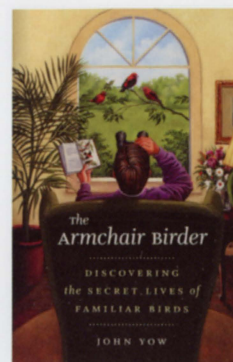
Richard Taylor '51 did the research for a book by his daughter, Tamara Taylor-Leigh, *Shipwreck! The San Francisco Tragedy* (Beehive Press). It is a historical novel based on the life of an American soldier—an ancestor of the Taylors.



Jolyon P. Girard '65 has edited volume 4 of *The Greenwood Encyclopedia of Daily Life in America: Wartime, Postwar, and Contemporary America, 1940-Present* (Greenwood Press). It contains primary documents, a timeline, illustrations, a bibliography of print and electronic resources and a detailed index. He retired in May 2008 as a professor of history at Cabrini College, in Radnor, Pa.



Rob Hudson '66 has published *Boomer Bust? Economic and Political Issues of the Graying Society* (Praeger Publishers). He "assembles leading authors from fields such as economics, political science and finance to separate fact from fiction, highlight the terms of debate, and showcase innovative policies that will prevent disaster from occurring," says the publisher. Hudson is a professor of social policy at Boston University.



John Yow '70 has published *The Armchair Birder: Discovering the Secret Lives of Familiar Birds* (University of North Carolina Press). Instead of a guide to 500 species you'll never see, he says, this book tells you all the stuff you didn't know about the birds that come to your feeder every day. Yow lives in Acworth, Ga.

William H. Seaton Jr. '36L, of Gainesville, Ga., died on Dec. 21, 2008. During World War II, he served as a gunnery officer in the Navy and received a letter of commendation for his actions during the invasions of Sicily and Italy. He was president of Commercial Development Co., where he developed and sold real estate. He then served as executive vice president of the Seaton Distribution Co., and assistant insurance commissioner for the state of West Virginia. He was elected district governor of Lions International in 1970. Seaton belonged to Phi Kappa Sigma.

William Davis Fishback '37, '39L, of Versailles, Ky., died on March 12. He worked in Lee Chapel and then became a Woodford County farmer, raising Thoroughbred horses and Angus cattle. He served on the board of directors of the Cleveland Home. He received the Hardboot Breeders Award from the Kentucky Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders. Fishback belonged to Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

James C. Beale Jr. '38, of Franklin, Va., died on Dec. 30, 2008. During World War II, he served in the Navy in the South Pacific. He worked in the stor-

age business until his retirement. Beale belonged to Kappa Alpha.

George Brummel Frank '39, of Sarasota, Fla., died on Feb. 16. During World War II, he served as a captain in the Army Signal Corps Intelligence, working on code breaking. He was executive vice president of Gardner, Stein & Frank Inc., a Chicago advertising agency. Frank belonged to Zeta Beta Tau.

James W. Perkinson '39, of Danville, Va., died on Feb. 2. He served in the Quartermaster Corps of the Army during World War II. He was a certified public accountant for Manning, Perkinson and Floyd. He was a member of the Danville Kiwanis Club and the Danville Museum of Fine Arts and History, where he donated the rose garden. He served on the boards of the YMCA, Montreat College and the Virginia Foundation for Independent Colleges. Perkinson belonged to Kappa Sigma.

William Robert Jones '40, of Altoona, Pa., died on Nov. 30, 2008. He worked at the family business, Jones Oil Co., for the Pennsylvania railroad and R.D. Burket Contractors, and as manager of receiving and storage at Tyrone's Westvaco plant, from which he retired after 40 years,

in 1982. Jones belonged to Pi Kappa Phi.

William J. Longan '41, of Richmond, died on Dec. 16, 2008. During World War II, he served as an Army dental officer, ending his service as a major. He held a fellowship in oral surgery at the Mayo Clinic, practiced oral surgery in Richmond and taught at the Medical College of Virginia until his retirement. Longan belonged to Delta Tau Delta.

Eugene D. Seraphine '41, of Hampton Bays, N.Y., died on Jan. 28. He worked for Lycoming Aircraft and Pratt and Whitney before serving in the Navy during World War II as editor of the base's newspaper. He also worked for Newsday and wrote a book on target shooting. He was a public relations counselor for Yogi Berra, American Airlines and Yoo Hoo. Seraphine belonged to Phi Gamma Delta.

Frederick Thornton Bromm '42, of Roanoke, Va., died on Dec. 13, 2008. He served in the European Theater during World War II in the Army infantry. He worked with Chemical Bank in New York City, First National Exchange Bank in Roanoke and the Bank of North Carolina, and retired as president of the United

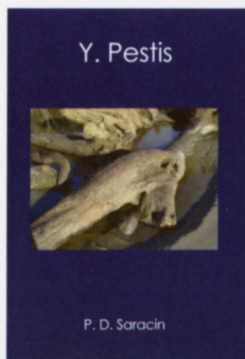
Virginia Bank of Roanoke. He served the board of directors for the Roanoke Symphony and the Salvation Army of the Roanoke Valley, as well as other civic organizations. Bromm belonged to Phi Gamma Delta. He was the father of Whit Bromm '79L.

William Lauriston Bruce '42, of Mt. Pleasant, S.C., died on Oct. 6, 2007. He was a chemist at Kelly Springfield Engineering Co. He later worked as director of development for Goodyear Tire. He belonged to the American Chemical Society.

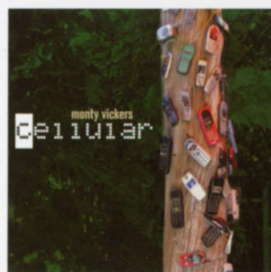
Robert P. Miller '42, of St. Louis, Mo., died on Feb. 17. He graduated from Washington University in St. Louis and served during World War II in the 100th Army Air Force Base Unit. He worked as an accountant for National Led Co. Miller, an avid bridge player, belonged to Kappa Sigma.

Robert L. Carges '43, of Atlanta, died on Feb. 16. He served in the Army during World War II as platoon leader and combat engineer. He was president of John B. Daniel Inc., a wholesale drug company. He also served as director of the National Wholesale Drug Association, Chamblee National Bank and

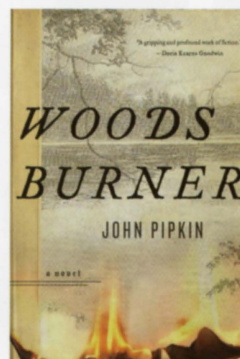
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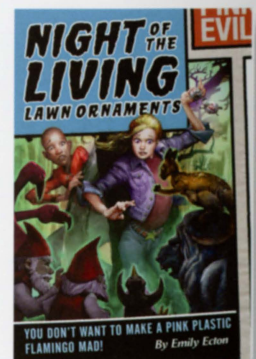
A novel by **Philip D. Saracin '75**, *Y. Pestis* (booksurge.com), is a fact-based work of terror and deception featuring characters from his earlier books.



Dr. Monty Vickers '75 has a new collection of what he dubs his "acoustic alt-folksongs," *Cellular*. The songs are available for download at www.digstation.com, you can order a CD at mvick236@aol.com. Vickers will make a donation to the Lance Armstrong Foundation for every copy sold.



John Pipkin '89 has written *Woodsburner* (Doubleday), about "a little-known event in the life of Henry David Thoreau that irrevocably altered the landscape of American thought," says the publisher. He's been getting rave reviews for his first novel, based on a true story about the time a young Thoreau started a devastating forest fire.



Emily Ecton '92 has issued the third book in her mystery series for young readers, *Night of the Living Lawn Ornaments* (Aladdin). It presents the further adventures of buddies Ty and Arlie and faithful dog Mr. Boots.

the Southeastern Legal Foundation. He was a life trustee of Pace Academy. Garges belonged to Phi Delta Theta.

William McCoy Jr. '43, of Franklin, W. Va., died on June 6, 2008. He served in the Army Air Force during World War II. He worked as an attorney and as the publisher of the *Pendleton (W.Va.) Times*. McCoy belonged to Pi Kappa Alpha.

George Cumming Buchanan '44, of Tallahassee, Fla., died on Dec. 21, 2008. He received his M.D. from Johns Hopkins Medical School, and served as a Navy doctor (lieutenant) during the Korean War. He practiced internal medicine in Washington for 45 years. He established the medical department of *U.S. News & World Report*. Buchanan belonged to Beta Theta Pi.

Alfred Leon Heldman Jr. '44, of Cincinnati, Ohio, died on April 10, 2008. He worked as a district salesman for Texo Corp. Heldman belonged to Zeta Beta Tau. He was the brother of Jerome Heldman '40.

James M. Clower '47, of West Grove, Pa., died on Aug.

7, 2008. He worked for General Motors Corp. for 25 years.

Elmer H. French Jr. '48, of Key West, Fla., died on Nov. 2, 2008. He served as a B-52 bombardier in the Army Air Corps. He was the chief executive officer of Maerckle French and Associates. French belonged to Phi Delta Theta.

Russel Drewey Huffman '49, of Austin, Texas, died on Dec. 24, 2008. He served as a radioman on a B-17 in World War II. He worked for Shell Oil Co. and then later became vice president of administration for Cajun Electric Co-Op. Huffman belonged to Phi Kappa Sigma.

Ulysses B. Puckett Jr. '49, of Richmond, died on Nov. 23, 2008. He served in the Medical Corps during the Korean War. He worked as a pharmacist in Richmond for 32 years and later as executive vice president of Drugway Stores Inc. He was president of Couture Fabrics. Puckett belonged to Beta Theta Pi.

Thomas Claiborne Green Coyle '50, of Hagerstown, Md., died on Jan. 22. He operated Riddleberger's Store in Charles Town, Md., for

Al Fleishman '41, Distinguished Alumnus

Alvin T. Fleishman '41, of Eden, N.C., a recipient of W&L's Distinguished Alumnus Award, died on March 10. One of our most dedicated alumni, he was a familiar sight (along with his faithful basset hound, Ellie) at Homecomings, Alumni Weekends and Class Agents Weekends.

As a student, Fleishman belonged to Phi Beta Kappa, Phi Eta Sigma and Beta Gamma Sigma honorary societies and to Zeta Beta Tau social fraternity, for which he was house manager and treasurer. He also served as managing editor of the *Ring-Tum Phi* and as sports editor of the *Calyx*. He received a degree in business administration and accounting.

During World War II, he served as a lieutenant commander in the Navy Supply Corps in the Pacific, earning seven battle stars and two unit citations. He retired from the Navy as a commander after 26 years of active and reserve duty.

In 1944, Fleishman received an M.B.A. from Harvard Business School, as part of a Navy program. He spent his career in the family business, retiring in 2005 as president and CEO of Fleishman Company Department Stores, Fleishman Liquors and Fleishman Realty.

Fleishman also taught business and marketing at Tri-County Technical College, Pendleton, S.C., and received its Adjunct Faculty Presidential Award for excellence in teaching. The school has an endowed scholarship in his name.

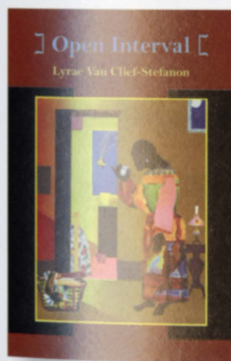
He was active in Anderson, S.C., his hometown and where he lived for most of his life. He served as president of the Anderson Merchants Assoc., on the chamber of commerce, on the board of St. Joseph's Catholic School and as president and secretary of Temple B'Nai Israel.

As an alumnus, Fleishman was a class agent (for 25 years), chaired his 50th reunion and served on a campaign committee. He was the father of Dr. Henry A. Fleishman '70 and the stepfather of Les H. Clark '84.

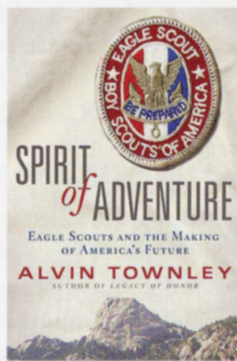
In a 1981 letter to his classmates on the occasion of their 40th reunion, Fleishman wrote, "I... still think the association with the people I met at W&L and thru W&L has been the most important event (other than my family) in my life." His last visit here was in 2006, when he attended his 65th reunion.



Books and CDs by Alumni



Lyrae Van Clief Stefanon '93 has published a volume of poetry, *Open Interval* (University of Pittsburgh Press). She drew upon astronomy, math, history, literature and "lived experience" to compose the works. Van Clief-Stefanon is an assistant professor of English at Cornell University.



Alvin Townley '97 has written *Spirit of Adventure: Eagle Scouts and the Making of America's Future* (Thomas Dunne Books). He traveled extensively to interview scouts for the work.

21 years. He was a member of the board of directors for the Bank of Charles Town and Jefferson Hospital and a trustee of Edge Hill Cemetery. Coyle belonged to Sigma Chi. He was the brother of James T. Coyle '53 and the cousin of Thomas R. Shepherd '52.

Atwell Dugger '50,

of Whispering Pines, Ala., died on Dec. 14, 2008. He served in the Navy as an SFC Special Electronics. He worked in sales for the Kimberly Clark Corp. and then for High Hope Farm, where he was a partner in the commercial egg business. He later worked for Corning. Dugger belonged to Phi Gamma Delta. He was a cousin of Greig Cummings '57.

Franklin S. Pease Jr. '50,

of Chatham, Mass., died on Dec. 29, 2008. He served in the Navy during the Korean War and later moved to New York City and worked in the paper industry. He spent most of his career, however, in the furniture business, as a manufacturer's representative. He was a member of the Coast Guard Auxiliary. Pease belonged to Pi Kappa Alpha.

Andrew Thomas Wilson '50L,

of Lewisburg, Pa., died on Feb. 22. He served in the Navy during World War II and earned a Bronze Star. He established the Wilson Law Firm. He also served as solicitor for the Lewisburg Area School District, East Buffalo Township and Union Township. He was also United District Attorney for Union County and taught at Bucknell University. He was presiding judge of the 17th Judicial District for Snyder and Union Counties until he formed a law partnership with his son. He was a member of the Lewisburg Rotary Club and the American Legion. Wilson belonged to Lambda Chi Alpha.

John R. Berryman '51,

of Huntsville, Texas, died on July 11, 2008. He was a geologist with Texas Gas Exploration Corp. He was an avid golfer and sailor. Berryman belonged to Sigma Chi. He was the brother of Bud Berryman '54 and uncle of Brian Berryman '90.

Charles Henry Crawford III '51L,

of Manchester, N.H., died on Jan. 21. He served in the Air Force Reserve as judge advocate,

lieutenant colonel, during World War II. He practiced law in the U.S. District Court in Vermont and the U.S. Supreme Court. Crawford belonged to Phi Delta Theta.

Eugene E. Freeman Jr. '51,

of Lexington, Ky., died on Jan. 11. He received a master's degree in forestry from Syracuse University. He worked for George E. Tomlinson Co., which eventually became the Freeman Corp. He was president of the Winchester Rotary Club and served as chairman of the board of the Winchester Bank. Freeman belonged to Phi Delta Theta.

James Jones White III '51,

of Charlotte, N.C., died on Jan. 31. He was chairman of the Nisbet Oil Co. and served on the board of the Catawba Land Conservancy. White belonged to Delta Tau Delta. He was the father of James J. White '86.

Douglas Wheeler Bair '53,

of St. Louis, Mo., died on Feb. 14. He served in the Navy. He worked as an investment banker at A.G. Edwards & Boatman's Bank in St. Louis and Northern Trust Bank in Miami, Fla. He was a member of the Foothills

Golden Retriever Rescue Inc. Bair belonged to Sigma Chi.

Frank A. McCormick '53,

of Jacksonville, Fla., died on Dec. 22, 2008. He served in the Marines as a jet fighter pilot. He was an insurance salesman and director of the Santa Ana Junior Chamber of Commerce. McCormick was a member of Phi Delta Theta.

Joseph M. J. Tichenor III '53,

of McAllen, Texas, died on Jan. 3. He was a pioneer in the development of the Hispanic radio industry. His family owned the nation's largest Hispanic radio group, Tichenor Media Systems, which later merged with Heftel Broadcasting. HBC then merged with Univision Communications in 2004, where he led the expansion of the company. He was awarded the Broadcaster's Foundation of America Pioneer Award in 2006. Tichenor belonged to Kappa Sigma.

Robert H. Coolidge II '54,

of Mountain City, Tenn., died on March 13, 2008. He served in the Army, in counter-intelligence, during the Korean War. He was president and owner of Coolidge Industries. He restored and sold

Frank C. Brooks '46, Trustee Emeritus



Frank C. Brooks '46, a member of the Board of Trustees from 1972 to 1983 and a member of the W&L Athletic Hall of Fame, died on March 22. He was 84 and lived in Baltimore. Brooks was the retired president and CEO of Tongue, Brooks and Co. Inc., an insurance business.

As part of the World War II students, Brooks attended W&L from 1942 to 1943, left to serve in the Navy, as quartermaster second class, and then resumed his studies from 1946 to 1949. He received a B.A. in economics. He belonged to Omicron Delta Kappa and Delta Tau Delta fraternity.

He began his service to W&L during his student days, when he spurred the development of lacrosse here. He represented the school at the U.S. Lacrosse National

Convention in 1946 and the next year assembled W&L's first season of varsity play. He also acted as an assistant coach, the first lacrosse player in that role. He made the Honorable Mention All-America Squad as a midfielder, another first for a Generals lacrosse player. In 1948 he led the team as captain.

Brooks also was president of his sophomore class, managed the 1948 Fancy Dress and chaired the Student War Memorial Scholarship Fund. Later, as an alumnus, he sat on the board of the alumni association, was active in the Baltimore alumni chapter and served as a class agent. In 1964, he represented W&L at the inauguration of the president of Loyola College, in Baltimore.

Brooks is survived by his wife, Ellen; five children, including Frank Brooks Jr. '71 and James Brooks '77; 13 grandchildren, including Chris Brooks '97, Louise Brooks '11, Lanier Brooks '06, and Harrison Tucker '13; three great-grandchildren; and two brothers. He was the uncle of Chris Brooks '85 and the brother of the late John Brooks '45 and the late William Brooks '50.

Carl L. Smothers '72, One of First Black Graduates

Carl L. Smothers '72, of Stafford, Va., died on Feb. 20. He and Walter Blake '72 were the first African-Americans to graduate with a bachelor's degree from W&L.



A native of Lexington, Smothers grew up in town and on campus—his mother, Fanie, worked at W&L in Dining Services. Smothers, who belonged to Phi Epsilon Pi social fraternity and the Student Association for Black Unity (SABU), earned a B.S. in science.

He earned an M.S. in systems engineering from Columbia University and spent his career as a systems engineer at IBM, as a project manager for Lockheed-Martin and at L3 Communications, from which he retired in 2007.

In 1998, Smothers talked to the alumni magazine about his experience as a pioneer on campus. To read "Without Rancor: The Story of Desegregation at Washington and Lee," which appeared in the Summer 1998 issue, see withoutrancor.wlu.edu.

old cars and liked NASCAR and bluegrass. Coolidge belonged to Sigma Chi.

Robert S. Cullen '54, of Cheshire, Conn., died on Dec. 9, 2008. He received his J.D. from George Washington University in 1960. An experienced litigator, he practiced law until his retirement. Cullen, who enjoyed sailing, belonged to Sigma Nu.

Byron Phillip Kocen '54, of Austin, Texas, died on Nov. 29, 2008. He earned his M.D. from the Medical College of Virginia and practiced as a pediatrician for 44 years. He was a pioneer in the field of attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD). Kocen belonged to Phi Epsilon Pi.

Henry A. Turner Jr. '54, of New Haven, Conn., died on Dec. 17, 2008. He taught modern German history at Yale University for 44 years, until his retirement in 2002. He attended the University of Munich and the Free University of Berlin before receiving his Ph.D. in 1960 from Princeton. He pub-

lished several books, including *Stresemann and the Politics of the Weimar Republic*; *Hitler's Thirty Days to Power*; *General Motors and the Nazis: The Struggle for Control of Opel, Europe's Biggest Carmaker* and *German Big Business and the Rise of Hitler*, which spurred a famed scholarly debate, called the "Abraham Affair." Turner belonged to Phi Gamma Delta.

George S. Wilson III '54, '56L, of Owensboro, Ky., died on Nov. 25, 2008. He served in the Army's Judge Advocate Generals' Corps. He practiced law at Wilson & Wilson and belonged to the Kentucky Board of Bar Examiners and the Board of Governors of the Kentucky Bar Association. He was the national president of the American Radio Relay League and a member of the Owensboro Ham Radio Club. He was a board member of the Boy Scouts and Junior Achievement, as well as president of the Owensboro Symphony Orchestra. Wilson belonged to Kappa Alpha.

William N. Craig '55, of Jacksonville, Fla., died on Nov. 6, 2008. He served as a lieutenant in the Army. He received a master's degree in education of the deaf and a Ph.D. in audiology. He directed the graduate program for educators of the deaf at the University of Pittsburgh and was superintendent of Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf. He received the Edward Allen Fay Award for literary leadership and the CEASD Citation for Leadership and Services. Craig belonged to Kappa Alpha.

John P. Manning '55, of Willoughby, Ohio, died on Nov. 9, 2008. He served in Germany as a member of the Army. He taught math at Willoughby South High School and belonged to the American Legion and the Fraternal Order of Eagles, Aerie 2300. He served on the board of the Willoughby-Eastlake Schools Credit Union.

Mahlon D. Woodring '55, of Brunswick, Maine, died on Nov. 12, 2008. He served in the Army in Germany. He worked as a manager for Little Brothers Management. He belonged to the Millburn-Short Hills First Aid Squad, the Old Guard, United Way and the Recreation Commission. He was also a Little League baseball coach. Woodring belonged to Beta Theta Pi.

Samuel Booker Carter Jr. '56, of Saluda, N.C., died on Jan. 19. He received his law degree from Harvard Law School. He practiced law in Virginia and Baltimore and was a corporate lawyer for National Service Industries in Atlanta. He belonged to the Kiwanis Club of Atlanta and the Old War Horse Lawyers Club. Carter belonged to Kappa Alpha.

Charles C. Kannapell '57, of Bethesda, Md., died on Nov. 17, 2008. He served in the Army in Germany. He founded Kannapell Rogers Co., where he worked as a manufacturers' representative. He was a member of the Kiwanis Club. Kannapell belonged to Phi Delta Theta. He was the brother of Douglas '65 and father of John '92, Frank '88 and Carter '86.

William Courtney King Jr. '57L, of Roanoke, Va., died on Dec. 14, 2008. He served in the Army Air Corps during World War II. He practiced law as an attorney in Roanoke for 40 years at King, Fulghum, Renick, Bounds and Smith. He was an active member of the advisory board of the City of Roanoke Salvation Army. King belonged to Kappa Sigma.

Robert Howard Crawford '58, of Melrose, Mass., died on Dec. 31, 2008. He served in the Army during the Korean War. He worked for New England Bank in Boston and Bay Bank in Somerville, and retired as vice president of the Savings Bank in Wakefield. He was an active member of the Wakefield Rotary Club, serving as president. Crawford belonged to Kappa Sigma.

Charles W. Gunn Jr. '58L, of Lexington, Va., died on Jan. 13. He worked as an extra in Johnny Weissmuller's Tarzan films and served in the Navy during World War II. He worked as a judge in Buena Vista Municipal Court and served in the Virginia House of Delegates for 15 years. He held many civic leadership positions in Rockbridge County.

Howard S. Buhl '59, of Annapolis, Md., died on Nov. 26, 2008. He served in the Army and was the owner of Uniglobe Town and Country Travel Agency. He also served on the board for the 100 Club of Anne Arundel County and the Lakeside Camp Association in Roscommon, Mich. Buhl belonged to Phi Gamma Delta.

Robert E. Shepherd Jr. '59, '61L, of Richmond, died on Dec. 11, 2008. He taught at the University of Richmond's T.C. Williams School of Law for more than 30 years. For drafting Virginia's first statute on child abuse, among other accomplishments in that field, in 1999 he was the first person inducted into the Virginia Juvenile Court Hall of Fame. Among his many awards were the Outstanding Child Advocacy Award from the National Association of Counsel for Children, the Lifetime Achievement Award of the Family Law Section of the Virginia State Bar, the President's Award from the

National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, the ABA's Livingston Hall Juvenile Justice Award, and the state bar's Harry L. Carrico Professionalism Award. He was a fellow of the Virginia Law Foundation. The National Center for Family Law at Richmond created the Robert E. Shepherd Jr. Fellowship Fund to further Shepherd's work, and UR honored him posthumously with the William Green Award for Professional Excellence, its highest honor. Shepherd belonged to Lambda Chi Alpha. He was the father of Stephanie Shepherd '95.

Walter S. Allen III '60L,

of Madisonville, La., died on Sept. 26, 2007. He served as a commander in the Navy's JAG Corps for 20 years and was deputy commissioner of insurance for the state of Louisiana from 1978 to 1982.

William Jere

Tolton Jr. '60, '64L,

of Destin, Fla., died on Jan. 24. He was a member of the Florida House of Representatives from 1972 to 1976. Beginning in 1977, he served on Florida's First Judicial Circuit, where he was the longest-tenured judge in the circuit's history. He also worked as a newspaper reporter for the predecessor of the *Northwest Florida Daily News*. Tolton belonged to Sigma Alpha Epsilon. ©

Allan Getson '62L,

of Bryn Mawr, Pa., died on Jan. 6. He was a chaplain's assistant in the Army at Fort Knox. He was a founding partner of Getson & Schatz, practiced law for 45 years and worked on the Real Property Section of the Philadelphia Bar Association.

Lloyd Coleman Sullenberger '62,

of Orange, Va., died on Feb. 18. He received his law degree from the Marshall Wythe School of Law. He served as a law clerk to Virginia Supreme Court Justice A.C. Buchanan and as a partner of Shackelford and Robertson. He was appointed to the 16th Judicial Circuit Court bench, where he served for many years.

Winfield Scott Essex Jr. '64,

of New York City, died on Feb. 20. He was the first trader to have seats on both the New York and London Stock Exchanges. He

owned a coffee farm in Rhodesia and was a partner in Philadelphia Investors. Essex belonged to Phi Gamma Delta. He was the brother of Richard S. Essex '80.

William F.C. Skinner Jr. '65,

of Doraville, Ga., died on Nov. 25, 2008. He obtained his law degree from Emory Law School. Skinner served in the Vietnam War. He worked as an attorney in Decatur, Ga., for 38 years and belonged to the DeKalb Bar Association. Skinner belonged to Delta Upsilon.

Leonard W. Townsend '65L,

of Richmond, Va., died on Aug. 12, 2008. He worked as an attorney in the Richmond area.

Boyd V. Switzer '67L,

of Richmond, Va., died on Dec. 13, 2008. He graduated from Hampden-Sydney College. He enjoyed electronics and music.

Louis Eugene Dupre '68,

of Saint James City, FL., died on Dec. 24, 2006.

Frank H. Griffin III '68,

of Devon, Pa., died on Dec. 31, 2008. He served as an artillery officer in the Marine Corps during the Vietnam War. He earned a law degree from Villanova University and practiced law at Dechert, Price & Rhoads in Philadelphia. He was a founding partner of Gollatz, Griffin & Ewing, also in Philadelphia. Griffin belonged to Delta Tau Delta.

Richard M. Swope '68,

of Virginia Beach, Va., died on Dec. 20, 2008. He practiced law in Norfolk for 30 years with the firm of Williams, Kelly and Greer. He served on the board of the Norfolk and Portsmouth Bar Associations, as well as on the Second District Ethics committee. He was president of the Virginia Beach Rotary Club and a member of the National Eagle Scout Association. Swope belonged to Phi Kappa Psi.

Lewis M. Fetterman Jr. '72,

of Clinton, N.C., died on March 15, 2008. He was a professor of pharmacy at Campbell University. He served on the board of the First Citizens Bank, as well as on the N.C. State University Agriculture Foundation board.

Edward Ernest Fischer Jr. '77L,

of New Castle, Del., died on Jan. 1. He was an attorney at Morris, Nichols, Arshat & Tunnell in Wilmington, Del, and a tax consultant.

Katherine Anne Roggenburk '91,

of Denver, died on Feb. 4. She was an application services manager for Thornton, Colo. Roggenburk belonged to Kappa Kappa Gamma.

Douglas W. Thiessen '95,

of West River, Md., died on Jan. 9. He was a Justice Department attorney and the Maryland Republican Party's general counsel. He also was assistant general

counsel for the federal Department of Justice's Parole Commission.

Other Deaths

Edward Phillip Higgins, who was retired from W&L, died on March 18.

Hunter Gordon McCoy, who was retired from the W&L Print Shop, died on Feb. 5. He was a founder of the Washington and Lee Outing Club.

Mary L. Tabbut, who worked at W&L for 12 years, died on Jan. 28. She served first as a custodian and then as a housekeeper at Lee House during President Robert Huntley's tenure. Her husband, Donald Tabbut, who preceded her in death, worked at W&L as a printer and press operator.

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THE *Speaking* TRADITION



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W&L enjoyed an array of well-known speakers on campus during winter term—the provocative, the humorous, the thoughtful, the newsworthy. Here's one of them: P.J. O'Rourke (right), political humorist and author, who explained "The Lighter Side of Pain: What's Up with Our Global Economy?" to the Tom Wolfe Weekend Seminar. Wolfe '51 (left) introduced him to the crowd at Lee Chapel.

Hear O'Rourke's talk at wlu.edu/x31805.xml and visit the "Sound Bites" page at wlu.edu/x25980.xml to hear other visiting speakers, plus media appearances and commentary by W&L faculty.

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