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When the 10 inches of snow closed W&L in February, not every employee stayed home for the day—or the

night. Some 105 Facilities staffers (such as Ronnie Irvine, shown here shoveling snow in front of Newcomb Hall) are deemed essential personnel, and they stayed on campus for the duration of the snowstorm and took naps at their shops, if necessary. Other personnel in Public Safety, Dining Services and Health Services are also on duty so when the snow flies, no one on campus will be snowbound, hungry, cold or untreated.

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Is it something we said? We didn't receive a single letter to the editor after the publication of the last issue. Trust us, we really do like to hear from you. So put pen to paper, or fingers to keyboard, and send us a note, please. Contact info is below.

Since we don't have any letters to publish, we'll use this space to highlight three recent speeches on campus.

On Jan. 20, at the Founders' Day/Omicron Delta Kappa Convocation, we heard Lucas Morel, the Class of 1960 Professor of Ethics, deliver "Ever Mindful of the Past: Building an Honorable Community." W&L holds Founders' Day each year on or near the birthday of Robert E. Lee, our president from 1865 to 1870. Watch the entire convocation here: go.wlu.edu/morelodk





On Jan. 26, Donna Brazile, the veteran political strategist, capped off a snowy week of events commemorating the birthday of Martin Luther King Jr. with the keynote talk, "Finding a Voice in a Whisper: Martin Luther King Speaks to Our Generations." You can watch her talk at *go.wlu.edu/brazilemlk*.

On Feb. 12, Allen C. Guelzo, one of the nation's most distinguished scholars of Abraham Lincoln, delivered the keynote address for our observance of the 150th anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation: "'Little Note nor Long Remember': Why Do We Remember the Gettysburg Address?" Guelzo is the Henry R. Luce Professor of the Civil War Era and director of Civil War Era Studies at Gettysburg College. Watch it here: <code>go.wlu.edu/guelzogettysburg</code>





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# Trustees Adopt Housing Policy, Set Tuition, Approve Global Learning Center

The Board of Trustees adopted a new housing policy under which students will live in University housing during their first three years. The trustees' unanimous decision came during the board's winter meeting, Feb. 6–8, in Lexington.

In addition, the trustees approved tuition increases and the construction of the Center for Global Learning.

#### **New Housing Policy**

The new policy will not go into effect until at least the 2016-17 academic year. With the policy determined, the University will now establish a timetable for implementation, including plans for additional housing.

A board-appointed task force comprising trustees, faculty and administrators made an initial set of recommendations on housing in 2012 after studying current housing patterns and gathering input from members of the University community. That report led to the renovation of Gaines and Graham-Lees residence halls, which will be completed this year.

The task force's report also led the trustees over the past two years to study various aspects of the upper-class housing recommendation. Those studies, undertaken by national architectural and planning firms, provided evidence that there are attractive and financially viable options for a new campus residential community that is based on independent living.

The new policy is intended to preserve and enhance the close-knit, residential character of Washington and Lee while also ensuring that students have access to quality housing.

With the completion of the new facilities, University housing will include the first-year residence halls, fraternity and sorority houses, theme houses and Woods Creek apartments.

W&L will finance the new housing through the sale of bonds, using room fees to defray the cost. The University will not use tuition to underwrite the construction.

#### **Rate of Tuition Increase Lowest in 50 Years**

In adopting the 2.5 percent increase for undergraduate tuition, the trustees followed a model that increases tuition by the inflation rate plus 1 percent. The increase is from \$43,570 to \$44,660.

"Strong philanthropic support from alumni and friends, coupled with prudent financial management, have allowed us to moderate increases in recent years," said Steve McAllister, vice president for finance and treasurer.

McAllister noted that keeping the percentage increase to the historic low is also significant because W&L has slightly lowered the target for the entering class to 470 students. He added that this was possible only because W&L's endowment per student has grown more rapidly during the past five years than all but one other of the top 25 national liberal arts colleges.

The budget that the trustees approved also moderated the increases in room and board, with the board rate moving to \$5,895 and the average room rate to \$5,721.

Even as W&L has kept these increases to their lowest levels in many years, the trustees also approved an undergraduate financial aid budget of \$38.8 million, allocating \$8.8 million of the total to awards to first-year students. That represents a 3.9 percent increase over the current year's awards.

The School of Law tuition will increase 2 percent, while the University's financial aid budget will increase by 4.5 percent.

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An artist's rendering of the Center for Global Learning, which combines the renovated duPont Hall (left) with a new addition.

#### **Center for Global Learning**

The board approved the construction of the Center for Global Learning to begin this summer, pending completion of fundraising. It will comprise 8,600 square feet in the renovated duPont Hall and an estimated 17,700 square feet in a new wing.

The center will be the cornerstone of a comprehensive program and an important physical focal point for W&L's international education initiative.

The plan features demolition of the former onestory studio space at the rear of the existing duPont Hall and the comprehensive renovation of the remaining front portion of the building. The building also will accommodate the Office of International Education, the Global Media Center, the East Asian Languages and Literatures Department, and the German and Russian Department.

The building will feature nine classrooms with the latest academic technologies, numerous small group and study areas, the Media Center and a two-story entry/atrium to accommodate multiple activities.

If the construction can begin this summer, the building would be completed for occupancy in January 2016. The trustees set the budget for the building at \$13.5 million, \$11.5 million of which will come from fundraising, and selected Branch Associates of Roanoke to provide pre-construction services.

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# Rise and Shine: Students Help Classmates **Set Their Biological Clocks**

tudents at Washington and Lee who have difficulty performing well in early-morning classes may take some comfort in knowing that their chronotypes are governing their performance. In other words, they are naturally night owls.

W&L students in Fundamentals of Biology: Biological Clock and Rhythms, a fall-term class, analyzed the scientific literature in the relatively new area of chronobiology in order to make specific recommendations on how administrators, faculty and students themselves can help such students perform better in early classes. Chronobiology studies biological clocks and circadian rhythms—the 24-hour cycle that controls sleep-wake patterns and monitors biological processes such as eating schedules, blood pressure, heartbeat and body temperature.

"We consider students to be lazy, but they are not lazy," said Natalia Toporikova, assistant professor of biology, who taught the course. "I think they are actually quite brave little souls who wake up early in spite of their biological clocks, and I think we have to acknowledge that. The students did a lot of work on this study, and I think it was in part because they honestly cared about it. I think the results could be potentially useful for the W&L community."

Chronotypes reflect an individual's sleeping habits and govern the optimal times for eating, physical activity and cognitive ability. They fall into three distinct categories—

> morning, evening and intermediate. An individual's chronotype can change throughout the course of one's life, with many older people being morning chronotypes—early birds.

> Studies show, however, that most college students are evening chronotypes, or night owls, operating on a schedule better suited to early birds. This can lead to negative effects such as poor academic performance, irregular sleep patterns and disruptions in circadian rhythms. For example, one study showed a dramatic decrease in total minutes of sleep per night and a dramatic delay in bedtime among students that coincides with the start of the academic year. And by the time

students graduate, they average only six hours of sleep per school night.

A further study demonstrated a distinct relationship between a student's chronotype, class times and grades. It showed that night owls received lower grades in difficult morning classes, but they achieved higher grades when they took those difficult classes in the afternoon. It also showed

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-Natalia Toporikova



Opposite page: Brianna Rakouska '17 has found her own study groove.

Left photo: Time for a break?
These students might benefit from
a healthy snack or a five-minute walk
outside to maximize their
circadian rhythm.

that students who take classes that coincide with their chronotypes recall information from those classes better than students who take classes that conflict with their chronotypes.

"One of the most interesting recommendations for me is the relationship between types of intelligence and how they relate to your chronotype," said Elliot Emadian '17, who took the class. "Crystallized intelligence is recalling or using previously learned information, and fluid intelligence is finding novel ways to solve problems. Fluid intelligence is severely diminished if you operate outside your chronotype range, so a lot of college students will have less-than-stellar performances in morning classes that require processing or synthesizing new information, such as a foreign language or lecture."

The biology students also studied other factors that affect circadian rhythms, such as light, diet, human contact, exercise and noise. While it may be difficult for individuals to change their chronotype, the students' research suggests that using external cues from the environment (called zeitgebers) can reduce the negative effects of operating outside one's chronotype.

For example, while a person's eating pattern makes no difference, a consistent eating schedule is important in helping the body to expect food at certain times. It also helps to keep the brain functioning and alert as well as providing a signal to the body that energy for a certain activity will soon be needed.

Light also plays a major role in shifting circadian rhythms, since the body is naturally attuned to sunrise and sunset. For example, electric light changes the onset and offset of melatonin—a hormone that regulates the sleep-wake cycle—forcing sleep about two hours later, and producing wakefulness about an hour later, than they would in an environment with natural light.

One experiment demonstrated that removal of all light and other environmental cues completely threw off the subject's sleep-wake cycle and circadian rhythms, shifting slightly later each day. Once the environmental cues were reintroduced, the subject returned to a normal 24-hour cycle.

The class' research showed that students should try to sleep in accordance with their cycle, regardless of their chronotype. They should aim, however, to maintain a consistent sleep schedule by trying to go to bed and wake up at the same time every day, including weekends. They should also schedule classes at a regular time throughout the week to get into a routine, and limit naps to less than an hour and not after 3 p.m.

The biology class also had recommendations for administrators and faculty at W&L. For one, faculty should expose students to natural light early in the day so that they will be more alert as the day progresses and perform better. Holding class outdoors in abundant natural light would also be a boon. "If you have an 8 a.m. class in a basement, that is really bad," said Toporikova, "but if you open the windows, you can actually change the biological clock."

The students also recommended that faculty allow students to take a five-minute break to eat a healthy snack in order to keep their circadian rhythms going. Laboratory classes, in particular, can last for more than four hours. Allowing for one or two breaks during the class would help the students fight fatigue.

The biology students put one of their recommendations into practice early in the term. "We played a biological tag game to engage students and raise their body temperatures so they didn't sit down and go right back to sleep," explained Reel Rainsford '17.

They also recommended that faculty provide a wide range of times for students to take tests and exams. At Washington and Lee, classes end around 5:30 p.m; the students recommended that a few classes beginning later in the evening could be more effective.

The students would also like administrators to hold training sessions for faculty—who tend to be morning chronotypes—to educate them about the different chronotypes, explain how and why students struggle in early classes, and help them create the optimal environment. They'd also like to see all new students fill out a questionnaire to determine their chronotypes, thus helping them to schedule their class times accordingly.

"I liked this project because it helped me re-evaluate my own sleeping patterns and helped me develop strategies on searching through scientific literature," said Kelly Swanson '16. "I'm a night owl, so the biology class was difficult for me because it's early. So I'll hopefully schedule my classes later in the day and try to go to sleep earlier."

# CAR ACCIDENT CLAIMS THE LIFE OF SENIOR KELSEY DURKIN

n Dec. 3, 2013, Kelsey Durkin '14 died and 10 other W&L students were injured in a singlecar accident on a rural Rockbridge County road while returning from an off-campus party. Three students were hospitalized with injuries; they have since been released.

A candlelight vigil for Durkin took place on campus the night of Dec. 3, and on Dec. 9 several of her friends led a me-

morial service in Lee Chapel. See p. 39 for more about Durkin, a biology major who was involved in many activities and belonged to Kappa Kappa Gamma.

The University responded to the event in multiple ways. The Office of Student Affairs sent staff members to the hospitals to support the injured students and their families. Counselors worked with students, faculty and staff. Students wrote and gathered notes for the Durkin family. The president and dean of students communicated with families, students and the campus community, and the deans implemented flexible policies during exam week. Such multifaceted support continues.



Wristbands honoring Kelsey Durkin '14 were distributed among the student body.

Students also have created a movement called "A Promise for Kelsey," in which they promise not to drink and drive or get in a car with an impaired driver. On March 15, friends and family of Durkin ran as the Promise for Kelsey Team in the Rock 'n' Roll Marathon, Half Marathon and 5K, in Washington. They celebrated Durkin's life and raised money for the Kelsey Durkin Memorial Fund, part of the Friends of Rockbridge support of the Shepherd Poverty Program.

See *go.wlu.edu/studentaccident* for complete coverage.

# **Fraternity Suspended in Wake of Car Accident**

On Jan. 22, the national office of Sigma Alpha Epsilon (SAE) notified Washington and Lee that it had suspended the Virginia Sigma Chapter's charter, effective immediately. The national office did so after concluding that the off-campus party from which students were returning before the Dec. 3 car accident was a fraternity-sponsored event that violated SAE's health and safety policies.

The national fraternity ruled that the suspension will be for 36 months. That means that

SAE could be eligible to return to W&L in 2017, pending University approval. W&L supports SAE's decision and will continue to work with the national organization on this issue.

According to the national fraternity, the 57 current active members of W&L's SAE chapter are suspended from membership until they graduate or leave the University. The 18 students who were living in the fraternity house have moved into other housing with assistance from the Office of Student Affairs.

#### NOTEWORTHY

John Jensen '01 has been named director of Career Development and associate dean of students. He has worked at W&L since 2011 as assistant dean in the Williams School of Commerce, Economics, and Politics.

Barbara Rowe, associate University registrar, has been elected the vice president for professional development for the Southern Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers.

#### **President Ken Ruscio '76**

has been elected chair of the board of directors of the Association of American Colleges and Universities (AAC&U), a leading voice of higher education at the national level.

Eric Shuman '14, Astrid Pruitt '14 and Alina Marciniak '13 won a Regional Research Award from Psi Chi—the National Honor Society in Psychology—at the Midwestern Psychology Association (MPA) National Conference. Shuman and Pruitt will present their research, "Do Stereotypes and Prejudice against Arab Muslims Serve a Detachment Function?" at the MPA conference in May. The research arose in the class of Julie Woodzicka, professor of psychology.

Washington and Lee and the University of Virginia Scholars' Lab have created a formal partnership that will strengthen the ties of both institutions in the area of digital humanities, thanks to a grant from the Associated Colleges of the South. The grant fosters faculty and student relationships and provides graduate students at UVA with the opportunity to work in a liberal arts environment. Paul Youngman '87, associate professor of German, is the faculty chair of the Digital Humanities Working Group.

The **W&L Habitat for Humanity Chapter** received one of four nationwide \$10,000 State Farm Insurance Company matching grants for 2013–2014, the second time the chapter has done so.



## ODK WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS ON JAN. 20

#### Honorary ODK Initiates

L. to r.: **Eddie O. Nabors** and **Doris R. Nabors**, of Birmingham, Ala., parents of the late Jonathan Nabors '02, dedicated community leaders and volunteers known to generations of students for their involvement with the Nabors Service League; **Loranne E. Ausley '90**, of counsel to the law firm Hollimon P.A., in Tallahassee, Fla.; **Ernestine** and **Al N. Hockaday**, who own the shops Shenandoah Attic and Victorian Parlor, in Lexington; and **Sidney Springfield Evans**, W&L's vice president for student affairs and dean of students.

#### **Undergraduate Class of 2014**

Mary Ashleigh Boles, Hillary F. Cooper, Melissa M. Derby, Kathryn E. Driest, David N. Fishman, Trevor T. Hatcher,

Lauren N. Howry, Lauren I. Kasoff, Joseph Liu, Isabella G. Martin, Bryan F. Mullady, Cindy Rivas Murcia, Mark A. Sowinski, Laura Lindsay Tatum, Kane Thomas, Thomas C. Wolff

#### **Undergraduate Class of 2015**

Caroline C. Crichlow-Ball, Roger T. Day Jr., Jane M. Fugate, Jillian N. Katterhagen, Katherine H. LeMasters, Bayan C. Misaghi, Daniel J. Raubolt

#### Law Class of 2014

Kyle A. Dolinsky, Laura E. Erdman, Meghan E. Flinn, Lara D. Gass, Kyle F. Hoffman, Ryan M. Hrobak, Cara E. Regan

#### Law Class of 2015

George M. Mackie V, Krystal B. Swendsboe, Paul M. Wiley

# Washington and Lee Elects Two New Trustees

ashington and Lee added two members to its Board of Trustees on Feb. 7, during the winter meeting of the board: Dana J. Bolden '89, of Atlanta, the group communications director, finance, for the Coca-Cola Co.; and Todd L. Sutherland '81, of Lawrence, Kan., the president and CEO of University National Bank.

Dana Bolden, who has a B.A. in journalism and mass communications, has earned the professional designation of Accredited Public Relations (APR) and belongs to the Public Relations Society of America and the Black Public Relations Society. He has worked at Coca-Cola in high-level communications since 2006.

Bolden has taught crisis and financial communications, public affairs and business writing to professional associations and at Clark College, Iona College, Georgia State University and Washington and Lee University.

Bolden was the keynote speaker for W&L's 51st Media Ethics Institute. He serves his alma mater as a current member of the Journalism Advisory Board and as the former director of the Alumni Board. He belongs to his 25th reunion class committee.

Bolden and his wife, Leslie, have two children, Asa and Celeste.

Todd Sutherland graduated with a B.A. cum laude in politics. He serves on the executive committee of the board of trustees of the KU Endowment at the University of Kansas. He also has also been involved with the University



Dana Bolden '89 and Todd L. Sutherland '81. new members of the University's Board of Trustees.

of Kansas through its Alumni Association, the School of Business board of advisors and the National Development Council. He also serves on the board of directors for Mercy-Ships, a global charity that has operated hospital ships in developing nations since 1978.

For his alma mater, Sutherland has twice served on his reunion class committees and is a current member of the capital campaign cabinet.

Sutherland and his wife, Laura, have three children: Brooke '12, Libby '15 and Padget '17.

# **Blunch Undertakes Educational Study in India**



n international team including Niels-Hugo Blunch, associate professor of economics at W&L. will examine the economic and behavioral impacts of antidiscrimination policies in India's caste system.

Blunch and his colleagues launched the three-year project with a December 2013 workshop in the state of Bihar, where they discussed ways to refine interventions targeting low-caste children in Bihar's public schools. The project is funded by a \$626,000 grant from the Danish Council of Independent Research.

Participants included top educational administrators from Bihar. "We wanted to make sure that the stakeholders, policy makers and non-government organizations could

have a say, and that we didn't miss anything important," said Blunch. "This program will study the effects of different antidiscrimination policies, and we can only do the study one time, so we want it to be as good as possible. It's also important to get all the local stakeholders on board so that it's not just researchers coming in to schools from the outside."

One intervention will offer a financial incentive to teachers if they can raise the learning outcomes of low-caste children; another will explain to teachers the effect of their discrimination on those children.

"The low-caste children get hammered every day," said Blunch. "It's in their names and in their placement in the classroom, where higher-caste children sit at the front and low-caste children sit at the back. It's more prevalent in rural areas, and in some schools low-caste children are not even allowed to drink from the same water fountain as highercaste children."

# **Proposal for Car-Buying Site Wins Business Plan Competition**

business plan to match newcar buyers with dealers nationwide won the fourth annual Business Plan Competition.

The competition is part of the capstone course in W&L's Entrepreneurship Program, taught by Jeffrey P. Shay, the Johnson Professor of Entrepreneurship and Leadership. Seniors have to create a business plan from scratch, starting with the idea and then integrating everything they've learned from all the business courses they've taken. The plans are then judged by a panel of alumni entrepreneurs.

Stephen Lind, visiting assistant professor of business administration and leader of the oral communication initiative at the Williams School, critiqued their presentations ahead of time.

Members of the winning team were all seniors: Kathleen Yakulis '14, Nate Reichel '14, George Cauffman '14 and James Lewis '14. Their business plan, which they dubbed Price Pounder, would create a platform for purchasers to buy a new vehicle at the best price through a reverse-auction website, where an exclusive dealer network would bid to sell their cars online at the lowest price.

The original idea came from Yakulis, who said she has always been entrepreneurial and thought this idea would solve the traditional carpurchasing problem of having to visit different car dealers to negotiate a good price.

"I always thought that you could come up with a business idea, and if it was a good idea, you could create a business," said Yakulis. "It surprised me how critical it is to have a business plan. You need to put your idea on paper and think about all the different components so you can have a comprehensive plan ahead of time."

The business plan had to include the advantages being brought to the consumers—car buyers—and also to the car dealers. The students looked at outside forces and their competition



The winners, I. to r.: George Cauffman '14, Kathleen Yakulis '14, lames Lewis '14 and Nate Reichel '14.

in trying to figure out how to be viable. They needed details about how they would market the business and acquire funding, and had to show whether the business could expand in the future.

"We definitely had our speed bumps along the way, especially at

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-Kathleen Yakulis '14

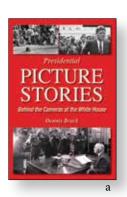
the beginning," said Yakulis. "We had visited car dealers, and they were really excited about it, but we had to work out what the reasoning was behind their interest. So we did further research

to get concrete numbers as to what it costs them to acquire customers."

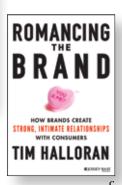
At the competition, the alumni "asked some pretty intense and very direct questions, such as how we would market it and [what were] our steps to launch the business," said Reichel. "We had to back up our answers with data and market research. Most of it we had already done beforehand, but there were a few things we had to go and work out.

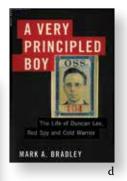
"This was the first time I've put together a business plan and had it critiqued by professionals such as the alumni and Professor Shay," Reichel continued. "I learned that actually making an idea become reality is a whole new ball game in the amount of time you have to put into the project and all the different perspectives you need to take in terms of figuring out the whole picture."

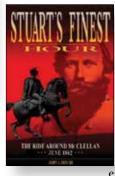
Second place went to Spot Vending, a proposal for vending machines that provide healthy snacks to busy New Yorkers. Advanced Facilities Technologies, a mechanism that holds toilet seats in men's restrooms upright when not in use, was third.











W. Dennis Brack '62 is the author of "Presidential Picture Stories: Behind the Cameras at the White House" (Atlas Press-Bookmasters), a history of the news picture business and a collection of delightful stories about the characters behind the cameras.

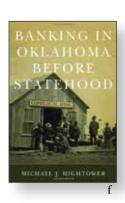
J. Gill Holland '58, of Davidson, N.C., has released a new collection of poetry, "Everglading: Or, Time Enough," a collection he created over the past 25 years.

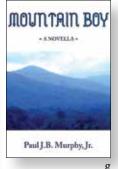
After 20 years of building and directing some of the world's largest brands, Tim Halloran '91, president of Brand Illumination, is sharing some of his secrets in a new book, "Romancing the Brand" (Jossey Bass/Wiley).

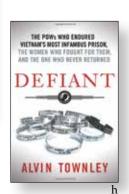
Mark A. Bradley '78 authored "A Very Principled Boy: The Life of Duncan Lee, Red Spy and Cold Warrior" (Basic Books). A fast-paced, cat-and-mouse

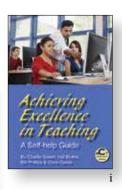
tale of misguided idealism and treason, the book draws on previously unreleased CIA and State Department records to reveal this riveting story.

John J. Fox III '81 published "Stuart's Finest Hour: The Ride Around McClellan, June 1862" (Angle Valley Press), the first book-length study about Brig. Gen. Jeb Stuart's Great Chickahominy Raid of 1862.









Michael J. Hightower '77 published "Banking in Oklahoma before Statehood" (University of Oklahoma Press), a lively take on Wild West capitalism in the early days of the American republic.

Paul J.B. Murphy Jr. '49, a native Virginian, published "Mountain Boy: A Novella" (Publishing Connections). The story follows the fictional Jamie Nicholson and his family, who are caught up in the government's forced relocation of Blue Ridge Mountain families to create a national park.

Alvin Townley '97 published "Defiant: The POWs Who Endured Vietnam's Most Infamous Prison, the Women Who Fought for Them, and the One Who Never Returned" (Thomas Dunne Books), featuring Sen. John McCain, among others.

Charlie Sweet '65, "Achieving Excellence in Teaching: A Self-Help Guide," co-authored with Hal Blythe, Bill Phillips and Chris Daniel. It is his 15th book.

#### ADDITIONAL READING

James Gabler '53, '55L released the second edition of his 2006 book, "An Evening with Benjamin Franklin and Thomas Jefferson: Dinner, Wine, and Conversation" (Bacchus Press).

King Sprott '56, '58, '59L's e-book, "Nine Lives: A Memoir of Extreme Ballooning," is now in print. (See Winter 2013 issue, p. 11.) Visit kingsninelives.us.

John T. Cox III '92 published his third book, "How to Recover Attorneys' Fees in Texas 2014," cowritten with Jason Dennis, in October 2013. It is available in print and as an e-book.

# W&L Traveller • Nov. 6–16, 2013 A Wildlife Safari in Kenya



ob Fure, director of special programs, led a group of W&L alumni on a trip to Kenya, visiting the Sambura Reserve, Lake Nakuru National Park and Maasai Mara National Reserve. Along the way they saw abundant wildlife: gerenuks, elephants, lionesses and cubs, gazelles, impalas, dik-diks, giraffes, leopards, flamingos, yellow-billed storks, Sacred Ibises, pelicans, wildebeests, zebras, yellow baboons and rhinos, to name but a few.

The group also heard from a Samburu warrior, who answered questions about the customs and practices of his tribe, visited the Nanyuki Spinners and Weavers Project and enjoyed watching a tribal dance performance. Said Fure, "Our days [were] full and the introduction to

Kenya's wildlife often quite overwhelming. Traveling together, we had come to know enough of Kenya for now, something of her storied past, the tortuous evolution of her democracy, the lingering claims of tribal customs and colonialism and, most vividly, the immense treasure of her greatest natural resource. We had experienced together her splendid realms of wilderness. In these, Kenya would remain a place beyond our calendars, a route back to the primordial rhythms of life itself."

You can read Fure's log in full at wlu.edu/special programs.

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## Piranian Phases into Retirement After Stellar Career

— BY BRIAN LAUBSCHER —

or more than half of the 65 seasons that Washington and Lee has sponsored varsity men's soccer, Rolf Piranian '74 has been manning the pitch as a player and coach. His run with the program came to an end this past November, when the Generals fell to Randolph in the semifinals of the ODAC Tournament.

Prior to the 2013 season, Piranian had announced that he would enter phased retirement after 38 seasons as head coach and an additional four years as a player. He could remain with the University for up to four years as an associate professor of physical education.

Piranian graduated from W&L with honors in American history, and he was a three-sport athlete, lettering in soccer, lacrosse and wrestling. As a soccer player, he earned four letters and was named team captain as a senior. He received all-state honors twice and was an all-South selection in his final season.

Following graduation, Piranian spent two years teaching history and coaching soccer in Jacksonville, Fla.,

before returning to his alma mater as head coach in 1976.

Since his return, the numbers he has racked up are simply staggering. Piranian has coached 615 of the program's 926 all-time games and led the Generals to 22 winning seasons, including 10 years with double-digit win totals—including each of his final two campaigns. One of just a handful of Division III coaches nationwide with over 300 career wins, Piranian finished with a 313-242-60 (.588) overall record, claiming nearly 68 percent of the men's soccer victories in program history.

Along the way, Piranian coached three Old Dominion Athletic Conference Championship squads, including the 2000 team that set a program record for wins in going 19-2 overall and advancing to the NCAA South Regional finals.

Washington and Lee advanced to the ODAC Championship game 11 times in his 38 years and he was

Rolf Piranian '74 joined W&L in 1976, fulfilling his dream of coaching at his alma mater. named the ODAC Coach of the Year seven times.

"When I played soccer at W&L as a student, I dreamed of having the opportunity to return as a coach," said Piranian. "I am so very thankful that I had the opportunity to achieve that dream. Coaching with the coaches I have worked with and coaching many of the great individuals I had the chance to coach was a real opportunity to live the dream."



## W&L LAW STUDENT WINS PRESTIGIOUS SKADDEN PUBLIC INTEREST FELLOWSHIP

Jan Fox '14L has received a prestigious fellowship from the Skadden Foundation. These highly coveted, post-graduate fellowships provide funds to law students who want to devote their professional life to providing legal services to the poor, the elderly, the homeless and the disabled, as well as those deprived of their civil or human rights.



The Skadden Fellowship Program, often described as a "legal Peace Corps," provides fellows with a salary and benefits consistent with the public interest organization sponsoring the law student's fellowship application. In Fox's case, this organization is the Delaware Community Legal Aid Society (CLASI). She will work with the organization to expand services to immigrant victims of domestic violence, representing them in custody matters, protection orders and housing issues.

Fox's interest in immigrant populations and domestic violence issues evolved over time. During college, she tutored ESL students in English, and while in law school, she has worked for Project Horizon, Lexington's domestic violence shelter and prevention organization. She often helped staff Virginia's statewide domestic abuse hotline, where she

spoke with immigrant victims of abuse from across the commonwealth.

"I have always admired the tenacity of immigrant populations in the face of such huge obstacles," says Fox. "Immigrant victims of domestic violence have a special vulnerability because they don't know who to trust. They are often afraid if they call the police, that immigration authorities will be contacted or that they will lose custody of their children."

Fox sought out a summer externship with CLASI in her home state of Delaware after her 2L year, working in the agricultural regions near Georgetown in the southern part of the state. There she saw a growing population of mostly Hispanic immigrants with very little access to legal services.

"There is a scarcity of financial support from the state to expand legal aid services to the immigrant population," says Fox. "That is why Skadden is so essential. My project would not be possible without them."

Fox is preparing for the two-year fellowship through a broad range of exposure to this practice area during her third year. In addition to taking a family law practicum, she will extern in Richmond with the Virginia Poverty Law Center's domestic violence unit and also worked on a project helping immigrant victims of domestic violence obtain visas.

After her fellowship ends, Fox intends to stay with CLASI in southern Delaware and will be developing funding sources to continue her work.

## **Moot Court Team Competition Results**

#### The Moot Court and Mock Trial

teams had a very successful trip to the National Black Law Students Association Mid-Atlantic competition in Portsmouth, Va., capturing first and second place in the competition. One of the School's moot court teams finished in first place as well, with one of its members, Bret Reed '14L, being named best oralist for the competition.

The W&L mock trial teams faced each other in the final round, which was judged by Portsmouth Chief Circuit Court Judge Kenneth Melvin and Frank Santoro, a preeminent bankruptcy lawyer in Chesapeake, Va. The winning team included Samantha Brewster-Owens '14L, Markus Murden '16L, Christina Sacco '15L, and Joshua LaGuerre '14L. The secondplace team, which trailed the first-place



John Byrne '15L (left) and Marc Mignault '15L

team by only one point, included Tunde Cadmus '15L, Emelia Hall '16L, Yasin Amba '16L and Ryan Redd '15L.

In February, John Byrne '15L and Marc Mignault '15L competed at the American Bar Association's 2014 National Negotiations Competition, in Chicago, and finished fourth.



The Moot Court and Mock Trial teams celebrated their first- and second-place finishes.

Byrne and Mignault secured an invitation to Nationals following a second-place finish at the regional competition held last November in Williamsburg, Va. At the national competition, the W&L team faced off against law schools spread across the ABA's 10 student division regions.

# A Path to Leadership BY AMY C. BALFOUR '89, '931

Washington and Lee has been turning out leaders for more than two centuries; just look at our cover subject, Lacey Putney '50, '57L, who spent 52 years in the Virginia General Assembly. And this year, we celebrate the centennial of Omicron Delta Kappa, the national leadership society founded at W&L. Learn how current students are still continuing one of our proudest traditions.

If you've glanced at Washington and Lee's website recently, you might have seen a story or two mentioning the University's new leadership programs: Leadership Venture. Athletics Leadership Development. The Women's Leadership Summit. And the list goes on.

At a liberal arts university named for two respected generals, leadership development will always be an important part of every student's education. W&L's mission statement echoes this commitment: "Graduates will be prepared for life-long learning, personal achievement, responsible leadership, service to others, and engaged citizenship in a global and diverse society." In the last few years, however, the number of extracurricular programs with a focus on leadership has made a noticeable jump.

"This student generation generally wants to solve problems," said President Ken Ruscio '76, a former national president of ODK and author of a book on leadership. "At Washington and Lee, that's accentuated just because of the kinds of students who come here. They tend to come from positions in high school where they've exercised leadership, where they've made a difference. They've been successful, and they're looking, as part of their education, to continue doing that and to really set a path for the rest of their life."

Even motivated students need instruction, however, and some of them haven't been shy about requesting more training. "We saw student leaders who were either verbally, or through their actions, saying to us that they weren't sure they knew how to be leaders," said Sidney Evans, vice president for student affairs and dean of students.

Nathan Kelly '14, president of the Executive Committee, concurs. He thinks these programs will also encourage students with less leadership experience to become more involved. "By giving these students resources, you increase their confidence and capacity for leadership," he said, "and thus they are more likely to become leaders in their various areas of interest."

Most of the new programs include a curricular element, with workshops, speakers and assigned reading. Increasingly important, however, are applied



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leadership opportunities, in which students gain experience through service. Students also seem comfortable with a more philosophical approach—sharing experiences, discussing what it means to be a leader, and reflecting on their goals.

#### Leadership Venture

A trip to D.C.? Chats with alumni? A Nationals baseball game? Hmm, leadership training sounds pretty fun. Leadership Venture is one of three pre-orientation opportunities available to incoming first-year students, known collectively as the Leading Edge Program. (See "Building a Community" in the Fall 2013 issue for more about orientation.)

Leadership Venture, introduced in August 2012, is the smallest of the three, with only 12 participants—six women and six men. The Office of Student Affairs initially planned to limit Leadership Ven-



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-Melina Knabe '17

ture to women but scrapped that idea in favor of a co-ed program, which allowed male and female students to see each other as leaders. Megan Schneider, associate director of leadership and residential learning initiatives, organized the 2013 edition, a six-day venture that included workshops, reflection exercises and meetings with alumni.

"In the leadership-development world, you know that you have to get people young and that you have to build their capabilities, to shape the way they think about things at a pretty young age. And that sets the foundation for who they become as a leader," said Brodie Gregory '03, an organizational psychologist and consultant who specializes in leadership and employee development and has taught at W&L.

Gregory, who worked with Tammy Futrell, associate dean of students, to

develop the first Leadership Venture, was one of four alumni who met with the students in Washington, along with Tammi Simpson '91, Calvin Awkward '06, '09L, and Bennett Ross '83. Toussaint Crawford '03 saw the students in Lexington. The alumni shared details about their past leadership experiences and answered questions.

"We would ask them things like, 'What difficulties did you encounter as a woman, or someone of a different race, in your field? What advice do you wish you had received [at] W&L? What did you take away from your time at W&L?" said participant Melina Knabe '17. "It was very, very helpful, especially when they talked about the opportunities at W&L."

#### **Athletics Leadership Development Program**

Team captains face a number of challenges, many of them surprisingly complex: How do you align the goals of individual players with the goals of the team? Can you hold a teammate accountable for his or her actions and still preserve a friendship? And what do you do when Greek loyalties interfere with teambuilding?

Questions like these spurred Brooke Diamond O'Brien, women's lacrosse coach, and Scott Abell, head football coach, to start an extracurricular program in the Athletics Department. It held its first meeting last September. Created for captains and team leaders, the academy requires participants to attend one monthly meeting, keep a journal, and plan a team-managed communityservice project.

The monthly meetings, which have included talks by former San Diego Chargers coach Bobby Ross and former pro basketball player Nancy Lieberman, are devoted to various aspects of leadership development.

"The students really want the information. They want to lead well, but it's something I believe is a learned skill," said O'Brien. "The idea of the Leadership Academy is that most of our participants are sophomores and juniors, with the idea that they'll have the information and will have learned the skills before they're really thrust into that leadership position within their athletic team."

Mike Walsh, W&L's former athletic director, and Burr Datz '75, former director of leadership development, began discussing the importance of leadership training in the 1990s. They subsequently



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-Patrick O'Connor '15

worked with Scott Fechnay '69 to develop the Fechnay Challenge Course, a ropes course installed on the back campus in 2002. The Alpine Tower, a 50-foot climbing platform, replaced the original ropes course in 2012.

Fechnay, who had been captain of the soccer team and later served on W&L's Board of Trustees, funded the ropes course and the Alpine Tower. His motivation was the leadership training he had received in graduate school and the Navy. After completing these programs, he realized that he could have been a better team captain if he had received similar training at W&L.

Three years ago, Fechnay approached Athletic Director Jan Hathorn about adding a classroom component to the ropes training. At the same time, O'Brien and Abell came to Hathorn with their idea about starting a leadership program. From those serendipitously timed conversations, said Hathorn, the Athletics Leadership Development Program was born.

In addition to listening to speakers



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-Cara Mulligan '15

and tackling the Alpine Tower, team leaders are encouraged to share their concerns and experiences. It "does give you the framework for leadership," said Cara Mulligan '15, co-captain of the women's lacrosse team, "but at the same time, a lot of what people talk about are their experiences, and what happened to them, and how they dealt with it."

The students have found these conversations helpful, which was all part of the plan. The academy is important "because it creates an environment where there's conversation, and the conversation is the point. That's what makes it go," said Hathorn. "That's the way we are designed as people. We really do better when we work together in a fellowship-type atmosphere or a collaborative-teamwork-type of environment."

Another goal is helping captains develop leadership skills applicable beyond the playing field. "We've found out that we're leaders on campus as well," said Patrick O'Connor '15, co-captain of the men's basketball team, "In different

ways-through our sororities, the fraternities, I'm an RA-we're able to take those leadership ideals and the things that we've learned though the meetings, and now we're trying to disperse those through the entire school."

#### **Johnson Program** in Leadership and Integrity

If there's an apocalyptic event in the near future—zombie invasion, worldwide plague—track down Alvin Thomas '14. This enterprising chemistry-engineering major, who is a Johnson Scholar and the president of Omicron Delta Kappa, will surely be leading a band of survivors.

Last summer, with funding from a Johnson Opportunity Grant, Thomas worked as a bio-engineering technician with Engineering World Health at a hospital in Rwanda. His assignment: Fixing broken medical equipment.

"It was like solving a puzzle every day, because you didn't know what was wrong with the machine," said Thomas. "There was an ultrasound machine that was



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-Alvin Thomas '14

donated, and it had never worked. We found out that the software was never put on at the factory, so we had to contact the company in China and work with them." Thomas used his computer programming experience to get the machine up and

Washington and Lee created the Johnson Program in Leadership and Integrity in 2007, thanks to the \$100 million gift from Rupert H. Johnson Jr. '62. The program has several components: the Johnson Scholarship, Johnson Opportunity Grants, the Johnson Lecture and Symposia series and two professorships. The new Summer Enhancement Fund will provide Johnson Scholars with an additional \$7,000 to support internships and volunteer experiences.

"Washington and Lee is already producing great leaders in this wonderful liberal arts environment, in this place where we focus on service and integrity and honor. So I think it's really about bringing great students into that community," said Elizabeth Knapp '90, special



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-Lucy Wade Shapiro '15

assistant to the president and director of the Johnson Program in Leadership and Integrity. "One of the things I hear faculty saying all the time is that this program has elevated the conversation."

For Thomas, the Johnson Program is all about access to opportunities. "It gave me the opportunity to come to Washington and Lee on a full scholarship. I didn't have to worry about tuition or room and board and all sorts of things like that, which allowed me to take risks that I wouldn't necessarily have taken," he said. "It also gave me the opportunity to just try things, try more extracurriculars, and that's ultimately how I found a lot of the leadership roles that I've ended up filling."

Johnson Opportunity Grants provide funding for rising juniors or seniors, who do not have to be Johnson Scholars. The grants have supported a wide range of summer activities, from interning in D.C. to studying art in Asia to volunteering in a veterinary clinic in Latin America. Students design many of the projects.

"I really like the Johnson Opportunity Grant because it's very practical. It's applied leadership. You have to come up with your own proposal. You can work with faculty on it, but it's your initiative," said Annelise Madison '14, a politics and history major who is also a Johnson Scholar. She spent the summer after her sophomore year teaching elementary school students in a village in Ghana. (We detailed her experiences in "Going the Extra Mile . . . in Ghana" in the Winter 2013 issue.) She developed the idea after speaking with a fellow tutor at Waddell Elementary School who was a native of Ghana.

She further honed her leadership skills once she arrived at the village. Madison initially thought she would be teaching just one class, English. Instead she also ended up teaching fractions, religion and gender-related issues-all without textbooks. "Once you get there, no matter what your experience is, usually you're pretty [much] on your own. You have to figure out the ropes," said Madison. "A lot of the projects that people do with the Johnson Opportunity Grant are not necessarily pathways that other W&L students have taken."

#### Women's Leadership Summit

In 2008, Sidney Evans, then the associate dean for law student services, did a double take when she saw a poster showcasing the then current members of the Executive Committee. The 13-person lineup contained only one woman, Jane Ledlie Batcheller '03, '08L.

"The poster caught everyone's attention. It was a very visible 'whoa,' " recalled Evans. "I think some people felt we had turned a corner before that because we had had two women EC presidents in a row, Helen Hughes Sanders '04 (2003–04) and then Marie Trimble '05, '08L (2004-05)." (The first woman to head the EC, and one of only three to date in that role since coeducation, was Elizabeth Formidoni '96, '99L, in 1998-99.) Evans and the undergraduate administration began conversations about how to motivate women to run for campus-wide office.

The result was the first Women's Leadership Summit. Held at a rustic lodge in the Blue Ridge Mountains in 2009, the event may have produced more laughs than actual EC presidents. One participant found a snake in her room, while another, unenthused by the accommodations, slept in her car. The overall response of female students was less enthusiastic than the administration had hoped.

But the appeal of the event has steadily improved. This past January, students celebrated the fourth Women's Leadership Summit, held at the Hotel Roanoke, with a steady flow of tweets and Instagram photos. To meet student demand, the number of attendees was increased from 70 students in 2012 to 93 students (77 undergraduate, 16 law). Even with this increase, some interested women had to be turned away.

The first summit focused primarily on the importance of women running for office. This year's summit reflected students' specific interests. "They filled out interest forms this time, which allowed me to know what they wanted to talk about," said Megan Schneider. "It wasn't a summit for 90 women, it was a summit for these 90 women." Women have grasped the importance of running for office, said Schneider, but they seek more guidance about leadership-related issues, from accepting setbacks to supporting other women to finding the right leadership style.

The summit's multi-part mission included creating a network of support, helping students clarify their values and goals within the context of leadership, and crafting a plan of action.

Highlights from the two-day summit included an inspirational keynote address by Helen Hughes Sanders, a panel helmed by women leaders on campus, an interac-

tive program about leadership identity by Brodie Gregory and Katherine Mooring '98, and a range of discussion groups covering topics like campaigning and the newest buzz concept, leaning in. A panel for law women provided practical advice about job hunting and post-graduation service.

"It was really good because it wasn't solely focused on women's leadership and [the idea] that you should run because you're a woman. You should run because you are you," said Lucy Wade Shapiro '15, who served as a class EC representative her first and sophomore years. She also enjoyed meeting the alumnae in attendance, who shared their stories and facilitated the discussion groups.

Rachel Oguntola '17 was similarly inspired. "My greatest takeaway was how to be yourself and not to shy away from different opportunities, especially leadership opportunities on campus," she said. Oguntola and others shared highlights from the summit on Twitter



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-David Heinen '16

and Instagram; see http://storify.com/ wluLex.

#### **Bonner Program**

Forty students are enrolled in the Bonner Program this year, the first time it has reached full capacity. The brainchild of Corella and Bertram Bonner, the program encourages leadership development through service, advocacy and civic engagement. W&L is one of 72 colleges and universities within the Bonner network.

Those selected receive scholarships in the form of an AmeriCorps Education Award. In exchange for these funds, Bonner students, known as Bonners, commit to 1,800 service hours and participate in four cornerstone activities, which include a service trip and a leadership project within a service organization.

Bonners develop their leadership skills through hands-on service. "It really is applied leadership," said Marisa Frey, director of W&L's Bonner Program and coordinator for student service leadership and research. "The biggest



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-Annelise Madison '14

demonstration of their leadership is in advocacy, that they're talking in a really professional and academic and passionate tone about the work they're doing."

Alvin Thomas, a Bonner recipient, agreed. "Because you're working with these organizations for multiple years, you are expected to move up to that incharge position, whatever that may look like at your organization," he explained. "If you're working at the free clinic, you won't be in charge of the entire free clinic, but you'll be much more than a regular volunteer." For the Rockbridge Area Free Clinic (now the Rockbridge Area Health Center), Thomas spent one year researching how the Affordable Care Act would impact the clinic's programs.

#### On the Horizon: LEAD

Responding to student interest in leadership training, Megan Schneider, the Office of Student Affairs and a team of students are developing a three-tier leadership pro-

gram. Currently known as LEAD (Leadership Education and Development), it will be an extracurricular program open to interested students. The projected start date is the fall of 2015.

"About a year and half ago, when I came in and started to get a feel for what students might be interested in, I started realizing that it was not so much skilldevelopment workshops," said Schneider. Students were more interested in talking with student leaders about their experiences and discussing the nature of leadership itself.

Students who are developing the LEAD program attended a series of roundtable discussions. "Basically anybody and everybody was welcome to just come talk about leadership, about the program, and about the future of what a program could look like," said David Heinen '16. He and AnnMarie Wakely '15 are spearheading student involvement in building the program.

As currently envisioned, the first tier of the program would include traditional leadership training—workshops, the ropes course—and would also emphasize personal responsibility and the fundamentals of leadership. The second tier would spotlight campus involvement, while the third tier would address transitioning from leadership responsibilities while also ensuring a legacy from one's participation.

Heinen wants students to see leadership as more than simply heading up a committee, or as something you do so that you can check off a box for your résumé. "The essence of service is leadership, and the essence of leadership is service," Heinen explained. He would like to see the LEAD program partner with service-oriented programs and eventually become a hub for leadership development on campus.

#### **A Fundamental Conclusion**

Students don't need to join an extracurricular program to order to become effective leaders on campus and in the world. These new platforms are simply tools and educational opportunities available for those underclassmen and law students seeking more guidance and a better understanding of leadership.

"The best way to understand leadership in society truly is through a liberal arts education," said President Ruscio, "because it gives you the intellectual skills to exercise leadership. It gives you the perspective on society to be an effective leader. It gives you the capacity for empathy, how to understand others.

"When I think of how our students prepare for leadership," he continued, "I think my first answer would be it absolutely starts with the fundamental liberal arts philosophy, and then it blossoms and springs from there in so many ways." Wal

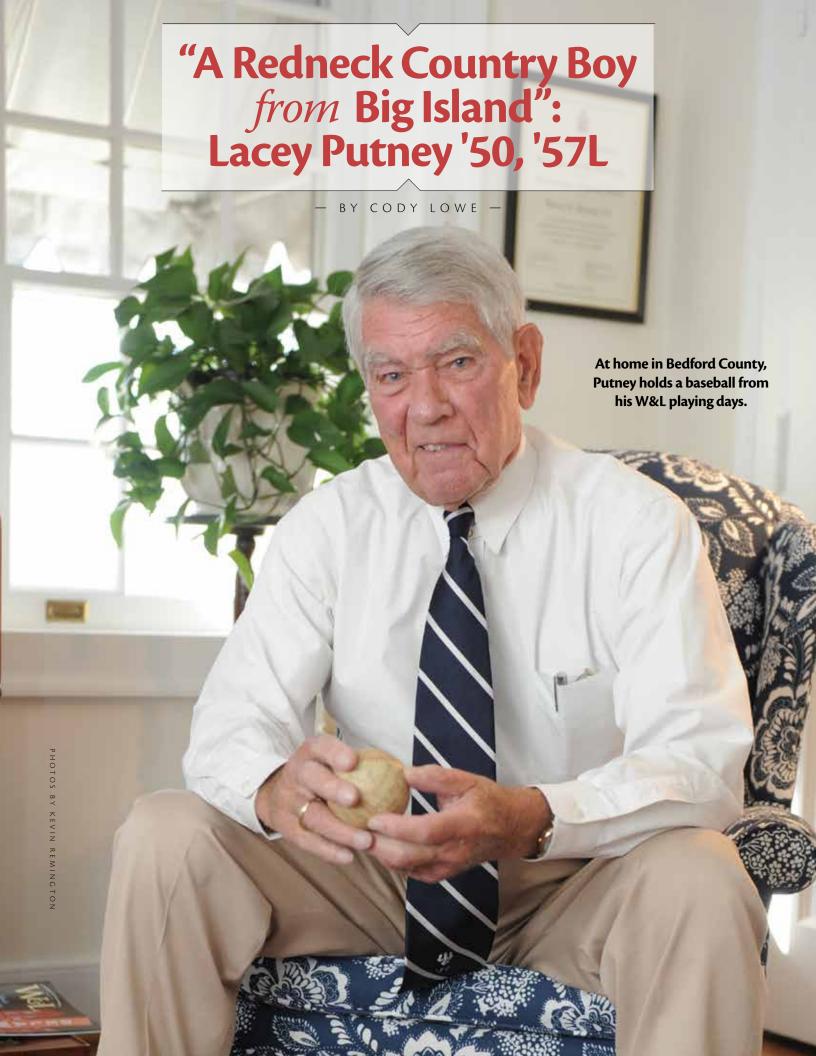
#### THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: CONSTANT AND ADAPTING

EC president Nathan Kelly said the EC itself has changed very little since its establishment in 1905, but it has adapted to address new or evolving issues.

"While the Honor System remains constant, the definition of honor is flexible to adjust to new developments in the world," explained Kelly. "A good example of this is the conversation about study drugs that we are having in the student body now, which is an issue that a decade ago didn't exist." The EC also plans to assist the Board of Trustees with shaping the new third-year housing policy, he said.

"Student self-government has been important to W&L for a long time, and I still think it's very important today," said Alvin Thomas, a senior class representative. "I've been amazed by the amount of student government that the EC is in charge of. We're really in charge of the entire student activities budget and have to allocate that properly."

A student body constitution, setting forth the jurisdiction of W&L's governing entities, was adopted in 2004. A nine-member committee of undergraduates and law students, chaired by Annelise Madison, amended that constitution in 2012. Students adopted it in 2013. "It's good to have that document, because it tells what the jurisdiction of the SJC (Student Judicial Council) is, what the jurisdiction of the SFHB (Student-Faculty Hearing Board) is, what the jurisdiction of the EC is," said Madison. "Last year we added a student-rights section." See the constitution at www2.wlu.edu/x59714.xml.



On a sunny afternoon last fall, Lacey Putney '50, '57L relaxed in the blue-and-white Washington and Lee room at his home in rural Bedford County. It seemed the perfect setting for the latest in a months-long series of interviews and honors celebrating his record-shattering 52 years as a member of Virginia's House of Delegates. That makes him the longestserving member to date.

For months, Putney has been sharing stories of his years at W&L, the lasting friendships from those days, and his life as a legislator. He officially left office on Dec. 31, 2013. In addition to the accolades, the last year brought its own special challenges as Putney recovered from a mini-stroke he suffered while vacationing with his wife of six years, the former Carmela Bills, and underwent treatment for cancer. At 85, however, he exuded vitality and displayed a prodigious memory and his gifts as a speaker.

Putney grew up in Big Island, Va., a small community hugging the banks of the James River in rural Bedford County, where almost everybody worked for the paper mill or the railroad. Although he knows his mother's brothers went to high school, Putney's father didn't. "I'm not even sure there was a high school in Big Island when he was in school," he said.

His father went to work for the C&O Railroad while still a teenager and rose to become a district supervisor, covering a region from Glasgow to Gladstone. "He was a tough guy, not very big, but a worker who believed in everybody working," said Putney. "If he left the house and said to get the weeds out of the corn, you better not leave one."

Continued Putney, "He never said a word to any of us five boys, that 'I want you to go to college and be prepared in life.' But somehow we worked and got through school, and four of us got at least two degrees."

When Putney graduated from M.E. Marcuse High School, the family still had no running water, just a pump outside the kitchen. "We bathed in a pan or tub of water," he said, "but I never went to school or church dirty."

All five boys were "reasonably good athletes," Putney recalled, mostly at baseball—a passion and point of pride among nearly everyone in Big Island. A league played teams from places like Buena Vista and Lynchburg. Putney was a pitcher and played infield for Big Island. "Cap'n" Dick Smith, W&L's legendary baseball coach and athletic director, saw Putney play in a game at Buena Vista. "He called one day and said, 'We want you to come over here and go to school." And, of course, play baseball.

"I had never read about the school," said Putney. "I didn't know anything about the ranking of colleges and didn't know if it was good or bad." It was, however, an opportunity he wasn't about to turn down.

Once on campus, the boy from Big Island found a learning curve, but he grew comfortable wearing a coat and tie to class and speaking to everyone he met on campus. "Undergrad school was tough for me," Putney acknowledged. "At Big Island, we had no foreign language classes. There was one Bunsen burner in the lab, but it didn't work. Here I was

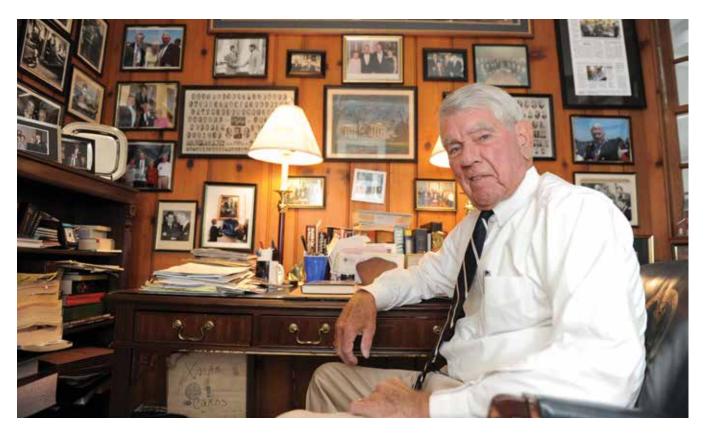
going to school with all these boys who had been to the finest prep schools in the Northeast. That first year, I struggled to make a C average with an occasional B. By my senior year, I made the dean's list. I woke up when I came back to law school, where I graduated with honors."

> Before coming to Lexington, he said, "I had never expected to meet a prominent person." Some of his friends and classmates went on to become well-known names, such as John Warner '49, former U.S. senator from Virginia; Tom Wolfe '51, journalist and novelist; the Rev. Pat Robertson '50, televangelist; and Roger Mudd '50, television

journalist. "I didn't know I was going to bump into people like this."

He recalled a time he and some friends were driving back from Sweet Briar College when a Lexington police officer pulled them over. The officer recognized the car as belonging to Pat Robertson's

As a pitcher on the baseball team, Lacey Putney "proved [his] prowess at hurling the spheroid in the vicinity of the plate," according to the 1950 Calyx.



Putney, here in his home office, received W&L's Distinguished Alumnus Award in 2010, and the Lynchburg Citation in February 2014.

father, a U.S. senator, who lived in Lexington.

"The policeman said, 'You're Senator Robertson's son, aren't you?'

"'Yes, and the guy beside me is Fred Vinson Jr. ('48, '51L). His father is chief justice of the Supreme Court.'

"Our third baseman was sitting behind him. 'What's your name?' the policeman asked.

"'I'm Carter Glass." (The Glass family owned the Lynchburg newspapers; one of Carter Glass III '42L's ancestors had been a U.S. senator.)

"Finally, he came to the last guy, and said, 'I guess you're Robert E. Lee?' It turned out he was." (That would be Robert E. Lee IV '49.)

A day or two later, Putney said, he was waiting to get a rubdown, and "my buddy Herb Hunt '51 was in the whirlpool. He threw down a Life magazine with a centerfold on H.L.

"At Big Island, we had no foreign language classes. There was one Bunsen burner in the lab, but it didn't work. Here I was going to school with all these boys who had been to the finest prep schools in the Northeast. That first year, I struggled to make a C average."

Hunt," Herb's father. "'Is this the richest man in the world?' the headline asked. At the time, he was," said Putney. "That weekend I hitchhiked home to Big Island, first on a dump truck, then a beer truck."

Putney majored in languages and English, with an emphasis on German, which came easily to him. So when he signed up for the Air Force after graduation in 1950, it made sense that the service considered him for language training.

"There were 12 or 15 of us who were scheduled to go to Monterey, Calif., to Russian language school, but there was some screw-up and we didn't go," he remembered. Putney ended up serving most of his tour at Kelly Field in San Antonio, Texas. While there, he applied to the law school at the University of Texas. He was accepted as a non-resident, but convinced school officials that with his car registered in Texas, and his daughter born there, he should qualify as a resident. That meant tuition would be only \$25—that's not a typo—per semester. "They had apparently unlimited oil wells and oil money," he said, "so there was no reason for any kid not to go to college in Texas."

In the end, however, after four years in the service, he chose to return to W&L for his law degree. He practiced law

for about four years before undertaking his first run for the Virginia House of Delegates, in 1961. Running as a Democrat, he defeated incumbent Charles Green on the slogan, "Time

for a change." Over the years, he's represented the residents of Alleghany County, parts of Bedford and Botetourt counties, and the cities of Covington and Bedford.

Six years after that first election, and after having achieved some plum assignments, including the powerful Appropriations Committee, Putney became an independent. The national Democratic Party had become too liberal for him, but he declined to join the Republicans, decrying the so-called loyalty oaths the parties required of candidates pledging support for their ticket.



Lacey Putney with his wife, Carmela, who worked as the public liaison in the Virginia House of Delegates for many years.

His status as an independent didn't seem to hinder his ability to wield influence in the Northern Hemisphere's oldest continually meeting legislative body. Among other things, he helped pass a half-million-dollar flood-prevention project in Buena Vista; helped shift the writing of the state's budget from a closed committee to the open House floor; and advocated for the National D-Day Memorial in Bedford.

Now, Putney said, he wouldn't recommend that others undertake the independent route. "I had been there six or eight years, and already had good committee assignments. But come election time, you don't have a party to do anything

for you, you have to claw on your own" for donors and support. "I wouldn't trade what I did, but I don't think I'd do the same thing again."

Putney's first wife, Elizabeth, to whom he was married for 55 years, died in 2005

from Alzheimer's disease. In 2007, he married Carmela Bills, a widow, who worked as the public liaison in the House for many years. He has two children, Susan Powers and L. Edward Putney Jr.

Although many of his peers and constituents would disagree, Putney modestly asserts that the "only reason" he received a continual stream of honors and recognitions since announcing his retirement is longevity, "the 52 years I served in the House. Prior to that, the record had been 38 years."

He was uninterested in the professional route taken by

many long-time legislators. "I had several chances 20 or 30 years ago to take a judgeship, but that didn't appeal to me. I'd rather practice."

And over the years, Putney has retained his interest in Washington and Lee, in part because of family ties. "I didn't like it when the University went co-ed," he said. But he changed his mind when his granddaughter, Liz Powers, was accepted into the class of 2001. "I was at W&L when it celebrated its 200th birthday in 1949, and she was there in 1999 for its 250th," he said with obvious pride. Other W&L alumni in the family are brother Macon Putney '62L and cousin Mark

Putney '78.

Retirement is likely to continue to be busy, even beyond the travel that he and his wife both love. Putney is general counsel for Delta Star, a company with plants in Lynchburg and San

Carlos, Calif., that manufactures electrical transformers and substations. He also hopes to become a specialist in pro bono legal work, and perhaps to teach a course in trial tactics at Liberty University.

It's a spot from which he might be able to help someone else achieve what were hardly even dreams for him. "When you are a redneck country boy from Big Island, from the red dirt, you don't expect to see the nicer side of life. We had no money, nobody in the Putney family had ever been to college, but my brothers and I all went." Well

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## A WIDE WORLD OF OPPORTUNITY

BY J. DAVID STEWART III '96

After I was admitted to W&L, I received a good bit of advice from alumni and current students: You have to take Professor A. Avoid Professor A at all costs. Major in X if you want to go to law school. Don't major in X if you ever want to go to law school.

While the advice differed, a recurring theme emerged; I kept seeing the special connection that alumni and current students had with W&L. The rich course offerings and academics were an important factor in my decision, but several other schools offered very good academic experiences. It was the large number of opportunities outside of the classroom, available from the outset, that seemed to separate W&L from my other choices. As people told me about those experiences, the gift of W&L became apparent.

I got a great liberal arts education; many of us had extremely memorable and positive W&L experiences outside the classroom as well. For me, it started during rush with the ability to make close friends for life. Those relationships opened doors to other opportunities on campus. The actual clubs and activities differed from person to person, but there was no shortage of opportunities for hands-on involvement.

As described in this edition's feature story about student leadership, today's W&L offers even wider opportunities



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for students to join and to lead. Our students are very strong academically, and they are deeply involved in extracurricular life. At last count, we have over 120 student organizations. W&L is distinctive in the degree of autonomy it grants students to run their organizations, thus learning valuable life lessons they can deploy after

graduation, whether in a civic, social or professional setting. A panel of young alumni discussed this dynamic with the Johnson Scholarship finalists on campus in early March.

W&L also has many opportunities for alumni to get involved. The next issue of this magazine will discuss the results of our long-range planning process. Among other things, we learned that W&L's Alumni Association provides opportunities that are not generally available at other schools, especially those of our size. This is borne out by one statistic: more than 2,000 alumni are involved in some type of volunteer work supporting W&L.

W&L is very fortunate that alumni give generously of their time and talent. I hope that you will take advantage by attending a chapter event, assuming a local leadership role, assisting Admissions or Development, attending a reunion or other campus gathering, or attending an Alumni College program.

Remain a General, and you'll continue to have great W&L experiences. WL

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Laurence C. Palmer, of Potomac, Md., retired from engineering in 2000 and completed 15 years of teaching in the professional master's of engineering program at the University of Maryland, College Park.

H. Greig Cummings Jr. has entered his fifth year of retirement from Morgan Stanley. He is enjoying his grandchildren, five in Fairfax Station, Va., and two in Hartsville, S.C. He continues to play golf as a participant in the U.S. Golfing Fellowship of Rotary. He lives in Bethesda, Md., and would welcome hearing from classmates.

Richard W. Hoover, of Front Royal, Va., was reelected in December 2013 to his third term as chairman of the Lord Fairfax Soil and Water Conservation District, comprising the counties of Clarke, Frederick, Shenandoah and Warren, and the city of Winchester.

Stephen R. Davenport III received a doctoral divinity degree, honoris causa, from the Berkeley Divinity School of Yale University, for his work since 1970 in Haiti with the Orchestra Philharmonique Ste. Trinite.



Attending the William J. Donovan Award Dinner in Washington in October were, I. to r., Adm. William McRaven, USN, Commander of the U.S. Special Operations Command; Dan Pinck '48, who served behind enemy lines in China with the Office of Strategic Services (OSS); and Charles Pinck (far right), president of The OSS Society.

Dr. Stuart J. Yoffe retired from private pediatric medical practice several years ago, but he has stayed active in formulating new concepts to reduce health-care costs. A few years ago, he wrote "The Pediatric After-Hours Non-Life and Death, Almostan-Emergency Booklet" to reduce non-urgent pediatric emergency room visits; it received an award from the American Academy of Pediatric **Education Award Subcommittee** in 2010. He also received the 2013 Distinguished Alumnus Award from the University of Kentucky Medical Alumni Association. Yoffe lives in Brenham, Texas.

Kenneth M. Greene, of Carruthers & Roth P.A., in Greensboro, N.C., was listed in the 2014 edition of The Best Lawyers in America for the practice areas of banking and finance law, bankruptcy and creditor debtor rights/insolvency and reorganization law and equipment finance law.

Paul G. Cavaliere Jr. has served as principal of Sage Park Middle School in Windsor, Conn., for the past 14 years. The school was named Outstanding Middle School of The Year for 2013-2014 in the state by the Connecticut Association of Schools. Cavaliere has received many professional accolades throughout his career as an administrative educator, including Principal of The Year in 2002.

Stephen F. Mangum retired as CFO of DFS Group Limited in Hong Kong and returned to the United States in April 2013. He is now a fulltime student at the San Francisco Art Institute, where he is pursuing a B.F.A. in painting. His current artwork can be seen at stephenmangumfinearts. com.

Benjamin F. Jarratt II, after 20 years as a restaurateur, has sold Northern Virginia Group Inc., his restaurant management company, and his 10 restaurants to another Burger King franchisee. Jarratt is a partner in two ventures, King of Northern Virginia



Last June, Christopher Brand '89 presided over a celebration in Idaho of the 25th anniversary of the A. **Paul Knight Memorial Program in** Conservation. The program is named for Paul Knight '85, who died in June 1985, in a climbing accident in Yellowstone National Park. Knight was the son of Gail and Al Knight '51L, who attended the event along with Nell and John McDaniel '64, professor emeritus of anthropology, and Linda and Gary Franke, retired wrestling coach. Brand paid tribute to Al Knight (above, left) and John McDaniel (right), who received a standing ovation from the crowd of more than 550 people. W&L offers the A. Paul Knight Internship Program in Conservation, which dispatches students to work on environmental projects, including those of the Henry's Fork Foundation. The organization conserves, protects and restores the natural resources of the Henry's Fork watershed, in eastern Idaho. Brand, who works in the San Francisco office of Evercore Partners, was a Knight intern himself, in 1989, and he serves on the Henry's Fork board.

and Double Blue Farms, which own and manage commercial real estate, agriculture and timber farming interests in Virginia.

Mark L. Millar, after spending three years in Shanghai, China, has moved back to Portland, Ore., with his family and is now the director of international operations and apparel production for Columbia Sportswear. His daughter Nora, 19, is a freshman at Warren Wilson College in Asheville, N.C., and his son, Reed, 16, is in 11th grade. His wife, Edie, wrote a book about Shanghai walks and was a tour guide there.

Dr. Matthew B. Upton, of Charleston, W.Va., was appointed by Gov.

Earl Ray Tomblin to the West Virginia Board of Medicine.

John T. Cox III is listed in Best Lawyers in America and Top 100 Texas Super Lawyers by Texas Monthly magazine. He received the Client Choice Award for Litigation from the 2013 International Law Office/ Lexology and was named a leader in his field by Chambers and Partners. He resides in Dallas, where he works at the litigation firm Lynn Tillotson Pinker & Cox.

Marissa Vivona Greider has been named director of development at the Atlanta Ronald McDonald House Charities. She will play an integral role in the capital campaign to complete Phase II of the organization's expansion of the Ronald McDonald House near Children's Healthcare of Atlanta at Scottish Rite.

Jonathan W. McCrary ('00L)

moved to St. Louis and joined the law firm of Sandberg Phoenix & von Gontard, P.C. as counsel in its healthcare group.

#### Kristin Roach-Castillo is a

full-time, professional fine artist represented by Abend Gallery Fine Art in Denver. She also exhibits her work around the country in juried art competitions and has a painting on display at the National Arts Club in New York City. She lives in College Station, Texas.



In preparation for the D.C. Alumni Chapter's Founders Event, Nelson Bunn '08 (left) met with Rep. Joe Wilson '69 about an application to secure the U.S. Botanic Garden for the event.



At the annual Chapter Leadership Conference during All Volunteer Weekend this past fall, the winning alumni chapters of the Chapter Colonnade Challenge collected their financial prizes. L. to r.: Preston Sartelle '99, chapter president, Birmingham Chapter, Division II; Paul Juster '07, alumni admissions chair, Miami Chapter, Division IV; Leigh Anne Howell '90, chapter president-elect, Baton Rouge Chapter, Division V; John Fidler '01, chapter president, Louisville Chapter, Division III; and Jane Ledlie Batcheller '03, '08L, alumni admissions chair, Division I.

A. John Harper III was promoted to partner at Haynes and Boone L.L.P. He is a member of the firm's labor and employment practice group in Houston. He is board certified in labor and employment law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization and represents employers in a wide range of labor relations and employment law matters. Harper received his juris doctorate from Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law.

Carolyn Maro Angelaccio was named one of Forty Under 40 in Bucks County, Pa., an honor bestowed by the Bucks County Courier Times and the Intelligencer. She is a partner with Curtin & Heefner L.L.P. She focuses on insurance defense, where she litigates in both state and federal courts. She has been named a Pennsylvania Rising Star Lawyer and was selected a Pennsylvania Lawyer on the Fast Track by The Legal Intelligencer.

Rebecca Smith Hill presented her work at the Institute for Children, Poverty & Homelessness national conference on family homelessness in New York City. She is the director of grants and special projects for a grassroots non-profit, St. Lawrence Place, which provides transitional housing and support services for homeless

families with children. She lives in Columbia, S.C.

Brent R. Walker has been named one of the state's top attorneys on the 2013 Texas SuperLawyers list. He was also named one of the city's top personal-injury litigation attorneys in D Magazine's 2013 list of The Best Lawyers in Dallas.

Benjamin F. Johns was elected partner at the law firm Chimicles & Tikellis L.L.P., in Haverford, Pa.

Elizabeth E. Clarke ('10L) is an attorney at Meynardie & Nanney P.L.L.C., in Raleigh, N.C.



Bucks County, Pa., December 2013. L. to r.: Steve Herold '80, Jim Farrar '74, Don Eavenson '73, Jay Foster '80.



Samuel M. Riley '85 (left), of Baltimore, Md., is a colonel in the Maryland Army National Guard. In March 2013, he participated in a joint United States-Korean military training exercise, serving as a U.S. Army liaison officer between the 8th U.S. Army and the 3rd Republic of Korea Army. Hyung-Jong Lee '08 (right), a lieutenant in the Republic of Korea Army, assisted Riley as a translator.

**Katherine Houren Geder** ('09L) is an associate at Chadbourne & Parke L.L.P., in its Washington office.

Matthew R. Garcia was promoted to partner at NSG/SWAT in New York City, where he resides.

Michael C. Gretchen graduated from the University of Georgia School of Law in May and passed the Georgia bar exam in July. He is an associate with the law firm of Downey & Cleveland L.L.P., in Marietta, Ga., where he practices general litigation.

Reilly K. Ward has joined Maynard, Cooper & Gale P.C. as an associate in the general litigation practice in the firm's Mobile, Ala., office.

Samuel T. Wilmoth graduated from the University of Georgia School of Law in May 2013 and passed the Georgia bar exam. He is an associate with the law firm of Morris, Manning & Martin L.L.P., in Atlanta., where he practices commercial real estate development and finance.

Elizabeth J. Parkins '89 to Marie Saker, on July 22, 2013, in Rehoboth Beach, Del. The father of the bride, the Hon. John A. Parkins Jr. '72L, officiated.

Andrew J. Olmem '96, '01L to

Gabrielle Kornely, on Jan. 5, 2013, in Scottsville, Va. He joined Venable L.L.P. as a partner in its financial services and legislative affairs groups. Previously, he was the Republican chief counsel for the U.S. Senate Banking Committee. They reside in Washington.

Jane Ledlie '03, '08L to Brooks **Batcheller '04**, on June 8, 2013, in Atlanta. Members of the wedding party included Lindsey Duran Sberna '03, '06L, Jenny Thomas Sandbulte '03, Susan Woodward '03, Kristina Longo '08L, Devin Brown '03, Brad Haugen, Reed Evans '06, Logan Young '04, Shana Levine '01, Sarah Yakots Warren '04, Charlie Yates '06, '10L and Alex Wilkins '02. She is a corporate attorney specializing in mergers and acquisitions at Arnall Golden Gregory L.L.P., in Atlanta, and he is pursuing a master's in private school leadership at the Klingenstein Institute at Columbia University before returning to his job as a teacher, coach and administrator at the Westminster Schools in the fall of 2014.

Catherine Fulton '07 to Gary L. Spivey, on June 16, 2013, in Alexandria, Va. Erin Tainer '07 served as maid of honor. They reside in Alexandria.

Kathryn S. Allen '08 to Steven Crowe, on June 8, 2013, in Richmond. Jackie Neilson Coleman '08 served as

matron of honor, and classmates Sally Jane Bittinger, Abby Steinbock and Kim Alfery Tingey served as bridesmaids. They live in New York City.

Erin Vaughn '08 to Tyler Ewell. on Sept. 28, 2013, in Lexington. Elizabeth Brandler '08 served as a bridesmaid, and many other Generals attended the celebration. They reside in Washington.

Ryan Pinney '10 to Jonathan Gie**sen '10**, on Sept. 28, 2013, in Tuxedo Park, N.Y. The wedding party included classmates Brandon Barnds, Katie Boiles, Sarah Diebold, Dan Austin, Lvnn Bazzel, Tara O'Neil, Winston Stagg and Nick Talluri. They reside in Atlanta.

Margaret Hawn Kelley '96 and her husband, **Doug**, adopted a son, Andrew Douglas. He was born on Sept 16, 2013, and came home on Oct. 29. He joins brother Drake, 4. They reside in Dallas.

Dr. Wendy Case Kjeldgaard '01 and her husband, Nicholas, a son, Rasmus Clement, on April 17, 2013. They live in Yarmouth, Maine.

Robert O. Moynihan '02 and his wife, **Colleen**, a daughter, Kerry Ava, on June 15, 2013. They live in New York City.

Kerri Linthicum Cabacar '03, and her husband, **Brian**, a son, Bryson Kerrick, on May 20, 2013. He joins brother Riley. They live in Woodbridge, Va.



Susan Mahoney '09 to Paul D. Crook '09, on May 11, 2013, in Richmond.



Hunter F. Armstrong '97 to Jay Meisel, on Oct. 13, 2013, in Prospect Park in Brooklyn. In attendance, l. to r.: Jonathan Small '97, Chad Sartini '97, Kris Fegenbush '95, Kathy Lu '97, Theresa Jones Pugh '97, Meisel, Armstrong, Doak Sergent '96, Phil Vong '97, Tara Hebert '97, Laura Knapp Chadwick '99 and Philip Ficks '96. Not pictured are Anne Spencer Hatch '97 and Rob Neel '96.



Anna Stuart Burnett '10 to Matthew E. Lambert, on Oct. 5, 2013, in New Kent, Va. Alumni in the wedding party included Catherine Kruse '11 and Hila Yashar '09. The couple live in Richmond, where Anna Stuart works as a consultant for Angler Environmental, and Matt works for BrownGreer P.L.C.



John E. Kelly III '66, '69L to Rufus "Randy" Sutphin, on Sept. 21, 2013, in Rehoboth Beach, Del. They live in Philadelphia. From l. to r.: Bruce Lee '71, Dave Christovich '71, Sutphin, Kelly, Steve Haughney '71, Joe Bates '69 and Mac Bogert '70.



Anne Taylor Tipton '07 to S.C. Reid Manning '06, on Sept. 14, 2013, in Memphis, Tenn. Alumni in attendance included Kirk R. Manning '68, the groom's father and best man, and Blair Manning Meyer '02, the groom's sister. They live in Dallas.



Caroline Echols '10 to Christopher J. Prugar '09, on July 13, 2013, in Houston. Members of the wedding party included the maid of honor, Alison Love '10, Kate Becker '10, Maureen Ford '10, Lindsay Grant '10, Caroline Head '10, Mary Hipp '10, Kirk Jones '09, Elizabeth Krausnick Malmo '10, Chris McHugh '09, Billy Murray '09, Julie Sanders '10, Stuart Sitterson '09, Anna Rogers Smith '10 and John Thackston '09. Also in attendance were alumni ranging from the Classes of 1978 to 2012. The couple reside in New York City, where Chris works for Bank of America Merrill Lynch, and Caroline works for the Federal Reserve Bank of New York.



Jessica Ulrich '09 to Edward W. Kingsbery '09, on June 29, 2013, at The Homestead in Hot Springs, Va. Guests included alumni from the Classes of 1978 and 2006 through 2013. They live in New York, where Ted is the director of business development for Daymond John, one of the stars of the ABC's business TV show, "Shark Tank," at his marketing consulting firm, Shark Branding. Jess is an account supervisor at the advertising firm Roberts and Langer D.D.B. Their wedding was featured in the February 2014 issue of Virginia Living, with a cover photo of the couple and coverage inside.



Daphne Trainor '05 to Andrew Bahl '04, on Sept. 14, 2013, in Lee Chapel. Alumni in attendance included Ryan Nelson '01, Ed Finley '03, Brian Becker '04, Ian Eustis '08, Matthew Nelson '04, Kendall Priddy '05, Kathryn Temple '05, Nisha Kaul Cooch '05, Ben Krasnoff '04, Matt Renwick '05, Emily Ballengee Renwick '05, Michelle Chastain Raby '05, Daphne Trainor Bahl '05, Andrew Bahl '04, Joe Cooch '06, Jeff Bahl '02, Courtney Berry '05, Greer Johnson '05, Elizabeth Amoni '05, Lora Farris '05, Charlie Moore '04, Andrew Richards '06, Cara Cronin '05, Justin Bates '05, Susanna Brailsford Jones '05, Hamill Jones '04, Eleanor Williams Hohnstein '05, Peyton Lane Hostetler '02, Steve Hostetler '02, Lindsey Kneipper Richards '05, Austin Scott Bader '05, Ted Maffit '04, Lee Walker '04 and Jimmy Zunka '04.

Andrew L. Juge '03 and Elizabeth Schoen Juge '03, a daughter, Lila Cate, on Oct. 31, 2013. She joins brother Cullen. They live in Charlottesville, Va., where Andrew works for Sam Hill Entertainment, and Elizabeth works for SNL Financial.

Sarah Sturtz Valentine '03 and John A. Valentine '01, a daughter, Swenson Catherine, on Sept. 26, 2013.



Patrick O'Connell '98 hosted the WNET-Thirteen (PBS) premiere party for the "American Masters" episode titled "Mel Brooks: Make a Noise," at Caroline's Comedy Club in Manhattan. The film earned outstanding ratings on PBS and won two Emmy awards. L. to r.: O'Connell, comedian Sasha Srbuli and George King '98.

She joins sisters Anna and Ellen. They live in Charlotte, N.C.

Laura Farrell Bracis '05 and Colin W. Bracis '03, a son, Connor Farrell, on Nov. 21, 2013. They live in Arlington, Va.

Marion Frierson Kacos '05 and her husband, Ben, a son, Wilds Wilheit, on Aug. 29, 2013. They reside in Shreveport, La.



Brad Martin '92 was appointed to the Virginia Beach City Council to finish the term of a retiring council member. He joins Jim Wood '85, who was elected in 2002, 2006 and 2010. Martin, a civil engineer, will help set policy to guide the commonwealth's largest city, with a population of nearly 450,000 and an annual municipal budget of \$1.7 billion.

**Bradley Arendall Maroules '07** and her husband, Nick, a daughter,

Minnie Brooks, on Sept. 5, 2013. They live in Birmingham, Ala.

Julie Mancini Grove '09 and Cale G. Grove '10, a son, Samson Rock, on June 21, 2013. They live in Pittsburgh.



Allison Doyle Bass '99 (left) completed her master's in education policy at the University of Washington in August 2013. To celebrate, she and her husband, Will, spent three weeks travelling in Spain. They recognized fellow Generals Emily McDowell '07 and her parents by Mr. McDowell's W&L baseball hat.



The combined Calvert and Bazzel families celebrated the Atlanta Alumni Chapter Presidents Day event on Jan. 24 at the home of Laura and Tom Pearce '85. Front row, I. to r.; Anne Russell Calvert Bazzel '08, Hardie Calvert '10, Lynn Bazzel '10, Rodes Nash Bazzel '03, Barbara Bazzel, Helen Calvert, McQueen Calvert '05. Back row, I. to r.: Frank Bazzel Jr. '02, Johnson Bazzel '06, Brett Tatman '09, Sam Wilmoth '09, Frank Bazzel Sr. '72, Matt Calvert '75, '79L.



Generals gathered in Chicago on Jan. 4 to support the men's basketball team. Those in attendance included Noah Walters '09, Maggie Fiskow '10, Susanna Craib-Cox '10, Fran Thompson '93, Elizabeth Little '06, Carla Taylor '06, Anthony Cardona '11, Jenna Finger '11, David Margolies '12, Brett Kearney '08, Amanda Askew '08, Allison Hamil '06, Shaun Edwards '08, Annie Martin '12, Meredith Freeman '10, Jennie Norcini '11, Ben Goetsch '10, Howard Mocerf '68, David Stone '72 and John Phifer '93.

Ralph H. Smith II '73 (far right with wife, Betsy), of Birmingham, Ala., was appointed by Queen Elizabeth II to the Order of St. John, a major international charity whose organizations provide first aid, health care and support services in 40 countries. The order is an Order of Chivalry of the British Crown, with historical roots in the 11th-century Knights of Malta and Knights Hospitaller. Smith is CEO of The Ralph Smith Group, a special counsel at Jones Walker L.L.P. He served for almost a decade as general counsel and as a member of the chancellor's senior policy staff at the University of Alabama System, where he teaches and advises on international initiatives. He belongs to the executive committee of the Association of American Rhodes Scholars and is responsible for the Rhodes Scholarship selection process in Alabama, Florida and Tennessee. A corporate and business transactions lawyer by training, he attended Oxford University as a Rhodes Scholar from 1973 to 1976 and helped launch the Global Innovation Alliance in 2012 to promote scientific innovation and economic development. He served as chancellor for the Episcopal Diocese of Alabama from 2000 to 2003.



Clarke Morledge '85 of Williamsburg, Va., joined several friends for a reunion of Lampost, an off-campus house from 1983 to 1993. L. to r.: Morledge, Jim Hudson '84, Scott Ferrell '87, David Shugart '87, Jim Sloat '89 and Laura Musser Sloat '92.



#### **Charlie Stieff '78** reports:

In 1975, W&L defeated No. 1 seed Hopkins in the first round of the NCAA tournament. I played in that game using my royal blue stick with the W&L letters dyed



into the top of the head. That summer, the head split, and, unbeknownst to me, my mother threw the stick out.

Fast forward to December 2013. Dr. James Hamilton was investigating schools for his daughter; met my wife, Ann; and asked if she was related to a Charlie Stieff. When she replied yes, he told her he had lived near my house growing up; one day, he was walking in the alley when he spotted my W&L stick in the trash can. He took it home, where his father bolted the head together so his son could learn how to play lacrosse. Dr. Hamilton ended up giving the stick to his good friend Josh Levinson '93, who would go to W&L and become an All American lacrosse player. He told my wife that Josh still had the stick.

I contacted Josh, who was now living back in Baltimore, and we met at a Baltimore Chapter lunch for W&L lacrosse coach Gene McCabe. Josh brought the lacrosse stick head for me, 38 years after it went missing. I brought this picture, taken right after that amazing game, showing me with the stick and the scoreboard in the background. I am very grateful to Josh for giving the stick back to me.

# Dr. Paul E. Holbrook '33, of

Ashland, Ky., died on May 29, 2013. He served in the Army Medical Corps during World War II, attaining the rank of captain. He practiced medicine in Ashland.

Vincent H. Tornfelt '36, of Wilmington, Del., died on Dec. 4, 2013. He was a veteran of World War II who served in the South Pacific. He and his brother managed the family's auto dealership, the Argyle Garage, in Kearny, N.J.

Howell W. Roberts Jr. '37, '38L, of Greensboro, N.C., died on Sept. 20, 2013. He served in the Air Force in World War II in Hawaii and Guam, as well as in the Korean War. He worked for the New York Port Authority at Kennedy Airport and the Greensboro Regional Airport.

#### Hamilton P. Fox Jr. '41, '43L, of

Salisbury, Md., died Nov. 26, 2013. He served in all major theaters of World War II, including the landing at Omaha Beach on D-Day. He was promoted to first lieutenant and received five Battle Stars. He practiced law in Salisbury and was elected state's attorney for Wicomico County for two terms. He founded Fox & Houlihan. He formed the Bi-Racial Commission to desegregate Wicomico County's schools and public facilities, serving as chair for many years. He served as a delegate to the 1967 Maryland constitutional convention and to the 1972 Democratic convention. He served as a member and director of the Salisbury Chamber of Commerce, president of the County Community Fund (now the United Way) and president of the Jaycees. Fox belonged to

Phi Gamma Delta. He was father to Jefferson K. Fox '69.

William J. Wilcox Jr. '43, of Oak Ridge, Tenn., died Sept. 2, 2013. As part of the Manhattan Project, he worked on uranium purification processes for Tennessee Eastman Corp., in Rochester, N.Y. His career included posts as research chemist, technical assistant, physics department head and division director for gaseous diffusion and gas centrifuge at K-25. He was the technical director for Union Carbide's Nuclear Division. He served on numerous boards in the Oak Ridge community. In 2006 he received the honorary title of Oak Ridge City Historian from the Oak Ridge city council.

Robert A. Hite '44, of Honolulu, Hawaii, died on Dec. 24, 2013. He was a World War II veteran

and served in the Hawaii National Guard. He worked for Hawaiian Trust Co. He belonged to Pi Kappa Alpha.

Clarence D. Lamar '44, of Pensacola, Fla., died on Jan. 5. During World War II he piloted B-24 and B-29 aircraft. He and his B-29 crew were the first U.S. combat aviators to land on Japanese soil following Japan's surrender in August 1945. During the Korean War, he was a pioneer in the Air Force's new force-projection strategy using aerial refueling. He worked for the Martin-Dashiell Agency before joining the Chemstrand manufacturing plant. He belonged to Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

John H. Stansfield '44, of Colorado Springs, Colo., died on Aug. 30, 2013. During World War II, he served as a navigator on B-17s with the 385th Bomb Group of the 8th Air Force, completing 29 combat and two humanitarian missions. He worked in insurance and retired as a senior home office underwriter for Lone Star Life Insurance Co., in Dallas.

Erwin D. Latimer III '45, of Lookout Mountain, Tenn., died Sept. 24, 2013. He served as a bomber pilot in the Army Air Corps World War II. He settled in Chattanooga and established Shoney's South Inc., with over 150 restaurants.

Cmdr. William A. Warde '46, of Jacksonville, Fla., died on Dec. 26, 2013. He served in the Navy during World War II as a pilot of scout planes, flying from battleships and cruisers, then flying 93 combat missions in F9F-2 Panther jet fighter/ bombers during the Korean War. He also served as an air intelligence officer in Europe during the Cold War and as a reconnaissance pilot during the Cuban missile crisis. He was director of the Naval Experimental Laboratory. He co-founded The 200 Club of Jacksonville, a trust that assists families of first responders killed in the line of duty. He enjoyed a second career as a life insurance underwriter. He belonged to Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

E. Webster McLeod Ir. '47. of Asheville, N.C., died on Dec. 17,

#### Charles F. Clarke Jr. '38, Distinguished Alumnus

Charles F. Clarke Jr. '38, of Cleveland Heights, Ohio, died on Jan. 17. He served as president of the Alumni Board of Directors from 1970 to 1971, received the Distinguished Alumnus Award in 1975 and belonged to the Honorary Order of the Coif.

Clarke obtained his law degree from the University of Michigan. He practiced law in Detroit before joining the Army in World War II. He served with the Army OSS and on the Manhattan Project.

After the war, Clarke joined the law firm of Squire, Sanders & Dempsey, where he worked for the rest of his life. A successful trial lawyer, he served as head of the litigation practice and on the firm's executive committee. He worked on cases that involved desegregation, the United Steelworkers and national railroads. Among his criminal cases was a pro bono defense of a member of Hells Angels.

Clarke was a fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers, a master bencher of the Judge John M. Manos Inn of Court, the past president of the National Association of Railroad Counsel, and a life member of the Sixth and Eighth Circuit Judicial Conferences. He founded and led Cleveland's Free Clinic and founded the local Civil War Roundtable.

He is survived by his wife, Lesley; four children; four stepchildren; and 14 grandchildren.

2013. During World War II, he served as an officer in the Navy in New Guinea and the Philippines. He was a radio news writer at United Press, followed by work at several advertising agencies. For Time Magazine, he had postings in New York, London and Buenos Aires. He served as interim vice chancellor for development at the University of North Carolina, Asheville, chairman of the board of visitors at Warren Wilson College and treasurer for the Cathedral of All Souls. He belonged to Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

Dr. Robert F. Stephens '47, of Peabody, Mass., died on Nov. 24, 2013. He was a veteran of World War II. He worked at the U.S. State Department as a foreign affairs officer, serving as vice consul and cultural affairs officer in Nairobi, Kenva, and later as chief of the Eastern, Central and Southern Africa Bureau of Cultural Affairs. He was associate director of the East African Studies Program at the Maxwell School, Syracuse University, and the assistant director of the International Development Studies Program at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University. He served as president of the Potomac Research Institute in Washington and as as a development associate

with the School of Education at Boston University. He authored "The Kenyan Student Airlifts to America: an Educational Odyssey 1959-1961." For many years, he owned and operated the Antilles Yachting Services in St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands. He belonged to Phi Delta Theta.

William M. Wilcox Jr. '47, of Wilmington, N.C., died on Nov. 3, 2013. He was a veteran of World War II. He retired from BF Goodrich after 43 years. He was father to William M. Wilcox IV '75. He belonged to Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

Nate L. Adams II '48, of Vero Beach, Fla., died on Nov. 20, 2013. During World War II, he served with the First Marine Division in the Pacific Theater. He also served in the Korean War and the Vietnam War. He was vice president of the Atlantic Ridge Corp. He was father to Nate L. Adams III '81L and grandfather to Robert H. Adams '09. He belonged to Delta Tau Delta.

James T. McKinstry '48 of Wilmington, Del., died on Oct. 25, 2013. He served in the Navy during World War II as a quartermaster in the South China Sea. He worked for Richards, Layton and Finger. He was a founding member of the Blood

Bank of Delaware in 1954 and was Delaware's founding member of the Bicentennial Council of the Thirteen Original States, along with second chairman of the Delaware Heritage Commission for the Bicentennial. He was father to Thomas N. McKinstry '85.

Charles L. Apperson '49, of Bowling Green, Va., died on Dec. 31, 2013. He served in the Marine Corps during World War II. He practiced law in Roanoke and Salem. He belonged to Phi Delta Theta.

Charles F. Blackburn '49L, of Henderson, N.C., died on Oct. 15, 2013. He served as a pilot during World War II. He established Blackburn & Blackburn, Attorneys at Law, with his brother. After serving as prosecuting attorney for Vance County, he was elected to the 1959 session of the state senate representing Vance, Warren, Halifax and Northampton counties. Gov. Terry Sanford appointed him to the North Carolina Commission for the Study of Exceptionally Talented Children and as a member and then chairman of the John H. Kerr Reservoir

Development Commission. He was city attorney of Henderson and was chairman of the board of trustees of Vance County Technical Institute and of Vance-Granville Community College. He was president of the Henderson-Vance Chamber of Commerce and was named its Outstanding Citizen of the Year in 1990. He served for many years in the North Carolina Army National Guard, retiring with the rank of colonel, after serving several years as judge advocate general for North Carolina. He received the Order of the Long Leaf Pine during the administration of Gov. James B. Hunt Jr. He was brother to George Blackburn '43 '49L.

Carter C. Chinnis '49L, of Richmond, died on Sept. 29, 2013. He served in World War II as a battery officer in the Navy and returned to active duty during the Korean War. He was editor of The Law Review and a member of the Order of the Coif. He worked for Milbank, Tweed, Hope & Hadley and the RCA Corp., and founded the Cabell Corp. of Virginia and Maryland.

#### The Rev. Ben Haden '49L, of

Chattanooga, Tenn, died on Oct. 24, 2013. He served with the CIA during the Korean War. He was owner and president of Long Oil Co. and vice president and general manager of the Kingsport Times-News before graduating from Columbia Theological Seminary. He served as pastor of Key Biscayne Presbyterian Church and founded Changed Lives. His sermons were broadcast on the radio, television and Internet. The sermon he preached following the Kent State massacre won a Freedoms Foundation Award and was inserted in the Congressional Record. Among the honors he received were the Love of Chattanooga Award and the Sertomans' National Heritage Award. Haden wrote four books: "Pray! Don't Settle for a Two-Bit Prayer Life," "Rebel to Rebel," "I See Their Faces" and "Kingsport—An American City."

Philip C. Bond '50, of Charleston, W.Va., died on Aug. 24, 2013. He served with the Air Corps in the South Pacific during World War II. He worked for Bond, Rider and Jackson Co., which his father founded.

### BEAU KNOWS-LEADING THE WAY

Self-governance is on the list of special things that distinguishes W&L and makes the student experience more impactful for those involved in leadership.

Of course, the Executive Committee is frequently mentioned at the top, deservedly so given their job and their privilege of administering the Honor System.



You'd be inspired to know today's student representatives, to whom we entrust this solemn duty plus the funding for student organizations.

The members of the Student Judicial Council operate in a world that is very different from the one of 25 or 50 years ago. Laws and the enforcement of them are more strict, the drinking age of 21 causes stress points, they must judge their peers when mistakes are made, they uphold community standards, and they have to take some heat from hard decisions. Yes, it is true that the days are gone when one beloved dean supposedly resolved everything in his office or with a short Colonnade chat. Our talented group of Student Affairs professionals supports and guides student leaders as

and when appropriate, but the students lead.

I'd like to salute the contributions of a much broader group of students (and alumni) who have held other posts. Over the years, they have led countless organizations, including Interfraternity Council, Panhellenic Council, individual Greek houses, Mock Convention, athletic teams, Hillel and a student investment club that invests sevenfigure University assets. The Rugby Club, Kathekon, the Multicultural Student Association, the W&L Law Review, Contact, political clubs, the Outing Club—I could go on and on, because at last count we have over 120 student organizations, about one for every 15 students.

These student leaders handle money, regulate members and advance programs and causes of importance. They set a tone on campus. They accept the responsibility that comes with leadership, and they learn life lessons of fiscal management, organization, listening, fairness, holding to principles and setting an example for others.

Make no mistake—W&L students lead early, often and very well. Please trust me, you'd be proud. They serve W&L and make a difference each day.

> -Beau Dudley '74, '79L **Executive Director of Alumni Affairs**

#### Former Law Dean Randy Bezanson Dies at 67

Randall P. "Randy" Bezanson, the dean of the School of Law from 1988 to 1994, died on Jan. 25, in San Antonio, Texas. He was 67.

Bezanson is credited with enhancing the national reputation of the Law School and laying the groundwork to secure its financial future. Among his numerous accom-



plishments, he rejuvenated the first-year curriculum with the introduction of small, writing-intensive classes.

"The University owes a great debt of gratitude to Randy, for during his deanship, he played a key role in strengthening the reputation and curriculum of the Law School, as well as in improving its facilities," said President Ken Ruscio '76. "A measure of his influence is the Randall P. Bezanson Award, which the Law School bestows each year upon the graduate who has made the most outstanding contribution to diversity in the life of the Law School community."

"Randy's deanship brought about monumental changes," said Law Dean Nora Demleitner. "While his

death is to be mourned, his legacy will live on through each of us and our law school."

Bezanson received his B.S. and B.A. from Northwestern University and his J.D. from the University of Iowa College of Law. After clerkships on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia and U.S. Supreme Court, he returned to the University of Iowa to teach, where he established himself as one the nation's leading experts on the First Amendment, libel law and mass communications law.

In 1979, Bezanson became the University of Iowa's vice president for finance and university services. He served in that post until 1984, directing one of the then largest budgets in state government and overseeing three successful capital improvement projects, including the construction of Iowa's Boyd Law Building.

He left Iowa in 1988 to become dean of W&L Law. During Bezanson's tenure at W&L, the University planned and constructed a major addition to Lewis Hall, named in honor of U.S. Supreme Court Justice Lewis F. Powell Jr. '27, '31L. This addition included more space for clinical programs, the library reading room, faculty offices and the archives, to which Powell donated his papers.

At W&L, Bezanson emphasized what he called "the role of writing as the principal medium of learning" in making curricular changes. Even in expanding clinical programs, he pointed to W&L's "taught clinics" with their "focus on the skills of analytical writing and oral expression."

"More than any single individual, Randy made the Law School what it is today. He was a visionary leader who, together with President John Wilson, articulated and built the liberal arts model of legal education that emphasizes small classes, close student-faculty interaction, intensive writing instruction and interdisciplinary inquiry," said David Millon, the J.B. Stombock Professor of Law. "In the decades since Randy's deanship, many law schools have tried to emulate our model, but it was Randy who set us on our on-going course of leadership in curricular innovation."

Bezanson returned to the University of Iowa in 1994 after the completion of his W&L deanship. In 1998, he became the Charles E. Floete Distinguished Professor of Law, and in 2006 he became the inaugural holder of the David H. Vernon professorship. An extraordinary teacher, he was recognized in 2009 with the President and Provost Award for Teaching Excellence, the University of Iowa's highest teaching honor.

Bezanson's scholarship spanned the fields of administrative law, constitutional law, the First Amendment, defamation and privacy law, law and medicine, and the history of freedom of the press. The author of dozens of articles, Bezanson also wrote, co-wrote or edited eight books, two monographs and six book chapters. His book with co-authors Gilbert Cranberg and John Soloski, "Libel Law and the Press: Myth and Reality," received the National Distinguished Service Award for Research in Journalism in 1988 from the Society of Professional Journalists.

His wife, Elaine Croyle Bezanson, died on June 21, 2013. He is survived by their two children, Melissa Bezanson Shultz and Peter Bezanson, and five grandchildren.

Bomar A. Olds, Jr. '50, of Cornelia, Ga., died on Nov. 14, 2013. During World War II, he served in the Naval Reserve, where he was in the Naval V-5 program at Duke University. He worked in the textile industry, including a year on the faculty of the School of Textiles at Georgia Institute of Technology. He was a member of Pi Kappa Phi. He was cousin to Joseph L. Lanier '54.

#### E. Gerry Barker IV '51, '53L,

of Sellersburg, Ind., died on Oct. 31, 2013. He served in the Marine Corps. He practiced for 50 years in the firm he established. He belonged to Phi Gamma Delta.

Stephen P. Coco '51, of Jennings, La., died on Jan. 1. He served in the Judge Advocate General's Corps at Barksdale Air Force Base. He had a law practice in Jennings, handling criminal and civil cases. He sat on the Zigler Foundation board, served as president of the Jeff Davis Parish Bar Association and volunteered as a scoutmaster. He belonged to Kappa Alpha. He was father to Stuart W. Coco '77.

Rush P. Webb '51L, of Sandusky, Ohio, died on Dec. 16, 2012. He was a commonwealth's attorney for Carroll County, Va., and entered the Air Force in 1952. He served three years as judge advocate officer in the Strategic Air Command. He joined the Red Cross as assistant field director in the Service at Military Installations Program. He also practiced law at his own firm in Sandusky.

Roy V. Wolfe Jr. '51L, of Mason, Ohio, died on Oct. 29, 2013. He was a World War II veteran. He was a member of the Virginia State Senate and held the offices of deputy clerk of the Scott County Circuit Court, the Scott County commonwealth's attorney and magistrate for the U.S. Court of the Western District of Virginia.

#### J. Kelley Hutcherson '52, of

Versailles, Ky., died on Dec. 22, 2013. He was a veteran of the Naval Reserve and served as a special services officer during the Korean War. He worked for IBM in executive sales management. He belonged to Pi Kappa Alpha.

#### Emeritus Trustee Ray V. Hartwell III '69, '75L

Ray V. Hartwell III '69, '75L, of Anniston, Ala., who served on the Board of Trustees from 1999 to 2009, died on Feb. 7. He was a retired attorney and partner with the law firm of Hunton & Williams, in Washington.

From 1969 to 1972, Hartwell served in the U.S. Navy as an antisubmarine warfare and nuclear weapons officer on a guided missile destroyer.

At Hunton & Williams, Hartwell was a senior partner in the global competition practice group, specializing in antitrust investigations, litigation and counseling. From 1992 to 1994, he lived in Brussels, Belgium, and managed the firm's offices there and in Warsaw, Poland.

A former council member of the ABA Section of Antitrust Law, he chaired the antitrust sections of the District of Columbia Bar and the Virginia State Bar. He held leadership positions in other bar organizations, including chair of the Compliance and Ethics Committee of the ABA Antitrust Section. Hartwell belonged to the editorial board of The Antitrust Bulletin and served as editor of the ABA Handbook on Antitrust Grand Jury Investigations.

He published op-eds and book reviews in such publications as the Washington Times and the Richmond Times-Dispatch.

At W&L, Hartwell chaired the Student Control Committee (now the Student Judicial Council) and belonged to the Student Affairs Committee and Omicron Delta Kappa. He was editor-in-chief of the Washington and Lee Law Review, won the John W. Davis Prize, was a finalist in the Burks Moot Court Competition and belonged to the Order of the Coif and Delta Theta Phi. He belonged to Beta Theta Pi.

Hartwell belonged to the Washington Society, was a former president of the Law School Alumni Association, volunteered with the Alumni Career Assistance Program, served as a class agent, and served on reunion committees for both classes.

He is survived by his wife, Marianne; three sons; and one grandson.

#### Thomas S. Miller '52 of St.

Petersburg, Fla., died on Oct. 26, 2013. He served in the United Army Corps of Engineers. He worked for McCutcheon Miller Real Estate and Insurance, Florida National Bank, Union Trust Co. (NationsBank) and United Bank. He was past chairman of the Salvation Army Board and the Better Business Bureau and served on the boards of the Rogers Heart Foundation and Pioneer Park. He belonged to Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

Stuart A. Peltz '52L, of Newport News, Va., died on Jan. 12. He served in the Navy during World War II. He owned and operated the Modern Cleaners for many years. He also practiced law in Newport News and Virginia Beach.

T. Louis Spilman Jr. '52, of Oriental, N.C., died on Nov. 6, 2013. He owned three weekly newspapers in northeast Tennessee and was named Man of the Year by the Tennessee Press Association in 1958. After moving to Fayetteville, he owned Worth Printing Co. and started the first quick-copy shops, SpeediPrint. He was involved with many organizations in the community, including District 27, U.S. Power Squadrons; the Cumberland County, N.C., Board of Education; the Fayetteville Salvation Army Advisory Board; and the 75th Fighter Squadron. He also served for more than 43 years as a member of the Methodist University's board of trustees. He received many accolades from this institution, including an honorary doctorate, the Methodist College Medallion, the Methodist College Outstanding Alumni Service Award, the Distinguished Alumnus Award and induction into ODK. He belonged to Kappa Alpha.

Paul D. Weill '52, of Weatogue, Conn., died on Nov. 17, 2013. He served as an officer in the Marine Corps and was a veteran of the

Korean War. He was a structured benefit consultant with Aetna for 33 years. He belonged to Delta Upsilon.

David L. Fisher '53, of New York City, died Sept. 27, 2013. He was founder and CEO of Exhibit Corp. He volunteered at The International Center, which helps resident aliens improve their English language skills.

P. James Kurapka Jr. '53, '55L, of Gate City, Va., died Oct. 26, 2013. He was a veteran of the Army and was a federal employee.

C. Richard Lovegrove '53, of Roanoke, died on Dec. 17, 2013. He had a 43-year career in public relations for American Electric Power, first at Appalachian Power in Roanoke and then as director of public relations for Kentucky Power, in Ashland, Ky. He was a longtime editor of the Episcopal Diocese of Southwest Virginia newspaper and a columnist for the Thibodaux, La., Daily Comet, and penned poetry. He belonged to Pi Kappa Alpha. He was father to Richard L. Lovegrove '77.

The Rev. Benjamin C. Martin

Jr. '53, of St. Louis, Mo., died on Nov. 17, 2013. He served as a naval officer during the Korean War. His first ministry was at United Presbyterian Church of Milford, Conn., after which he moved to St. Louis to pastor the old Peters Memorial Presbyterian Church. He later became associate executive for community ministry for Giddings-Lovejoy Presbytery. He belonged to Pi Kappa Alpha.

Dr. Thomas L. Fieldson '54, of Ft. Washington, Md., died on Nov. 12, 2013. He served in the Navy. He practiced medicine in Brandywine,

Md., and Waldorf, Md., for 51 years.

James A. Oast Jr. '54L, of Virginia Beach, Va., died on Dec. 24, 2008. He served in the Army and was a retired assistant U.S. attorney. He belonged to Kappa Alpha.

Newman C. Carmack Jr. '55, of Libertytown, Md., died on May 23, 2013. He served in the Army. He was the owner of Carmack's Mobile in Kensington and an independent

carrier for The Frederick News-Post. He belonged to Delta Upsilon.

Joseph H. Chumbley '55L, of St. Petersburg, Fla., died on Sept. 5, 2013. He served on the W&L Law Review. He practiced law for more than 50 years in St. Petersburg. He was a former Marine, a former city manager and former judge in Pinellas Park. He served on the Governor's Commission, working on handicapped issues. He was uncle to the Hon. Douglas J. Chumbley '82L.

#### Chase W. Clements '55, of

Toledo, Ohio, died on Nov. 4, 2013. He served two years in the Army with the 86th Infantry Division. He taught history at Ryder School and Libby High School. He worked for the then-radio station WTOD as a news broadcaster and WTVG. He switched to print journalism and worked with The Blade, and was known for his weekly column, "The Political Notebook." He belonged to Kappa Sigma.

#### Anthony F. Gerike '55, '62L, of

Medford, N.J., died on Sept. 9, 2013. He worked for Powers and Gerike and later owned a title search/ real estate transaction company, Mohawk Abstract, and practiced law with his son, Paul Gerike '86, at Gerike and Gerike, in Medford.

Michael P. Ryer '56, of Ridgefield, Conn., died on Oct. 15, 2013. He served in the Army. He founded Ryer Associates Commercial Real Estate Inc. and as president and chair of Centerbank of Waterbury. He was active in his community and a number of professional organizations. He was named Man of the Year by the Ridgefield Rotary Club and honorary chairman of the Connecticut Society to Prevent Blindness' People Vision Dinner, and he received the Good Scout Award from the the 2012 Connecticut Yankee Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

Carl F. Barnes Jr. '57, of Rochester Hills, Mich., died on May 25, 2012. He was professor emeritus of art history at Oakland University in Rochester, Mich. He had previously taught at Pennsylvania State University and the University of

Wisconsin-Milwaukee. At Oakland University, he served as chairman of the Department of Art and Art History, assistant to the dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and director of the Center for the Arts.

Charles R. Currin III '57, of Carmel, Ind., died on Dec. 20, 2013. He served in the Army with the 82nd Airborne Division. He worked for the Coca-Cola Co. and owned and distributed Northern Indiana Coca-Cola Bottling Co. in LaPorte, Ind. He served on the boards of LaPorte Hospital and the First of America Bank and as president of the YMCA. He belonged to Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

Douglas K. Frith '57L, of Martinsville, Va., died Oct. 6, 2013. He served in the Army, conducting military intelligence work during the Korean War. He practiced law for 42 years. He served as president of the Martinsville-Henry County Bar Association and as state director of the Virginia Trial Lawyers Association. He served as a substitute judge for the General District and Juvenile and Domestic Relations Courts of the 21st Judicial District. His public service contributions included serving as attorney for the Martinsville-Henry County Economic Development Corp., as a volunteer for the Central Business District's uptown renewal, as a board member of Virginia National Bank and as a board member and president of the Patrick Henry Scholarship Foundation.

Richard A. Moore '57, of Phoenix, Md., died on Oct. 4, 2013. He was the owner of Gaylord Brooks Realty. He served on the board of trustees of St. Paul's School, which presented him its Distinguished Alumnus Award. He also was the first board chair of St. James Academy, in Monkton. He was father to Thomas R. Moore '89 and brother to Thomas O. Moore '57.

#### Alexander B. Platt '57, of

Riverside, Conn., died on Sept. 29, 2013. He was a dean of students at Columbia College and a publishing executive before opening his own practice as a management psychologist, consulting with corporations. He wrote "The Nature of Joy."

Donald A. Miller '58, of Ensenada, Mexico, died on Sept. 14, 2013. After retiring as president of Marine National Bank, he owned the Adobe Guadalupe Inn.

Philip H. Weeks Jr. '58, of Richmond, died on Oct. 20, 2013. He belonged to Phi Kappa Sigma.

Albert E. Schlesinger '59, of Scarsdale, N.Y., died on Nov. 4, 2013. He was a trader and specialist on the American Stock Exchange and also served as a board member. He belonged to Phi Epsilon Pi.

H. Holden Smith Jr. '59, of Phoenix, Ariz., died on Sept. 18, 2013. He served with the Army Reserves in Ft. Bliss, Texas. He worked for the securities firm of Refsnes, Ely, Beck and Co. and established Young, Smith and Peacock. He served as president of the Bond Club of Phoenix and was a governor of the National Association of Securities Dealers. He belonged to Sigma Chi.

Frank S. Harris II '60, of Hillsboro, Va., died on Nov. 6, 2013. He was the president of Harris Goldstein Associates and worked for L.E. Peabody & Associates. He belonged to Phi Gamma Delta.

George N. Chandler II '61, of Vero Beach, Fla., died on Dec. 28, 2013. After serving in the Army, he joined Pickands Mather & Co., where he became president. He was also senior vice president of Cleveland-Cliffs Inc. He was active in civic and educational organizations, including Hattie Larlham, where he was president and emeritus trustee, the Lochland School, the Cleveland Council on Foreign Relations and the Cleveland Council on World Affairs. He belonged to Phi Delta Theta.

L. Hunter Tracht '61, of San Diego, died on Sept. 27, 2013. He served in the Marine Corps. He practiced law for 47 years and was president of California Children's Society.

Barton S. Mitchell '62, of Brooklandville, Md., died on Oct. 6, 2013. He served in the Coast Guard before joining the family asphalt business, E. Stewart Mitchell Inc.

He also owned or controlled the Bituminous Emulsion Co., MDG Inc., Mitchell Industries Inc., Montgomery Construction Inc. and Superior Paving Corp. He belonged to Phi Kappa Psi.

H. Loy Anderson Jr. '65, of Palm Beach, Fla., died on Dec. 8, 2013. He served in the Army Reserves. He worked as president of Worth Avenue National Bank. He was also a restaurateur, a citrus grower and a developer. He was a leader in several business organizations, including the Young Presidents Organization Inc., the Banker's Association, the Economic Council of Palm Beach County and the Worth Avenue Association. He was active

in the Historical Society of Palm Beach County, Palm Beach Atlantic University, the Hanley-Hazelden Foundation, the Holocaust Memorial Museum, the YMCA, Ben-Gurion University, the United Way, Rosarian Academy, the Leukemia Foundation, the JCC of Palm Beach and the Boy Scouts of America. He was a founder of the Academy of the Palm Beaches, now known as Palm Beach Day Academy. He belonged to Pi Kappa Alpha.

Michael E. Bowerman '65L, of Virginia Beach, Va., died on May 13, 2013. He practiced at Kellam Law Firm and founded his own practice. He co-founded an organization to protect and restore the Back Bay.

A 40-year member of the Virginia Beach Exchange Club, he served as president and as legal counsel. He was instrumental in forming the Youth Service Federation. He belonged to Sigma Chi.

H. Benjamin Jones Jr. '65L, of Irvington, Va., died on Oct. 21, 2013. He was a founding partner of Walker Jones P.C., in Warrenton, Va.

#### W. David Hasfurther '66, of

Gaithersburg, Md., died on June 28, 2013. He studied at the University of Vienna under a Fulbright and served in the Army. He practiced contract law. He belonged to Delta Upsilon fraternity. He was brother to Bruce N. Hasfurther '73.



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Clyde L. Nipper '66, of Texarkana, Texas, died on Aug. 9, 2010. He retired from International Paper and was a former math teacher at North Heights Junior High.

George F. Biehl Jr. '68, of Galveston, Texas, died on July 17, 2012. He belonged to Sigma Chi.

#### James R.M. Hughes Jr. '70,

of Richmond, died on Dec. 15, 2013. He was a reporter for the Richmond News Leader and the Richmond Times-Dispatch and president of The Martin Agency. Hughes helped create the graduate Brandcenter at Virginia Commonwealth University and chaired its board of directors. He belonged to the One Club's Creative Hall of Fame and the Advertising Hall of Fame. He belonged to Sigma Phi Epsilon.

H. Franklyn McCranie Jr. '70, of Wayne, Pa., died on Dec. 9, 2013. He worked for Aetna and Cigna in New York. He belonged to Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

David Wargo '71, of Hudson, Fla., died on Dec. 6, 2013.

Joseph H. Ramsey Jr. '73, of Pueblo, Colo., died on Jan. 1. He worked as a printer for more than 35 years in New Mexico and Colorado. He was also an abstract painter.

G. Watson Tebo Jr. '74, of Baton Rouge, La., died on Oct. 24, 2013. For 30 years, he had a career in medical sales. He was a board member of The Brighton School, a volunteer at SCORE of Baton Rouge and a member of TaxBusters. He also served on the board of the Office of Alcoholic Beverage Control and was president of the Baton Rouge Area Chapter of the W&L Alumni Association. He belonged to Sigma Chi.

Bradley H. Bethel '76, of Laurinburg, N.C., died on July 30, 2013. He worked at Scotland Memorial Hospital for 24 years, serving as chief of the medical staff and a member of many committees. He also volunteered for Hospice of Scotland County, Century Care

Nursing Home and Scottish Pines Rehabilitation and Nursing Center.

Reid H. Griffin '77, of Trabuco Canyon, Calif., died on Oct. 31, 2013. He belonged to Zeta Beta Tau.

Jonathan W. Pine Jr. '79, of Baltimore, died Nov. 28, 2013. He was senior executive editor at Lippincott Williams & Wilkins and was named Editor of the Year several times. He belonged to the Society of the Cincinnati and served as lieutenant governor of the Society of Colonial Wars in Maryland. He belonged to Beta Theta Pi.

Edward L. Weilbacher '79L. of Pocomoke City, Md., died on Sept. 6, 2013. He served in the Coast Guard, attended Officer Candidate School in Yorktown, Va., and rose to the position of lieutenant commander. He flew T-34, T-28, T-29, TS-2A, C-54, HU-16E, HC 130B and EC 130B aircraft and received many Coast Guard medals. After his military career, he served as head of the Legal Aid office in Lexington and as an adjunct professor of law at W&L, and then joined John E. Bloxom in law practice. He was the city attorney for Pocomoke City for 14 years.

Susan L. Pilcher '81L, of San Francisco, died on Dec. 23, 2013. She pursued a career in finance and wealth management with Arthur Andersen and served as director of wealth management at U.S. Trust. She also worked for Morgan Stanley and concluded her career as the managing director of private wealth management at First Republic Bank. She was aunt to William H. McNair Jr. '88.

Frank W. Brower III '82, of Mc-Kinney, Texas, died on Sept. 29, 2013. In 2001, Tripp co-founded Capstone Partners in Dallas. Prior to Capstone, he served as executive vice president of OffRoad Inc., co-head of the private fund group at Stephens Inc., founder of Stonebridge Partners and as a vice president at J.P. Morgan & Company. He was brother to Barrington D. Brower '85.

Michael D. Gregory '83, of South Boston, Va., died on Nov. 3, 2013.

He owned the Gregory Jewelry Store in Farmville. He belonged to Delta Tau Delta.

Holly Young Walter '91L, of Wellington, Fla. died on Nov. 3, 2013. She worked at James A. Hartman P.A. and South Florida Water Management District. She was sister to Heather Young '84L.

Michael S. Fuller '94, of Manakin-Sabot, Va., died on Dec. 10, 2013. He worked at Private Advisors L.L.C. in Richmond. He belonged to Beta Theta Pi.

Valerie Nichole Hale '00L, of Roanoke, died on Aug. 29, 2013. She was active in a number of community service organizations and had served as president of the City of Roanoke Fair Housing Board, past president of the Blue Ridge Independent Living Center and legal advisor to the Young and Powerful, a national service organization. She belonged to the Beta Chi Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. and the Roanoke Chapter of the Links Inc.

Caleb F. Dayton '13, of Minneapolis, Minn., died Nov. 12, 2013.

Kelsey H. Durkin '14, of New Canaan, Conn. died Dec. 3, 2013. She served as a trip leader with the Volunteer Venture Pre-Orientation Program and on the Relay for Life committee. She was a provisional member of the DAR. Active in W&L's Shepherd Program, she interned at Camp Interactive. She belonged to Kappa Kappa Gamma.

# Other Deaths

**Clyde W. Hartless**, who retired in 2003 after 36 years as a carpenter and shop foreman in Facilities Management, died on Nov. 24, 2013.

Della Sorrells Mayo, who worked as a circulation desk attendant in the University Library from 1980 until retiring in 1996, died on Dec. 18, 2013.

**Tony L. Stinnett**, who retired as a sergeant in 2013 after 20 years with Public Safety, died on Jan. 8.



# Something to Talk About

BY PRESIDENT KEN RUSCIO '76

s Oscar Wilde famously wrote in "The Picture of Dorian Gray," "[T]here is only one thing worse than being talked about, and that is not being talked about."

That line occurred to me earlier this year when I appeared on a panel in Washington to discuss President Barack Obama's proposal for the federal government to develop a new college ratings system. He wants to ensure that students receive value for their education, and also that the federal government's expenditures on higher education produce the desired result.

Since that proposal was made last August, anxiety has run high in the higher education community. There are legitimate reasons to worry about what such a system might mean. But we should not consider the government our adversaries in this case. The motivations behind a rating system are understandable. If there is a silver lining to the discussions, it is that higher education is being talked about.

Unfortunately, the conversations are often framed in a way that defines education down, reducing it to primarily an instrumental pursuit.

More and more, the value of education is defined by how much money a degree is worth. Every day, a new study concludes this major or that, this college or that, is the ticket to higher starting salaries. Here in Virginia, the legislature has mandated that the state publish salary data for graduates of all colleges and universities, public and private. W&L actually fares well—or we would, except we are excluded because most of our recent graduates are receiving their salaries outside of Virginia. Our data can't be captured.

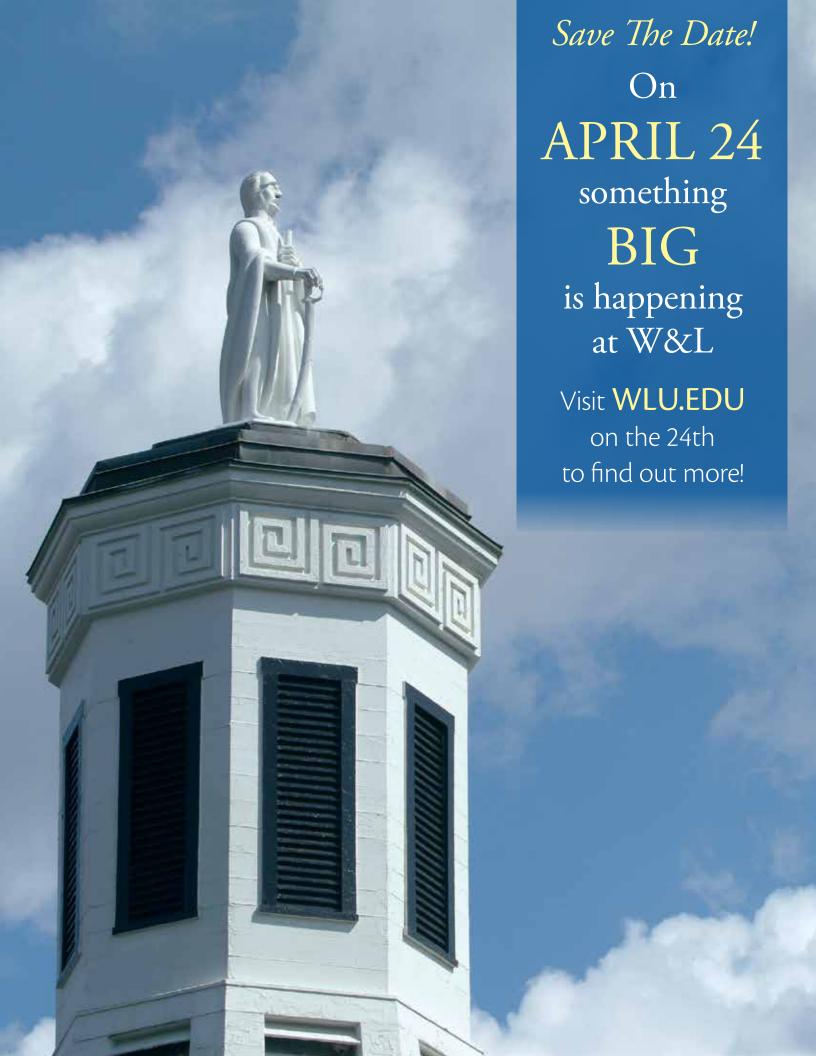
Concerns about college affordability and return on investment are legitimate. Students and families should have as much information as possible when making a college choice.

But I do despair over what I see as a loss of focus on the real and significant value of an education. Students are not consumers. They should see their stake in education as an investment in their future and one that pays off in how they choose to lead their lives, not just a higher-than-average starting salary.

At Washington and Lee, we believe what our mission statement says: that our graduates are "prepared for life-long learning, personal achievement, responsible leadership, service to others, and engaged citizenship in a global and diverse society." Those lofty aspirations do not lend themselves to simple measurements. The danger in any ratings system is in measuring what is easily measured rather than what is truly of value.

There's an irony here. The challenge for us in higher education is not a lack of information. It is how to help students make sense of it, to separate the wheat from the chaff, the signal from the noise. How disappointing, then, that the national conversation about the purpose of higher education has devolved into a debate over how to construct the best spreadsheet. Rather than raising our sights and forcefully arguing for a deeper meaning to education, we are defining education down by focusing on metrics that are conveniently available.

Maybe there is something worse than not being talked about.



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