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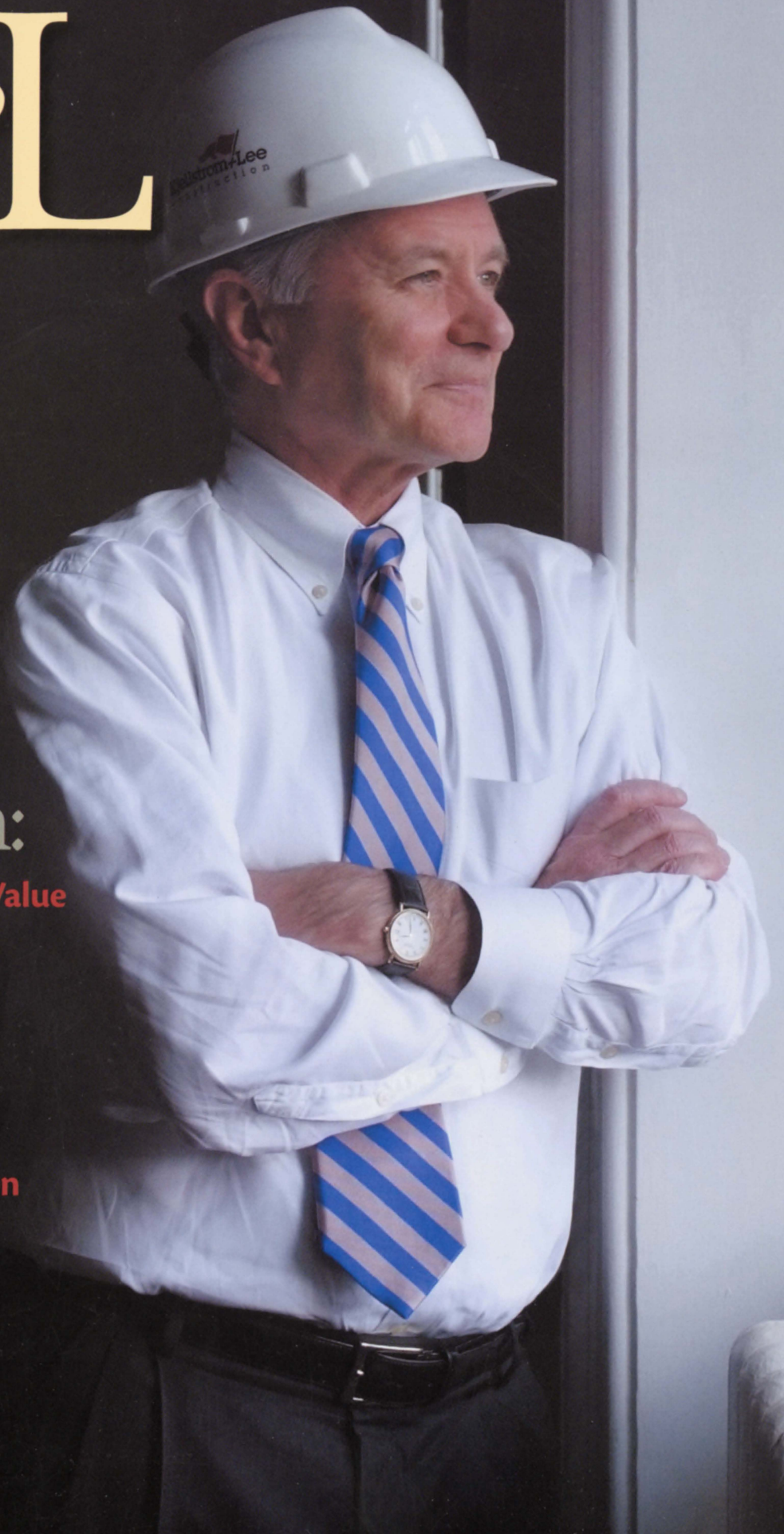
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Walking to class on a fall morning. Photo by Patrick Hinely '73

ON THE COVER: *President Ken Ruscio '76 visits Washington Hall, currently undergoing a renovation. Photo by Patrick Hinely '73*

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The two solar photo-voltaic arrays to be installed on campus by the end of the year will generate 450 kilowatts of power, capable of powering the equivalent of 44 homes. See page 4 for the complete story.



Happy silver anniversary to Larry Peppers, who is celebrating 25 years as the dean of the Williams School of Commerce, Economics, and Politics. He's only the fifth dean in the 105-year history of the Williams School.

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The Fall 2011 issue of *Shenandoah: The Washington and Lee University Review* hit the newsstand—the virtual newsstand, that is. The 61-year-old literary journal is now entirely online and free. While its physical form is different, its spirit is the same. Visit shenandoah.wlu.edu.

The Class of 2015 made history by being W&L's largest entering class ever. W&L selected the 259 men and 238 women from a pool of almost 6,400 applicants. The new class hails from 43 states and 14 countries.

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Alma Mater

I was reading the magazine this morning while waiting for the computer to boot up. It was 4:30 a.m. or so, and I was getting ready to tackle a few writing projects for work. I realized, as I thought of what I was about to write while flipping through the magazine, that if there's one way that W&L changed me, it was to make me brave enough to share with others my optimism and idealism. Not in an unrealistic way, but with honesty and humility.

This was reflected throughout the magazine, cover to cover (Ken

Ruscio's essay on p. 44 being an excellent example). It's also reflected in my writing, thinking and even my parenting. Guess I finally know what it means to have an alma mater.

Patricia Lopes Harris '91
San Jose, Calif.

Coeducation and the Law School

The magazine ("Alumni President's Message," p. 28 of the Spring/Summer issue) owes an apology to the women who integrated Washington and Lee's School of Law in 1972. The column erroneously declares that W&L

welcomed its first coeducational class in 1985—13 years too inaccurate!

Shame on W&L for ignoring its own history and the efforts of so many hardworking women law students.

Deborah (Susman) Dowd '76L
Seattle, Wash.

Editor's Note: While we didn't make it clear that the column in question referred to undergraduates, we did run an article about the first women to attend the W&L School of Law. See pp. 17–19 of the Fall 2005 issue for "The Magnificent Seven."

REMEMBERING 9/11

Rev. John Talley, minister of the Reformed University Fellowship, told those gathered at a Sept. 11 prayer vigil in front of Lee Chapel in memory of the 9/11 terror attacks that the events 10 years ago represent an opportunity for individual change.

The prayer vigil was sponsored by W&L's College Democrats and College Republicans and was one of two events that commemorated the 10th anniversary of 9/11 on campus. The second event, a panel discussion, two days later, included Ayse Zarakol, assistant professor of politics; Mark Drumbly, the Class of 1975 Alumni Professor of Law and director of the Transnational Law Clinic; and Bob Strong, the William Lyne Wilson Professor of Politics and interim provost.

Addressing students, faculty, alumni and community members, Talley said there is considerable talk about the way 9/11 changed us as a country, but that he wanted to focus on how it changed us as individuals.



"How has it changed the way you think about terrorism? About the way you think about our country, as a people divided or united? How you think about political issues? How has it changed how you think about religious and spiritual issues? Has it changed the way you think about people who don't think the way you think?" he asked.

"As I was thinking about all of these questions for my own life, I was struck that if we, as individuals and as a country, fail to miss this opportunity to reflect on those personal questions,

we have missed a great opportunity to see change in our own lives, not just as a country but as individuals."

Two alumni were killed in the 9/11 attacks: Cmdr. Robert Allen Schlegel '85, at the Pentagon, and James A. Gadiel '00, at the World Trade Center.

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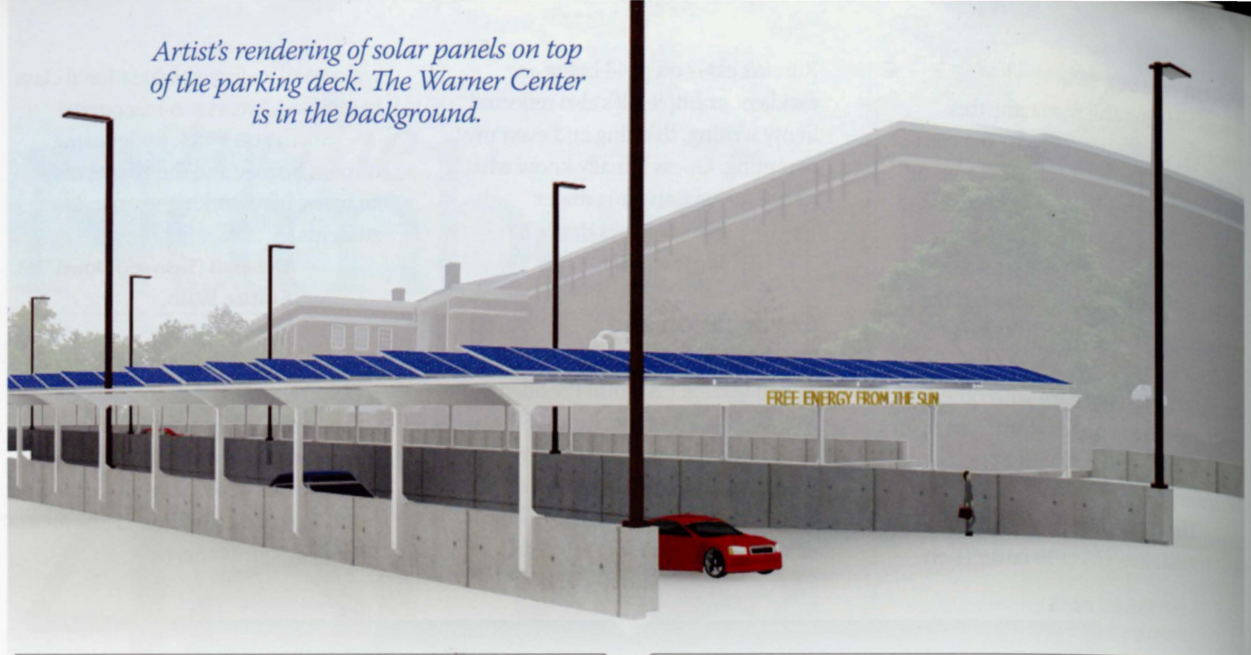
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Artist's rendering of solar panels on top of the parking deck. The Warner Center is in the background.



Let There Be Light: Solar Energy to Illuminate W&L

W&L has contracted with Secure Futures L.L.C., a solar-energy developer based in Staunton, Va., to install two solar photovoltaic arrays, totaling approximately 450 kilowatts, at two locations on campus. Together they will be the largest solar project in Virginia, generating enough power to light up, for example, 44 average homes.

The first array, with a capacity of 120 kilowatts, will be installed on a canopy over the upper deck of the parking garage. Lewis Hall will host the second array, a rooftop installation with a capacity of 330 kilowatts. They are scheduled for completion by the end of the year.

"This is an important step for Washington and Lee as part of our continuing emphasis on sustainability," said President Ken Ruscio '76. "This is another instance of how we are aligning our institutional practices with what we preach to our students about their duties as responsible citizens and their obligations to future generations."

The roof of Lewis Hall will have 1,032 high-efficiency photovoltaic panels manufactured by the SunPower Corp., and the parking-deck

canopy will hold 540 photovoltaic panels made by Sanyo. W&L has entered into a 20-year power-purchase agreement with Secure Futures to buy the solar-generated electricity.

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—President Ken Ruscio '76

Secure Futures offers clean, affordable solar energy generated on site to colleges, universities and other institutions operating in the public interest. By agreeing to purchase solar power, customers can reduce their electricity costs and protect themselves against future price increases from electric utilities, without the high up-front cost of installing their own solar-power equipment.

The University pursued this opportunity as the latest element in its sustainability strategy, with a

clear eye on the economics. "The use of the power-purchase agreement makes this a financially viable project for the University, as it allows us to purchase the electricity generated from the project at a far more effective cost than had we built and operated the structures ourselves," said Steve McAllister, vice president for finance. "In addition, the structure of the agreement provides an option for us to purchase the system at a later date. This option may prove to yield an even larger economic benefit."

W&L has undertaken numerous sustainability initiatives to date across campus. It has signed both the Presidents Climate Commitment, an initiative of U.S. colleges and universities, and the international Talloires Declaration to incorporate sustainability in teaching, research and operations. Campus-wide action includes composting, local and organic foods, energy conservation, purchasing, transportation and the management of the physical plant. In addition, departments ranging from the University store to printing and copying services have committed to using fewer resources and generating less waste.

Energy Education Specialists Spread the Word

Whether they're climbing on a roof or peering into a basement, Jane Stewart and Morris Trimmer (pictured right), the new energy education specialists at W&L, are looking for opportunities.

In March, W&L introduced the Energy Education Program to campus. It has partnered with Energy Education Inc., a Texas firm that helps educational organizations reduce energy consumption. "It will involve all members of the University community in changing habits affecting how we use energy resources in each building, office and classroom," said President Ruscio. "Through all of our combined efforts, over time, it is predicted that we can reduce our carbon footprint by 30 percent and save \$2 million per year in energy costs." A key part of the effort is these two positions.

Trimmer and Stewart's overall charge is to develop and monitor the University's energy management in order to reduce utility consumption. This involves, among other tasks, completing energy-use audits of each facility on campus; providing educational information and promoting energy conservation; and maintaining records and comparative data of utility usage. The work takes them into every corner of campus, and at all hours of the night and day.

For Stewart, her new job is "a chance to touch something a little bigger." Formerly the director of parent giving in the Development Office, she's found that "the idea of climate change and environmental responsibility has become increasingly important to me personally over the past few years."

Before taking on his new role, Trimmer was a system engineer in Informational Technology Services. When the



initiative debuted, he was pleased to know the University was taking its commitment to sustainability a step farther. "What we really need to change is how we behave, what we do as individuals," he said.

On the job since June, the pair has been struck by the excitement and support of their colleagues. Said Trimmer, "It's almost like everyone has been waiting for the moment to say, 'OK, begin.' Everybody wants this done and is paying attention."
—Campbell Massie

ITS Staff Members Become QR Billboards

When the Class of 2015 arrived at Washington and Lee University on Saturday, members of the University's Information Technology Services (ITS) offered them a quick way to find popular websites and add contact information to address books with their smartphones and the new QR code technology.

QR (Quick Response) codes are two-dimensional barcodes designed to be read by smartphones.

The staff members had QR codes printed on the T-shirts that they wore while they staffed the first-year check-in and orientation. Several dozen students took advantage by using their phones to scan the code, which then loaded the web page or prompted them to save the new contact.



On the front of the shirts were codes for ITS services such as Help, Campus Notices websites and the Information Desk. On the back were codes for both campus and local attractions, ranging from the Blue Ridge Parkway to the University's Nabors Service League.

David Saacke, chief technology officer, said the T-shirt design reflected students' increasing use of the various smartphone technologies.

"Year by year, we have seen a steady increase in the percentage of students who bring smartphones to campus and use them to do an increasing variety of tasks," said Saacke. "We expect that this year's entering class will be relying even more than usual on this technology, and the QR code T-shirts seemed an appropriate welcome for tech-savvy kids."



PHOTO BY PATRICIA HINELY '23

Civil War Diaries

Part of the Alexander S. Paxton collection: Four of his diaries, a post-war image of him and a portable chess set that was tagged "C.C. Paxton's chess set captured in Civil War in deserted Yankee camp." C.C. Paxton's relation to Alexander Paxton is unknown.

Six diaries written by a Confederate soldier and providing a first-hand account of the Civil War in Virginia are now part of Special Collections at Leyburn Library, the result of a multi-donor gift to the University. Archivists and researchers would be delighted enough over the newly discovered set of diaries. What lifts this collection into a special category for W&L, however, is the identity of the diaries' author: Alexander Sterrett Paxton, a member of the Class of 1861 who belonged to the famed Liberty Hall Volunteers, a company of Confederate infantry made up of W&L students.

"The diaries relate so well to Lexington and to Washington and Lee that it seemed very appropriate for them to have a permanent home in Special Collections," said one of the 11 donors, a W&L alumnus who

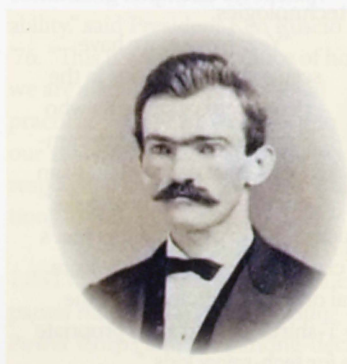
wishes to remain anonymous. "It was a pleasure to help make that happen."

When the Civil War broke out in April 1861, Alexander Paxton and other students at Washington College (as it was then called) enlisted in the Liberty Hall Volunteers. Their captain was James Jones White, a professor of Greek and Latin, and their name referred to Liberty Hall Academy, a predecessor to Washington College, and to a military unit with the same name that had fought in the Revolutionary War. The students became Co. I of the 4th Virginia Infantry, part of the Stonewall Brigade commanded by General Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson, a professor at neighboring Virginia Military Institute.

From 1861 to 1865, Paxton penciled his emotions and observations into six notebooks. He

described the feeling when "the cannon balls from the enemy's guns would whiz just a few feet above our bodies"; his admiration for Jackson's "bravery & coolness"; and his surprise at "how strange that the better & kinder feelings of our natures should be thus changed" when shooting at the enemy. His diaries remained unknown to Washington and Lee and to the wider historical community until June 23 of this year, when some of his descendants put them up for auction.

The group of donors comprised another anonymous donor and members of the Fourth Virginia Infantry Association, reenactors from Indianapolis, Ind., including C.J. Roberts, president and CEO of the Tampa Bay (Florida) History Center, and David S. Klinestiver, an Indianapolis attorney.



Alexander Sterrett Paxton was born in 1840 in Rockbridge County. He started out as a private and wound up a second sergeant. He fought all over Virginia at the First Battle of Manassas, Balls Bluff, Cedar Run, Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, the Wilderness, Spotsylvania, Cold Harbor and Petersburg. He suffered wounds in three battles. After the war, Paxton became a teacher in and around Rockbridge County and in Tennessee, and he served as the principal of an academy in Statesville, N.C. He married twice and had five children. In 1908, he published *Memory Days: In Which the Shenandoah Valley is Seen in Retrospection, with Glimpses of School Days and the Life of Virginia People of Fifty Years Ago*. He died around 1914.

John Paul "JP" Beall '14 and Trevor "Trey" Hatcher '14 join the incoming class of the prestigious Kemper Scholars Program. W&L is one of only 15 schools invited to participate in the scholarship-mentorship program, which has been sponsored by the James S. Kemper Foundation since 1948.

Three students—Johanna Cho '12, Kathryn Marsh Soloway '12 and Danielle Breidung '12—won \$1,000 Shirley Hurt Brand Scholarships from the Cabell Brand Center for Global Poverty and Resource Sustainability Studies of Salem, Va. The scholarships were awarded

based on essays the students wrote on what they plan to do with their studies and lives "For the Common Good."

The Campus Kitchen received a \$25,000 grant from the Walmart Foundation State Giving Program to help fund its Weekend Backpack Snack Program and the purchase of a vehicle. The two-year-old program has volunteers filling backpacks with food and delivering them to elementary schools in the area.

Katherine Crowley, assistant professor of mathematics, received a Science and Technology Fellowship from

the American Association for the Advancement of Science for the 2011-2012 academic year. She will use it to work in the Solar Technologies Program in the Department of Energy's Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy in Washington.

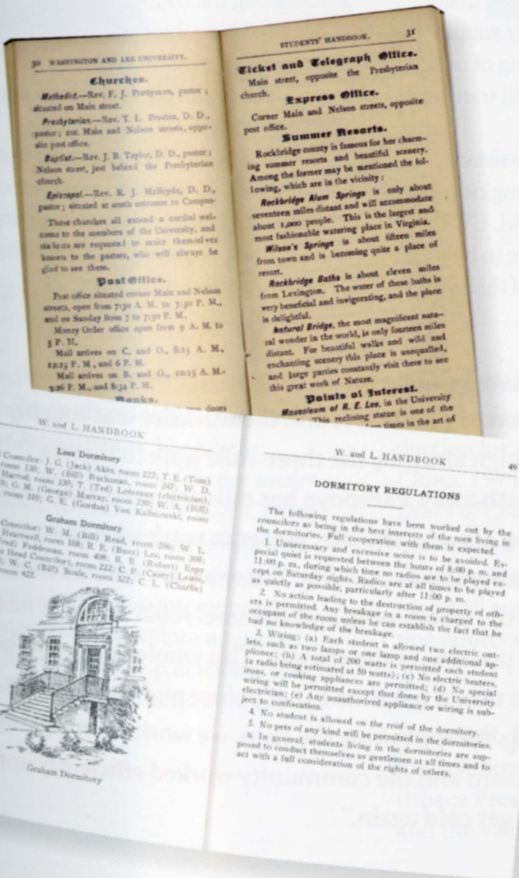
Registrar **Scott Dittman** received the Southern Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers (SACRAO) President's Award for Outstanding Professional Presentation at the annual meeting.

Sara Sprenkle, assistant professor of computer science, along with co-authors

Lucy Simko '11 and Lori Pollock (University of Delaware), won the Best Research Paper Award at the IEEE International Conference on Software Testing, Verification and Validation in Berlin, Germany.

For the second year in a row, **Washington and Lee** was recognized as one of the nation's best colleges for which to work by the *Chronicle of Higher Education*. W&L is included in the category of small universities, with 2,999 or fewer students, and won awards in three categories: Compensation & Benefits; Facilities, Workspaces & Security; and Job Satisfaction.

By the Rules—120 Years of Student Handbooks



Over the summer, Leyburn Library displayed student handbooks from 1800 to the present. The early handbooks were small booklets that the students could carry with them at all times in the inside pocket of their jackets. For a number of years, the handbooks were presented by the YMCA, an organization in which President Robert E. Lee had played a role. They contained a welcome by the University president, information about student life and conduct, the courses taught that year, a section for taking notes, and plenty of advertisements so gentlemen could find their way to the local drugstore, train station, photographer, boarding house, tailor, etc.

In the 1900s, the format and content changed. The student handbook became a manual of policies and procedures, covering the Honor System and focusing on unaccepted behaviors.

In 2000, a new publication took the place of the former student handbook—*The New Student Guidebook*. It has information on what there is to do at W&L. Rather than being handed out when students arrive on campus, this publication is sent to students before they arrive. And of course, they can now find the information online as well.

—Yolanda Merrill, humanities librarian



PHOTO BY KEVIN REMINGTON

Fresh Water for Bolivia

Dana Fredericks '12 (above, right), a chemistry-engineering major, founded the W&L Engineers Without Borders (EWB) club. It collaborates with the VMI chapter, the official chapter in the area. Over the summer, she was part of a team of W&L and VMI students and professors who spent two weeks working on a water-delivery system in Bolivia.

Students and professors from W&L and VMI spent two weeks this summer in the village of Pampoyo, Bolivia, to oversee the construction of a multi-phase water-delivery system that will bring fresh water to the villagers. The clean water will be used for crop irrigation, and those working on the project hope the boost in supply will lead to a substantial increase in arable land for Pampoyo.

Dana Fredericks '12, who funded her trip with a Johnson Opportunity grant, noted that clean water will also help improve several problem areas for the villagers. "The Bolivian villagers need more arable land to grow crops for food as well as one-day produce cash crops to exchange for other foods and goods," she explained. "We are looking to increase the village's crop production by 20 percent at the moment. This will help them diversify their diet as well as create more work, encouraging the young people to stay in the village instead of leaving for the city of La Paz."

The water-delivery system for Pampoyo will be built in multiple

phases. Over the summer, the group built the system that will capture and divert water from the stream that serves as the village's water supply. Phase two will be the laying of over three miles of pipe that will transport clean water to the fields.

Jonathan Erickson, assistant professor of physics and engineering and the advisor to the W&L EWB, said, "Although we're there to help with the actual building of this system,

we're more like project managers. An important part of the project also is educating the community so they understand how this contraption works so they can maintain it."

The group plans to return next year to complete the project. As Erickson noted, "It is one thing to see your plans for this kind of project on paper, but being on location, getting to know the people of the community, is a transforming experience."

Dana Fredericks '12 described one of her days on the site: "Pampoyo is located at an elevation of 11,800 feet and the worksite is at roughly 13,700 feet. At such a high altitude, the three-mile walk to the site quickly takes your breath away. Pampoyo has miles of mountains, some higher than 15,000 feet. Once at the site, we set to work with the men and women of the community at our side. Today we are constructing the dam. We already have the wood mold and the steel rebar in place; next comes the mixing and pouring of the cement. This whole dam must be poured before noon so that it has time to set before nightfall, when it runs the risk of freezing. After pouring the dam, we worked on digging a trench. Together, our team and the community worked efficiently until 3 p.m. when it begins to get cold again."

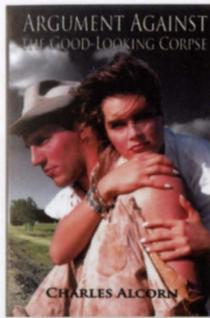
Edward Adams, associate professor of English, examines the liberal imagination's centuries-long dependence on contradictory, and mutually constitutive, attitudes toward violent domination. Combining an analytical history of liberal ideology, Adams contextualizes contemporary attitudes toward war and violence and compares the real-world law of war to the refined modalities of poetic diction.

Charles Alcorn '84's debut collection, *Argument Against the Good-Looking Corpse* (Texas Review Press), is a 10-story road trip from ice-cold Oslo to the Philippine Sea, from Saint John the Baptist Parish to the sands of Sonora, with lots and, lots of South Texas, West Texas, rural Texas and urban Texas in the rear-view mirror.

John Patrick Doyle, retired associate librarian at the School of Law, wrote *Boiled Peanuts: A Peeping Tom Goes Nuts Over a Blind Girl* (Copperhill Media Corp.), the story of a socially awkward librarian who becomes involved with a blind counselor.



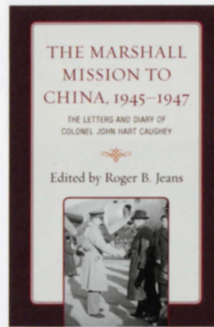
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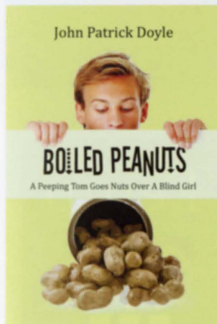
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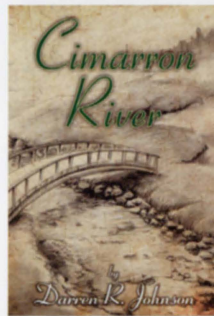
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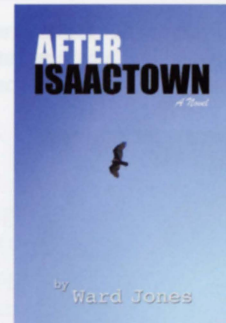
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Jonathan Eastwood, associate professor of sociology, co-edited *The Revolution in Venezuela: Social and Political Change under Chávez* (David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies). The authors consider the nature of social change in contemporary Venezuela and explore a number of themes that help elucidate the sources of the nation's political polarization.

Roger Jeans, professor emeritus of history, edited and wrote the introduction for *The Marshall Mission to China, 1945-1947: The Letters and Diary of Col. John Hart Daughey* (Rowman & Littlefield). The book offers fresh perspective on George C. Marshall and his day-to-day mediation efforts with key Chinese figures.

Ward Jones '65, author of three novels and short stories, published *After Isaactown* (CreateSpace), the story of an older man and his relationship with a younger woman. It explores the challenges they face, not only due to their age difference, but also their professional careers, which keep them apart and threaten their relationship.

Darren R. Johnson '93 published his first novel, *Cimarron River* (Ithaca Press), about golf, friendship and the value of taking risks.

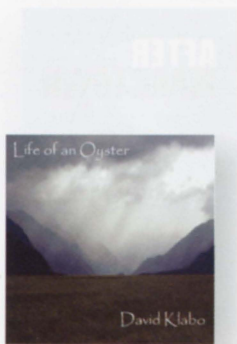
David N. Klabo '89 has a new solo album, "Life of an Oyster," available on iTunes and Amazon.com. Learn more about it at davidklabo.com, or become a fan on Facebook.

Suzanne LaFleur '05's *Eight Keys* (Random House: Wendy Lamb Books) is a children's book about best friends Elise and Franklin. *Publisher's Weekly* gave it a starred review, writing that "LaFleur . . . writes with uncommon sensitivity to the fraught period between childhood and the teenage years."

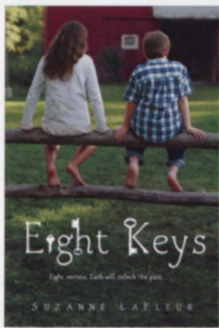
James Mahon, associate professor of philosophy, authored *Motivational Internalism and the Authority of Morality* (VDM Verlag Dr. Müller), which examines the history of the debate about the relationship between moral obligations and their relationship to individuals' desires.

Rebecca Makkai '99 published her first novel, *The Borrower: A Novel* (Viking Press), about a librarian and a young boy obsessed with reading who take a road trip. She's been winning positive reviews from a number of sources, including *O, The Oprah Magazine*.

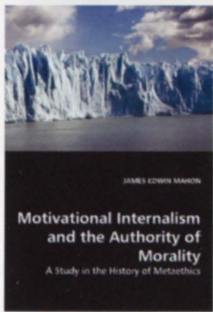
Roy T. Matthews '54 published *Gittin' Through: A Southern Town During World War II* (Trafford Publishing). It weaves together the lives of three generations: those who are rearing families, those who are growing up and those who are fighting a war. This historical fiction chronicles the impact of the war on their lives on a monthly, sometimes daily basis, and shows how their relationships and dreams are defined by wealth, race, class and tradition.



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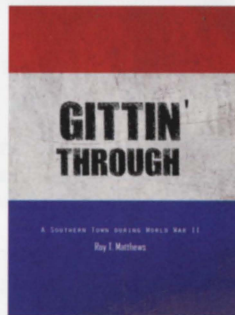
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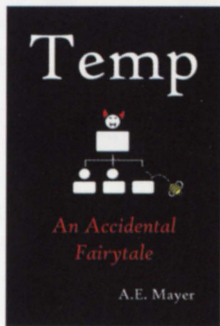
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Ashley Mayer '06's *Temp: An Accidental Fairytale* (Cricket Ink) introduces us to Jackson Belle Bee Elders, a promising Magical Sciences graduate. Stuck in a temp job filtering creatures to magical staffing work, she's downright miserable until the day she plays hooky and her accidental adventure begins.

Writing as Leslie DuBois, **Sybil Nelson '01** has recently published a novel, *Guardian of Eden* (Little Prince Publishing). Earlier books Nelson has penned as DuBois are *The Queen Bee of Bridgeton* and *Ain't No Sunshine*. See lesliedubois.com for more about these contemporary and historical

romances for an upper young-adult audience. Nelson reports that *Priscilla the Great*, her young-adult book that we featured in the last issue, is now also published by Little Prince Publishing, and that she is pitching it to movie and television producers.

R.T. Smith, editor of *Shenandoah: The Washington and Lee University Review*, has a new novel, *Sherburne* (Stephen F. Austin University Press). It's about one family, spans more than a century and is set largely in Rockbridge County. Some of the stories have won national prizes and most have been previously published in magazines such as *Virginia Quarterly Review*, *Missouri Review* and *Ellery Queen's Mystery Magazine*.

Charlie Sweet '65 co-authored his 13th book, *It Works for Me*,

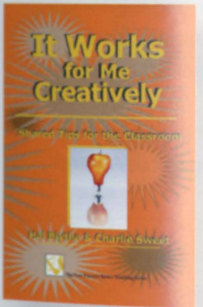
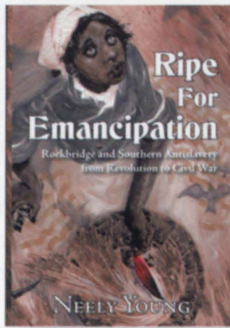
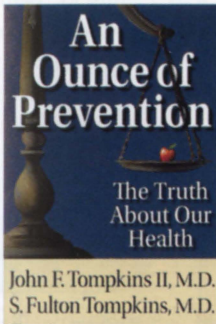
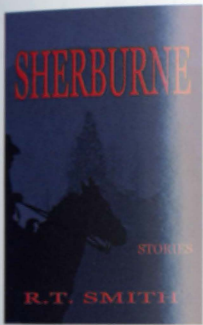
Creatively (New Forums), which offers practical tips and creative strategies. Charlie, a former W&L English major, now co-directs Eastern Kentucky University's Teaching & Learning Center and has over 800 publications.

Dr. John F. Tompkins II '78 and his late father, **Dr. S. Fulton Tompkins '37**, co-authored *An Ounce of Prevention: The Truth About Our Health* (The Editorial Annex). The book offers advice on how to avoid disease and injury by maintaining good health.

Shakespeare Center Donates Collection



Sarah Enloe, left, director of education for the American Shakespeare Center, and Vaughan Stanley, W&L's Special Collections librarian.



The American Shakespeare Center (ASC), of Staunton, Va., one of the country's leading performers of Shakespeare, has donated its archives—directors' notes, prompt books, set designs, posters, fliers, still and candid photographs, playbills, programs and recordings—to W&L's Special Collections. "It's a very rich treasure trove for anyone studying the performance of Shakespeare," said Hank Dobin, dean of the college at W&L and a scholar of Shakespeare. He was instrumental in bringing the collection to W&L and also serves on the ASC's board of trustees and as head of its education committee.

Part of the reason for bringing the collection to W&L was for faculty and students in drama and English to use it for research. "If I were teaching a Shakespeare class, I would assign a research paper to my students to use this archive," said Dobin. "Maybe they could compare two different productions of 'Hamlet' that occurred at the ASC over the years, or they could compare an ASC production of 'Hamlet' to a movie production. So it offers a lot of opportunities for W&L students."

Scholars will also be able to study the ASC archives to understand how the company's performances have evolved over the years. And Vaughan Stanley, Special Collections librarian, plans to set up a DVD player to view the performances.

Music professor **Terry Vosbein** has released a new CD, "Fleet Street," featuring his arrangements of numbers from Stephen Sondheim's "Sweeney Todd" (Max Frank Music). The CD's 13 tracks transform the musical-theater score into the orchestra's big-band sound.

Neely Young '66 published *Ripe for Emancipation: Rockbridge and Southern Antislavery from Revolution to Civil War* (Mariner Publishing), which explores the antislavery tradition in Rockbridge County during the years leading up to the Civil War.

PAMELA HEMENWAY SIMPSON

1946–2011

Pamela Hemenway Simpson, one of the most influential figures of the last four decades at Washington and Lee, died at her home in Lexington on Oct. 4. She was 65.

“She was a dear friend and colleague,” said President Ken Ruscio ’76. “Washington and Lee is a different place and a much better place because of her. And Lexington and Rockbridge County are better places, too.”

During her 38 years on the faculty, Simpson made myriad contributions, both in the classroom, where she was “the embodiment of W&L’s teacher-scholar” model, as Ruscio described her, and in countless other formal and informal positions.

Simpson was the first female tenure-track professor at W&L and the first female professor to receive an endowed chair, when she became the inaugural Ernest Williams II Professor of Art History in 1993. Not only did she pave the way for women faculty at W&L, mentoring them and serving as a role model, but she also played a critical role in the transition to coeducation in the mid-1980s. From 1984 to 1986, she chaired the Coeducation Steering Committee, which implemented the decision to admit women.

Simpson discussed her pioneer-



ing role with the *Roanoke Times & World-News* in 1981, when she became assistant dean of the College. She recalled a student who told her he had enjoyed her course. “Then he said, ‘I didn’t think I could learn from a woman, but I did,’” Simpson related.

Born on Sept. 8, 1946, in Omaha, Neb., she earned a B.A. in art from Gettysburg College (1968); an M.A. in art history from the University of Missouri (1970); and a Ph.D. in art history

from the University of Delaware (1974).

Simpson spent her entire teaching career at W&L except for a 1973 stint at the Penn State Extension Campus in Media, Pa. She arrived at W&L in 1973 as an instructor, becoming assistant professor in 1974, associate professor in 1979 and full professor in 1985.

Simpson taught courses on the art and architecture of America, England and modern Europe; women artists; African-American art; and vernacular architecture.

Even after being diagnosed with cancer this summer, she had begun the fall term by team-teaching three courses, explaining that “as long as I’m sitting, I can talk all day long.” Said Ruscio, “Pam was once again exemplifying strength of courage, character and humanity.”

Simpson received several major teaching awards, including the Outstanding Faculty Award from the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia in 1995, and the Award for Excellence in Teaching from the Southeastern College Art Conference (SECAC) in 2010.

Simpson also twice served as head of the Department of Art and

“Pam’s contributions to our sessions at the Alumni College were always insightful, stimulating and filled with her warmth and humor.”

—Walt Shugart ’61

“I hope her family, friends, the W&L community and those in the organizations she supported will soon be able to take comfort in the lasting legacy she left at W&L, in Lexington and in countless other places where her fortunate students live.”

—John Rudder ’83

“I will argue that most females here, and a lot of men, look to her as a trailblazer.”

—George Bent, head, W&L Department of Art and Art History

“Her disciplined guidance helped me steer past distractions.”

—Alice L. Harrell ’90

“Beyond her sincere investment in her students, Prof. Simpson’s deep understanding and passion for her subject taught me to sincerely appreciate art.”

—Julia Pleasants ’08

“She helped me discover what it is like to truly love your work. Who knew writing a thesis would be fun?”

—Susan Rudolph ’07

“She had a huge influence on me and my world view.”

—Lewis Perkins ’93

We encourage readers to add their memories of Pam Simpson to the comments at the end of our online news story (news.blogs.wlu.edu/2011/10/05/pamela-hemenway-simpson-1946-2011/) and to our Facebook page.



Simpson gave the 2011 Fall Convocation address on Sept. 7; Ruscio had asked her to give it long before she knew of her illness. Rainy weather forced the event from the front campus to the Warner Center, where she transformed the vast gymnasium into an intimate classroom by using slides to illustrate her talk, "Reflections on White Columns."

She told the audience how the historic buildings on campus have become a symbol. "This is who we are," she said. "When we think of our most deeply held values—academic excellence, collegiality, civility and, most of all, honor—all of them are embodied here."

Art History, and as assistant and then associate dean of the College from 1981 through 1986.

She wrote three books: *Cheap, Quick and Easy: Imitative Architectural Materials, 1870–1930* (1999); *The Architecture of Historic Lexington* (1979), co-authored with Royster Lyle Jr.; and *Corn Palaces and Butter Queens: The History of Crop Art and Dairy Sculpture* (forthcoming). She also co-edited (with Cindy Mills) *Monuments to the Lost Cause: Women, Art and the Landscapes of Southern Memory* (2004). She authored numerous exhibition catalogues, articles in the academic and popular press, and book reviews.

A popular speaker at academic conferences, she was equally in demand by lay audiences and W&L alumni chapters. She gave many talks on the architecture of Lexington and W&L to groups in Lexington and Rockbridge County.

Simpson served as president of the Vernacular Architecture Forum, president of the Southeast Chapter of the Society of Architectural Historians and board member of the Society of Architectural Historians. She participated in every annual meeting since 1976 of SECAC and served as president and as editor of its journal, the *Southeastern College Art Review*, from 1979 to 1992.

Simpson also held leadership and volunteer posts in the local chapter of the National Organization for Women, Project Horizon, the Historic Lexington Foundation, the Rockbridge Historical Society, the Rockbridge Area Coalition against Sexual Assault, the Rockbridge Regional Library and the R.E. Lee Memorial Episcopal Church.

In September, W&L announced the establishment of the Pamela H. Simpson Professorship. It will be held by a member of the undergraduate

faculty who, like her, exemplifies the highest standards of teaching, scholarship and service.

Simpson is survived by her husband, Henry H. Simpson; her son, Peter Simpson, and his wife, Laura; her grandchildren, Henry and Helen; her brother, Robert Hemenway; and her father, Dr. Myrle E. Hemenway.

The family has requested that those wishing to make memorial donations direct them to the Rockbridge Valley Chapter of the National Organization for Women (P.O. Box 1848, Merrifield, VA 22116-1848); Project Horizon (120 Varner Lane, Lexington, VA 24450); the Historic Lexington Foundation (22 W. Washington St., Lexington, VA 24450); the Rockbridge Area Free Clinic (25 Northridge Lane, Suite 3, Lexington, VA 24450); or the Rockbridge Historical Society (101 W. Washington St., Lexington, VA 24450).

Simpson in 1984 with members of the Coeducation Steering Committee, which she chaired: Uncas McThenia Jr. '58, '63L (center, now the James P. Morefield Professor of Law Emeritus) and Michael Black '86 (right, now an executive with a European retailer). The W&L community credited her leadership with the smooth transition to coeducation.



Hall of Fame Honors

Jack Vardaman '62

Vardaman was a four-year letter winner and a team captain as a junior for the golf team. He was one of the Generals' top golfers in each of his four seasons, and served as the team's No. 1 golfer for his final three years. Vardaman helped W&L claim the Virginia State Intercollegiate Championship as a rookie, and he finished as a top individual place-winner in each of his final three years. He won the event as a sophomore, and he finished sixth as a junior and fourth as a senior.

Vardaman has enjoyed a successful golf career following his graduation from W&L. He qualified for numerous USGA Championships, including the Senior Amateur and Senior Opens, winning the 1997 and 2010 Washington Metropolitan Senior Championships.

He is a three-time winner of the Middle Atlantic Senior Amateur, and *Golf Digest* ranked him one of the 10 best senior amateur golfers in the United States in 2001. Vardaman has also forged a distinguished record in volunteer service, with a notable stint on the executive committee of the United States Golf Association and as a member of the W&L Board of Trustees and of the Washington, D.C., First Tee program.

Vardaman spent the Hall of Fame weekend competing in the USGA Senior Amateur Championship, advancing to the second round.

Kevin Weaver '87

Weaver earned three letters in track and field and four letters in football, serving as a football team captain for his senior season. In track and field, he helped lead the Generals to four ODAC titles in the indoor and outdoor seasons combined. Individually, he competed on five conference champion relay teams.

On the football field, Weaver was the ODAC Player of the Year as a junior, when he rushed for 1,161 yards and 16 touchdowns in leading W&L to the ODAC crown.



W&L inducted the 24th class into its Athletic Hall of Fame on Sept. 9. L. to r.: soccer player Mikel Parker '99, lacrosse player Brooke Glenn Mullin '97 and football player Kevin Weaver '87. Not pictured: golfer Jack Vardaman '62.

That year, his 13.8 points per game led the nation, while his 145.1 rushing yards per game ranked fourth nationally. Weaver finished his career with 2,437 yards and 29 total touchdowns. He still holds school records for season touchdowns (17) and season points (110), and he currently ranks fourth all-time in career rushing yards and fifth in scoring (182). Weaver capped his career by being named the W&L Outstanding Senior Male Athlete in 1987.

Brooke Glenn Mullin '97

Glenn Mullin played on the volleyball and women's lacrosse teams, earning one letter in volleyball and four in lacrosse. She also served as a team captain for the lacrosse squad as a senior. As an outside hitter in volleyball, she played in 84 games over her sophomore and junior seasons, totaling 52 kills, 13 digs

and 17 blocks, and helped lead the Generals to their first-ever ODAC Championship in 1995.

As a lacrosse goalkeeper, she still dominates the school's record books for goalkeeping, claiming the top two marks for saves in a game (31 and 29) and career saves (642). She also holds the top marks for season (68.3) and career (63.9) save percentage, and she ranks second all-time for saves in a season (208).

Mikel Parker '99

Parker was a four-year letter winner and three-year captain for the men's soccer team. He played in all 68 games during his four seasons, starting 67 contests as a defender. He finished with 14 career points on four goals and six assists, and he helped the Generals' defense allow an average of just 1.47 goals per game across his four seasons. As a senior, he was named the ODAC and VaSID College Division Player of the Year. Parker was named the W&L Outstanding Freshman Male Athlete in 1996, and he capped his career by being named the W&L Outstanding Senior Male Athlete in 1999.

ORDER OF THE COIF HONORS RICHARD H. MIDDLETON JR. '73, '76L

Richard H. Middleton Jr. '73, '76L was inducted into the Order of the Coif during Homecoming Weekend. He is a senior trial attorney with The Middleton Firm L.L.C. in Savannah, Ga., which focuses on representing individuals who have been injured by powerful corporate interests throughout the U.S.

Middleton has achieved record verdicts and settlements in more than 40 states in cases involving products liability, occupational diseases, environmental claims, franchise contracts, business torts, employment litigation and insurance fraud.

Nationally recognized in civil trial practice, Middleton has instructed lawyers in trial practice in 48 states and five countries, has testified before Congress on five occasions, been honored with many awards from bar associations throughout the U.S. and has been a guest on



Acting Dean Mark Grunewald (right) congratulates Richard H. Middleton Jr. '73, '76L.

Middleton has contributed to his alma mater by serving as a board member of the Savannah chapter, as chair of his chapter's Alumni Admissions Program, as a member of his undergraduate class' 25th and 35th reunion committees and as a member of the Washington and Lee Area Campaign Committee for the last two capital campaigns.

national network and cable television, including MSN-BC's "Hardball," C-SPAN's "Washington Journal" and HBO's "Debate/Debate."

He has been actively involved with a number of professional organizations, including serving as past president of the American Association for Justice, the National Crime Victims Bar Association, the American Board of Trial Advocates (Georgia chapter), the Pound Civil Justice Institute and the Savannah Trial Lawyers Association, to name a few.

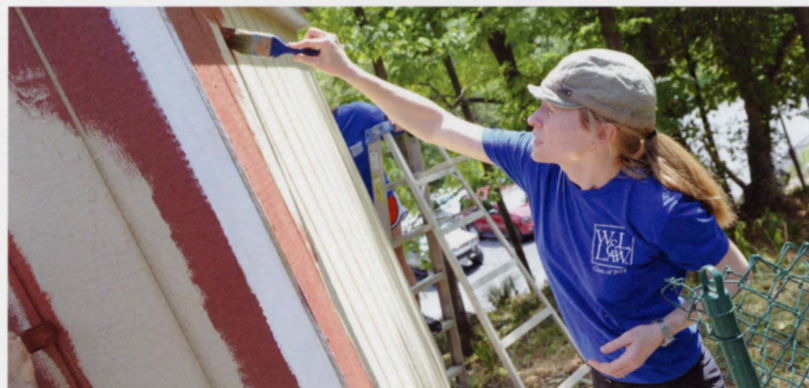
Law Students Revive Tradition of SBA Service Day

Local community organizations throughout Lexington and Rockbridge County received a helpful boost when law students took part in the Student Bar Association's (SBA) Service Day during orientation this year.

"The last time we did this was in 2005 or 2006," said SBA President Negin Farahmand '12L. "It used to be an annual event, and so we're trying to bring it back."

It's aimed mostly at incoming students, including first-years and transfer students. Farahmand said that about 20 current law students also took part as site leaders. "We worked with 15 local organizations, from the Rockbridge Area YMCA to the Rockbridge Free Clinic and Fine Arts in Rockbridge," she said.

The students took part in a variety of projects, from yard work and picking up brush, to organizing



First-year law student Kelly Felgenhauer paints a shed at Woods Creek Montessori as part of SBA Service Day.

files and doing paperwork. "It was any work that the individual organization needed to get done but doesn't necessarily have the time to do," explained Farahmand.

"As law students we get really wrapped up in what we're doing and we're very busy. I thought the

SBA Service Day would be rewarding for the students and a good way to give back and show that we're part of the community—that we don't just go to school here. With more than 70 student volunteers, I think it had a big impact in just one day."

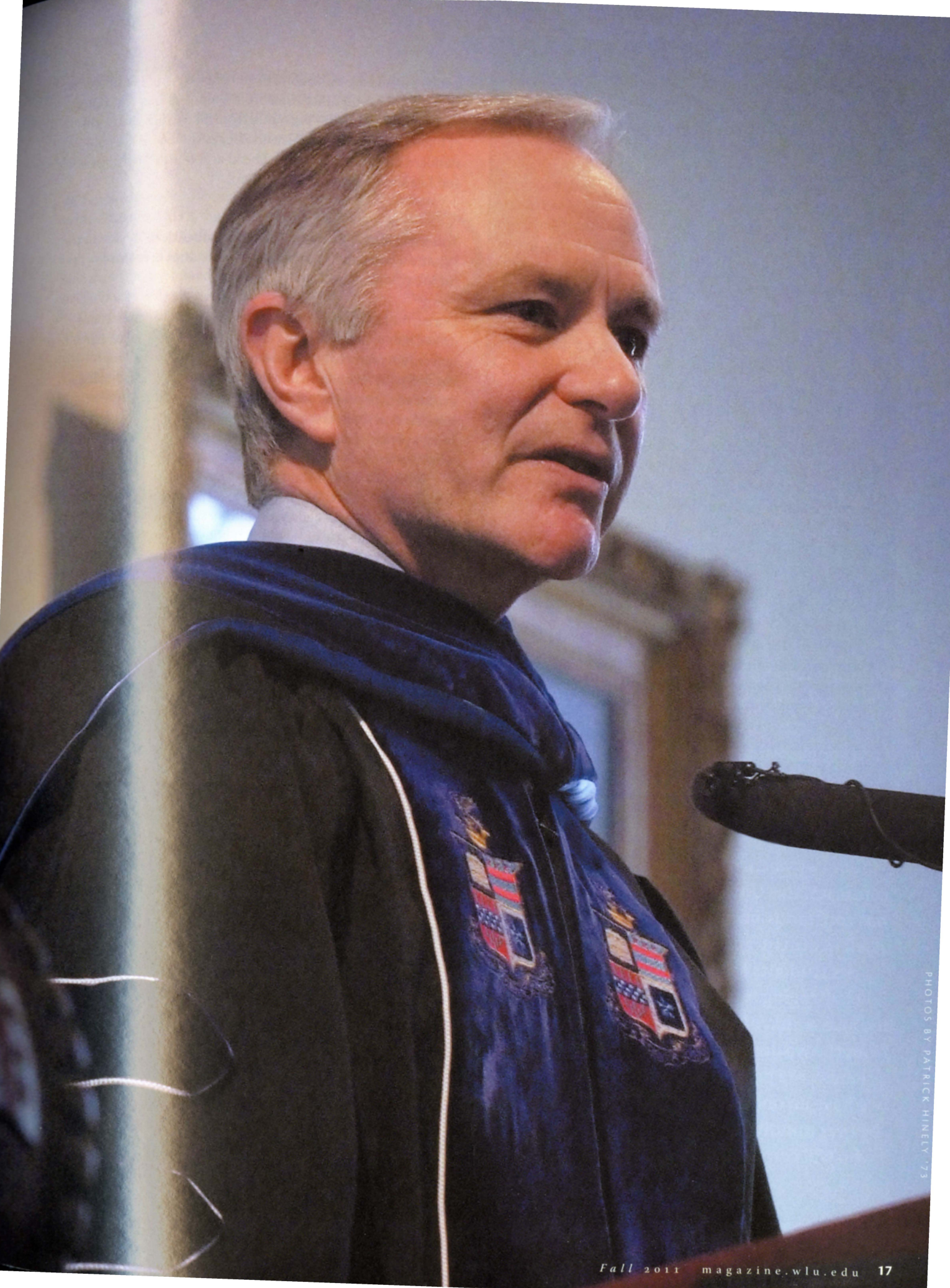


Higher Education

The Cost, The Price, The Value

This summer, the editors talked with President Ken Ruscio '76 about two interrelated topics that are not only in the headlines but also very much on President Ruscio's mind: the cost and the price of higher education. Here is our conversation.

President Ken Ruscio '76:
"I take seriously the leadership principle that all of us have an obligation to leave things better than we found them."



PHOTOS BY PATRICK HINELY '23

These are turbulent and uncertain times, not just for higher education but for our entire economy. As president of Washington and Lee, how are you managing the challenges facing the University?

I have three touchstones. The first is ambition. I take seriously the leadership principle that all of us have an obligation to leave things better than we found them. If that lesson has resonance anywhere, it's at Washington and Lee. For two and a half centuries, this University has constantly improved itself in order to prepare its students for a challenging future. Because we have benefited from the wisdom of those who came before us, we have an obligation to be ever mindful of those who will come after us. In 2007, the trustees endorsed a plan designed to build upon our traditional strengths and enable us to remain distinctive in the world of higher education. It is a uniquely Washington and Lee plan that was appropriate before the economic downturn and now seems even more appropriate.

The second touchstone is discipline. Our ambition is laser-like, not scattered, and even without the necessity of adjusting to new economic realities, we had decided to concentrate on our core mission, pursuing our needs, not our wants. We've had to make some tough choices. Our tuition increases have been restrained. We've set clear priorities in how we spend our resources and identified ways to trim costs on a number of fronts. Because of the direction provided by the strategic plan and the effects of the economic downturn, we have become highly disciplined in our decision-making.

The third touchstone is excellence. Amidst all the turmoil in higher education, there's precious little discussion about how to maintain excellence, at least the kind of academic excellence those of us associated with W&L seem to grasp intuitively. We can't achieve our educational goals without the close personal relationships that characterize everything we do, whether in small classes, in work between students and

faculty outside the classroom, in guidance by staff members, or in the friendships that come from spending four years with interesting and bright classmates from all over. In the world of higher education, liberal arts colleges should be the gold standard for excellence. In the liberal arts world, Washington and Lee should be the gold standard.

You mentioned "turmoil in higher education." What do you mean by that, and what does it mean for Washington and Lee?

During the last couple of decades, colleges and universities have drifted into a pattern of trying to be all things to all people. Large universities promoted their research activities, even as they claimed to be focusing on undergraduate students. Small colleges expanded their programs by offering very specialized degrees, sometimes at the graduate level. The next decade and beyond will bring a period of differentiation, requiring colleges to decide firmly who they are and what makes them distinctive.

While Washington and Lee was not completely immune from the tendency to be all things to all people, we fared better than most. We remained small, and we still have no intention of increasing the size of the student body. We remained committed to finding the very best students, and to recruiting the kind of faculty who are challenged by teaching the very best students. Our careful blend of liberal arts and professional programs in business, law and journalism distinguishes us from other national liberal arts colleges. Our continuing commitment to educating students for character also—sadly, in some ways—sets us apart. When I say this is Washington and Lee's moment of leadership in the liberal arts world, that's what I mean. Our approach to the liberal arts is distinctive and one that other institutions will try to emulate in the coming years. We didn't have to re-teach ourselves how to be distinctive.

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In the last year or so, there's been a series of critiques of higher education, sometimes focusing on cost, other times focusing on how students are not learning. How do those critiques apply or not apply to Washington and Lee?

At the risk of over-simplifying, there are two general themes in the critiques. One is that college is unaffordable. The other is that colleges are ineffective. They come together in the conclusion that college isn't worth the investment. The difficulty, though, is that the remedy for high costs often diminishes the ability to provide excellence.

Here's what I mean: America's system of higher education is the most diverse in the world. Public and private institutions, large and small, good and bad, religious and secular, all exist alongside each other. Not in perfect harmony by any means, but in a way that creates a system of enormous variety. The sources of this complexity are historical, political, economic and, in some cases, just serendipitous. But it means that generalizations about higher education must carry the standard disclaimer: It all depends on the type of college under discussion. Broad-brush commentaries crumble under the weight of so many exceptions.

It is particularly difficult for liberal arts colleges to recognize themselves in general discussions of higher education. Less than 5 percent of students reside in liberal arts colleges. And the selective and financially sound institutions, such as W&L, are a minority within that minority. Not only do generalizations about higher education rarely apply to Washington and Lee, but generalizations about liberal arts colleges rarely apply to us.

So when I read commentaries about faculty not teaching anymore, I don't see Washington and Lee in that story. Our faculty have the highest teaching loads among the top national liberal arts colleges. And when I read that college students aren't asked to write papers or speak in class or work directly with faculty on research projects, I am reassured by what we are doing at W&L.



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Another part of the critique is that colleges have rested on those claims for years without any formal assessment. How does Washington and Lee know that it is achieving what it claims to be achieving?

When we were writing W&L's mission statement in the late 1980s, the concept of assessment was beginning to get a lot of attention. The group charged with writing the statement was told that we should write it so that we can measure what we say and do. We looked at things like the value of associations between faculty and staff, and at an education that seeks to inculcate honor and integrity. There was an argument that we should take these out, because we're never going to be able to measure those qualities. We finally said, no, we're putting it in there, because it says what we're trying to accomplish.

That is not to suggest that we are not actively engaged in assessment. We participate on a regular basis in national studies such as the College Learning Assessment and the National Survey of Student Engagement, among others. We are generally gratified

by the results that often show us above our peer institutions on many of these measures. At the same time, we pay attention to areas where the data show that we may not be as effective as we would hope to be.

But to be perfectly candid, the features that define a quality liberal arts education are among the hardest to measure and quantify, so it becomes especially problematic for an institution like W&L when the discussion turns to assessment and accountability. Being asked to prove that you are doing what you claim to be doing is a perfectly legitimate question. But some of the most important outcomes of a liberal arts education, and a Washington and Lee education specifically, do not lend themselves to metrics that inspire a lot of confidence.

Philosophers argue that the mere attempt to measure something like love or friendship strips the concept of its defining characteristics. Attempts to capture our progress in teaching integrity, empathy or trustworthiness are similarly problematic, not simply because it's a technically daunting challenge, but because even the attempt to do so is at odds with the essentially qualitative nature of the concept itself.

The understandable effort these days to determine whether a degree is worth it makes life difficult for a college that educates students for lives of integrity and purpose, develops their ability to reason ethically and critically, teaches them to be aware of their obligations to others, helps them discover their individuality even as they commit themselves to the betterment of their community, and sends them forth with the courage of their convictions — as well as the humility to know they still have much to learn.

To divert ourselves from those educational goals and focus on ones we can accurately measure, just because we can measure them, is to compromise our loftiest ambitions and define away what has historically made a W&L education something more than merely a college education. The understandable effort these days to determine whether a degree is worth it makes life difficult for a college that educates students for lives of integrity and purpose, develops their ability to reason ethically and critically, teaches them to be aware of their obligations to others, helps them discover their individuality even as they commit themselves to the betterment of their community, and sends them forth with the courage of their convictions—as well as the humility to know they still have much to learn. At Washington and Lee, we need enough confidence in the enterprise that we can live with the ambiguity.

You have not yet addressed the other part of the critique you mentioned—the cost of higher education. Isn't affordability a challenge for schools like Washington and Lee?

Absolutely. And I have my own personal set of indicators. When I was at W&L in the 1970s, I had a summer job that enabled me to earn tuition—tuition when I graduated from W&L was \$2,400. It was a fantastic summer job, and I worked hard and earned \$2,200. It essentially paid my tuition.

The next marker I have is 1990, when my son, Matthew, was born. Kim and I decided to put away \$200 a month with the idea that over 18 years, we would invest it, and that it would largely offset the cost of a private higher education.

But today, no student could ever earn tuition over the summer for a place like W&L, or probably any college for that matter; certainly not at a private liberal arts college. If you put yourself in the place of a parent today, saving \$200 a month simply doesn't seem enough to cover the sticker price of college, especially for families with a few children. The economics of paying for college may have changed. But so has the psychology. We have a challenge to explain the economics of higher education in the midst of these changing perceptions.

How can that be explained?

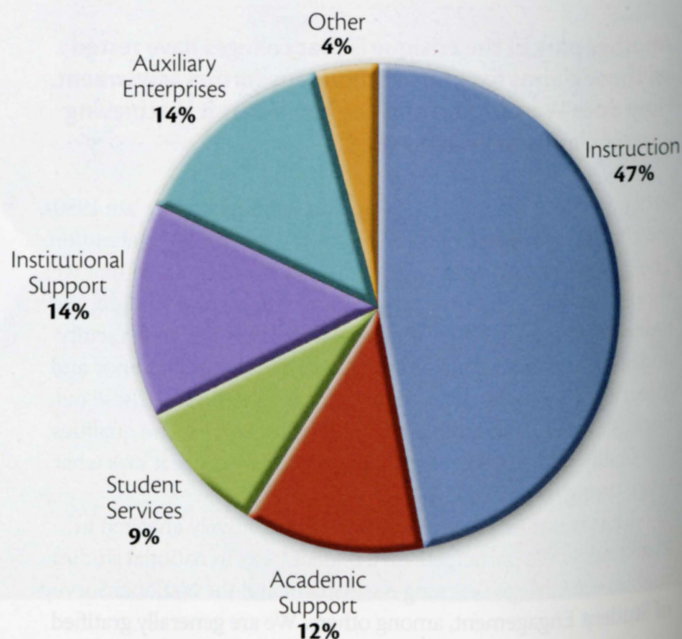
For one thing, price and cost are different. The *price* of a W&L education is about \$50,000 per year. The *cost* is about \$70,000. Everyone who attends Washington and Lee, even the so-called full-pay students, receives a discount. Those who do not pay the full sticker price receive a greater discount in the form of financial aid. Some of that financial aid comes from annual revenues and the operating budget. Some of it comes from funds in the endowment dedicated to scholarship support. Thus, the greater the endowment, the greater the ability of the college to provide a quality education. It enables all students to benefit from a high-cost education without paying the full *cost*, even when they are paying the full *price*.

It also enables the University to admit the best students regardless of their ability to pay—and one of the markers of quality in a liberal arts college is the overall quality of the students who share a classroom. Unlike a business, Washington and Lee isn't indifferent about who purchases its product. We try to assemble a class defined not by the individual capacity of the students to pay, but by their academic and personal promise.

The sticker price is also not exactly like how a business determines a price for its product. It is the result of a complex three-sided relationship: endowment (or subsidy); the full cost of delivering the service; and the revenue needed annually to meet costs not covered by endowment, including the cost of financial aid to attract highly qualified students who cannot pay the full price. One of the consequences of this triangular relationship is that the stronger the endowment, the less pressure to raise the price to meet costs. That is, in fact, one of the best ways to describe our current strategic plan. We are seeking endowments to support financial aid, which will mean less reliance on tuition revenue to cover the cost of financial aid, which will mean less pressure on the sticker price.

From a purely economic standpoint, in other words,

2010–11 University Expenses: \$125.7 Million



Washington and Lee's circumstances are straightforward, and our strategy makes perfect sense. There are always hard decisions to be made. There are always lines to hold on costs. There are always pleas to do certain things that need to be resisted because they stretch what we mean by "core mission." But structurally we have things lined up as they should be. We have imposed the discipline to do only things we need to do to advance our mission and improve quality, and not do the things we cavalierly want to do just because they're a nice idea.

That's a complicated story to tell prospective students and their families, not to mention donors choosing to invest in Washington and Lee.

Yes, while people like me are immersed in these details every day, I recognize that sometimes the details obscure the basic principles. So here are some shorthand ways of thinking about it.

First, W&L's plan to build endowment to support financial aid is an affordability strategy. It keeps pressure off tuition increases for those who are not receiving financial aid. And it enables us to create what I call a Dean Gilliam approach for the 21st century. I can't tell you how many stories I have heard from alumni who, as students during the '40s, '50s and '60s, found themselves in a financial bind and were rescued by a scholarship somehow created on the spot by Dean Gilliam. We want to admit the very best students regardless of their economic backgrounds. We want to preserve the meritocracy.

Second, here is an indicator I watch carefully. Compared to our peers—the top national liberal arts colleges—our overall costs are below the mean. Within that measure, however, is another data point: the resources we devote to education and instruction, as opposed to what might be called administrative overhead. For us, that is well above the mean. We spend money where it has the greatest direct impact on the education of our students. It is an efficiency indicator, and a quality indicator.

Third, unless we want to become a different college than what we are now, we have to admit to ourselves that the features of the University that ensure academic excellence are and will continue to be costly. Science labs; instruction in the arts, music and theater; information technology; putting students out into the world through study abroad and special projects; small classes with highly qualified faculty—the list goes on. The headwinds of cost facing higher education are strong across the board, but they are especially strong at a high-quality liberal arts college such as Washington and Lee. The answer is to have a clear sense of mission, confidence in who we are, and a commitment to devote our resources to the things that matter.

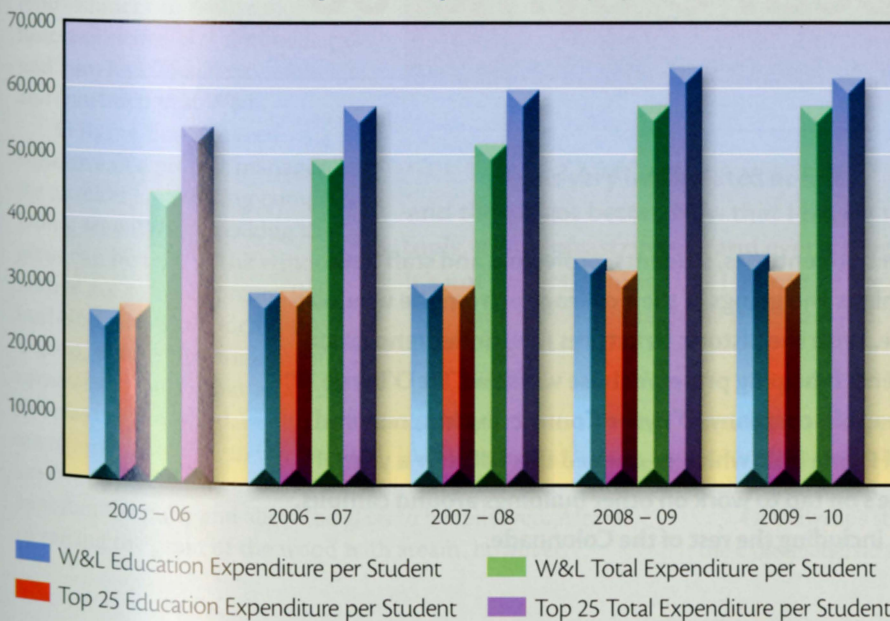
It appears that many people see higher education in terms of a commodity instead of an investment these days. Do you think it's still possible to talk about a college education as a long-term investment?

When I went to college nearly 40 years ago, there was a notion that was part of your fiber—you would sacrifice to get a college education. You would sacrifice in the short term because you saw it as a long-term investment. So you would save, you would work very hard in the summer, your parents would make compromises. My father said to me, "You choose your college. I will do whatever it takes to get you through." It's only recently that I realized what that meant for him—a significant commitment that I didn't fully appreciate at the time. A college education wasn't viewed as a product that you consumed. It was viewed much more as a privilege, as an investment over a lifetime.

As we think about how we frame this idea of investment in the future, I believe it has to be a values-based argument, as a philosophical argument about what you're going to get out of higher education: You're going to learn things about yourself and about the world during your four years here that you otherwise would not. And that will serve you well throughout your life.

When I talk with some of our alumni who have led very successful and very well-compensated lives, they tell me that every day, when they come to their office, they are thinking about leadership and integrity, and it's all due to W&L. We have affected the way they do their jobs and the way they lead their lives. These are not isolated stories. I hear repeated testimonials. What I want for my successors is that when they go out and talk to students who are graduating today, they will hear those same stories about our alumni's experiences at Washington and Lee. **W&L**

Expenditure per Student (per year)





Liz O'Byrne '00 at work restoring one of the windows in Payne Hall.

From Words to Windows: **Elizabeth O'Byrne '00**

BY CAMPBELL MASSIE

For more than two centuries, students, professors and staff have watched the comings and goings of their colleagues from the windows of the Colonnade. With the historic structures now under renovation, one of those students is helping preserve those windows. Liz O'Byrne '00 and her two-year-old company, O'Byrne Contracting Inc., restored the windows of Payne Hall, which re-opened this fall after a year of construction. She's on tap to work on other buildings around campus, including the rest of the Colonnade.

O'Byrne, who grew up in Milwaukee, Wis., developed an interest in construction and how things work as a child. When she was 12, she bought lumber with her babysitting money and built her own room in the basement. With guidance from her dad and from books, O'Byrne put up stud walls and hung the drywall. "I was surprised when she took on that project. She's a very motivated lady, but I didn't extrapolate that into a future career," said her father, Michael O'Byrne. "I thought she just wanted a space away from her sister."

Despite that early start in the construction business, O'Byrne came to W&L to be a reporter, graduating with a major in journalism and mass communications. "The academic side of it appealed to me," she said. "You stand up and hold government accountable and stand up for the little guys, and I loved that. I thought that journalism would really be like that, and it wasn't."

It was only after buying and remodeling her house in Lexington, a project she took on herself, that O'Byrne considered construction as a career. She started digging ditches for a company in town, moving through the ranks until she became a project manager. As for her formal qualifications, O'Byrne said, "Most of construction is really hands-on and learning it that way."

W&L hired O'Byrne to handle the windows for the Colonnade project due to her professional experience in the preservation of glass. "She has a unique process for refurbishment and restoration of historical elements of the buildings," said Tom Kalasky, director of design and construction at W&L.

O'Byrne first restored windows as a project manager for another contracting company. Doing so without breaking the glass can be tricky. The window sashes are removed from the building and transported to a shop, where someone must remove the putty that attaches the glass to the wood, restore the windows and then transport them back to the building. In this process, there are five opportunities to break the glass. Steam is often used to soften the putty and allow the glass to be removed. Afraid of raising the grain of the wood with steam, however,

O'Byrne's previous employer cut the putty out of the sashes, breaking around 80 percent of the glass in the process.

After reading about steam and talking to people who had used it, O'Byrne had a steam cabinet built and began to experiment on window sashes she purchased from an antique mall. She developed a process that worked beautifully, so when she started her own company in 2009, she took it with her.

O'Byrne Contracting is based in Fairfield, north of Lexington. "I wanted to do my own thing," she said. "There is a lot of risk and there's a lot of reward, too. I decided that eventually I want to be the one make the decisions."


Walking onto her company's first job, O'Byrne said, "I had been thinking of my company as an experiment. I was very intimidated at first and then it got better. Now that I have a shop, tools, more infrastructure and everything else, it's not my little thing that I do out of the back out of my house. Now it's a real job."

Besides window restoration, the company focuses on commercial construction for businesses and universities. Often companies hire her to fulfill punch lists by seeing to the final details of a project, such as retouching paint and realigning ceiling tiles.

O'Byrne plans to grow her business, starting with getting a bond. The state requires a bond on jobs over \$100,000 to cover the financial risk. She can see herself taking a break from commercial construction and using her creativity and design skills to remodel homes.

Don't think she has left her journalism major behind. "It was good, because it lets me write good proposals in order to get work, and it taught me to do research," she said. She also finds it beneficial knowing how to do "the more pragmatic research, which is more, 'where do I find this,' and clever ways of thinking

and approaching problems." She can also speak Spanish, which comes in handy on a construction site. "She's a real go-getter," Kalasky said.

Of O'Byrne's status as a graduate who is helping to renovate the Colonnade, he added, "There's a sense of stewardship." 



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Welcome Home

FIVE-STAR GENERALS

Sept. 8 - 10

The Five-Star Generals enjoyed the lovely new side terrace at Lee House, followed by a celebratory banquet in Evans Hall. Class chairs Ted Van Leer '51, Jimmy Gallivan '51 and Charlie MacIntosh '56 received awards for attendance and support of the Annual Fund. Over the weekend, attendees had the chance to attend a panel discussion on academic life, hear a talk by President Ken Ruscio on the University's priorities, meet current students and cheer on the football team. Tom Wolfe '51,

in attendance for his 60th reunion, presented a lecture: "No-Hands Art, Tenure Art, and the American Art World Today."

The Class of 1951 celebrated its 60th reunion and set a 60th-reunion attendance record at Ted and Sue Van Leer's house. Fifty-five attendees, including 31 alumni, celebrated well into the night. There were five trustee emeriti present, Ted Van Leer, Tom Wolfe, Jimmy Gallivan, Sam Hollis and former rector Steve Miles.



Above: Lunch with students before the football game.

Left: At the president's reception.

HOMECOMING, YOUNG ALUMNI

Sept. 30 - Oct. 1

The Alumni Board, class agents and chapter leaders joined over 500 young alumni and their guests for a busy, festive and productive Young Alumni Weekend and Homecoming. The volunteer leadership boards heard substantive presentations from President Ken Ruscio on raising financial aid dollars, the Roger Mudd Center for the Study of Professional Ethics and the ongoing renovation of the historic Colonnade. Almost 50 class agents discussed strategies and celebrated a landmark achievement: Gifts to the Annual Fund and other areas of the University (or other University priorities) by 9,057 undergraduate donors contributed to a record 50 percent participation rate in giving to W&L.

Meanwhile, the 5th and 10th reunion classes led a spirited young-alumni contingent. A new record for participation in the 5th-reunion class gift was set, with 62 percent of the class making a gift, and more than \$74,000 raised for the University. The Class of 2001 also set a new record for total class



Professor Larry Boetsch '69 shares his vision for global learning at W&L with members of the Alumni Board and chapter leaders.



Class agents on the front steps of Lee House.

gift for a 10th reunion. They committed more than \$400,000 in 2010–2011 and over the next four years.

W&L's Alumni Association has bestowed its 2011 Distinguished Young Alumna Award on the Rev. Jennifer R. Strawbridge '01. Strawbridge is chaplain of Oxford University's Keble College in England, where she is responsible for the day-to-day life of the chapel, including conducting daily services, teaching and organizing various the chapel activities. She is also pursuing a D.Phil. degree in New Testament and classics at Oxford.



Alumni enjoy lunch on Cannan Green.

Reunion Giving Awards

The Bierer Trophy (non-reunion undergraduate classes that have the highest percentage of members in The President's Society). Five-Star Generals: Class of 1939; 1961–1999: Class of 1969, Scott Fechnay and Ray Hartwell; Young Alumni: Class of 2007, Camille Allen, Corbin Blackford, Meghan Freeman and Walker Williams.

The Richmond Trophy (non-reunion undergraduate classes with the highest percentage of members participating in the Annual Fund). Five-Star Generals: Class of 1955, David Berlinghof; 1963–2001: Class of 1967, Bob Priddy; Young Alumni: Class of 2002, Darby Berra, Alicia Brandt, Courtenay Fisher and Elizabeth Kelsey.

The Washington Trophy (non-reunion undergraduate classes that raised the largest amount of money). Five-Star Generals: Class of 1959, David Meese; 1963–2001:

Class of 1969, Scott Fechnay and Ray Hartwell; Young Alumni: Class of 2002, Darby Berra, Alicia Brandt, Courtenay Fisher and Elizabeth Kelsey.

The Trident Trophy (reunion class with the highest percentage of members participating in the Annual Fund). Class of 1981, Chip Nunley.

The John Newton Thomas Trophy (reunion class that increases the amount raised for the Annual Fund by the largest percentage increase, as of Alumni Weekend, over its total for the year preceding the reunion year) and **The Colonnade Cup** (reunion class with the largest class gift to the Annual Fund, including current gifts and future pledges). Class of 1981, Chip Nunley, Ross Newell and Jamie Small.

The 2010-11 Chapter of the Year Award

Division 1: Washington, D.C.—Ryan Duffy '04 • Division 2: Northern New Jersey—Joe Ciccone '93L •
Division 3: South Carolina Piedmont (Greenville)—Helen Sanders '04 •
Division 4: Bluegrass (Lexington, Ky.)—Jim Clifton '86 • Division 5: Oklahoma City—Bill Towler '81

A BRIDGE BETWEEN ALUMNI AND W&L

BY JAMIE SMALL '81



My first few months as president of the Alumni Association have been wonderful. Many of you have asked me what we do. Let me try to answer with this FAQ.

What do the Alumni Board and the Alumni Affairs Office do?

Alumni Board members are the elected representatives of our 24,000-plus alumni. Each serves a four-year term. We act as a bridge between alumni and the University. We do not make policy; rather, we are the eyes and ears of alumni. Our campus meetings allow us to be informed on University affairs, and we would be glad to hear from you. Other duties include selecting the recipients of the Distinguished Alumni Awards and submitting to the Board of Trustees every other year a slate of alumni candidates.

The talented Alumni Affairs Office, headed by Beau Dudley '74, '79L, is the campus administrative arm of the board and the association. They plan and stage three main campus reunions: Five-Star Festival, Young Alumni Weekend / Homecoming and Alumni Weekend. The office also supports our 88 alumni chapters. No school our size has anything like this large network.

The board and the office are partners under a detailed written strategic plan. Strengthening the chapters where 80 percent of our alumni live is our top priority. Each board member is the liaison for four chapters. We support our chapter leaders and bring the University to your area by sponsoring faculty visits and a wide variety of gatherings. Did you know that President Ruscio Skyped

with a group of alumni in Tokyo this summer?

What about legacy admissions?

Please help us dispel the myth that W&L's competitive admissions profile precludes alumni children from coming to Lexington. We continue to be fortunate to attract a strong and big group of legacy applicants. Their overall acceptance rate is much higher than that of the regular applicant pool. Over 70 legacies


earned a place here and were offered admission; 48 of them enrolled in the class of 2015. Bravo to these fine young people; they are a great thread in the fabric of our student body.

How can I get involved?

There are many ways to connect. The campus reunions are fantastic, and I urge you to attend. For information on your

local chapter, go to alumni.wlu.edu/chapters, or contact Alumni Affairs at (540) 458-8472. Attend a function and expand your W&L network. You can serve on the local board, get involved

in the alumni admissions program or help with events. The Alumni Board is proud of our chapters and the service they provide to our alumni.

I hope this has answered a few of your questions. I hope you'll engage more often with W&L. The Alumni Association exists to serve our members. I am excited about this year and the future for our great school. If you have a question or an idea for us, please contact me or anyone in the Alumni Affairs office. Go Generals! 

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Jamie Small '81 • midland@iconpet.com

1955

William H. Bartsch has been advising the government of Kosovo on developing a labor-market information system to facilitate policy formulation for easing the serious unemployment situation in the three-year old country. The project is financed by the United Nations Development Program in Kosovo. Bartsch works as a consultant, as well as a military historian, out of Reston, Va.

The Hon. Laurence Levitan

joined the board of directors at Strathmore, an art center that presents art exhibitions, concerts and performing arts programs. Levitan served for 10 years as chairman of the Judicial Compensation Commission and currently serves as a member of the Morgan State University board of regents. Formerly, he was chair of the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee for 16 years and served 24 years in the Maryland General Assembly, where he authored the Maryland State Arts Council Stabilization Bill. In 2002, he was appointed the Maryland Chamber of Commerce representative to the Commission on Maryland's Fiscal Structure.

1961

Col. (ret.) J. Walter Shugart III

returned for his reunion and said, "Congratulations to the staff, faculty and reunion committees for a full, stimulating, invigorating, reunion weekend." He lives in Midlothian, Va.

1967

Aron L. Suna ('70L) is president of Suna Bros. Inc., a high-end jewelry manufacturer. He is also co-owner of Shreve & Co., the oldest retailer in San Francisco. He serves on the board of governors of the Gemological Institute of America and the Jewelers Vigilance Committee and is past president of the 24 Kt Club of the City of New York. Suna lives in Manhattan with his wife and three children.



Oliver Mendell '50 (right) writes, "Since I always travel with my W&L hat, I enjoyed having **Floyd 'Wink' McKinnon** approach me to let me know he was in the Class of 1964." They ran into each other this past June, when they were separately touring the Black Sea. Here they are at the entrance to a former Russian submarine base in the Ukraine. Mendell lives in New York City, McKinnon in New Rochelle, N.Y.

1969

Jeffrey Cropsey served in the U.S. Department of Defense for 40 years. During his career as a military officer and civilian manager, he provided post-secondary education for members of the Armed Forces. He was awarded five meritorious civilian service medals, including the Secretary of Defense Medal for Civilian Meritorious Service from Secretary Robert Gates. Cropsey's last position with DoD was as director of the Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support. He is now vice president for strategic initiatives with Grantham University, one of the largest online universities in America.

1975

Paul J. Lancaster received the College Communicators of Virginia and D.C. Distinguished Service Award for 2010. Paul took a disability retirement from Virginia Tech, where he spent 24 years as a radio, video and podcast producer, as well as a writer and narrator.

1976

William H. Morrison joined Haynsworth Sinkler Boyd's litigation team in its Charleston, S.C., office. He concentrates on business litigation. Morrison is a former federal law clerk and federal prosecutor with experience in complex disputes involving diverse practice areas.

1977

The Hon. Paul W. Cella was appointed to the 11th Judicial Circuit of the Virginia state courts. He lives in Powhatan, Va.

Dr. Isaac Wornom III served as president of the American Cleft Palate Craniofacial Association in 2010. This non-profit medical society is dedicated to the team care of patients with cleft lip, cleft palate and craniofacial anomalies. He lives in Richmond.

1978

Kevin T. Grimm is listed in the latest edition of *Who's Who in America*. He lives in Troy, Mich.

1979

Thomas B. Rentschler Jr. is vice president of marketing at FORTE, a distribution consulting and systems integration firm. He is responsible for building the FORTE brand in the supply chain industry, as well as implementing lead generation, media relations and social media programs. *BtoB Magazine* named Rentschler one of the top creative directors in the country. He lives in Hamilton, Ohio.

1980

Robert W. Pearce Jr. and three colleagues opened a Charleston, S.C., office for the Smith Moore Leatherwood law firm. This full-service firm, with offices in Atlanta, Greenville,

Charlotte, Raleigh, Greensboro and Wilmington, is almost 100 years old.

1981

Vincent W. Rospond II signed a contract with Osprey Publishing for his book *Armies of the Polish Partitions 1770-1794*, which is due out in spring 2012. He lives in Point Pleasant, N.J.

1983

Daniel J. Fetterman ('87L), of Kasowitz, Benson, Torres & Friedman L.L.P., in New York, contributed to the book *Defending Corporations and Individuals in Government Investigations*, a new resource for white-collar lawyers. Fetterman, along with prominent former prosecutors and leading white-collar defense lawyers, shares an insider's perspective gained from years of prosecuting and defending significant, high-profile and complex criminal and regulatory cases.

1984

Andrew J. Dewing attended Ava-ya's SMB launch in New York City, where Buddy Valastro of TLC's "The Cake Boss" was the surprise guest. Dewing can be spotted on the episode "Campfires, Computers and Concerns," which aired July 25.

1986

Frederic Theodore Le Clercq began a project in 2006 in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina called "Once Every 100 Years," which replanted oak trees along St. Charles Avenue. The Arbor Day Foundation awarded it a Certificate of Merit in the annual Lawrence Enersen Award Competition. Now in its second phase, the project has replanted the streetcar line all the way to Claiborne Avenue.

James A. Paone II, of Lomurro, Davison, Eastman and Munoz law firm, was named president of the Monmouth Bar Association. Paone concentrates on complex civil litigation, including commercial, corporate and construction litigation. The Supreme Court of New Jersey



Walter Benda '78 (left) visited Rep. Joe Wilson '69, who represents South Carolina's second district.

has designated him a certified civil trial attorney. Paone is president of the board of trustees of Autism of New Jersey and is a member of the New Jersey State Bar Association and the Defense Research Institute.

1991

D. Franklin Daniels Jr. is assistant headmaster for advancement at Blue Ridge School in St. George, Va. He provides leadership for all of the school's fund-raising and marketing and works with administrators and trustees on strategic issues. Founded in 1909, Blue Ridge is a college-preparatory boarding school serving boys in grades 9-12.

Christopher B. Lunny, a shareholder at Radey Thomas Yon & Clark, in Tallahassee, Fla., is listed in the 2011 *Florida SuperLawyers* magazine in the areas of employment and labor, business litigation and business/corporate.

1993

William R. Thomas was elected president of the Richland County Bar Association in Columbia, S.C., where he lives with his wife, Ashley, and his two boys, Rogers and Shaw.

James M. Wilson and his wife, Debra, live in Charleston, S.C., with their three children, Timothy, Beatrice and Hanna. In addition to being a part-time substitute soccer coach for 7- and 8-year-olds (when Coach Jamie Bruce '92 is away), James is a commercial real

estate lawyer at Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice.

1996

Philip W. Carrott Jr. moved back to Virginia to start a cardiothoracic surgery fellowship at the University of Virginia School of Medicine. He looks forward to visiting Lexington more often.

1997

Douglas P. Brown and **Robin Seaton Brown '98**, along with their three children, now live in Austin, Texas, where Doug works at Tipping Point.

1998

Patrick O'Connell received an M.P.A. from the School of International and Public Affairs at Columbia University. He lives in Manhattan.

2000

Carolyn M. Angelaccio was named a 2011 Pennsylvania Rising Star by *SuperLawyer* magazine. Carolyn works at Curtin & Heefner L.L.P. in Bucks County, Pa.

Megan E. Macy is pleased to announce the inaugural release of wine from Legendre Cellars, which she co-owns. She said, "If you find yourself in the Sierra Foothills, please come visit or find us at legendrecellars.com."



Bennett Ross '83 (center) celebrated his 50th birthday in Bermuda with classmates Evans S. Attwell (left) and Dan M. Einstein (right).

2001

Heather A. McDonald won *Creative Nonfiction* magazine's Best Food Essay contest. Her piece, "How to Fix Everything," appeared in the spring 2011 issue.

2002

Geoffrey S. Marshall is a hydrogeologist for the Water Resources Authority of Jamaica and has been appointed Toastmasters International's division governor for Division B (Jamaica, Cayman Islands and Turks & Caicos Islands) for 2011-2012.

Michael P. Reynold joined McGuireWoods Consulting in Richmond. He will serve as the vice president of grassroots and issue management and state government relations. Previously, Mike served as deputy director of policy for Gov. Bob McDonnell, where he oversaw policy related to the secretaries of finance, transportation, health and human resources, technology and administration. He also served as director of the Virginia Government Reform Commission. In 2008, he worked as Virginia state director for the John McCain presidential campaign.

2004

Coleman A. Gutshall received his M.B.A. from the Darden Graduate School of Business at the University of Virginia, graduating in May 2011. He and his wife, Tiffany, will be relocating to Hickory, N.C., where he will work at Bernhardt Design.

2005

T. Lloyd Wilson was promoted to vice president of public affairs at Harden Healthcare in Austin, Texas. Wilson will lead the company's new public affairs division, managing the government affairs, communications and community relations departments. Wilson has worked for Harden since 2007, previously serving as a financial analyst and also handling business development for TRISUN Healthcare, a subsidiary company. Wilson currently serves as president of W&L's Central Texas Alumni Chapter.



Keri Dunphy '99 (center) ran the 2011 Boston Marathon and was cheered on by her husband, **Aaron Haberman '99 (right)**, and **Kristen Cavros Marriott '96 (left)**.

2006

Matthew Neill Null received a writing fellowship from the Fine Arts Work Center in Provincetown, Mass., for 2011-2012. While in residence, he will work on a novel and a story collection.

2007

Dr. Daniel J. Hackett Jr. graduated from The University of Alabama School of Medicine and began his residency in orthopedic surgery at the Medical College of Georgia in Augusta, Ga.

David S. Mitchell Jr. joined the firm of Bass, Berry & Sims P.L.C. in its litigation and dispute resolution practice group at the Memphis, Tenn., office. David served as symposium editor and associate editor of the *Arkansas Law Review* and was elected to the Arkansas School of Law Honor Council. He received the award for best advocate in the Arkansas Law School Trial Competition and was named the Top Oralist in the Moot Court Competition. David received the Vincent W. Foster Jr. scholarship for ethics and was elected class speaker for the Arkansas School of Law commencement.

B. Elyse Moody relocated to New York from Washington to take a job as copy editor for *ELLE* magazine. She previously worked for The McGraw-Hill Companies. She's finishing up a master's degree in nonfiction writing at Johns Hopkins.

2010

Sarah R. Engstrom completed 10 months of full-time service with AmeriCorps' National Civilian Community Corps. Engstrom and her team completed a series of six- to eight-week-long projects in different communities across the country.



Alumni gathered for the 24th EP Invitational at Hilton Head, S.C. This event started out with seven alumni in 1988. Attending this year were, front row, l. to r.: **John Buttarazzi '83**, **Jeff Marks '87**, **Jim Hamlin '87**, **Mike Buttarazzi '87**, **Pat Buttarazzi '84**. Back row, l. to r.: **Jim New '87**, **Rich Hobson '87**, **Bill Londrey '88**, **Tim Shea '88**, **Jamie Urso '89**, **Rob Buttarazzi '88**, **Ken Andsager '84**, **Roger McDonough '84**, **Ron Brown '89**, **Chris Ives '85**, **Robert "Doc" Young '85**, **Jeff Sapp '86**. The empty chair belongs to **Robert Phillips '85**, RIP.

Tanner M. Moussa moved to New York City in September 2010, where he completed his remaining credits for his CPA exam. He joined Deloitte and Touche in January 2011, where he works as a junior accounting analyst in the audit division of the company.

Weddings

Anne Spencer '97 to Harold Hatch, on July 2, at the bride's parents' home in Groton, Vt. (Nancy and David

Spencer '63). They live in Groton, and Anne continues to work in Burlington with people who are transitioning out of prison back into the community. Anne spent a second service trip in Kolkata, India, through her work at Saint Michael's College.

Francis McWilliams IV '01, '09L to Amy Kugali, on May 28, in Houston. Francis is a lawyer for the Harris County (Texas) district attorney, and Amy works in marketing for Idera, a computer software company.

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Corbin Blackford '07 to Kristin Hendee, on March 19, in Houston. Alumni in attendance included Trey Shehan '08, Haynes King '05, Dalton Harris '10, Derek Kosciolk '07, Erin Waskom '06, Lyndsay Polloway '06, Chad Ballard '06, Susan Eckman '82L, Peter Dawson '06, Jon Rogers '07, Elizabeth Eckman Dawson '07, Henry Grimball '06, Lis Juterbock '06, Price Blackford '73, Kristin Blackford, Corbin Blackford '07, Jim Spaulding '73, Camille Allen '07, Todd Chatham '05, David Geer '65, Stanley Taylor '73, Emily Grimball '08, Henry Blackford '71, Laing Humphries '06, Audra Pratt '07, Skip Krafft '09, Drew White '06 and Chad Kiewiet de Jonge '07.



Brooke Sanden '06 to Christopher J. Miller, on June 25, in Muskegon, Mich. Alumni in the bridal party included Kelley Magill '05 and Meghan Joss Freeman '07. Alumni in the wedding party: Jack Jeong '07, Julian Ledford '06, Lisa Zevorich '07, Catherine Swan Feazell '07 and Mary Carol Mazza '03. Pictured, l. to r.: Lisa Zevorich '07, Catherine Swan Feazell '07, Amy Bacastow Fagan '06, Dr. Harry Lawrence '53, Drew Davenport '06, Dr. Howard V. Sanden '54 (father of the bride), Julian Ledford '06, Brooke Sanden Miller '06, Christopher Miller, Jeremy Brown '11L, Kelley Magill '05, Kaitlin Abplanalp '05, '11L, Mary Carol Mazza '03, Meghan Joss Freeman '07, Jack Jeong '07.



Meg Strother '06 to Michael McCullar, on March 5, in Atlanta. Bridesmaids included Taylor Cooper '06, Ingrid Easton '06, Mary Flynn Detlefs Niemitz '06, Anna Rainey '06, Carli Hague Reis '05, Sarah Beth Campbell Seifert '06, Paige Smith '06, Julia Woodward Spaht '06 and Charlotte Marie DuPre Sturtz '06. Alumni in attendance included Maury Stegall Hitchcock '04, Carter Thomas '02, Jennifer Lalley '04, Esta Acree Busby '05, Catherine Alexander Wilson '06, Anne Callison Faulkner '05, Lauren Scharstein '06, Chris Surdo '04, Ricky Busby '05, Carrie Lee '06, Olivia Mansfield Wall '06, Lane Morgan Yates '07, Paul Seifert '04, Bob Woodward '71, Ed Callison '77, Jonathan Sturtz '06, Pierce Owings '06, Zach Wall '06, Charlie Yates '06, 10L, Tom Borda '06 and Peter Stanton '06. The couple live in New York City.

Abigail N. Wolcott '04 to Bo Kim, on May 21. Rachael Mallis '04, Miri Jung '04 and Kimberly Lampkin '04 were present for the festivities.

Brian O. Bondurant '10 to Jessica Kay Vavra, on May 21, in Glen Allen, Va. Brian graduated from the University of Richmond with his master's in accountancy. They live in Richmond.

In the last issue, we accidentally omitted the names of some of the W&L alumni at the January wedding of **Jamie M. Ferrell '08** and Carter L. Bailey. The wedding party included Jillian Roper '08, Taylor McLachlan '08, Rachel Hull '08, Bonnie Fay Kibbie '08 and Kate Shellnutt '08. Other alumni in attendance were Alice Shih '08, Blair McCartney '08, Richard Kyle '07, Dr. Robin Davis '07, Sarah Guy '07, Allison Rogers '08, Rebecca Koval '09, Jennifer Sanow '09, Aaron Albert '09, Micaela Coffey '09 and Jackie DiBiasie '09. We apologize for the error.

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Ginny Helms '05 to Coulter Warlick, on June 12, 2010, in Blowing Rock, N.C. The bridesmaids' dresses were appropriately Generals blue for the occasion. Fellow Generals in attendance were Phiifer Helms '74 (father of the bride), Sarah Helms '07 and Caroline Helms '11 (sisters of the bride and maids of honor), Maggie Hope '05 and Molly Plummer '05 (bridesmaids), Martha Hastings '05, Patrick Hastings '05, Julianne Temple '05, Mike Temple '89, Rebecca McPhail '05, Elizabeth McCracken '05, Huntley Rodes '07, Nan Clarke '76L, and Hal Clarke '73, '76L. Not pictured are Lat Purser '73 and Dick Parkhurst '88. The couple live in Charlotte, N.C.



Curt Gallagher '02 to Shannon Sylvester, in Osterville, Mass., on Oct. 9, 2010. They have moved from Washington to New York City, as Curt is now working for Blackstone's Park Hill Group as well as pursuing an M.B.A. from Columbia Business School's executive program. They had a big turnout of his Phi Kappa pledge brothers, of whom some are seen in this photo. From l. to r.: Rusty Hewitt, Marshall Schutt, Andrew Barnett, Paul Wallace, the groom, the bride, Dave Skeen, Carling Dinkler, Jeff Bahl, Dave Kodack and Chris Shortall.



Justin McKeen '09 to **Sara Foster-Reeves '09**, on June 25, in Charlottesville. Sarah Kientz '09, Keith Friend '09, Thomas Carpenter '09 and Matthew Craycraft '09 were in the wedding party. The couple reside in Annapolis, Md.



Julia McKenzie '06 to **Geddes Johnson '05**, on May 15, 2010, in Nashville, Tenn. Alumni in the wedding party were Alex Appel '06, Charles Anderson '06, George Craft '05, Sarah Stanton Craft '04, Susanna Johnson '06, Geordy Johnson '05, Will Milam '05, Elisabeth Putney Mygatt '06 and Caroline Osborne '06. The couple live in New York City.



Emily Ballengee '05 to Matthew D. Renwick '05, on Aug. 21, 2010, in Lee Chapel. We accidentally omitted their class years when we ran this photo in the Spring/Summer issue. Our apologies to the Renwicks and their families, who include their fellow alumni James M. Ballengee Jr. '72 (father of the bride), Katherine Ballengee '05L (sister of the bride) and Nick Renwick '97 (brother of the groom). The bride's grandfather, the late James M. Ballengee '48L, was rector of the W&L Board of Trustees from 1981 to 1990. *Photo by Allegra's Studio*

Births and Adoptions

E. Wright Ledbetter '89 and his wife, **Kelley**, a daughter, Henley Corbin, on May 17. The family reside in Rome, Ga.

Andrew Gaffney '91 and his wife, **Kirstin**, a son, William Reid Gaffney, on July 7. He joins sister Taylor, 2. They live in Denver.

John P. Leggette '93 and his wife, **Jenna**, a daughter, Amelia Clara, in September 2010. They live in Philadelphia.

R. Allen Flickinger '94 and his wife, **Kate**, a daughter, Charlotte Lauren, on April 5. She joins sister Ana, 2. They live in Danville, Calif.

Holly E. Simmons '94 and her husband, **Nathan**, a daughter, Zoe Eleanor, on May 10, 2010. She joins brother Nicholas, 3. The family live in Denver.

Vanessa D. Vettier '96, a daughter, **Lucie**, in May 2010. They live in Paris, France.

Dr. M. Cooper Harriss '97 and his wife, **Sarah**, a daughter, Vivian Mathews Harriss, on April 16. Vivian joins sister Eva Louise, 4. Vivian's grandfather is Lee Harriss '73. Cooper received his Ph.D. in religion and literature from the University of Chicago in June 2011. He teaches in the department of religion and culture at Virginia Tech.

Gordon B. Meeker '98 and his wife, **Ashley**, a daughter, Payten Mckinley Meeker, on Jan. 2. Kinley joins brother Greyson. The family reside in Jacksonville, Fla., where Gordon is president of Executive Interviews Inc.

Kathryn Mayurnik Sein '98 and her husband, **Rob**, a daughter, Charlotte Lillian, on Dec. 16, 2010. The family live in Rutherford, N.J. Rob and Kathryn both work in Manhattan.

Dr. Laura S. Whitney '98 and her husband, Jay, a son, John Barry Whitney V, on April 10. They live in Greenville, S.C.

Dr. Pamela Herbert Minkler '99 and her husband, **Mike**, a son, Jameson Gray Minkler. He joins brother Mason, 3.



Lisa Baratta Stinnett '06 and Edward Lee Stinnett II '05 welcomed a son, **Edward Lee "Tripp" Stinnett III**, on Dec. 27, 2010. They live in Camp Hill, Pa. In April, they celebrated his baptism. From l. to r.: **Michael Bennett '04, Tasia Fisher '05, Lisa Baratta Stinnett '06, Audrey Walker '05, Future General Tripp, Lee Stinnett '05, Jonathan Belcher '05, Christine Lee '07 and Peter Weiss '07.**

Robert G. Weston Jr. '99 and **Katie Busch '01**, a son, Robert Gabrey Weston III, on April 2. They live in Atlanta.

Joshua N. Young '99 and his wife, **Kelly**, a son, Jordan Cooper Young, on Feb. 9. They live in Arlington, Va.

Stuart C. Hall '01 and **Donald C. Hall '00**, a daughter, Mary Campbell, on July 11, 2010. They live in Washington.

Julie Boncarosky Holmes '01 and **Michael Holmes '01**, a daughter, Charlotte Grace, on Nov. 19, 2010. Charlotte joins sister Bridget, 2. They live in Vienna, Va., where Julie and Mike both work in the family business, Virginia Tire & Auto.

John A. Jensen III '01 and his wife, **Lauren**, a daughter, Grace Annette, on May 26. She joins brother John, 4. They live in New York City.

Caroline Windfelder Eachus '02 and **Brian Eachus '01**, a daughter, Virginia Carroll, on April 12. The family reside in Minneapolis.

Brooke Evenson Moncrief '02 and **Price Moncrief '01**, a son, Lee Price "Trey" Moncrief III, on July 18. They live in Midland, Texas.

The Rev. Emily A. Peck-McClain '02 and her husband, **Andrew Peck-McClain**, a daughter, Zoë Harriet, on May 3. They live in Durham, N.C.

Lindsey Duran Sberna '03, '06L and **Nicholas Sberna '02**, a daughter, Hadley Virginia, on April 27. The family live in Dallas, where Lindsey practices employment law at Fulbright & Jaworski L.L.P., and Nick teaches humanities at St. Mark's School of Texas.

Jennifer Carlos Frost '06 and her husband, **Keith**, a son, Kieran John, on Jan. 7. They live in New Orleans.

Greg Tweardy '06 and his wife, **Donna**, a son, Jackson Ramo Tweardy, on May 31, 2010. They live in Pittsburgh.

Obituaries

W. Magruder Drake '36, of Lafayette, La., died on June 9. He served in the Navy as an active duty Naval Reserve officer during World War II, achieving the rank of commander. Drake taught at the University of Mississippi, Davidson College and the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, retiring in 1980 as professor emeritus of history. He was a member of Phi Beta Kappa. Drake was brother to Henry M. Drake '37.

William C. Wilbur Jr. '37, of St. Petersburg, Fla., died on April 25. He earned his Ph.D. in British history from Columbia University, taught at Muhlenberg College and was professor emeritus of history and a founding member of Florida Presbyterian College. He was a member of Phi Beta Kappa.

Jerry A. Burke Jr. '38, of Richmond, died on March 31. Burke enlisted in the Navy in 1942 and was assigned to the Aeronautical Engine Laboratory in Philadelphia. He and his fellow engineers built a cooling system that added critical speed and climbing power for allied jet fighters. Later, Burke helped pioneer the performance-enhancing afterburner, which would also become standard jet-fighter equipment.

Thomas H. Dixon '38, of Roanoke, died on March 19. Dixon earned a master's degree from the University of Virginia. His career in education was interrupted by a tour in the Army. He taught for 38 years, one year at

Barbara Brown, University Librarian and Professor Emerita

Barbara Jeanne Brown, the University librarian from 1985 to 2003, died on Aug. 27, in Lexington. She was 69.



Brown was named University librarian in 1985 and served in that position until retiring in 2003. She had previously spent five years, from 1971 to 1976, as head of reference and public services at W&L, and was one of the first women to hold a senior administrative post on campus.

"The University is fortunate to have had Barbara at the helm of the library during a critical period in that field," said President Ken Ruscio. "She combined her expertise with a sparkling wit and a warm, cheerful personality, and we will miss her.

"Brown was born on Oct. 9, 1941, in Charles City, Iowa. She earned a B.S. in English from Iowa State University in 1963, and an M.S. in library science in 1964 from Columbia University.

She began her career as a librarian in 1964 at Cornell University, working in the John M. Olin Library and the Uris Undergraduate Library. Between her two tenures at W&L, she served as assistant university librarian for general reader services at the Princeton University Library and as associate director of program coordination at the Research Libraries Group Inc., at Stanford University. In 1974, she spent one year with the Council on Library Resources Management Intern Program, a professional honor that went to only five mid-career librarians in a given year.

As the University librarian at W&L, Brown oversaw the introduction of automation, most notably through the online catalog known as Annie, and through other electronic resources. She also doubled the library's holdings and established the Telford Science Library.

Brown served on numerous university committees, including the President's Advisory Committee, the Student Faculty Hearing Board and nearly 30 others, including search committees for key positions. She was a member of the committee that planned the 250th anniversary celebration and presided over the ceremony during which the University Library was renamed in honor of former dean James G. Leyburn.

For her contributions to academic life on campus, in 1976 Brown received the prestigious Ring-tum Phi Award. She was also a member of Omicron Delta Kappa.

Among Brown's many professional affiliations, for which she also provided leadership in various capacities, were the Southeastern Library Network (SOLINET), the Virginia Library Association, the Virginia State Council of Higher Education, the Virginia Independent Colleges & Universities Library Association, the American Library Association and the Associated Colleges of the South.

As a resident of Lexington and Rockbridge County, Brown volunteered with the United Way, the American Cancer Society, the Rockbridge Historical Society, Kendal at Lexington and the English-Speaking Union. A member of the Lexington Presbyterian Church, she sang in the choir there and with the Rockbridge Choral Society, of which she was a founding member.

She is survived by many dear friends and by a number of cousins. In lieu of flowers, Brown requested that those who want to make donations direct them to these organizations: Lexington Presbyterian Church (120 S. Main St., Lexington, VA 24450); Kendal at Lexington (160 Kendal Dr., Lexington, VA 24450); Friends of the Rockbridge Choral Society (P.O. Box 965, Lexington, VA 24450); the Rockbridge SPCA (P.O. Box 528, Lexington, VA 24450); and the First Presbyterian Church of Carroll (P.O. Box 681, Carroll, IA 51401).

W&L Traveller

Words Fail Me: A Family Adventure in China

July 9 - 22

Scholars admonish that you cannot describe China because its vastness and complexity make a summary description impossible. How right they are, so the selected memories below will have to suffice as my attempt to capture a magical experience.

How can 20 strangers become such fast friends overnight on these Special Programs trips? The W&L secret sauce works: the children and adults get along famously and love this once-in-a-lifetime chance to visit one of the truly amazing countries in the world.

Tiananmen Square can hold one million people. Thousands of giddy Chinese tourists are gawking, friendly and clamoring for a picture with Westerners. The children on our trip are virtual rock stars. The next day, a platoon of Chinese Army soldiers goose-step from the Gate of Heavenly Peace to raise the flag in the square before a huge throng—at 4:30 a.m. Recalling the tank and the protester, I wonder what landmark event will happen next in this impossibly large and evocative space.

The Forbidden City is surreal in scope and majesty. After real Peking duck at the glittering Dadong restaurant, will you ever order it at home? Martial arts students warm up for their day practicing the ancient art—some are 3 years old.

Was the stunning Great Wall actually built that long ago, up a vertical face and down the other side, in the middle of nowhere? How was that possible?

The Terra Cotta Warriors in Xi'an leave our mouths gaping. The emperor commanded several hundred thousand men to prepare his tomb by constructing a replica of his life, including an army to protect him in the afterlife. It took them

30 years. It is breathtaking, wholly illogical and magnificent.

We rejoice at a dazzling and elegant show on the surface of the gorgeous West Lake in Hangzhou, written by Zhang Yimou, producer of the Beijing Olympics' opening ceremony.

Everywhere, rampant capitalism is on display, but tension is at the core of China's current cycle and likely its future. The single-party government controls what is relayed through the *China Daily News* and unilaterally makes both large and small

decisions, such as how many cars can be sold in Beijing this month. How will this dynamic unfold in the next decade?


An almost vertical gondola ride into the misty Huangshan or "Yellow" Mountains precedes the revelation of canyons and vistas as dramatic and awesome as our Grand Canyon. Who knew?

Shanghai is two-and-a-half times the population of New York City. Half of it was pure farmland in 1990. The marvelous Shanghai Museum somehow summarizes 5,000 years of history. The city is electric. The Mag Lev train slows to only 185 mph on a wet day, well below its top speed of 268. We toast a 13th birthday in high style in the French Concession and pay a rousing tribute to our expert and friend Wen Tong (Wendy, to us), quite simply the perfect guide. We began as strangers not knowing what to expect, and ended as good friends, exhilarated by an unforgettable whirlwind of sights, sounds, smells, tastes and adventures.

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



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Professor Robert Johnson, 1937–2011

Robert Stanley Johnson, the Cincinnati Professor of Mathematics Emeritus at Washington and Lee, died on Aug. 13. He was 73.



Johnson was born in Pikeville, Ky., on Nov. 23, 1937, the son of Marvin Forrest and Norcie Wicker Johnson. He grew up in Frankfort, Ky., and graduated from Georgetown College and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where he earned his Ph.D.

Johnson joined Washington and Lee's faculty in 1965. He attained the rank of full professor in 1975. Among other accomplishments, he served two terms as chair of the Department of Mathematics. As chair, he reorganized the basic computer science courses and organized and directed student-run help sessions in the

elementary-level courses. In 2004, the University honored Johnson with the dedication to him of a classroom in Robinson Hall on the Colonnade.

In 1985, he was appointed the Cincinnati Professor of Mathematics. The professorship recognizes the Society of Cincinnati of Virginia's gift of its assets to Washington College in 1802.

"Bob Johnson served Washington and Lee with great distinction for 38 years," said President Ken Ruscio '76. "He was highly regarded by generations of students as a teacher and was also a valued colleague."

Johnson was an unusually devoted mentor to generations of students, many of whom became close friends in later years. His range of interests—in music, history, literature, science—made him a valued friend to a wide circle of people who prized his wit, his enthusiasm and his steadfastness.

Johnson specialized in teaching algebra and fundamental mathematics. With his Mathematics Department colleague Tom Vinson, he wrote a textbook, *Elementary Linear Algebra*. He belonged to the Mathematical Association of America, the American Mathematical Society, the American Association of University Professors and the Sigma XI honorary society.

An avid traveler, he visited many parts of the world, often accompanied by friends, former students and family. He was a devoted congregant of Lexington's St. Patrick's Church and a member of the choir. He was also active in the Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities and served as treasurer of the local chapter.

Johnson is survived by his brother, Glen, and sister-in-law, Sipra, of Poughkeepsie, N.Y.; a niece, Denise Johnson, of Washington; and a nephew, Robert Alexander Johnson, of Portland, Ore.

William Byrd High School and the remaining years at William Fleming as a teacher and dean of Camper Hall.

Allen B. Craig, Jr. '39, of Brooklyn, N.Y., died on May 20. Allen entered the Navy in 1941 in the field of aviation radar and was stationed in Jacksonville, Fla. Allen held the rank of lieutenant commander in the Naval Reserves. Craig worked for Witco Chemical Co. as southern regional manager for carbon black sales, and for Continental Carbon. He was a member of Phi Kappa Psi fraternity.

James W. Fishel '39, of New York City, died on May 29. Fishel was an

Army veteran of World War II and achieved the rank of major. Fishel was an advertising executive, serving as president and CEO of Fairfax Advertising Agency, later Saatchi & Saatchi. He was a member of Zeta Beta Tau.

George A. Braun Jr. '40, of Kilmarnock, Va., died on April 12. Braun served in the Navy in the Pacific Theater during World War II as First Officer in Charge of LCT 356. Braun received the American Victory Ribbon. He was the owner of Chamberlin Inc., a family-owned industrial painting contracting business in East Orange, N.J. He was a member of Delta Upsilon.

Arthur R. Porter Jr. '40, of Tiffin, Ohio, died on April 29. Porter earned his master's and Ph.D. from the University of Pennsylvania. He taught economics at Wharton School of Business. He served as an economist on the National War Labor Board during World War II, was an economics professor at Hanover College and was academic dean and vice president of Heidelberg College. He also worked as a labor dispute arbitrator.

Theodore S. Smith '40, of Lakewood, Pa., died on May 1, 2010. He was a tech representative for Wright Aeronautical. He was stationed in India during World War II and received the Bronze Star. He was a Met Life representative for 32 years. He was a member of Phi Kappa Sigma. He was grandfather to Evan J. Kline '90.

James E. Foard '42, of Tucson, Ariz., died on June 17. During World War II, in the Navy, he served in the Navy in northern Africa, Sicily and Normandy during D-Day. He joined Phelps Dodge Corp., rising through the ranks of management.

William B. Gunn '42, of Harrisonburg, Va., died on July 16. Gunn served with the 14th Air Force in China during World War II and was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and Air Medal, each with an Oak Leaf Cluster. He also received the China Memorial Medal. He remained in the Air Force Reserve after the war and retired with the rank of lieutenant colonel. He was an officer and director of Shengas Corp., later known as AmeriGas, also serving as an area manager and then consultant. He served as president and director of the Virginia Propane Gas Association and received that organization's Distinguished Service Award. He was a member of Kappa Sigma.

J. Stuart Hunt '42, of Dallas, died on March 18. Hunt served in the Marine Air Corps. He owned, operated or served on the boards of numerous corporations and businesses, including banking, insurance, ranching and real estate development. He was father to John W. Hunt '69 and cousin to William H. Hunt '51.

Charles G. Orsinger '43, of San Antonio, Texas, died on June 18. Ors-

Famed artist **Edwin Parker "Cy" Twombly Jr.**, who died on July 5 in Rome at the age of 83, attended Washington and Lee for only one academic year, 1949–1950. But he and the University (and Lexington, too) had a much deeper history than that single year suggests.

Twombly was the son of Velma and Cy Twombly Sr. His father, a W&L athletic legend, coached and taught at W&L for more than 50 years, including 39 as the swim coach. He was athletic director from 1954 to 1968 and coached golf beyond his retirement. The University's swimming pool is named in his honor.

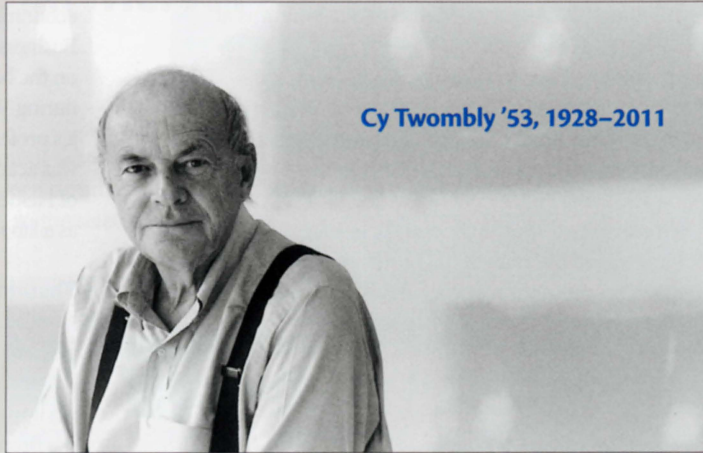
Twombly Jr. was born in Lexington on April 25, 1928. In the Spring 2007 issue of *Shenandoah: The Washington and Lee University Review*, Pamela H. Simpson, the Ernest Williams II Professor of Art History at W&L, writes that his mother gave Twombly a book on Picasso when he was 12, and that he knew from that point on that he wanted to be a painter.

After graduating from Lexington High School, Twombly entered the School of the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston. But when Marion Junkin '27 founded the Art Department at W&L in 1949, Twombly Sr. told his son to come back to Lexington and study at the University.

"Cy was here for the first year that the program was running," Simpson said. "Junkin told me that Cy was so advanced when he got him that he couldn't do very much but give him a place to work and encouragement and direction."

During his year at W&L, Twombly worked as an editorial assistant on two issues of *Shenandoah*, which

published two of his paintings. Tom Wolfe '51 was then one of the magazine's editors.



Cy Twombly '53, 1928–2011

When he left W&L, Twombly went to the Art Students League in New York, partly with a grant that Junkin had helped him get from the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts. He also studied at Black Mountain College, in North Carolina, and won the Virginia Museum Traveling Scholarship in 1952.

Although

several of his obituaries indicated that Twombly had settled permanently in Italy, Lexingtonians know better. He had owned a home not far from the W&L campus since the early 1990s, built a studio behind it and spent springs and summers in Lexington. Just last fall, he lunched on campus with friends, at the Hillel House's E Café.

"Cy was a delight," Simpson said. "I saw him regularly, as did many others here in Lexington. He loved to go look around town at everyone's art and talk about it with them."

Simpson also notes that for a time, Twombly helped Harry Pemberton, philosophy professor emeritus, with a class on aesthetics, but he didn't want to be pinned down to any regular schedule.

Twombly received an honorary doctor of fine arts degree from W&L in 1993. The citation read, in part: "For the last forty years Cy Twombly has been delighting, and occasionally puzzling art audiences with his work. An internationally famed painter, he is, nonetheless, equally well known locally as the son of E.P. 'Cy' Twombly Sr."

inger joined the Army in 1944, serving as a finance officer in the Pacific Theater during World War II. He built one of the top-20 Buick dealerships in the U.S. He served the community as a trustee of the San Antonio Medical Foundation, Trinity University and the National Bank of Commerce, as well as being on the boards of the United Way, Morningside Ministries and Mission Road Development Center. He was uncle to Richard R. Orsinger '72.

John B. Raen Jr. '43, of Tampa, Fla., died on Dec. 18, 2009. He was a member of Kappa Sigma.

The Hon. Roscoe B. Stephenson Jr. '43, '47L, of Covington, Va., died on May 30. Stephenson practiced law in Covington and served as Alleghany County commonwealth's attorney.

Stephenson was elected as a judge to the 25th circuit, and stayed in the position until his election to the Virginia Supreme Court in 1981.

Bruce S. Anderson '45, of Lynchburg, Va., died on June 10. He joined the Navy and served in the Mediterranean, North Atlantic, and Pacific Theaters. He began a career in the textile and garment industry and worked for Sears and Montgomery Ward. He was a member of Phi Gamma Delta.

Joseph P. Minigioli '45, of Ithaca, N.Y., died on Oct. 18, 2008. He worked in the production and development of medical instructional television.

Collier Wenderoth Jr. '45, of Fort Smith, Ark., died on June 6. He served in the Air Force during World War II and finished his business admin-

istration degree at the University in Virginia. He joined the family poultry business. Wenderoth served two terms as president of the Arkansas Poultry Federation and two terms as chairman of what is now the National Chicken Council. He was the Poultry Federation's Man of the Year in 2004, and the University of Arkansas' Poultry Center of Excellence recognized him as one of the 32 founders of the state's poultry industry. In 2009, he was inducted into the Arkansas Agriculture Hall of Fame. He was a member of Phi Delta Theta.

W. Jefferson Barton '48, of Ruidoso, N.M., died on March 13, 2009. Barton served in the Air Force during World War II. He worked for NATO and lived in France for nearly a decade. He retired as a court reporter from the San Diego Court System. He sup-

ported the Humane Society. Barton was a member of Phi Kappa Sigma.

Dr. Marvin L. Daves '48, of Prescott, Ariz., died on June 30. Daves worked at the University of Colorado Medical School, serving as professor and as chairman of radiology. Daves was father to David S. Daves '90, brother-in-law to S.L. Kopalid '43 and uncle to Jack D. Kopalid '78L.

Rutledge H. Deas Jr. '48, of Lafayette, La., died on March 13. Deas enlisted in the Navy Air Corps and served in the Pacific Theater as a navigation officer. He worked for Baroid and the Carter Oil Co. He formed South Oak Production Co. In 2005, he was named an industry pioneer in *Louisiana Oil & Gas Magazine*.

Leslie F. James '48 of Hickory, N.C., died on Feb. 11. He retired as controller for a ready-mix concrete and block manufacturing company in Bradenton, Fla.

Arthur M. Joseph '48, of Deerfield Beach, Fla., died on Aug. 13, 2008. He was a member of Zeta Beta Tau.

James H. Murphy '48L, of Palm Beach, Fla. died on April 3, 2009. He

worked for the Internal Revenue Service as a lawyer in its general litigation division.

Robert G. Patterson '48, of Memphis, Tenn., died on March 18. He earned his Ph.D. from Yale University. He was professor emeritus of religious studies at Rhodes College, where he also served as vice president for academic affairs and dean of the faculty.

James A. Anderson III '49, '51L, of Tybee Island, Ga., died on June 11. He served in the Army during World War II. He began a tax law practice in Pittsburgh, then joined Ashland Oil, where he served as chief tax counsel. He later established a private law practice in Kentucky. He was a member of Beta Theta Pi.

Luther B. Smith '49, of Plantation, Fla., died on Nov. 23, 2009. He was a member of Phi Delta Theta.

Dabbs Sullivan Jr. '49, of Brownsville, Texas, died on March 14, 2009.

The Hon. Elmer C. Westerman Jr. '49L, of Fincastle, Va., died on April 14. Westerman served in the Army during World War II. He began his law practice in Fincastle, Va., and served as commonwealth's attorney for Botetourt County until being appointed to the bench as general district judge for Botetourt and Craig counties.

Alexander S. Andrews Jr. '50, of Santa Fe, N.M., died on July 22. He served in the Navy during World War II. He was a principal of Hardcastle & Co. and The Commonwealth Group, marketing firms based in Connecticut. He is the author of *Albert: Behind the Dark Glasses*, a biography of Albert T. Gonzales Sr.

Rodolph B. Davenport III '50, of Lookout Mountain, Tenn., died on July 26. He was the former chairman of the Chattanooga-based Krystal Co. He was a member of Vision 2000, the precursor for the 21st-Century Project for Chattanooga. He served on the board of McCallie School, his alma mater, and was named the school's distinguished alumnus. He was a member of Phi Delta Theta. He was uncle to Tavenner C. Lupton III '75 and Lucien B. Crosland '69, '72L and cousin to Joseph H. Davenport III '69.

Arthur S. Emmons Jr. '50, of Atlanta, died on June 9. Emmons retired from Ashland Oil Company. As a member of the Baptist Disaster Relief Team, he traveled to disaster sites following hurricanes and tornadoes. He was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

W. Roy Hoffman Jr. '50, of Birmingham, Ala., died on June 24. He served in the Marines. He worked as a scrap metal broker. He belonged to Phi Gamma Delta and was father to Mark E. Hoffman '77.

James W. LaRue '50, of Lexington, died on June 6. LaRue was a World War II veteran, serving as an ambulance driver in the 303rd Medical Battalion, 78th Lightning Division. LaRue farmed on his father's place and then his wife's family place at Indian Hill.

J. Stanley Livesay Jr. '50L, of Portsmouth, Va., died on March 12. He was editor of the *W&L Law Review* and was a member of the Phi Alpha Delta Legal Fraternity. He practiced with Livesay & Associates P.C.

Marvin C. Bowling Jr. '51L, of Powhatan, Va., died on April 28. Bowling worked for Lawyer's Title Insurance Corp. of Richmond, serving as general counsel, president and chief operating officer. He was president of the American Land Title Association.

Wallace R. Oref '51, of Philippi, W.Va., died on March 6. He was a veteran of the Korean War. Wallace was the public education officer at the National Radio Astronomy Observatory.

Robert H. Salisbury, Jr. '51, of St. Louis, died April 10, 2010. He taught political science at Washington University. He received the Eldersveld Career Achievement Award from the American Political Science Association. Salisbury served as president of the Missouri Political Science Association and of the Midwest Political Science Association and as vice president of the American Political Science Association.

Donald R. Taylor '51, of New Bern, N.C., died on June 28. He taught at Hampton High School and then was a curator of education and an

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administrator at Tryon Palace in New Bern. He retired as resident director of Gunston Hall in Mason, Va. He was a charter and honorary member of the Hampton Historical Society and curator of the New Bern Historical Society.

Richard B. Taylor '51, of Mt. Charleston, Nev., died on March 10. He served in the Army, 4th Infantry Division, in Hanau, Germany, during the occupation following World War II. He spent his career in hotels, the stock market, security systems, publishing and real-estate development. He published many historical works. He was a member of Pi Kappa Alpha.

H. Scott Withers '51, of White Sulphur Springs, W.Va., died on March 8. Withers practiced dentistry and also served as the dental officer for the Army, 77th Special Forces. He was a member and president of the Greenbrier County board of education.

Frank A. Baer II '52, of Charleston, W.Va., died on July 8. Baer served in the Korean War as lieutenant commander in the Navy. He was president of Commercial Insurance Services. He served as past president and national director of the West Virginia Insurance Agents of America and as the president of Intersure. He was past president of Temple Israel and Sunrise Museum. He was a member of Zeta Beta Tau.

Larry D. Hall '52, of Raleigh, N.C., died on March 28. He served in the Army as a rifleman and assistant squad leader with the 350th Infantry Regiment of the 88th Infantry Division. He attained the rank of corporal. He worked for Nationwide Insurance.

Jack P. Lynn '52, of Little Rock, Ark., died on May 19. He served in the Air Force. He joined Parkin Printing and Stationary Co., rising to president. He served on several boards, including First National Bank, Arkansas Children's Hospital and The Florence Crittenton Home. He was a member of Phi Delta Theta.

John I. Bowman Jr. '53, of Virginia Beach, died on June 20. He was past commanding officer in the U.S. Power Squadron-Virginia Beach division, past commissioner of the Hampton Roads Medical Authority, past com-

missioner of the State Board of Mental Health and Retardation, past president of the Virginia Beach Dental Society, and past president of the Virginia Society of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgeons. He was a member of Kappa Sigma.

Robert P. Hinton '53, of San Diego, died on June 15. He served in the Marine Corps. He worked for General Dynamics. He was a member of Phi Delta Theta.

Herbert B. Moller Jr. '53L, of Atlantic Beach, Fla., died on Feb. 26. He worked for the Foreign Service as vice council and later as council in Africa, Europe and South America.

Robert C. Reeve '53, of Evanston Ill., died on May 23, 2010. Reeve was a member of Sigma Chi.

Dr. Kenneth F. Spence Jr. '53, of Havre De Grace, Md., died on May 30. He was an orthopedic surgeon. Spence enlisted in the Navy and served a tour of duty in Vietnam as an orthopedic surgeon with the 3rd Medical Battalion. He was past president of the Maryland Orthopedic Association and was the Maryland representative to the board of councilors of the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons.

Dr. Don P. Barbe '54, of Modesto, Calif., died on May 17. He specialized in obstetrics and gynecology. He was a member of the Stanislaus Medical Society, serving on a number of its committees. He was a member of Phi Kappa Psi.

John A. Gold '57, of Woody Creek, Colo., died on June 13. He worked in the financial services industry in New York City. He served on the boards of the Executive Service Corps, Aspen Music Festival and School and Anderson Ranch Arts Center. He was a member of Zeta Beta Tau.

Arnold F. Gwin '57, of Greenwood, Miss., died on April 10. He was an officer in the Marine Corps, serving in the artillery division with the Fleet Marine Force in Okinawa, Japan. He earned a LL.B. from the University of Mississippi School of Law and practiced with Lott, Sanders & Gwin. He later opened his own office as a solo practitioner. He served as president of

the Leflore County Bar Association and received the Counselor-of-Law with Distinction Award. Gwin was a member of Kappa Alpha. He was grandfather to Swan B. Burns '12 and brother to Lucien C. Gwin '56.

M. Park Iler '57, of Bloomington, Ind., died on April 8. He worked as an executive in the oil industry for Conoco, Ashland Oil and Petro Lewis, among others. He founded and served as president and CEO of Brentwood Securities.

Daniel J. Kuhn '58L, of Waterford, Pa., died on April 6. He served in the Air Force and was a veteran of the Korean War. He practiced law in Erie and Crawford counties with his brother at Kuhn and Kuhn Law Offices. Kuhn served as deputy district attorney in Erie County.

Henry F. LeBrun Jr. '58, of Owings Mills, Md., died on April 11. He owned insurance and real estate businesses in Maryland. He was a member of Delta Tau Delta. He was brother-in-law to William Caspari '58 and Samuel S. Merrick '59.

Robert A. Phelon '58 of Glastonbury, Conn., died on April 25. He served in the Marine Corps. He worked in the banking industry, retiring from the Connecticut Development Authority. He was a member of Sigma Chi.

Frederick J. Smythe Jr. '59, of Louisville, Ky., died on May 29. He began his career selling Chinese-made suits to sailors. He later sold Toyota cars, becoming one of the top car salesmen in California. He was a member of Phi Delta Theta.

A. Clayton Bryan Jr. '61, of Greensboro, N.C., died on June 8. He served as a first lieutenant in the Army. He worked for Provident Life & Accident Insurance Co. He volunteered with the United Way. He was a member of Kappa Sigma.

Winston E. Kock Jr. '61, of Petaluma, Calif., died on May 17. He received a master's in business from the University of Cincinnati. He worked in the financial markets on Wall Street and in San Francisco. He was a member of Beta Theta Pi.

E. Clinton Bothwell III '62, of Richmond, died on May 4. Bothwell worked as a consultant at SHS International in Richmond. He was a member of Phi Gamma Delta.

Ralph C. Wiegandt '62, '68L, of Fincastle, Va., died on July 11. He served in the Army with the artillery as a first lieutenant. He was an attorney with Wiegandt & Doubles P.C. He was a member of Phi Kappa Sigma.

William P. Coffin '65L, of Easton, Pa., died on April 8. He was an attorney with his own practice who set several precedents in Pennsylvania state law. He was father to William P. Coffin Jr. '93.

John C. Crissman '65, of Fairfax Station, Va., died on Nov. 21, 2010. He was a member of Phi Kappa Sigma.

Milford B. Hatcher Jr. '70, of Jacksonville Beach, Fla., died on May 13. He was an attorney with Holland and Knight in its Atlanta and Jacksonville

offices and a partner with Jones Day, serving as the firm's Atlanta tax group coordinator. He was also an adjunct professor at the Walter F. George School of Law. He served as chair of the Investment Committee of the Medical College of Georgia Foundation, the president of the Macon Heritage Foundation and chair of the American Cancer Society's Macon Chapter.

S. Russell Smith Jr. '71, of Louisville, Ky., died on June 26. He was a law clerk for the late U.S. district court judge James F. Gordon. He was of-counsel with Smith and Smith Attorneys. He served as a director of Midtown Enterprises, a trustee of Lindsey Wilson College, a board member of News Publishing, chair and secretary of Louisville Downtown Management District and director of the Executives Club.

Michael M. Ingram '75, of St. Petersburg, Fla., died on April 20. He practiced real estate law, maintaining offices in Tampa and Boca Grande.

Kelly S. Shaw '77, of Falls Church, Va., died on July 11. He was a member of Sigma Chi.

Buford P. Early III '78L, of Bluefield W.Va., died on March 22. He was an editorial page columnist for the *Twin State News Observer* and served as public address announcer for Concord University baseball, basketball and football games.

Correction

D. Allen Penick Jr. '60, of Lexington, died on Jan. 27. He served in the Navy for four years, where he was stationed in Italy. Later he worked for the U.S. Forest Service in Montana and the National Park Service in Yellowstone National Park. After nearly 40 years of working with various private and government organizations, Penick joined Mead Associates Inc. in Lexington, as a real estate agent. Penick belonged to Phi Kappa Sigma. He was the brother of Paul M. Penick '63L and the cousin of Frederic M. Pearse '55. **W&L**



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Our Debt to the Future

BY PRESIDENT KEN RUSCIO '76

On Aug. 11, I was a guest columnist on the Washington Post's "College Inc." blog. Here is that column, adapted for the magazine.

We know we are well into the annual college-ranking season when one publication or another determines how a particular institution is doing based on any number of measures, frivolous to serious. These rankings come and go every fall, with their ups and their downs and the accompanying criticism and praise. At Washington and Lee, we take great pride in one particular ranking: We are the ninth oldest institution of higher education in the country.

As an institution that is more than 250 years old, we cannot help but be aware of how some of the decisions that our predecessors at W&L made decades, even centuries, before our time continue to have a critical impact on who we are and what we do today.

That made all the more meaningful my signing of an agreement with Secure Futures L.L.C., of Staunton, Va., to install solar photovoltaic arrays on two buildings on campus. You can read more about them on p. 4.

Here's another ranking of importance to us: this will be the largest solar-energy installation in the commonwealth.

For me, the bigger issue is that this is the kind of project that a liberal

arts institution needs in order to raise students' awareness that the decisions they make today will affect the citizens of tomorrow. They will face no question during their lifetimes more ethically challenging, or more significant to public policy, than what they owe to future generations.

An institution that benefits so much from those in the past is uniquely positioned to teach an important lesson about our own obligations to the future.


It is incumbent upon us to prepare our students to deal with that question. This solar project will be a visible reminder that the time horizons they build into their decisions must get longer and longer. An institution that benefits so much from those in the past is uniquely positioned to teach an important lesson about our own

obligations to the future.

There is, of course, self-interest here. We would not be making such a commitment if it did not make economic sense. We will plow the long-term savings that we will get from this project directly back into preparing students for their careers and their lives.

Through this sustainability project and others, we are aligning our institutional practices with what we preach to our students about their duties as responsible citizens and their obligations to future generations. W&L is precisely the kind of place where this should happen.

I don't know how to confront the problems of the environment without the intellectual breadth of a liberal arts education. It is not simply that this task requires knowledge of politics, economics, science, literature and philosophy; it also requires an understanding of how all those areas of knowledge come together and are interwoven in a single problem—and how graduates of Washington and Lee may use them to solve that problem.

"Non incautus futuri" is not a mere slogan for us. It is our mission, one that seems ever more fitting for this day and age. 

Helping W&L Libraries Keep Pace With Technological Change



Walter J. "Bud" Maytham III '52 has fond memories of the W&L library. "When I was a freshman at W&L, the library was a very different place. It was more similar to my local library, but the big difference was that I could go back into the stacks myself and browse through them. They weren't off limits like they are in most libraries. We could take out as many books as we wanted, for as long as we wanted."

Maytham, who celebrated his 80th birthday this year, is well aware of the importance of keeping up with the pace of change. A veteran of the New York publishing industry, in the area of professional and reference books, he said, "It is necessary to keep at the forefront of knowledge and how it is disseminated."

With this in mind, he and his wife, Donna have included a bequest in their estate to fund The Walter J. and Donna C. Maytham Endowment, to assist the University libraries with new initiatives in information accessibility and changing technologies. The bequest will aid the library in implementing technological enhancements in all aspects of the University's academic program.

"Things in education are happening so fast," said Maytham. "When I came back to visit last year, the changes in the library just floored me. It amazes me how the library is being used now. We don't know how it will be used in the future, but I want to help it keep ahead of the pace in the information area. I wanted to give back to W&L because of the job they did with me. We have to support the school in order to carry on the tradition here."

To join the Maythams in making a planned gift in support of Washington and Lee, contact Hank Humphreys or Louise Wasserott at (540) 458-8421, or by e-mail at ahumphreys@wlu.edu or lwasserott@wlu.edu.

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