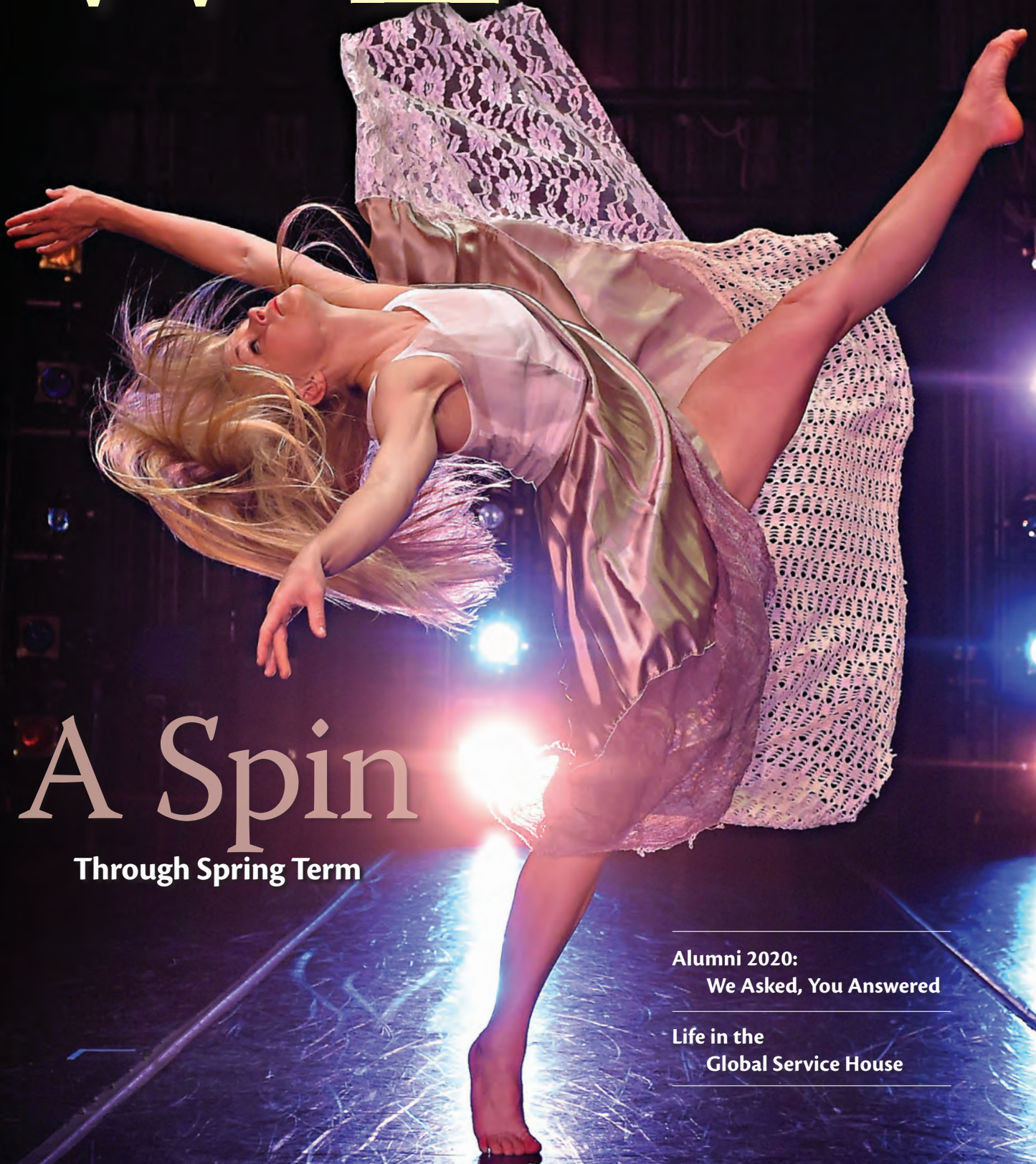


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*On the Cover: Jillian Katterhagen '15 made the most of her Spring Term by performing with the W&L Dance Repertory Company during the Route 11 Dance Festival, which also provided a classroom for students learning how to manage an artistic event.
Photo by Kevin Remington*

This page: The Run Cancer out of Tanzania 5K on April 26, sponsored by the African Society.



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In June, Omicron Delta Kappa, the national leadership honor society founded at Washington and Lee in 1914, marked its Centennial Celebration with leadership training, guest speakers, business sessions and fun activities in Lexington. During the convention, W&L's Alpha Circle of ODK won a National Presidential Award. Kate LeMasters '15, our official delegate to the convention, accepted the award.

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Among the many items that found their way to the lost and found in Elrod Commons and Leyburn Library were 16 credit cards, two driver's licenses, an e-cigarette, nine sets of car keys, two \$25 gift cards to Kindle, an evil-eye necklace and a can of silver hair spray. The Elrod Commons branch did have three tuxedo jackets, but after no one claimed them, they were donated to Goodwill.

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The Best and the Worst

The Winter 2014 magazine covered the best of subjects and the worst of subjects. As always, I was impressed by the accomplishments of those on campus and the remarkable lives led by alumni, particularly those of the 1940s and 1950s with wartime service.

The worst subject was the death of a senior in a car accident, possibly related to alcohol abuse. I have never been able to reconcile the high standards of the University with the excessive use of alcohol and, in my day, dangerous and humiliating fraternity hazing.

I met a sophomore at my 45th class reunion who told me she did not attend parties off campus for fear of drunken behavior and possible sexual assault. I hope this is not representative of life at W&L; it flies in the face of all we say and most of us believe about the integrity and honor of the University.

Bruce W. Rider '66
Grapevine, Texas

An Inspiring Reminder

The Winter 2014 issue cover story on Lacey Putney's tenure in Virginia's House of Delegates was inspiring. The tie-in to W&L's tradition of leadership and centennial of ODK was journalism at its finest. I also enjoyed the update on Rolf Piranian's retirement plans; we thank him for his tireless service.

Saving the best for last, Ken Ruscio's article ("Something to Talk About," Winter 2014) contrasting the governmental push for a new college ratings system with the true goals of higher education distilled a complex national debate into simple W&L terms. It served as a timely reminder of W&L's mission and its focus on student development—once again, making me very proud to be an alumnus.

Ken Voelker '77
Norcross, Ga.

Editors' Note: For more on the topic of the following two letters, see p. 7.

Responding to the Committee's Concerns

While I understand that a "group of seven multiracial students" may not find Confederate-associated personages and symbols welcoming, I am not at all sympathetic. The discomfort felt by both the Committee and yours truly is irrelevant; if toleration does not trump an individual's dislikes and discomforts, the University's effort to build a successful community out of what is diverse becomes very problematic.

There are students and alumni who see Lee as an exemplar. There are students and alumni who cherish the history of the Confederate States

of America and the role the Liberty Hall Volunteers played in it. They do not ask, may not even care if the Committee respects such historical facts. All they expect is toleration, to live and let live—per the University's diversity regimen.

Further, it appears that no one on campus is telling Committee members, nor any student, which cultural traditions they may not celebrate. Only the Committee threatens students and the University should they not buckle down to embrace the Committee's terms. I cannot think of any greater tyranny over mind and person, any greater betrayal of diversity than where the Committee would lead us, if it could. Contrary to what school authorities have stated, I do not believe that the concerns of these students should be taken seriously.

Richard W. Hoover '61
Front Royal, Va.

I am heartbroken, angry and appalled that a group of rabble-rousers has chosen to besmirch the traditions and historical significance of our University. Students comprising this committee freely chose to enroll at W&L—probably even enjoying scholarship benefits—and knew full well the University's history and traditions. What a privilege it has been for them to travel the hallowed ground and hallways of our revered University! Let this misguided group have their say, but please, let W&L administrators and board members stay the course.

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The Class of 2014

Graduating seniors at Washington and Lee University were asked to remember and practice the ability college life gave them to step back and see the world from a different perspective.

“I am not talking about idle contemplation, or clearing your mind, or escaping from the world around you,” President Ken Ruscio ’76 said in his commencement address. “I’m talking about engaging the issues even more deeply, but with the widened or adjusted angles that come from stepping away from it.”

Ruscio told 421 members of the Class of 2014 that on many occasions, literature helped him see the world differently.

“I remember how a work of fiction depicting another time, another place, helped me understand the world in which I lived,” he said. He recalled how reading Stephen Crane’s “The Red Badge of Courage” as a boy gave him insight into the moral debates, personal losses and divided nation of the Vietnam War era. “All the King’s Men” and

“The Foreign Student” (by Philippe Labro ’58) later produced similarly new perspectives.

Ruscio urged the graduates not to fall victim to the costs of “our hyper-connected, brave new Twitter-based, Instagram-fixated, cell phone-obsessed, LinkedIn world.” He warned, “The ability to persuade through reason and evidence diminishes in direct proportion to the convenience of reading and seeing only what we want to.”

Among the graduates were 20 who earned both a bachelor of arts and a bachelor of science degree. Altogether, the Class of 2014 earned degrees in 37 majors. A third of the class completed more than one major, and almost 30 percent of the class completed at least one minor. For the first time, two students each completed three majors and one minor. Thirty-four completed minors in poverty and human capabilities studies.

The late Kelsey Durkin, a senior who died in an automobile accident last December, received Washington and Lee’s Presidential Degree.



Annelise Madison and **Alvin Thomas** received the Algernon Sydney Sullivan Medallion, the University’s highest student honor. Madison, a politics major, plans to teach and coach in San Antonio, Texas, through Teach for America and is considering missionary work abroad. Thomas, a chemistry-engineering major and poverty and human capabilities minor, plans postgraduate study in public health at Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Public Health.



We awarded honorary degrees to our retired provost, **June R. Aprille**, and literary scholar **Christopher Pelling** of University College, Oxford. In presenting the degrees, Provost Daniel Wubah cited Aprille as “one of the pivotal leaders of the University and architects of its current standing,” instrumental in moving W&L forward with its strategic plan, capital campaign, curricular reforms and faculty development. Wubah praised Pelling for opening modern minds to the glories of Greek and Roman civilizations, friendship to Washington and Lee across the years, extraordinary scholarship, and service as a tutor and teacher at Oxford.

Jordan Taylor Kearns was named the valedictorian. Kearns compiled a perfect 4.0 grade point average while earning both a B.A. in politics and a B.S. in physics and engineering. He recently received a Fulbright fellowship to Estonia to pursue a research project, “Improving Oil Shale Technology to Provide Energy Security to Estonia and The United States.” After a year abroad, Kearns will attend graduate school at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.



Nathan Kelly, a politics and economics major, spoke on behalf of the student body as its president. He reminded fellow graduates that they have been “entrusted with tomorrow,” having learned honor, integrity and the knowledge that the generosity of others—donors, parents, family and friends—made their college educations possible.

The **Rev. John M. Cleghorn '84** addressed the Class of 2014 at W&L’s annual Baccalaureate service. Recalling the Scots-Irish Presbyterians who founded Washington and Lee, he asked the class to build community and provide for the common good using “energy, intelligence, imagination and love.”



A super group of super grads revealed their alter egos after the ceremony.



Students celebrated Carnival in February at the Global Service House. “We have had Russian tea parties, German club dinners, a Brazilian/Portuguese carnival, and last year, the Asian Club organized a really fun food contest along the lines of a reality TV cooking show,” said Amy Richwine, international student advisor and associate director of the Office of International Education. “Model United Nations also meets here, as well as SAIL, Nabors Service League and the Bonner Program. We’ve also had international alumni come here to speak. It’s a great place for people from the whole campus.”

Splat! Thud! Their laughter filling the air during a spontaneous snowball fight this past winter, the participants epitomized the special camaraderie of the international and domestic students who live and thrive in W&L’s Global Service House.

“It was really exciting, because a lot of us had never played in snow before,” said Sophia Sequeira ’15, a native Costa Rican and the house’s resident adviser. “It really made us bond and become close friends.”

The facility opened in fall 2012 and houses 17 students—approximately 60 percent international students and 40 percent domestic students. This year, for the first time, they are all sophomores. Previously, the building housed students from different classes. To make the house feel more like a home, and to build long-lasting bonds among the students, W&L decided to limit the residents to a single class. “It’s a great experience,” said Sequeira.

The students also share a common interest in internationalism and community service. When Larry Boetsch ’69, director of the Center for International Education, was researching the University’s Global Learning Initiative, he discovered that a high percentage of international students volunteer in the local community.

At the same time, Campus Kitchen at Washington and Lee (CKWL) was looking for a permanent home. CKWL combats hunger and promotes

nutrition by reusing food that would otherwise go to waste. Boetsch and Harlan Beckley, professor emeritus of religion and founder of the Shepherd Poverty Program, hatched a plan to convert the International House into the Global Service House for students with a common interest in internationalism and service, including volunteering for CKWL.

Boetsch was concerned that setting special conditions for living in the house would quash student interest. Last year and this year, however, he received twice as many applications as he could accommodate. “I think next year we’ll have even more,” said Boetsch, “so it’s been a great success.”

He continued, “What satisfies me the most is that the students themselves have really taken the initiative to make this work. They’re a terrific group of students, and they understand exactly what we are trying to do. We haven’t set any rules or guidelines with regards to the way the house functions; the students have done it on their own. So they are responsible for its success.”

The experience of living there is as illuminating for domestic students as it is for international students. “I have learned more about the cultures of other students and about the world than I ever thought I could without actually leaving the United States,” said Maya Epelbaum ’16, who’s from New Jersey.

“My roommate, Mohammed, and I have had many discussions about the differences in our cultures,” said Trevin

“I have learned more about the cultures of other students and about the world than I ever thought I could without actually leaving the United States.”

—Maya Epelbaum ’16

Ivory '16, from Oklahoma City, Okla. Mohammed Adu-dayyeh '16 is a Palestinian from the West Bank. "He's Muslim and I'm Christian, so we've talked about the differences between our two religions.

"I lived in a dorm last year, and three or four of us would hang out together, but never this many people at one time," continued Ivory. "It's very nice here because you feel you can talk to anyone. We all know each other and we all like each other, so it's a very fun time. It also allows me to interact with people I wouldn't normally be able to, such as students from Brazil or Germany."

The students have introduced each other to their personal volunteer projects, although the main emphasis of volunteering is CKWL. "A lot of students are really committed to community service, and they invite other students to their activities, such as volunteering for Habitat for Humanity, recycling or tutoring children in Lexington," said Sequeira. For example, Emmanuel Abebrese '16, a native of Ghana,

who graduated from a high school in northern Virginia, has involved his fellow students plus the Student Association for International Learning (SAIL) in collecting books and school supplies for a school in Ghana.

The international student population at W&L, which numbers between 115 and 125 at any one time, distinguishes itself from those on other campuses because 98 percent of the students are four-year degree candidates, according to Boetsch. "On most college campuses, a large percentage of international students are exchange students staying for a term or for a year. Our international students are fully fledged Washington and Lee citizens," he said.

The facility is, in fact, a tangible manifestation of W&L's Global Learning Strategy. "The students in the Global Service House today are a special group," said Boetsch. "Honestly, I think it is an achievement of which we should be very proud and something which, in terms of the whole global learning initiative, is absolutely essential."

—by Sarah Tschiggfrie

PRESIDENT RUSCIO ADDRESSES CONCERNS RAISED BY LAW STUDENTS

In response to concerns that a group of law students raised this past spring about the climate for students of color at Washington and Lee, President Ken Ruscio '76 issued statements to the University community. Senior leadership also met with the students to discuss their concerns.

An earlier essay by the president, "Judging Patron Saints," originally published in the Jan. 26, 2012, edition of *Inside Higher Ed*, dealt with some of the questions the students raised.

Please see go.wlu.edu/president to read President Ruscio's statements and the essay.

Controversy, Classic Theme Mark Fancy Dress

In a return to the spirit and tradition of the past, the Fancy Dress Steering Committee made Fancy Dress 2014—with a Lost Cities of Gold theme—into a weekend-long event. The committee partnered with the Generals Activities Board (GAB) on the inaugural Fancy Dress Kickoff Concert, the Thursday before the dance. Featuring rapper, songwriter and Academy Award winner Juicy J, the concert was the only GAB concert to date to completely sell out.

The concert also sparked controversy. Some members of the community found Juicy J's lyrics violent, racist and misogynistic, and had difficulty reconciling them with the spirit and tradition of honor so central to the University. The discussions led to a wider debate about honor, including at a public forum sponsored by the Women's and Gender Studies Program.

Committee co-chair Emmanuel Nwakibu '14 said they



Nathan Kelly '14, Payson Miller '16 and Andrea Owen '16 cut a rug at Fancy Dress.

chose the theme of Lost Cities of Gold because "we believed we could revitalize such a classic, adventurous theme." Accordingly, the organizers transformed Doremus into a Mayan wonderland.

The featured band, Party on the Moon, has performed at both of President Obama's inaugural balls, as well as at Donald Trump's annual New Year's party and football star Peyton Manning's wedding. Students danced the night away to popular tunes before heading off to Evans Dining

Hall for midnight breakfast, now an annual component of the occasion.

The steering committee also brought down prices for individual tickets, hoping to ensure that all members of the W&L community who wanted could attend one of the most anticipated social events of the year.

—by Sally Platt '14

FACULTY AND STAFF

Dayo Abah, associate professor of journalism and mass communications, is one of six recipients of the 2014–15 social media externship grants awarded by the Scripps Howard Foundation and the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication.

Ge Bai, assistant professor of accounting, received the 2014 Institute of Management Accountants Research Foundation's Emerging Scholar Manuscript Award.

Tom Camden '76, head of Special Collections and Archives at the University Library, has been appointed to the Citizens Advisory Council on Furnishing and Interpreting Virginia's Executive Mansion.

Julie Campbell, associate director of communications and public affairs and editor of this magazine, received the 2014 Communicator of Achievement Award from the Virginia Press Women (VPW). The **alumni magazine** also took first place in its category in the VPW communications contest.

Randolph Hare, the director of maintenance and operations in Facilities Management, became the president of APPA International, the professional organization of facilities and physical plant officers at educational institutions.

Melissa Kerin, assistant professor of art history, received an American Council of Learned Societies fellowship to document and analyze Buddhist shrines in Tibet, India and Nepal.

Renee Pratt, assistant professor of business administration, is part of a three-person team recently awarded a research stipend from

the IBM Center for the Business of Government.

Natalia Toporikova, assistant professor of biology, received a \$2,000 grant from the Mednick Fellowship Committee of the Virginia Foundation for Independent Colleges for her project "Role of Time-of-Day Signals in Hormonal Surges of Female Rats."

Lesley Wheeler, the Henry S. Fox Professor of English, won the Editors' Prize from the spring issue of the journal *Switchback*, for her poem "Epistolary Art."

W&L received a grant from the Braitmayer Foundation to fund a new initiative to establish Chinese language classes in two area high schools. The pilot program, Foreign Languages Futures (FLF), will provide high school students with low-cost access to high-quality instruction, while also providing W&L teacher-education students with practicum and licensure opportunities.

W&L also earned the CASE Educational Fundraising Award for Overall Performance for 2014, the highest and most prestigious recognition offered to a fundraising program by the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE), for the fifth time in the last decade.

STUDENTS

James Biemiller '15 and **Eric Schwen '15** won Goldwater Scholarships, which promote research careers in science, mathematics and engineering.

Christopher Curfman '17 and **Edward Stroud '17** have been named Kemper Scholars. They will receive scholarships during their sophomore, junior and senior years,

plus stipends to cover internships in Chicago non-profits.

Nicole Gunawansa '14 won a Luce Scholarship to spend 10 months living and working in Asia.

Vincent Kim '14 received a Gates Cambridge Scholarship for a Ph.D. program in physics at Cambridge University, England.

Turner Meeks '15 received the G. Holbrook Barber Scholarship Award as a junior who manifests superior qualities of helpfulness and friendliness to fellow students, public spirit, scholarship and personal character.

Dillon Myers '14 is a Venture for America Fellow and will be placed in a start-up in August.

Johan (Manuel) Garcia Padilla '14 and **Darby Shuler '14** won a \$10,000 grant from the Davis Foundation Projects for Peace 2014 for their work in El Salvador to provide amputees with prosthetic hands created by a 3-D printer.

Nicole Porter '16 is the first W&L student to receive an internship from the U.S.-German Internship Program established by the American Chamber of Commerce and the Bridgehouse law firm, Atlanta. She is working at TE (formerly Tyco Electronics) in Bensheim, Germany.

Lorraine Simonis '14 received a U.S. Teaching Assistantship fellowship to Austria.

Sarah-Jean Vallon '14 won a Bundestag Youth Exchange for Young Professionals (CBYX) Fellowship to study and intern in Germany.

The Society of Professional Journalists' regional Mark of Excellence competition recognized journalism and mass communications students

and alumni: **Hamlet Fort '15**, finalist, general news reporting (small college division); **Logan Nardo '14**, winner, radio in-depth reporting, and finalist, radio feature; "The Rockbridge Report," finalist, independent online student publication; **Andy Soergel '14**, finalist, feature writing (small college division); **Katy**

Stewart '13, Alex Cummings '13 and **Kelly Mae Ross '13**, finalists, online in-depth reporting.

Fulbrights

Thomas Bowen '14: Research grant in Germany, "Black Walnuts as Bio-inspired Packaging."

Jordan Kearns '14: Research grant in Estonia, "Improving Oil Shale Technology to Provide Energy Security to Estonia and the United States."

Eric Shuman '14: Research grant in Israel, "Can Anger Lead to Conflict Resolution? Redirecting Anger Responses to Promote Peace."



Phi Beta Kappa Welcomes New Members, Honors Law Professor Rendleman

The Phi Beta Kappa chapter at W&L inducted 49 members of the junior and senior classes and eight graduates from the Class of 2013 into the prestigious academic honor society on March 13. Lucinda Roy, the Alumni Distinguished Professor in Creative Writing at Virginia Tech, gave the keynote talk, "Lifelong Learning as a Fountain of Youth: A Writer-Teacher's Curious, Cross-Cultural Journey toward Creativity."

The chapter inducted two honorary members: Roy and Douglas R. Rendleman, the Robert E.R. Huntley Professor of Law at Washington and Lee, in recognition of his outstanding contributions to the professions of law and teaching. It also bestowed the Phi Beta Kappa J. Brown Goehring Sophomore Award on Michael Holt '16, who earned the highest cumulative scholastic average through the end of the fall term of his sophomore year.

CLASS OF 2013: Kendre S. Barnes, Elizabeth Brassfield, Audrey Anne Kerr, Stephanie N. Malaska, Mary E. Rodriguez, Benjamin Z. Ruffel, Rachel Urban, Nora S. Wallenius.

CLASS OF 2014: Katharine Anne Armstrong, Thomas William Bowen, Mihai Ovidiu Cirstea, Monica Elizabeth Devlin, Shaun Kelley Devlin, David Neil Fishman, William Michael Fulwider, Robert Clark Gerbo, Jena Catherine Glavy, Nicole Samara Gunawansa, Douglas Richard Hilbert, Lauren Nicolle Howry, Brandie Leigh Huffman, Sophia Kearney-Lederman, Vincent Kim, Chelsea Burton Kowalchuk, James Lewis, Richard Marmorstein, Isabella Martin, Colleen O'Meara Paxton, Zain Raza, Kingsley Manning Schroeder, Wenda Tu, Victoria Hart Van Natten, Virginia Young.

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Retirees

Washington and Lee recognized two retiring members of the undergraduate faculty and one of the law faculty during the two commencements, and eight retiring members of the staff during the Employee Recognition Banquet in April. We send our gratitude and our best wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement.

Staff



Dymphna Alexander



Bill Becker



Maureen Becker



Diane Cochran



Wayne Conner



Ginna Cropper



Chris Miller



Tony Stinnett

Dymphna Alexander, Administrative Assistant, Department of Music, 1989–2014

Bill Becker, Co-director, University Store, 2003–2013

Maureen Becker, Co-director, University Store, 2003–2013

Diane Cochran, Administrative Assistant, Law School Faculty Services, 1996–2014

Wayne Conner, Lead Custodian, Leyburn Library, 1969–2014

Ginna Cropper, Administrative Assistant, Career Development, 2004–2014

Chris Miller, Assistant Director, Financial Aid, 2003–2013

Tony Stinnett, Sergeant and Shift Supervisor, Public Safety, 1993–2013. (To our sorrow, Tony passed away on Jan. 8 of this year.)

Faculty



Harlan R. Beckley



Ann Massie

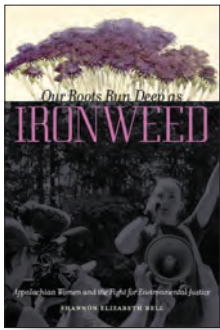


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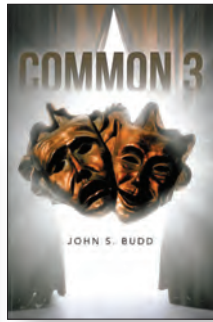
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Ann Massie, Professor of Law, 1984–2014

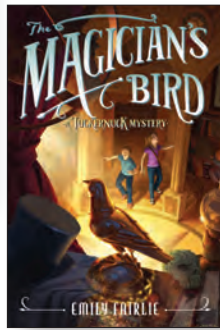
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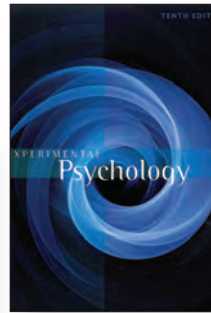
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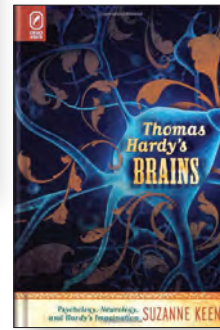
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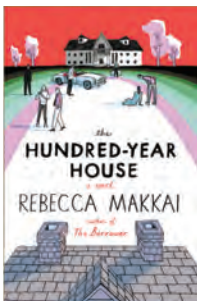
Along the Colonnade
Bookshelf

Our Roots Run Deep as Ironweed: Appalachian Women and the Fight for Environmental Justice” (University of Illinois Press) is the 2014 Silver Winner in Journalism/Investigative Reporting in the Nautilus Book Awards for **Shannon Elizabeth Bell '00**. Bell, an assistant professor of sociology at the University of Kentucky, interviewed 12 women who are fighting against mountaintop-removal mining.

erine Tegan Books/HarperCollins Children’s Books). Bud and Laurie are working hard to plan next year’s scavenger hunt. But it isn’t long before they’re pulled into another mystery at Tuckernuck Hall—their beloved school founder has been accused of murdering a famous magician.

It is not just any textbook that goes into a 10th edition. Leave it to **David Elmes**, profes-

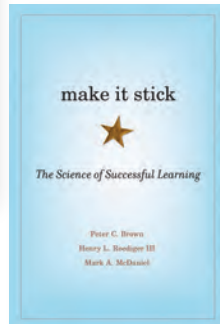
Suzanne Keen, dean of the College and Thomas Broadus Professor of English, published “Thomas Hardy’s Brains: Psychology, Neurology and Hardy’s Imagination” (Ohio State University Press). Keen examines Hardy’s knowledge of the psychology and neurology of his own time and observes the changing imagery of brain and nerves he employed in more than half a century of writing.



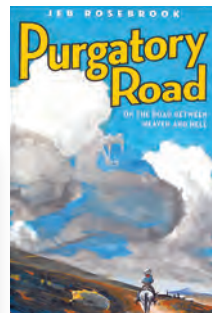
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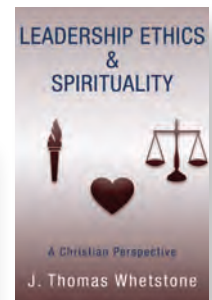
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John S. Budd '57 published his first novel, “Common 3” (AuthorHouse), a futuristic imagining of America’s transition to socialism. A retired executive and entrepreneur, Budd lives in Wilmington, N.C.

“The Magician’s Bird,” by **Emily Ecton '92** (writing as Emily Fairlie), is a sequel to “The Lost Treasure of Tuckernuck” (Kath-

erine Tegan Books/HarperCollins Children’s Books), and **Roddy Roediger '69**, co-authors along with Barry H. Kantowitz, to accomplish that feat; they recently saw that landmark with their textbook “Experimental Psychology: Understanding Psychology Research” (Cengage Learning). (Read on for news of Roediger’s newest book.)

In her second novel, “The Hundred-Year House” (Viking), **Rebecca Makkai '99** takes her readers on a thrilling journey into the past of her eccentric characters. The story unfolds as a generational saga in reverse—a literary scavenger hunt that reveals the truth about these strange people and this mysterious house.

Ted B. Martin Jr. '80 wrote “Duck Plucker,” funny, crazy short stories of a father (Theodore B. Martin '42) and son from the farm about raising cattle, horses, hunting, neighbors, friends and a lifetime of adventure in rural Ohio.

Roddy Roediger '69, the James S. McDonnell distinguished university professor and dean of academic planning at Washington University, has co-authored “Make It Stick: The Science of Successful Learning” (Belknap Press), along with Peter C. Brown and Mark A. McDaniel. Drawing on recent discoveries in cognitive psychology and other disciplines, the authors offer concrete techniques for

becoming more productive learners.

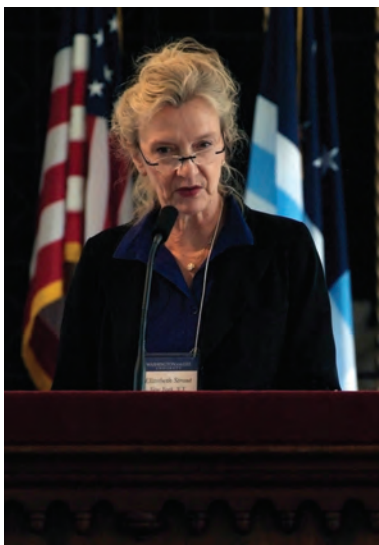
Jeb Rosebrook '57 has published a novel, “Purgatory Road: On the Road Between Heaven and Hell” (CreateSpace), volume one in the Charlemagne Trilogy. Set in Arizona in 1951, it boasts a cast of characters including a rattlesnake, a Korean War veteran, a bride-to-be and a pyromaniac barber.

Food writer and consultant **Brys Stephens '95** has published his first cookbook, “The New Southern Table” (Fair Winds Press). It’s his take on Southern cuisine, centering on traditional ingredients with an international twist. Chapters on

Southern favorites such as okra, collard greens, peaches and pecans include Stephens’ personal recollections and preparation tips.

J. Thomas Whetstone '69 published a Kindle version of “Leadership Ethics & Spirituality: A Christian Perspective” (Westbow Press). Described as a practical guide for anyone called to be a leader, the book explains why and how you can be both effective and ethical as a successful leader while walking by faith. Although written primarily for Christian leaders, it offers useful insights for those from other spiritual traditions and perspectives, as well.

SPEAKERS' CORNER



The 11th annual Tom Wolfe Weekend Seminar, sponsored by the Class of 1951, took place on April 25–26, with novelist **Elizabeth Strout** offering the keynote address. She wrote the novel “Olive Kitteridge,” which won the 2009 Pulitzer Prize for fiction. Tom Wolfe '51 attended the festivities, and W&L professors Marc Conner (English) and Karla Murdock (psychology) also offered their takes on the novel.



The Institute for Honor Symposium, March 28–29, examined “George Washington: Leadership with Honor.” **David Hackett Fischer**, the Pulitzer Prize-winning author of “Washington’s Crossing,” gave the keynote speech, “George Washington and the Ethics of Leadership.” (For more on the George Washington Society, see the back cover.)



On March 6, **Dr. Jane Goodall**, the famed primatologist, environmental activist and UN Messenger of Peace, drew a large and enthusiastic crowd to Lee Chapel for a talk sponsored by the Contact Committee and the Student Environmental Action League, the Tri Beta National Biological Honor Society and the Johnson Leadership Series.

Preparing New Doctors for the Witness Stand

The inaugural graduating class of the Virginia Tech Carilion Medical School received some special training from W&L Law faculty in how to be an effective witness.

The presentation, led by Black Lung Clinic director Tim MacDonnell, was titled “Law and Medicine: Physicians and the Courtroom,” and focused on the events most likely to bring a doctor into a courtroom. One of these is a malpractice suit, which most doctors are likely to face at some point in their career, but MacDonnell also addressed the role of doctors as expert witnesses in a variety of scenarios.

MacDonnell recounted the important role doctors have played in his experiences as both a prosecutor before joining W&L, and in his current work representing coal miners and their surviving spouses as they seek black lung benefits.

“I have been running the clinic for more than five years, and each case can be fairly described as a battle between doctors,” said MacDonnell. “Both as a prosecutor and a plaintiff’s attorney, I have seen how important

doctors are in litigation. Sometimes it does not matter who is the better doctor or which doctor knows more. A big part of a doctor’s effectiveness will turn on how well they perform as a witness.”

In his presentation, MacDonnell reviewed effective oral communication techniques involving eye contact, facial expressions and gestures.

He also cautioned the medical students to avoid the use of medical terminology, as this often indicates that the doctor is uncomfortable. The expert witness’s primary role, MacDonnell told them, is to be a teacher.

Joining MacDonnell were Mary Natkin, Jon Shapiro and Dan Evans, who ran the students through direct and cross

examination exercises.

Natkin said that the medical students were quick learners when thinking through the issues they will face in practice when asked to provide an opinion in a case.

“I think that doctors feel challenged when lawyers ask them questions about the foundations of their opinions, when it is an essential part of the litigation process,” said Natkin. “This was a start to help them consider how to present themselves in a legal setting.”



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TWO NEW ACCOLADES FOR W&L LAW

The School of Law received two accolades recognizing its program and faculty.

W&L Law ranked second nationally in a student satisfaction survey conducted by Above the Law, the popular blog that takes a behind-the-scenes look at the world of law. According to the site, the ratings are a “function of how schools were rated by current students in the areas of academics, financial aid advising, career services, practical/clinical training, and social life.”

W&L trailed only the University of Virginia School of Law in the survey. Other law schools in the top 10 included Stanford, Vanderbilt, Berkeley, Michigan and Northwestern.

Also, for the second time in as many years, the faculty of W&L was included on the National Jurist’s list of the 25

most influential people in legal education. Joining some of the most prominent voices from law schools around the country, the W&L faculty was recognized for their visionary leadership in adopting the School’s third-year curriculum reform.

The National Jurist requested nominations from every law school in the nation. Its editorial team narrowed the list down to 50 and then asked 350 people in legal education, including every law school dean, to rate each nominee based on how much they influenced them in the past 12 months.

W&L has led the way on law school curriculum reform since announcing the third-year reform in March of 2008. After several years of partial implementation, the program is now in its third year of full operation.

The Generals' Year

ODAC Titles, Conference Championships, All-America Honors—Our Story

The women's lacrosse team claimed their 15th conference championship in 2014, finishing with a perfect 10-0 record in conference play. It was W&L's fifth straight ODAC crown and the 11th in the past 12 years. Coach Brooke O'Brien is the Virginia Sports Information Directors' Coach of the Year.



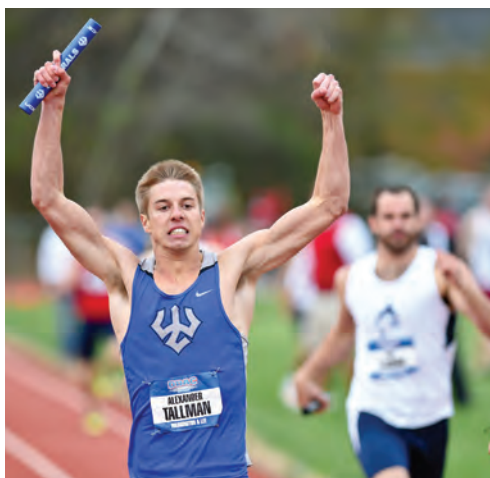
The volleyball team won the ODAC title with a 28-7 overall record and a 10-1 mark in conference play—their second straight conference crown and 14th overall.



Outside hitter M.A. Boles '14 earned the second ODAC Player of the Year Award of her career, along with Honorable Mention All-America honors from the American Volleyball Coaches Association. She finished her career with a conference-record 1,714 kills.



Annelise Madison '14 earned the ODAC Scholar-Athlete of the Year Award for women's cross country and both women's indoor and outdoor track and field. A qualifier for the NCAA Cross Country Championships in the fall, Madison received W&L's William McHenry Female Scholar-Athlete Award.



Zander Tallman '14 became W&L's first male track and field All-American since 1969 when he placed third in the 400 meters at the NCAA Indoor Track & Field Championships, in March. He then earned his second All-American honor by winning the 400 meters at the NCAA Outdoor Track & Field Championships, in May. He is the first national champion in W&L men's track and field history.



Offensive lineman Connor Hollenbeck '14 earned First Team All-America honors from the American Football Coaches Association, W&L's first player honored on the coaches' All-America team since 1986.

in Photos

BY BRIAN LAUBSCHER

Our Scholar-Athletes Enjoyed A Winning Year. Here Are The Highlights.

Along the Colonnade

Generals' Report



The women's swimming team completed the season with a 9-2 overall record and won their seventh consecutive ODAC crown, the Generals' 24th conference championship since 1988.



The riding team claimed their second overall conference title and first since 2006 when it finished first of six teams at the 2014 ODAC Championship.



Women's tennis finished 11-0 in conference action, securing their 11th consecutive ODAC championship and 24th league title since 1989.



The men's tennis team captured their fifth straight league championship, finishing with a 10-0 conference mark. They earned their 33rd ODAC title in the league's 38 years.



Sonja Meighan '15 became just the second tennis player in ODAC history to earn the Player of the Year award three times. She also earned First Team All-America honors from the Intercollegiate Tennis Association for the third time.



Ron Tassoni '16 became W&L's first wrestling conference champion since 2001 when he won the Centennial Conference title at 174 pounds, in February.



Patricia Kirkland '15 earned All-America honors from the Intercollegiate Tennis Association for the second straight year after advancing to the championship match of the ITA Small College Doubles Championships with Sonja Meighan '15 during the fall.



The students in Suzanne Keen's Ulysses class topped off their four weeks of study by competing in a "Jeopardy"-style quiz show, complete with buzzers, at the Spring Term Festival.

Spring Awakening

BY SARAH TSCHIGGFRIE

INTENSE.
ENGAGING.
IMMERSIVE.
THAT'S SPRING TERM.

Since its creation in 1970, this signature feature of W&L's curriculum has been encouraging students—and faculty—to dig deep into one subject for one stretch. And since its revitalization in 2010, Spring Term has given professors a chance to dream up new courses and take students on a four-week exploration of everything from the auto industry to the Freedom Rides; from reefs in Belize to theaters in London; from eco-writing to iPhone programming. W&L's news director, Sarah Tschiggfrie, talked with participants (including a few alumni) in six of this year's Spring Term courses.

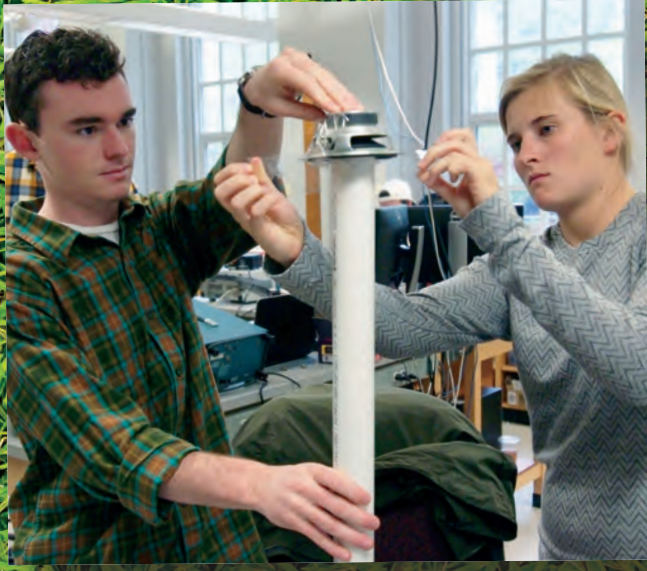
Join them, and experience the joy of learning all over again.



Digital America: A Brief History of the Computer and Modern U.S. Information Society



Sacred in Music: The Liberal Arts as Portal to the Sacred



Physics and Perception of Music



Mathematics of Puzzles and Games



Writing Creative Non-Fiction



The Spring Term Festival

Arts Management

The classroom for these students was the Route 11 Dance Festival, which took place on campus May 5–10. In the presence of guest artists, such as the celebrated Dance Theatre of Harlem and the innovative Trey McIntyre Project, the students immersed themselves in all aspects of arts administration: finances, organization, production, house and backstage management, strategic planning, marketing, public relations and volunteerism.

“The class was an amazing experience,” said Jenefer Davies. “Collaborating with the Route 11 Dance Festival gave the students the opportunity not only to research, brainstorm and plan but also to implement their ideas and deal with problem solving and re-imagining, if necessary. The class was a very successful arts practicum in which the students were challenged, and flourished.”

The W&L students produced two performances. The first, “Celebrating Main Street,” featured dance troupes from Charlottesville, Roanoke, Staunton, Lynchburg, Buena Vista and Lexington. The second, “Writing the Body,” featured works choreographed and performed by students from



Inga Wells '16 and Jenefer Davies backstage at the Route 11 Dance Festival, with Jillian Katterhagen '15 and Chanson Hardy, members of the W&L Repertory Dance Company, rehearsing in the background.

universities and colleges around Virginia, with feedback afterward from dancers from the Trey McIntyre Project.

The course proved “by far the most hands-on course I’ve taken at W&L,” said Kathleen Devine '16. “All of our hard work took place outside the classroom, from advertising the performances to accommodating the needs of the dancers. It was really rewarding to contribute to the overall success of the festival.”

“As a business major with a dance minor, I could not think of a better opportunity,” said Inga Wells '16. “The most exciting part of the course was to interact with the dancers. Considering these were such high-profile artists, I would have never imagined I would have the opportunity to meet them. There was also a sense of investment in the productions for all of us, and even those without a dance background wanted to help the festival become a success. Professor Davies really allowed us work with the finer details of such a large undertaking, which provided truly valuable experience—not to mention that I saw more world-class performances in one week than I have in my entire dance education thus far.”

PROFESSOR:
Jenefer Davies
*Associate Professor of Dance,
 Artistic Director of the W&L
 Repertory Dance Company*

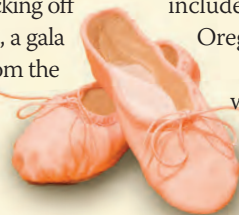
SO YOU *Think* YOU CAN *Dance*

Apart from the Spring Term course, a W&L student and an alumnus shone both on stage and backstage during the festival. Kicking off three nights of performances by professional companies, a gala featured star dancers from all over the U.S.—and two from the W&L Repertory Dance Company. Jillian Katterhagen '15 (also pictured on the cover) and Chanson Hardy, a student from Southern Virginia University, performed “Straight Duet,” choreographed by guest artists Nicole Wolcott and Larry Keigwin, from Keigwin + Company, of New York City. The duo won the coveted performance spot at the gala after

performing it during “Writing the Body” before judges that included guest artists from the Trey McIntyre Project, the Oregon Ballet Theatre and BodyVox.

Produced by Fine Arts in Rockbridge (FAIR), the festival was the brainchild of Erik Jones '91, of Lexington, the executive director of FAIR and a former marketing director at the Oregon Ballet Theatre.

The performances took place in the Warner Athletic Center and the Lenfest Center for the Arts, and members of the W&L community took master classes from the pros.



Money is Power: Control, Destruction and Revolution in the First 1,000 Years of Coinage

"I want students to have an appreciation for how the revolutionary concept of money left nothing unchanged," said Colin Elliott. Using money is like breathing: It makes our lives easier, but we don't really understand why. He and his students explored how coinage made history by acting upon individuals, rulers, states and societies.

"We rarely look to where the idea of money, particularly coinage, originated," said Patrick Wellborn '15, an engineering major who is minoring in classics. "This class not only provided me with historical background on the origin of money, but it went further to give me a cultural history of both ancient Greece and Rome through their coinage."

"The ancient world shows us that almost each and every change in the way that money was used brought about corresponding changes in society," said Elliott. "I study the monetary system of the Roman Empire, where a widespread attempt was made to divorce money from a tangible thing—gold and silver. It was an unmitigated disaster, and is arguably an important reason why the Roman Empire collapsed. Now, of course, modern nations have adopted unbacked currency, and it works reasonably fine."

Elliott said he found it rewarding to see how a group of students, new to the study of the ancient world as well as of ancient coinage, "found themselves gripped by the material."

He continued, "Students learned that there is no easy explanation for the invention of coinage. It may have come about for economic reasons, perhaps even religious reasons. Students had a great time debating these different origin

stories, and several students came up with ideas which were actually quite novel and could be pursued as future original research projects."

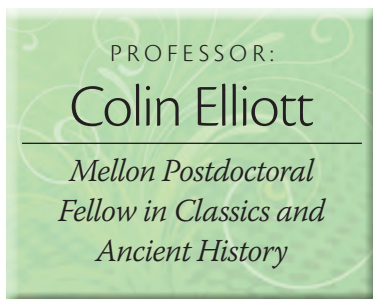
One group project examined how coinage was used after the breakup of Alexander the Great's empire. "The class saw how different members of Alexander's close circle associated themselves with Alexander through coinage to try and justify their leadership in a competitive environment," said Elliott.

Another group minted a copper coin. "The project was ambitious, and the coins they produced were not quite up to the standards of the ancient Greeks and Romans, but the experience really

gave them an appreciation for the challenge that ancient minters faced," he said. "It also showed how advances in technology would have led to new kinds of money—something we are now realizing in a world which is being revolutionized by digital currencies," such as bitcoins.

Wellborn particularly enjoyed analyzing the real thing. "We received a Roman coin excavated from a coin hoard in Israel that we had to fully identify and discuss its significance to Roman history," he said.

Overall, Elliott found it rewarding "to see students respond so positively and enthusiastically to the material. It has led me to seriously consider offering the class again next year."



L. to r.: Colin Elliott, Mary Beth Smith '16 and Rebecca Mann '17 immersed themselves in the history of money.

2014 SPRING TERM COURSES ◊ *Caution: Reading this list may produce a desire to reenroll at W&L* ◊ Adolescence Under the Microscope ◊ Advanced Alternative (Photo) Processes ◊ African Politics ◊ Anatomy of a Fraud ◊ Antique Photographic Processes ◊ Arts Management ◊ Athens: Nation in Ruins: Ancient Heritage and the Making of the Modern Nation-State ◊ Auditing ◊ Auto Industry: Economics, Society, Culture ◊ Beauvoir and the Second Sex ◊ Beginning Japanese ◊ Biological Illustration ◊ Business in American Literature ◊ Business in Ireland ◊ Business of Contemporary Art ◊ Cervantes' Exemplary Novellas ◊ Christianity and Contemporary Culture ◊ Close Relationships ◊ Commercial Real Estate Investing ◊ Contemporary American Playwrights: Text and Performance ◊ Contemporary Polish Politics, Society and Culture ◊ Contemporary Spain in Context: Spanish Culture Through Social Interaction ◊ Corporate Social Responsibility Practicum in Denmark ◊ Course About Nothing ◊ Cross-Cultural Documentary Filmmaking ◊ Dante: Renaissance and Redemption ◊ Decline and Fall of the Soviet Union and Resurgence of Russia ◊ Digital America: A Brief History of the Computer and Modern U.S. Information Society ◊ Digital Media and Society ◊ Disorder and Chaos ◊ Drawing Italy ◊ Dreams of a Final Theory: The Quest for Unification in Physics ◊ Early Childhood and the Schooling Process ◊ Earth Lab: Coral Reefs ◊ Earth Lab: Sand ◊ East Asian

Adolescence *Under the Microscope*

This sociology course combined developmental psychology, anthropology and sociology in the study of adolescence, taught by David Novack and his wife, Lesley Novack. “I call it academic surround-sound,” said David. “These are different disciplinary perspectives that are very complementary within the same course.”

The students observed adolescents in different venues such as the prom, church, restaurants and middle school. They produced three reports on their observations, wrote essays, hashed things out in class, and then collaborated on a final project, a creative analysis of the consequences of the computer age on interaction and identity.

Pauline Marting '16, an English and art history double major, belonged to the team that examined an app called Yik Yak, which enables anyone within a 1.5-mile radius of W&L to anonymously post anything they want about anyone. “People are ridiculed and stigmatized by it, and we believe it’s a truly dangerous phone app and extremely detrimental to any adolescent’s emerging identity as an adult,” said Marting. “It negatively affects the Washington and Lee community and the transition from adolescence to adulthood overall.”

As people have begun communicating more and more in little snippets of self through various media, there is a real concern about what that does to a sense of a coherent, unitary self and its effect on interactions. “We know that in face-to-face interaction, as much as 75 percent of what we convey to one another is non-verbal,” said David. “So what happens to the nature of interaction, what happens to self-identification?”

Randl Dent '15 and her teammates investigated how Twitter, Facebook and Pinterest influence adolescent identity development. “We learned that peers, through social media, can help support one another, which allows for adolescents to have positive views of each other and themselves,” said Dent, a psychology and sociology/anthropology double major. “The one particular thing I will take from this course and never forget is that social media and technology should be used with moderation. No technology will be able to fully satisfy our need for human connection and intimacy.”

The course also focused on the impact of the new extended



A professor's-eye view of the students taking *Adolescence Under the Microscope*.

period of adolescence, referred to as emerging adulthood, which can last until one’s late 20s. The so-called nurture paradox is partly responsible for this phenomenon, according to the Novacks. “A lot of these children are so coddled that they don’t learn to do things on their own,” said Lesley.

At the other end of the scale, she noted, many teenagers are socialized and supervised by their peers, not adults. The trend is evident in college fraternities, said David. “The people training first-year students about how to become adult men are their

fraternity brothers, and I’m not sure those peers are the best models for moving toward adulthood,” he said.

The answer lies in the middle, said the Novacks, in what they call “scaffolding.” They think W&L provides scaffolding with the Honor System, which “basically treats students like adults—we trust them to be responsible and honest and

have a certain sense of personal integrity,” said David. “Students constantly say that they like the trust, and that faculty treat them with respect and dignity.”

PROFESSORS:

David Novack

*Professor of Sociology
and*

Lesley Novack

*Visiting
Professor of Psychology*

Introduction to Engineering Design

The challenge: Design a bridge to stretch from the Florida mainland to a coastal island that had become a new tourist destination.

The hypothetical bridge gave the first-year students a collaborative, firsthand experience. In addition, Kacie D'Alessandro wanted them to get a thorough grounding in methods. "We often have projects in our engineering courses," she explained, "so this class gets them to think about what engineering really is, how to think like an engineer, and how they can use those skills in their future courses and careers."

The students started with the client's statement, which presented a challenge: The bridge had to accommodate cruise ships passing underneath. They decided this would require a drawbridge.

The bridge also needed to be cost-efficient, durable and bear the load of cars, pedestrians and cyclists. And it had to be aesthetically pleasing, in order to serve as an icon to the city, and to use the best construction techniques and

the most efficient design. The client also requested an observation deck of 120 square feet, so visitors could view passing cruise ships; a minimum disturbance of ocean wildlife; and the maintenance of beach access.

Two teams had charge of different aspects of the design, but they brainstormed together to create a six-foot-long scale model of the bridge. "It requires a lot of teamwork to lay out the design process, think logically through the steps and take the basic problem statement and turn it into something the client and users will enjoy," said D'Alessandro.

The teams competed for awards in a final Assembly Challenge.

Judges voted on overall team Assembly and Fabrication awards, and students voted on MVPs of Assembly and Design.

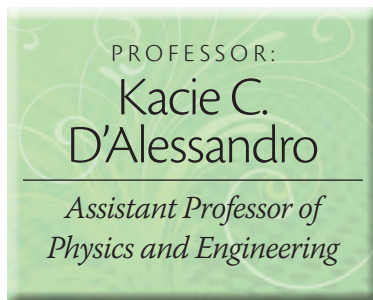
"We worked on the movable parts of the bridge," said Joe Perrella '17, of Team A and winner of the Design MVP award. "Our biggest challenge was to maintain the structural integrity of the bridge, because we had to test it with up to 30 pounds of weight on different sections of the bridge. It's not allowed to sag."

Team B was responsible for the static portion of the bridge, including the main roadbed, the piers and the four trusses. Their main challenge was measuring for the screws and the widths of the wood, since not everything was a uniform size, said Matthew Egan '17, winner of the Assembly MVP award.

In addition to gaining an understanding of computer-aided drafting, machining techniques, construction methods and design criteria, the students practiced their team-communication skills and learned how to write progress reports and final reports and to make group presentations.

Perrella, who plans a career in aerospace or aeronautics, summed up the attitude of all the students: "It's a lot more fun to design something, build it with your own hands and do something real instead of theoretical."

Joe Perrella '17 winner of the Design MVP award, concentrates on his portion of the model bridge.



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Technology and Entrepreneurship

Just in case they harbored any doubts, 18 students learned—during a week of visits to 13 technology companies in San Francisco and Silicon Valley, including giants Facebook, Amazon, Google and Yahoo!—that their liberal arts education is preparing them well for careers in technology and entrepreneurship.

“In a lot of ways, Silicon Valley represents very well the ecosystem around technology,” said Drew Hess. “We met with entrepreneurs currently working on technology and the venture capitalists that fund them, as well as well-established firms and individuals.”

The students, who have a variety of majors, researched beforehand the backgrounds of the people they met. “It gave them a better understanding that 80 to 90 percent of the alumni we met are entrepreneurs in the traditional sense, but they look completely different. And their backgrounds, minus W&L, are very different,” explained Hess. “It’s a fool’s errand to identify entrepreneurs based on a set of characteristics, because they come in all different shapes and sizes, whether it’s serendipity that put them there or stick-to-itiveness.”

For example, Gabrey Means ’92, co-founder and creative director at *Grow-marketing.com*, majored in journalism and mass communications. “It is such an exciting time for folks with the entrepreneurial spirit, and it is an amazing opportunity that the students had the chance to be in the epicenter of innovation in the Bay Area and inside some of the best companies in the world,” said Means. “Great questions were asked, everyone was engaged and follow-up has already started. I love that keen curiosity is still alive and well on the W&L campus.”

A liberal arts education gives students a better and wider swath of understanding of technology than specialty schools that create a specific type of entrepreneur, said Hess.

Ted Elliott ’94, CEO of talent acquisition for the social



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The students got a thrill out of their visit to Google, thanks to Hal Bailey ’91 (second from left), Google’s strategic partnerships director. The alumni support on the trip was “phenomenal,” said Drew Hess. In addition to Bailey and the alumni mentioned in the story, these W&L folks, all technology executives, hosted the class during their visit to the Bay Area: Amy Bohutinsky ’97, Zillow; Brian Boland ’96, Facebook; Drew Denbo ’95, Amazon; Susan George ’93, Kickstartmarketing; Mike Harden ’97, Artis Ventures; Peter Hunt ’86, Realta Entertainment; Michael Kronthal ’95, Yahoo!; Devon Rothwell ’92, Condé Nast Publications.

enterprise at *Jobsience.com*, agreed. “The process of building great technology starts off by ignoring the technology and coming up with compelling ideas,” he said. “Technology can always be built if the idea is compelling. This is an ideal challenge for the liberal arts student who is trained classically to look at the possibilities. W&L’s tradition of working hard and playing hard is at the core of the start-up mentality.”

Linsly Donnelly ’91, chief marketing officer at *Wine.com*, wanted the students to understand that entrepreneurship is “a winding road,” said the journalism and mass communications major. “And many times, as I explained to the students, you end up doing something because it’s better to do it than not to do it. So you have to be comfortable taking risks.”

Donnelly pointed to W&L’s culture of honesty and truth. “When you come into business and you’re comfortable with the truth, no matter the ramifications of it, it makes you a more effective businessperson and leader. I don’t think I really appreciated that until after I graduated from W&L.”

PROFESSOR:
Drew Hess
Associate Professor
of Entrepreneurship
and Strategy

Genetic Engineering *and* Society

For 12 non-science majors, this biology course provided a starting point to absorb scientific methods and realize the importance of science in other fields—and to clone DNA.

Humans have manipulated genes for thousands of years; for instance, to improve crops and to domesticate animals. Since the first successful DNA experiment in the 1970s, however, which transferred genes from one organism to another and gave rise to the term “genetic engineering,” “we have advanced tremendously in the kinds of manipulations of DNA we can do and what we learn from those manipulations,” said Nadia Ayoub. “Huge swaths of biology, whether molecular biology, cell biology, physiology or evolutionary biology, now rely on these methods of genetic engineering. It has dramatically changed our understanding of biology and our lives.”

Colton Klein '15, a business administration and art history double major with a minor in studio art, found the discussions the most interesting part of the course. He and his fellow students prepared for class by reading articles in scholarly journals about such topics as genetically modified crops and patents on those crops, developing drugs and vaccinations, testing for genetic diseases, designer babies and a national database for DNA crime solving.

“We’re starting to see the possibility of

treatments for terrible diseases that have had no previous cure, just by changing the genetic formation of an individual by turning a gene off or on,” said Ciera Wilson '17. “That’s really exciting.”

“One of the things I really like about teaching non-science majors this material is that they are very willing to discuss the moral, ethical, policy and legal implications and offer opinions,” said Ayoub.


In her scientific research, Ayoub focuses on the genetic makeup of the silks produced by black widow spiders and

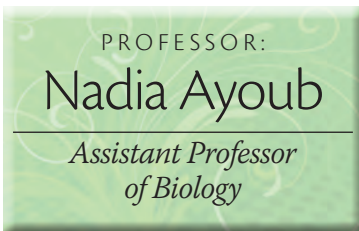
their relatives. By mimicking the silks’ genetic makeup, scientists hope to develop and mass-produce an array of cutting-edge biotech products for medical and military purposes—from microsutures to lightweight body armor.

The challenge for her students was to take some of the spider genes that Ayoub has identified as being candidates for silk synthesis and genetically engineer them to create a gene that can be sold to a biotech company.

Klein and his laboratory partner, Caleigh Wells '17, came up with the idea of using the spider-silk genes that encode proteins used to wrap the prey, break them down and make them easy to absorb, which could improve human health. “We could make them into silk strips that sit on your tongue, so if you have a condition such as heartburn, this will make it easier to digest your food,” explained Wells.

“It’s certainly very creative,” said Ayoub of the project. “I wanted them to understand some really basic facts about DNA and how DNA stores and transfers information—because it’s really just a storage molecule—and how you can go from a storage molecule to a functional product.”

“It’s pretty cool that I learned how to clone DNA in this class,” said Wilson, who worked on a different gene. “And I will never forget that I was able to do that.” 



With Nadia Ayoub (third from left) overseeing the process, Nancy Stephen '17 wields the tube and pipette while (l. to r.) Powell Robinson '17, Elizabeth Walton '17 and Ciera Wilson '17 look on.

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Picture This:



: Alumni Weekend 2014



For three days in May, alumni of several generations made themselves at home on campus. The Class of 1964 applauded their 50th reunion. The Class of 1989, the first coeducational class, celebrated their 25th. And a trio of alumni contributed thoughtful reflections on the occasion.



Recipients of the Distinguished Alumni Awards, l. to r.: **Emily Bevill Lordi '89**, head of finance for Sanofi Global Oncology; **Conway Sheild '64, '67L**, who has practiced law for more than 43 years with Blechman, Woltz & Kelly P.C.; **Dr. Arthur Broadus '64**, the Ensign Professor of Endocrinology at the Yale School of Medicine; and **Capt. Mike Holifield '89**, a judge with the Navy-Marine Corps Court of Criminal Appeals.



50TH REUNION GIFT

L. to r.: **Buck Ogilvie '64, John Michaelsen '64, Barry Greene '64** and **Burt Staniar '64** present their 50th-reunion class gift to their alma mater. Part of it will supplement the class' 25th-reunion gift for the arts at W&L; another portion will go to the Center for Global Learning.

25TH REUNION GIFT

Rowan Taylor '89 and **Alston Parker Watt '89** present the 25th-reunion class gift to W&L. The first coeducational class made the largest 25th-reunion gift ever at W&L and designated the funds for the Center for Global Learning, the Annual Fund, scholarships and other purposes.



THE JOHN NEWTON THOMAS TROPHY goes to the class with the largest percentage increase in Annual Fund commitments over the previous year. With a 123 percent increase: **Class of 1999**. This class also broke the 15th reunion single-year record, overall record and participation record. In recognition of that accomplishment, they also received the Clean Sweep Award.

THE TRIDENT TROPHY is presented to the class with the highest percentage of members participating in the Annual Fund. With 63 percent: **Class of 1969**.

THE COLONNADE CUP is awarded to the class with the largest reunion gift to the Annual Fund, including current gifts and future pledges. With a reunion gift of \$1,040,000 (also a 45th-reunion record): **Class of 1969**.



ODK recognized initiates and award winners at the opening assembly. L. to r.: Honorary initiates **Samuel W. Calhoun**, associate dean for academic affairs and professor of law at W&L; **Kennon Savage McDonough '89**, clinical psychologist; and **Philip W. Norwood '69**, chairman of the board of Pacolet Milliken Enterprises Inc. and rector emeritus of W&L.

CLASS OF 2015 INITIATES: **Holley Beasley, Caroline Hamp, James McCullum, Eileen Small, Lisa Stoiser, Jackie Yarbrow**

RUPERT LATTURE AWARD: **Caroline Birdrow '16**

JAMES G. LEYBURN AWARD: **The Community Table**



More than a third of the Class of 1964 returned to campus for their 50th reunion.



The passing of the Alumni Association gavel: Outgoing president J. David Stewart III '96 (left) to new president Patrick J. White '96.



Above: **Suzanne P. Keen**, dean of the College and the Thomas Broadus Professor of English, gave the keynote talk to the opening assembly, "Lost in a Book: Immersion Reading and Liberal Education."

More than 650 alumni came back to campus to celebrate the weekend. The 50th, 40th and 25th classes all set records for the largest number of returning classmates.

THE REUNION BOWL goes to the class with the highest percentage of members registered for the weekend. With 37 percent in attendance: **Class of 1964**.

THE REUNION TROPHY is awarded to the class with the greatest number of members registered for the weekend. With 133 registrants: **Class of 1989**.

Right: THE REUNION TRAVELLER award for farthest distance traveled to the reunion: **Paul Chapman '84**, who came from Japan.





Reflections

These two alumnae wrote for us before—in 1985, when they were first-year students and members of the first coeducational class, and in 1989, when they graduated. On the occasion of their 25th reunion (see class photo, above), we asked Valerie Pierson Gammage '89 and Erin Cosby Plumb '89 to contribute their new perspectives. (Read their earlier essays at go.wlu.edu.89at25.)

Valerie Pierson Gammage: Drawing on Our Strengths

Asked to reflect on W&L 25 years after graduating, and in light of an article I wrote for the alumni magazine at that time, I offer three positives and a wish.

Like 25 years ago, the Honor System is alive, well and the bedrock upon which our W&L community is built. It defines our character and makes possible our way of life. It is without question the most important tradition at W&L, diligently administered by elected students.

Secondly, W&L professors continue our time-honored practice of being real teachers and mentors in an environment that only an 8:1 student-faculty ratio can incubate. This dynamic undergirds the W&L experience, infuses and informs our culture, and shapes the graduates who emerge.

Finally, W&L classmates make for incredible lifelong friends and, in my case, an amazing husband and father (John Gammage Jr. '88). My life has been blessed and enriched immeasur-



Valerie Pierson Gammage during her term as president of the W&L Alumni Association, from 2010 to 2011.

ably by my W&L friends. Twenty-five years later, they share my values and challenge me to live honorably.

And my wish for W&L? That undergraduate women will continue to run for and be elected to key leadership positions on campus. That current women students will reach out to each other to support these efforts, something I regret not doing while I was a student. That we alumnae will reach back to mentor women students with the benefit of our experience and hindsight. I am encouraged by both the Women's Leadership Summit, now in its fourth year and yielding results, and the Board of Trustees' recent decision to strengthen our community by building new upper-divison housing. My wish for W&L is that we will draw on our considerable strengths—our code of honor, our world-class education and our vital friendships—to close this leadership gap. In the words of George Washington, let us “labor to keep alive in our breast that spark of celestial fire, called conscience.”



on 25 Years



At her 25th reunion, Erin Cosby Plumb '89 (left) caught up with Sydney Marthinson Coffin '87 (center) and Gretchen Bell McThenia '89 (right).

Erin Cosby Plumb: Small Acts, Big Difference

It's funny how time flies! I just returned from four fabulous days in Lexington reconnecting with classmates and celebrating our 25th reunion. While we look a little more mature, on the inside many of us feel like the same people who arrived at W&L almost 30 years ago. At that time, our sense of integrity attracted us to the Honor System. Our intellectual curiosity pulled us to a place where professors focus on teaching. Our willingness to be active and accountable members of a community drew us to a small school. Those shared values don't change within us. The culture of honor and learning con-

tinues and sustains our pride in being affiliated with the University.

What does change, however, is perspective. To borrow a quote from classmate Alston Parker Watt, "Life has washed over us all." After 25 years, we've enjoyed victories and endured setbacks. Since preparing for a 25th reunion encourages a bit of reflection, I've spent some time thinking about W&L from the perspective of someone close to 50.

If I had it to do over again, I would have been better about reaching out to the female students following our class. There's a lot of talk in the media these

days about women "leaning in" or "leaning out," but not much buzz about "reaching out." While I did try hard as a W&L student to support women's social lives and leadership opportunities through organizations like Trident and the sorority advisory committee, I completely underestimated the power of intentionally reaching out—reaching out to introduce a classmate to a new work contact; reaching out by talking up another woman's ideas in a class discussion. They're small acts and they don't take a lot of time, but they make a big difference. Promoting classmates, both women and men, builds our student and alumni community.

Several years ago, I sent a New Year's card on behalf of my consulting firm to a list of business contacts and friends, such as Valerie Gammage '89. Valerie initiated contact on my behalf with a prominent business leader in Winston-Salem, N.C., where I live. Her act of reaching out allowed me to meet with this person and learn some valuable insights about the business climate where I work. Again, it's a small act with a large impact.

I encourage all of us to build our W&L community by reaching out to one another in ways that make us all stronger.

Perils of a Foreign Correspondent, 30 Years Later

BY STEVE HAGEY '74

His 40th reunion inspired Steve Hagey '74 to revisit a compelling essay he originally wrote for the March/April 1985 issue of this magazine (below). He explains why in this introduction; his entire essay appears online at go.wlu.edu/hagey.



Steve Hagey '74 and some classmates at reunion, l. to r.: Alan Fendrich (who traveled from his home in Israel), John Zamoiski, Jon Weigle, Hagey and Eric White.

Ten years after graduating from W&L, I had my dream job. Foreign correspondent in Beirut, Lebanon, in the middle of a vicious civil war, reporting and writing under constant pressure for United Press International, back in the day when people still read newspapers and there were only a few network TV news organizations. My stories ran on the front pages of newspapers all over the world. Radio stations carried my news broadcasts around America. There was no Internet, no Twitter, no Reddit. What reporters like me wrote was original and compelling.

Arriving only weeks after a suicide truck bomber destroyed the U.S. Marine barracks at Beirut airport, I witnessed some of the worst violence and upheaval the Middle East had ever seen. It was unbelievably stressful. And then I was kidnapped.

It was a defining moment for me,

a life changer. I was treated horribly. Beaten. Threatened. Put through mock executions. At one point, one of my captors screwed a silencer

"It was a defining moment for me, a life-changer. I was treated horribly. Beaten. Threatened. Put through mock executions."

onto the barrel of a sub-machine gun and trained it on my heart—and I waited to die on a cold stone floor, alone, thousands of miles from home. To this day, the trauma still lingers. As close friends and family know, do not EVER sneak

up on me or try to surprise me.

And yet, after all these years, my kidnapping is a story that people still want to hear. It has given me a unique perspective on a bewildering part of the world, where peace is as elusive as ever. My kids have heard me recount my story dozens of times; each time, I look into their faces and I imagine they're thinking, "This annoying old guy—our Dad—he did THAT?" I did. Read the complete story at go.wlu.edu/hagey.



Alumni 2020: A Thought-Provoking Report

By J. DAVID STEWART III '96, *Alumni Board President, 2013–2014*

and

PATRICK J. WHITE '96, *Alumni Board President, 2014–2015*

We began
with an all-alumni survey
in early 2013. More than
3,000
of you responded.

Turn the page for a
summary, and read
the entire report at
[go.wlu.edu/
alumni2020](http://go.wlu.edu/alumni2020).

The
results
affirm that the
W&L alumni program
is strong.

On behalf of your Alumni Board, we are very pleased to share a summary of our new “Alumni 2020: The 2014-2020 Plan of the Washington and Lee University Alumni Association.” We are confident that the plan will strengthen the Alumni Association and ensure that we are serving our special University and its alumni. The Alumni Board appreciates the support we have received from W&L and from the many volunteers who made this report possible.

More than 40 individuals were directly involved. We began with an all-alumni survey in early 2013. More than 3,000 of you responded, and many of you took the time to provide helpful comments. Our consultants were impressed by these statistics.


The Alumni Board took this survey data and focused on five areas: Careers and Networking, Chapters, Reunions and Other Forms of Campus Engagement, Communications and Social Media, and International and Multicultural. Committees included members of the Alumni Board, alumni and University staff. A sixth committee—Peer Review and Best Practices—looked at a group of top peer schools to determine how W&L stacked up and what we could learn from them. After a significant amount of time analyzing the data and doing follow-up research, the committees produced thought-provoking reports. Over the past few months, our task force blended all of the information into the final report. Turn the page for a summary, and read the entire report at go.wlu.edu/alumni2020.

We are very pleased to report that the results affirm that the W&L alumni program is strong. Indeed, many peers admire us. For example, W&L's network of alumni chapters surpasses our

peer institutions in numbers and the quality of activities and engagement.

Despite the positives, our goal has never been to pat ourselves on the back or to maintain the status quo. For example, you told us that you want greater event variety locally. You would also like us to provide more tools in careers and networking, both online and in your chapters. We are already working on action items in this and other areas you deem important. We will be asking you to help us advance the ball.

The trustees, senior administration and faculty are guiding us to a bright future. We are lucky to belong to a great university and to have many avenues to stay connected, including chapter activities and leadership, reunions, web-based programs, travel and alumni admissions work. We are committed to enhancing and improving the total package. We hope that you will stay engaged and continue to carve out a piece of your time, talents and treasure for W&L.

You've been doing it well for more than two centuries. Together we can stand on the shoulders of giants in preserving one of the very best collegiate alumni experiences possible. Thank you for the privilege of serving W&L. 

Charting Our Course

The long-range planning has driven home the core strengths of Washington and Lee and her alumni. We are fortunate to have many loyal and engaged graduates who care about their alma mater. You give time, talents and funds to support W&L. More than 2,000 of you perform some kind of volunteer role. Engaging you in various productive and satisfying ways supports the mission of the institution. W&L's vitality and its ability to serve future generations depend substantially on loyal, involved and generous alumni. Many of our programs are the envy of peers.

There is no crisis or threat to the viability of the

association. This report highlights our numerous strengths, and also calls us to meet some of the discrete challenges and opportunities presented by an evolving W&L and a fast-changing world.

Thanks to your responses, we have identified themes, marked issues and charted the outline of our course. The Alumni Affairs Office and the Alumni Board of Directors embrace the opportunity to serve you, and to be even better at informing, entertaining and inspiring you. There is good work to do, and we are energized and ready. Go, Generals!

—BEAU DUDLEY '74, '79L
Executive Director of Alumni Affairs

SUMMARY OF "ALUMNI 2020"

CAREERS AND NETWORKING

(Justin Teltschik '96, committee chair)

- ◆ You value greatly the alumni network.
- ◆ You want us to develop a clearer and stronger platform of web-based career tools.
- ◆ We should develop a more user-friendly, searchable, sortable online alumni database.
- ◆ Larger chapters should stage one dedicated career/networking event annually; others should consider as appropriate.
- ◆ We will strengthen our partnership with the Career Development Center.
- ◆ The Alumni Affairs and Career Development Center dashboards should have user-friendly, uniform toolkits.

CHAPTERS

(Jack Bovay '79, committee chair)

- ◆ Our vibrant and extensive chapter program is a hallmark of the Alumni Association, admired by many peers.
- ◆ The quality and variety of events are more important than volume.
- ◆ The chapter competition program, relabeled in 2013 as the Colonnade Chapter Challenge (C3), must be simple and clear.
- ◆ Guided by Alumni Affairs, chapters covering large areas, and those based in

larger cities, should offer more variety of locations and times for events.

- ◆ Family events, community service and other boutique formats have good upside potential.
- ◆ University faculty, administration and student guests are popular and should continue.

COMMUNICATIONS AND SOCIAL MEDIA

(Freddy Moore '80, committee chair)

- ◆ Alumni Affairs will leverage social media creatively and thoughtfully.
- ◆ We should have a more user-friendly method for alumni to register and pay for events, and to see in advance who has registered.
- ◆ Digital communications will be especially useful in strengthening our connections with alumni abroad.
- ◆ We should decide this year about a mobile app and make our dashboard mobile-friendly.
- ◆ We will urge larger chapters to create and manage a Facebook page and to explore other social media applications.
- ◆ The alumni magazine is extremely important to you, and we will stress your content priorities with Communications and Public Affairs.
- ◆ You have expressed a strong desire for your voices to be heard, and we will

37%
say that an alumnus or alumna helped them get a job.

85%
are most likely to attend a chapter event for the camaraderie.

69%
read every issue of the alumni magazine.

We
should encourage ways for multicultural students to interact with multicultural alumni.

With Alumni 2020

develop and publicize clear strategies and tactics for that to happen, while being mindful of the authority vested in the trustees, administration and faculty.

INTERNATIONAL AND MULTICULTURAL

(Eddie Klank '89, committee chair)

Multicultural

- ◆ We have approximately 1,450 multicultural alumni. You are a diverse group, so a one-size-fits-all approach will not work best.
- ◆ In programming for chapters and campus events, we should be mindful of varied interests and concerns.
- ◆ We should be sensitive to nomenclature. For example, some African-American alumni view that identity as very important, while others are happy to be deemed multicultural.
- ◆ Admissions and Alumni Affairs should explore all practical ways to involve multicultural alumni.

International

- ◆ Approximately 465 alumni live abroad as of late 2013. We expect this number to grow.
- ◆ We should use the Center for Global Learning to inform, excite and engage you, and help expand the W&L brand globally.
- ◆ Alumni Affairs will continue to collaborate with the director of International Education, and increase our efforts to reach and connect international alumni through all forms of digital communication.
- ◆ Working with the deans and the director of International Education, we should create more ways to locate and connect international alumni with traveling faculty, administrators and

Special Programs travelers.

- ◆ Admissions should explore all practical ways to enlist international alumni.

PEER REVIEW AND BEST PRACTICES

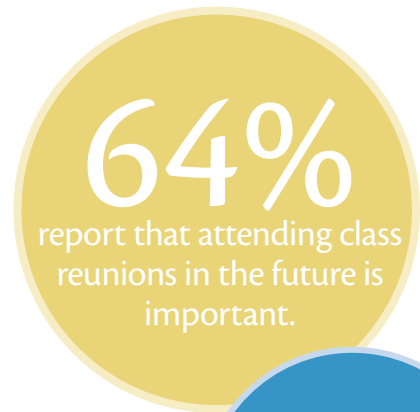
(Guy Kerr '75, committee chair)

- ◆ This committee gathered substantial data from Cornell, Davidson, Southern Methodist University, Wake Forest, Williams, Middlebury and Sewanee. These good ideas inform the other committee reports.

REUNIONS AND OTHER FORMS OF CAMPUS ENGAGEMENT

(Wade Meadows '84, committee chair)

- ◆ We can be justifiably proud of our three main campus reunions: Alumni Weekend each spring and Young Alumni Weekend and Five-Star Festival each fall. The existing reunion structure, by age groups, is popular, and we do not recommend major changes.
- ◆ We will be more receptive to affinity gatherings within existing weekends and as stand-alone events if alumni leaders exist and existing staff can support the proposed event.
- ◆ We will be mindful of our pricing and value proposition for campus reunions, so that most alumni will not be discouraged from attending.
- ◆ We will build class unity by working with student leaders to plan and stage class events in the sophomore and junior years.
- ◆ Kathekon will continue its growth and leadership roles in student engagement and philanthropic habits.



ALUMNI 2020 CHAIRS:

Beau Dudley '74, '79L, *Executive Director of Alumni Affairs*
Jane Brodie Gregory '03, *Alumni Board President, 2012–2013*
David Stewart '96, *Alumni Board President, 2013–2104*

ALUMNI 2020 HONORARY CHAIRS:

Daniel Einstein '83, *Alumni Board President, 2008–2009*
Alston Parker Watt '89, *Trustee Emeritus*

1957

Lawrence A. Adler has become a farmer, with over 100,000 square feet of hydroponic greenhouses growing organic tomatoes, which he sells to Whole Foods. One of the greenhouses was designed by a partner in China, and it is equipped with Israeli computers. The company intends to have 20 times the current production within six years.

1960

Oliver T. Cook will be celebrating 50 years in private practice law in November 2014. His wife, Sharon Love Cook, published her second "Granite Cove Mystery." They reside in Beverly Farms, north of Boston, and have celebrated 45 years of marriage. He is active in the local St. John's Episcopal Church and concluded his vestry term as secretary of the parish. He is involved in golf as the general chairman of the last three USGA national championships at Salem Country Club. For the past 20 to 30 years, his passion has been the game of handball, playing five days a week. He participated in the 2000 World Handball Championship in Chicago and the 2009 World Championship in Portland, Ore. He wishes to thank his golf coach, Cy Twombly, who taught him the perfect game of handball in 1957.

1967

Edward E. Bates Jr. has been named a 2014 Georgia Super Lawyer. He is a partner at the Atlanta-based family law firm of Warner, Bates, McGough, McGinnis & Portnoy.

1969

Jeffrey P. Cropsey is president-elect of the Council of College and Military Educators (CCME), taking office in January 2015 for a one-year term. CCME is an organization of 1,000 major colleges and universities that serve the U.S. military, veterans and their families. He has been the vice president for strategic initiatives and external relations for Grantham University since his retirement from the U.S. Department of Defense, with over 40 years of service, in 2010.

Arthur S. Loring, of West Palm Beach, Fla., was elected for the second time as chair of the Jewish Federation of Palm Beach County. He also serves on the board of MorseLife, a large senior health-care organization, and as president of its foundation. He completed a term as chair of the Palm Beach chapter of AIPAC. He and classmate Scott Apter made the playoffs in the two-day member-guest competition at Palm Beach Country Club.



At the 11th NYC Fancy Dress, attended by more than 200 guests at the Manhattan Penthouse, retired professor Bob de Maria was named the NYC General of the Year, receiving the Richard R. Warren '53 Award. From l. to r.: Daniel Grattan '00, de Maria, Jen Grattan and Lynda de Maria.

1970

Marvin C. Henberg will retire as president of The College of Idaho in June 2015. He will move with his wife, Laurie, to Sunriver, Ore., where he envisions a return to scholarship in environmental philosophy, volunteer work and travel. W&L friends are encouraged to visit on their journeys to the Northwest.

1972

Daniel W. Armstrong, of Arlington, Texas, received the American Chemical Society's Award in Separations Science and Technology. He also founded an NPR show on science, which was broadcast in the U.S. and on the Armed Forces Network. Of 100-plus graduate students mentored, the majority composed the first generation in their families to attend college.

1976

C. Albert Zipp III retired in September 2013 after 36 years in broadcast news. He worked at TV stations in Texas, Florida, Virginia and West Virginia. He and his wife, Raschell, live in Morgantown, W.Va., and are building a retirement home near Aurora, W.Va.



Gardner T. Umbarger III '79, of Bay City, Mich., returned to Lexington for a reunion with his brothers from the ZBT classes of 1975 to 1990. Activities included golf, a reception at the Hillel House and a BBQ in the country with music provided by Burr Datz '75 and other local musicians. Other participants included families and former Little Sisters from Southern Seminary and Sweet Briar. Front row (l. to r.): Steve Burrington '82, Gordon Lewis '81, Terry Shadrick '78. Middle row: Craig Collier '76, Scott Sanborn '83, Jim Akridge '75, Rick Lovegrove '77, Gardner Umbarger '79, Peter Engel, Jim Hawkins '80, Chris Goldsmith '77. Back row: Chris Bouquet '83, Dave Smith '83, Will Bernart '79, Bishop Norris '81, Tom Rohrig '84, Dick Latture '81, Andy St. John '86, Steve Warren '83, John Jackley '77, Jamie McElroy '79, Pat Reynolds '83. Not pictured: Sean Reynolds '90, Penn Plummer '77, Mike Kennedy '82, Dave Donahue '85.

1983

Herbert M. Ponder III, a private wealth advisor in the private banking and investments group at Merrill Lynch, in Atlanta, was named to Barron's America's Top 1,200 Financial Advisors: 2014 State-by-State list. Ponder has been with Merrill Lynch since 1983 and has appeared on the Barron's list of Top 1,000 Advisors every year since 2008.

Darryl K. Woodson, of Fairfield, Va., received a Virginia Press Association second-place award for headline writing in the association's annual news and advertising contest. He is the editor of The News-Gazette in Lexington.



Jim Strader '86 and son Sam atop 12,445-foot Baldy Mountain, at Philmont Scout Ranch, in Cimarron, N.M. They are both Eagle Scouts.

1985

G. Bruce Potter was named COO for Northern Virginia Media Services, which publishes five weekly newspapers in Arlington, Fairfax, Loudoun and Prince William counties, as well as *InsideNoVa.com*. He lives in Ashburn, Va.

these firms. Tompkins was formerly chair of the government contracts group at Patton Boggs.

1993

Maureen Levey Chase and her husband, **Roland '95**, along with their children, Austin, 11, and Owen, 8, have relocated to Tampa, Fla.

Joan Sharp Franklin finished her third Ironman triathlon in Busselton, western Australia, in December 2013.

Katharine J. Fraser '93, of Houston, was named a senior editor at Platts, the energy and metals news arm of McGraw Hill Financial. She trained to participate in the MS Society's MS150 fundraiser this spring, a 150-mile bike ride from Houston to Austin.

Lee Rorrer Holifield '93 was promoted to talent acquisition manager at Visa U.S.A. Inc. She and her family have relocated to Washington.

Derek W. Hutton is the ski and snowboard (mountain sports) department manager at Grand Targhee Resort, in Alta, Wyo. He also guides and teaches alpine and telemark skiing and is the head guide of World Cast Anglers, based in Jackson Hole, Wyo., and Victor, Idaho. He will be making his second trip to Mongolia, to pursue the Hucho taimen, the largest trout species in the world.

1988

Floyd M. Wiley III was named to Barron's America's Top 1,200 Financial Advisors: 2014 State-by-State list and as one of Financial Times Top 400 Advisors. Wiley has worked at Merrill Lynch since 2001. In 2004, he established the Wiley Team within the private banking and investment group to focus on the investment needs of affluent families, endowments and institutions. He resides in Atlanta with his family.

Jennifer McCann Crovatto, after seven years working in bioinformatics at Hoffmann-La Roche, has taken a part-time position at IDBS, a software company supporting research and development efforts. She resides with her husband, Steve, and daughter, Juliet, in Oakland, N.J.

Robyn McCord O'Brien, an expert on children's health policy, shared her thoughts on NBC's "Nightly News" and the "Today Show" regarding Cheerios' announcement that it is pulling genetically engineered ingredients from its original product.

1990

W. Brett Mason joined Stone Pigman Walther Wittmann L.L.C. in its Baton Rouge, La., office. He serves in the firm's litigation practice group as special counsel and enhances the firm's capabilities in serving clients in the transportation, oil and gas, environmental, maritime and energy industries.

Robert K. Tompkins ('94L) joined the Washington office of Holland & Knight as a partner. He provides strategic counsel to companies that have or are seeking government contracts. He also advises investors in



Nine members of the Class of 1977, all members of the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity, got together in Chicago for Jim Houston's surprise 60th birthday dinner at The Michigan Shores Club. Friends flew in from Washington, Colorado, Tennessee, Louisiana, Virginia, New York and Maine to honor Jim on this special occasion. Paul Thomson resurrected the 1974 Phi Psi composite for LOL reminiscing. Front row (l. to r.): Paul Larkin, Bobby Carpentier, Jim Houston, Jim Crytzer and Paul Thomson. Back row: Tim Hendry, Roger Durham, Jeff Barr and Maynard McCorkle.

Sean C. O'Rourke celebrated the 10th anniversary of his company, Syzygy 3 Inc., a technology consulting and services firm for small- and mid-sized businesses.

Kirk Olsen joined the Portland, Ore., office of the Trammell Crow Co., a national real estate development and investment firm. As its senior vice president, he is responsible for sourcing and developing urban, office and mixed-used projects throughout the greater Portland region. Kirk resides in Lake Oswego, with his wife, Wendy, two sons and a daughter.

William R. Thomas was named managing partner for the Columbia, S.C., office of Parker Poe Adams and Bernstein L.L.P. He practices primarily in the area of health-care law.

1997

J.P. McGuire Boyd Jr. ('06L) has been elected partner at Williams Mullen in its Richmond office. He defends banks, mortgage lenders, servicers and debt collectors against a wide variety of federal and state law claims, including both individual and class-action claims. He has a broad background in

matters involving residential mortgage lending and servicing, foreclosures and commercial loan workouts, and is well versed in federal and state regulations governing financial institutions.

Lisa Cornelius Lacy was honored as Oregon's 2013 High School Journalism Adviser of the Year by the Oregon Journalism Education Association. Lisa is a journalism and English teacher at Tualatin High School (TuHS), just south of Portland. Under her guidance, TuHS' student newspaper placed ninth for a student newspaper between 13-16 pages in a national best-of-show competition. This past fall, 17 of her students won awards at the Student Media Olympics organized by the Northwest Scholastic Press Association. The newspaper also placed fifth in the best-of-show competition for 6A student newspapers in the Pacific Northwest. She has helped lead TuHS toward implementing Oregon's Common Core Standards and sits on a school district budget committee. This is her 15th year of advising high school student newspapers. She resides in Portland with her husband, **Mac Lacy '96**.



W&L Water Polo Saddles Up The Horses Again

Thirteen former W&L water polo players rallied to play in the 2014 USA Water Polo Collegiate Alumni Tournament, Feb. 22-23, in Clearwater, Fla.

The weekend marked the first time W&L water polo competed since the club version of the program folded in 2000. The highlight was a match-up against longtime nemesis the University of Richmond. In what both teams dubbed the "Dropped Program Game," the also-defunct Spiders clung tenuously to the thread of a one-goal lead at halftime but used their experience together from the 2013 tournament to defeat the Generals by 4. W&L also played Bucknell, St. Francis and Florida State University over the weekend.

"W&L water polo was one of the most successful programs in the history of the University," explained Tim Rock '84. "It was great to get in the water with these guys and represent the Generals again." Rock is legendary himself. He won an amazing 100 varsity games during his campaign for the Blue & White in addition to a storied swimming career and eight varsity letters in the two sports.

"As the youngster of the group, it was amazing fun to meet some of the names I'd only heard of while at W&L just over a decade ago," said goalie Kerry Kellogg '04. "I knew that the varsity program had 20 years of excellence (347-203), but now there is real context to that, as well as clarity on some great myths."

Former W&L water polo players should be sure to join the team Facebook group (search for "W&L Water Polo" and ask to join). Those interested in playing in future tournaments should also contact Stu Sheldon '89 at stuartsheldon@bellsouth.net.

Kneeling, l. to r.: Chris Hagge '93, Rich Cober '96, Andrew Pearson '93. Standing, l. to r.: David Dietz '89, Stu Sheldon '89, Jared Jones '00, Tim Rock (in hat) '84, Jeff Bercau '89, Kerry Kellogg '04, Ben Yamini '98, Tommy Rawls '89, Will Davis '92, Jon Sbar '91.

Lathrop B. Nelson III belonged to the legal team representing Brig. Gen. Jeffrey A. Sinclair in the high-profile case at Fort Bragg, N.C.

2002

Nicholas W. Sayers joined the board of directors at The Florida Venture Forum, a statewide support organization for venture capitalists and entrepreneurs. He will work with fellow board members to promote the organization's mission to help entrepreneurs obtain funding through education, strategic partnerships and networking opportunities. Sayers is vice president at Concentrick Equity Partners, where he originates new investment opportunities, executing new investments and working with portfolio companies.

2003

G. Wogan Bernard, a partner at Chaffe McCall L.L.P., in New Orleans, has been elected a Fellow of the American College of Mortgage Attorneys. He is recognized for his experience in representing lenders and developers with the acquisition,

divestiture, development, leasing and financing, loan workouts and distressed-asset assistance of office buildings, apartments, condominiums, restaurant, low-income housing and hotel developments. He has also been recognized for his assistance to clients in the areas of planning, zoning, subdivision and permitting requirements on the state and local levels. Bernard is an active member of the American Bar Association Real Property Trust & Estate Law Section and serves as chair of the Mortgage Lending Committee and co-vice chair of the Young Lawyers Network of the ABA Section of Real Property Trust and Estate Law.

Glenn A. DeLaney, with his wife, Julia, has moved to the village of Saxtons River, Vt. (pop. 500), to

teach at Vermont Academy. He reports that after working in an independent day school for six years, boarding school is a major adjustment. He is teaching world history and senior electives, including the History of Pop Culture, Wilderness and the American Mind and Contemporary Issues. They are dorm parents for 15 freshman boys. DeLaney is involved in the school's outdoor programs and is learning the true meaning of winter as he gets to ski four days a week with students.

D. Wright Sigmund Jr. was named one of 35 Under 35: Rising Stars in DC Commercial Real Estate by Bisnow. He has been identified as one of the up-and-coming players in the region's commercial real estate industry.

2010

Reagan Kerr Barnes celebrated the launch of her business, Events by Reagan, offering full-service event and wedding planning. The business specializes in destination events on the East Coast and beyond.

Weddings

Tara L. McCook '02 to Jay Mehta on Oct. 17, 2013, in New Orleans, La. Tara is a senior tax learning specialist with CohnReznick L.L.P. Jay is the IT manager and web developer for InsideNGO, a membership organization for international non-governmental aid organizations. They reside in Arlington, Va.

Wedding Scrapbook



Ashley Carr '11 to **Brian M. Scully '10**, on Jan. 4, in Tallahassee, Fla. There were 48 alumni in attendance.



T. Rives Granade '01 to Sonny Ruscha Bjornson, on Sept. 7, 2013, at Topanga Canyon, in Los Angeles. L. to r.: Father of the groom Fred Granade '75L, David DeJong '75L, Rives, Sonny, Scott Gray '01 and Thomas Arnold '01. The couple visited Japan after the wedding and reside in Los Angeles.



W. Hubert Ogburn III '09 to Leslie Ugland, on Aug. 17, 2013, in Charlotte, N.C. The wedding party included best man William Underwood '09, '12L, Reiss Eagan '09, Edward Otts '09, Selwyn Turner '09 and Jacob Weinstein '09. Also in attendance were the father of the groom, Will Ogburn Jr. '76, uncle of the groom, Bob Schuler '81, cousin of the groom, Andy Ogburn '14, and godfather of the groom, Rush Dickson '76, as well as many other alumni. The couple reside in Atlanta.



Sara Duckworth '06 to **Michael M. Wagoner '07**, on June 9, 2012, in Lexington. Members of the wedding party included bridesmaids Elizabeth Little '06, Catherine Camilletti '06 and Jessica Lloyd '06 and groomsmen Alex Duckworth '09, Jonathan Flittner '07, Michael Kern '06, Ted Stack '08 and Andrew West '07. The bride was escorted by her father, John Duckworth '71. Many W&L alumni joined the celebration. The couple reside in Tallahassee, Fla.



Heather Jordan '09 to Tyler Teass, on Sept. 29, 2013, in Charlottesville. Guests included (front row, l. to r.): Julianne Miata '09, Kerry Phillips '09, Drew Scarantino '09, Molly Craycraft '10, Sara McKeen '09. Back row: Logan Whalen '09, Sarah McCarville '09, Katie Tabb '09, Kassie Bagley '09, Aaron Toomey '09, Keri Beth Toomey '09, Justin McKeen '09 and Matthew Craycraft '09. Not pictured, John Phillips '09.



Lucas A. Gredell '06 to Hillary Roth, on Sept. 21, 2013, in St. Louis, Mo. Alumni in the wedding party included John Rizzo '06, Matthew Bart '06 and Andrew Hotaling '06.



Sarah Robertson '10 to Andrew Maxwell, on May 25, 2013, in Atlanta. The couple live in Augusta, Ga., where she is a medical student at the Medical College of Georgia, and he runs his own property management company. Alumni in attendance included Brian Maxwell '76 (the groom's father), Elizabeth Micci '10, Vivian Schreeder '10, Chelsea Barkman Graham '10, Amy Conant '10, '13L, Diana Cianciotta '10, David Love '10, David Graham '07 and Beverly "Bo" DuBose III '62.



Crystal Benavides '09 to **Jeffrey R. Pharis '08**, on April 13, 2013, in San Antonio, Texas. Wedding party and alumni guests included Tara Hildenbrand '09, Anna Stuart Burnett '10, Stephanie Stelter '09, Joe Steiner '08, Markheavens Tshuma '10, Cody Beauchamp '10, Gozi Egbuonu '10, Monica Magnuson '07, Eka Akpakip '07 (maid of honor), Jeff Pharis '08, Dima Slavin '09, Brian Devine '10, Brian Cherry '11, Alex Uhlir '11 and Queenie Bui '11. The couple reside in San Antonio, where she works for Ernst & Young, and he works for United Services Automobile Associates.

Births and Adoptions

Jean-Paul Boulee '93 and his wife, **Julie**, a daughter, Pilar, in 2012, and a son, Forrest, in 2013.

Lewis B. Perkins '93, a son, Amon James Lewis Kelley, on Feb. 3, in Walnut Creek, Calif. His mothers are Dr. Leah Kelley and Dr. Joanne Gras.

John B. Phifer '93 and his wife, **Melissa**, a daughter, Charlotte Caroline, on Nov. 1, 2013. She joins brother Trent, 12, and sister Anna, 10. The family reside in Downers Grove, Ill.

Andreas L. Scherffel '93 and his wife, **Susan**, a son, Maxwell Scott, on Sept. 7, 2013. The family live in Chalfont, Pa.

Dr. Susan H. Wootton '93 and her husband, **Bernhard Bodmann**, a son, John Auberon, on Dec. 12, 2012. He joins sister Fiona, 5. The family reside in Houston.

Elizabeth Johnson Wallmeyer '96 and her husband, **Michael**, a son, Charles Fenway, on Dec. 10, 2013. Charlie joins brother RJ. The family reside in Crozier, Va., where Elizabeth serves as senior attorney to the Senate Finance Committee of the Virginia General Assembly.

Ashley A. La Forge '97 and her husband, **Rick Link**, a daughter, Larkin Alexandra, on Feb. 4. She joins brothers Renner Sheridan and Grady Ray and sister Cambree Jane. The family reside in Portland, Ore., where Ashley is an environmental consultant for the energy industry.

Alan R. Cuthbertson '98 and his wife, **Amanda**, a daughter, Ashley, on March 20, 2013. She joins sister Katie. The family live in Arlington, Va.

Laura Knapp Chadwick '99 and her husband, **Matthew**, twin sons, John Lowell "Jack" and Luke Larkin, on Feb. 14. The family reside in Arlington, Va.

Shelley Adams Gentle '99 and her husband, **John**, a daughter, Elizabeth Eshelman, on Dec. 16, 2013. Lizzie joins brothers John Clarke, 4, and Colin, 3. The family reside in Birmingham, Ala.

Virginia Baker Greaker '00 and her husband, **Jon**, a daughter, Catherine Colbert "CeCe," on July 26, 2013. She joins sister Virginia Larson.

Elizabeth Gay MacGaw '00 and her husband, **Scott**, a daughter, Elizabeth Meriwether, on Nov. 10, 2013. Lizzy joins brother Merritt and sister Margaret. The family reside in Brooklyn, N.Y.

Matthew F. McKenzie '01 and **Carrie Graham McKenzie '04**, a daughter, Madeline Elizabeth, on March 12. They live in New York City.

Scott R. Patton '02 and his wife, **Margaret**, a daughter, Grace Catherine, on Sept. 13, 2013, joining brothers Henry and Michael. They live in Baton Rouge, La., where they both practice law.

Noelle Evans Savage '02 and her husband, **Graham**, a daughter, Catherine Penelope "Wren," on Dec. 9, 2013. She joins sister Gloria. The family live in Baltimore, Md.

Christopher A. Shortall '02 and **Murray Abernethy Shortall '03**, twins, Mabry Mills and Edward Drenenl, on Oct. 14, 2013, in San Francisco. Brother Collins and all grandparents were on hand to welcome Mabry and Ward, including their grandfather, Richard Abernethy '72.

Jonathan J. Stoner '02 and **Kristen Bonnema Stoner '02**, a son, David Arthur, on March 2. He joins brother Vincent. The family live in Statesville, N.C.



The SAE pledge class of 1986 enjoyed a mass 50th birthday party on Key Biscayne in February. First row (l. to r.): Van Smith, Bob Fitts, Rick Lail. Second row: Kevin Anderson, Bill Kelly, Hugh Black. Third row: Lee Hollis, Clint Shelton, Thornton Brooksbank.

George S. Craft '05 and **Sarah Stanton Craft '04**, a daughter, Mary Taylor, on Jan. 4. She joins brother James.

Ryan W. Duffy '04 and his wife, **Christina**, a daughter, Nora Rose, on March 15. The family reside in Arlington, Va.

Eden Henderson Tornfelt '04 and her husband, **Eric**, a son, Isaac Howard, on Jan. 13. The family reside in Charlotte, N.C.

Amelia Waring Walker '04 and her husband, **William**, a daughter, Margaret Calhoun Simonds "Daisy," on Oct. 30, 2013.

Kasee Sparks Heisterhagen '06 and **Timothy A. Heisterhagen '06**, a son, William Crews "W.C.," on Dec. 3, 2013. The family reside in Mobile, Ala.

Brooke Sanden Miller '06 and her husband, **Chris**, a daughter, Tracey Ann, on Jan. 24. They live in Rifle, Colo. Tracey Ann is the granddaughter of Howard V. Sanden '54.

Kathryn Van Veen Reilley '06 and **Matthew J. Reilley '06**, a son, Henry Matthew, on March 1. The family live in Philadelphia and will be moving to Houston this summer.

Elizabeth Eckman Dawson '07 and **Peter R. Dawson '06**, a daughter, Katharine Lee, on Dec. 12, 2013. They live in Rockville, Md.



Virginia Brumby '01 (left) and her father, Mike Brumby '64 (center), visited former W&L tennis coach Cinda Rankin in Chiang Mai, Thailand. Virginia owns Survival Chic in Singapore.



A two-person reunion of the Class of 1955 was held on Easter Sunday at a restaurant on the banks of the Hudson River in Newburgh, N.Y. "Those two old guys are not failed contestants in an Ernest Hemingway look-alike contest who didn't start their beards early enough," wrote Ray Smith '55, "but genuine W&L grads. We had not seen each other since our 25th reunion, so there was much to catch up on." Seated, l. to r.: Beau Redmond '55, Ray Smith '55 and Chris Ford, Beau's daughter. Standing, l. to r.: Peggy Friedmann, Beau's wife, and Ruth Walker, Chris' partner.

Obituaries

Ted M. Brindle '35, of Lake San Marcos, Calif., died on Feb. 21, just nine days shy of his 101st birthday. He was a veteran of World War I. He worked at Lockheed and North American Aviation before beginning his 50-year real estate career. He belonged to Phi Kappa Psi.

Dr. Joseph W. Fairlie '35, of Hatboro, Pa., died on Feb. 7. During World War II, he was assigned as the local health/disaster officer in the Hatboro area. Along with his late wife, he was instrumental in saving and refurbishing the Loller Academy building and having it listed on the National Registry of Historic

Buildings. He was a former president of the Hatboro Library, where he served on the board of directors for 10 years. He was the first elected member of Hatboro Rotary and served as president of the club and remained active in the club's charity and service projects for over 70 years. He was active in the local Boy Scout troop, where he trained and tested Eagle Scout candidates. He belonged to Sigma Phi Epsilon.

Dwight H. Cooley '37, of Barton, Vt., died on June 7, 2011. A World War II veteran, he served in the Army in the Asiatic Pacific Theater and was honorably discharged, having achieved the rank of Sergeant T-4. For 25 years, he was the postmaster in Passumpsic, Vt.

Edward E. Brown Jr. '40, '42L, of Lookout Mountain, Tenn., died on March 2. During World War II, he served in the 7th and 9th Army, 181st Field Artillery of the European Theater, landing in Omaha Beach, France, on D-Day plus 30. He worked in insurance, founding Brown Associates Inc. and serving as chairman until his death. He was a director of Signal Knitting Mills, the Greater Chattanooga Area Chamber of Commerce and Chattanooga-Hamilton County Law Enforcement Commission. He belonged to Sigma Alpha Epsilon. He was brother to Wesley G. Brown '51 and father to C. Huxley Brown '76 and Allen C. Brown '72; grandfather to Kimberly Dickinson French '94, Mary Dickinson Trammell '99 and T. Garth Brown '02; and uncle to Wesley G. Brown Jr. '78.

Arnold A. Heft '40, of Bethesda, Md., died on March 12. He was a longtime racehorse owner, pitcher for the minor league Orioles during the 1930s, referee in the NBA and co-owner of the Baltimore Bullets. He served in the Navy during World War II. For years, he owned and operated Heft Construction Co. and Arnold Heft Real Estate. He served on the Maryland Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association board of directors and was a past president of the Home Plate Club of Washington. He was a member of the Washington Metropolitan Area Basketball Hall of Fame and the Greater Washington, D.C., Jewish Sports Hall of Fame.

Jean S. Friedberg '41, of Hallandale Beach, Fla., died on July 15, 2010. During World War II, he was a lieutenant commander. He was a racehorse owner and a trainer, as well as an advisor to the Jockey Guild and a Kentucky Commissioner. He belonged to Zeta Beta Tau. He was father to Jean S. Friedberg Jr. '65.

Richard M. Herndon '41, of Winter Park, Fla., died on Feb. 2. During World War II, he screened French and Belgian rescuers of American soldiers downed by Germans and interpreted aerial photos. Post-armistice he interviewed former slave workers from German-occupied territory. He served in the U.S. Foreign Service in Montreal, Tokyo, Fukuoka, Seoul and Washington. For 45 years, he interpreted and taught Japanese and other subjects at Rollins College, Seminole College and high schools in Florida. He tutored through Lifetime Learning and was a member of the Society of the War of 1812, Asia Society, E.S.U. and many cultural associations. He belonged to Kappa Sigma. He was grandfather to A. William Samii '87.

Dr. Douglas M. Monroe Jr. '42, of Cambro, N.C., died on June 30, 2012. He was a radio operator during World War II. He taught literature and served as chair of the English department at Queens College. He later moved into college administration and served as dean for several schools. He ended his academic career as part of the administration that founded Atlanta Junior (now Metropolitan) College. His book, "The Life and Times of Mac Monroe," went on sale the day before he died.

The Hon. Joseph L. Savage Jr. '42L, of Fredericksburg, Va., died on March 27. During World War II, he served for three years as an Army Reserve officer in North Africa and Italy. Thereafter he spent 17 months on active duty in the Judge Advocate General's Corps in California. He served as judge of the General District Court for the City of Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania County and as a substitute judge after retirement, and volunteered at Mary Washington Hospital. He was father to Thomas Y. Savage '82L.

Jay A. Silverstein '43, of Chattanooga, Tenn., died on Feb. 27. He attended the U.S. Naval Midshipmen's School at Columbia University, in New York, where he was commissioned as an ensign, and served in the North Atlantic, Mediterranean and Pacific during World War II. He joined his father in business at The Boys' Shop, eventually changing the name to The Young Men's Shop. He belonged to Zeta Beta Tau.

W. Woodrow Wright '44, of Charlottesville, died on March 17. He served during World War II in Europe with the Third Army and was awarded five bronze campaign stars and two Bronze Star Medals. He landed on Omaha Beach and fought at the Battle of the Bulge. He attained the rank of lieutenant colonel. He was president of City Mortgage and Insurance Companies in Charlottesville. He was active in his community, serving in leadership positions for the Rotary Club, Charlottesville-Albemarle Chamber of Commerce, Salvation Army, Hospice House, Piedmont Little League Baseball Association, Boys Baseball Association, United Giver's Fund, Downtown Charlottesville Inc. and Charlottesville-Albemarle Retail Merchants Association. One of his proudest moments was representing the city of Charlottesville in the laying of the wreath at Thomas Jefferson's grave on July 4.

Richard E. Bartlebaugh '45, '47L, of Coshocton, Ohio, died on March 23. He served during World War II in the Navy and attended midshipman's school at Columbia University. He was a gunnery officer aboard the destroyer escort U.S.S. Muir (DE-770). He was president and owner of Acoustics Manufacturing Corp. and vice president and general manager of Steel Ceiling Inc. He was a member of the Detroit Rotary Club and served on the boards of the Salvation Army, the Muskingum Area Board of Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services and the Coshocton Foundation.

W. Hanes Lancaster Jr. '46, of Johnson City, Tenn., died on Jan. 27. During World War II, he served with the Army Air Corps as a gunner aboard B-29 bombers and saw action

in the China-Burma-India Theater of operations and on Tinian Island in the Mariana Islands. He joined his father's radio station, WJHL, and later founded WJHL television, the Tri-Cities' first television station. He was former chairman of the Johnson City Health and Education Facilities Board and served on the board of directors of the ETSU Foundation, SunTrust Bank, Johnson City Medical Center, the Johnson City Country Club and the former Johnson City Swim Association. He was also a member of the Tri-Cities Airport Authority and the Johnson City Rotary Club. He belonged to Phi Delta Theta. He was cousin to Edwin P. Lancaster Jr. '63L.

Robert M. McCormick '49, of Woodstock, Ill., died on Oct. 27, 2012.

Dr. Donald E. Warren '49, of Palm Beach, Fla., died on March 31. In addition to his medical practice, he served as the founding chair of the board of trustees at Palm Beach Atlantic University; was the founding president of the Community Foundation of Palm Beach and Martin Counties; was one of the founders of the Palm Beach Chapter of the American Heart Association; and belonged to many other boards and committees. Warren received numerous awards and recognitions for his distinguished service to his community. He belonged to Delta Tau Delta.

Bruce S. Parkinson '50, of Norristown, Pa., died on March 21. During the Korean War, he served in the Army. He joined E.J. Spangler, an envelope-manufacturing company, and served as president and spent his career involved in the specialty envelope business, everything from direct mail to medical samples. He was president of the Union League of Philadelphia, was involved with the Philadelphia Rotary Club and was chair of the board of the Carr School. He was a Golf Association of Philadelphia (GAP) volunteer for nearly four decades and could frequently be found marshalling golf events, from the juniors through the pros. In 2009, GAP honored him for his service with the GAP Distinguished Service Award. He belonged to Phi Kappa Psi.

Thomas A. Pressly Jr. '50, of Shreveport, La., died on April 3. He

served in the Korean War with the Air Force and served as a reconnaissance officer. He opened an architectural firm and practiced architecture for 25 years. He served as architect for the San Antonio Zoo and designed homes, ranches and lake houses in Texas. He served on the board of the San Antonio Chapter of the American Institute of Architects and received honor awards from the AIA for his work. He also received recognition from the National Society of Architects for his participation in the design of the San Antonio Riverwalk, El Paseo del Rio. As a painter, he received awards in exhibitions throughout the United States and was honored as Artist of the Year by the San Antonio Art League in 1981. He belonged to Sigma Nu.

W. Clay Thomson '50, of Lynchburg, died on Feb. 20. He served in the Air Force. He had a career in banking, most recently with The National Bank and Trust Company. In retirement, he became active in various community and charitable organizations. He belonged to Lambda Chi Alpha.

William R. Cogar '51, '55L, of Richmond, died on Feb. 4. He served in the United States Marine Corps, rising to the rank of captain. He retired from Troutman Sanders. He served on the W&L Law Council and was the last surviving member of the original MCV board. He belonged to Phi Kappa Psi. He was father to William R. Cogar '76 and grandfather to Margaret C. Cogar '08.

G. Digby Lafferty '52, of Vero Beach, Fla., died Feb. 15. During the Korean War, he served in the Army and attended the Language Institute in Monterey, Calif., where he became fluent in Russian. He served as an Army intelligence officer in Washington. He was president of Lafferty Trucking Co. and served on the board of Altoona Hospital. He belonged to Delta Tau Delta.

The Hon. John D. Maley '52, of Okmulgee, Okla., died March 11. He was an Air Force pilot and served in Europe, Africa and Turkey, rising to the rank of lieutenant colonel. He was awarded the Italian Solidarity Star by the Italian government for his hu-

manitarian missions during Europe's blizzard of 1956. He represented the U.S. Air Force in a private audience with Pope Pius XII. He practiced law in Okmulgee and was elected Okmulgee County judge. He also served as district judge for Okmulgee, Okfuskee and Creek Counties and as the district's only chief justice. In 1987, he became presiding judge for the 10 counties composing the East Central Administrative District. He was the president of the Oklahoma Judicial Conference and past president and one of the founders of the Oklahoma Trial Judges Association. He was a lifelong member of the Boy Scouts of America, receiving the Silver Beaver Award, the highest award given for volunteerism. He was a past board member of the Salvation Army, receiving the Others Award for outstanding service, and a past member of the Tulsa Philharmonic board. He belonged to Phi Alpha Delta fraternity.

Dr. J. Sanford Young '52, of Indian Head, Md., died Feb. 11. He served as a hospital corpsman in the Navy. He practiced internal medicine in Prince Georges County for more than 30 years. He belonged to Phi Kappa Sigma. He was father to James S. Young Jr. '79.

Roger W. Dudley '53, of Falls Church, Va., died on Feb. 6. He was a veteran of World War II. He worked in public relations for the College of William and Mary and the American Pharmaceuticals Trade Association. He later established his own philatelic business, The Heritage Collections Ltd. He was uncle to Robert S. Griffith II '72. He belonged to Pi Kappa Alpha.

Robert F. Duguay '53, of Waverly, Pa., died on Jan. 23. He had a career in banking, retiring from his own firm, Fiduciary Investors Group Inc., which specialized in bank consulting and investment advisory services. He was a member of the task force on Decedents' Estate Laws of the Joint State Government Commission, the Estate Planning Council of Central Pennsylvania and the West Shore School Board. He held the rank of commander in the Naval Reserve and served as the regional representative of the Naval Academy's Candidate Guidance Office. He belonged to

Phi Gamma Delta. He was father to Robert S. Duguay '87.

C. Richard Lovegrove '53, of Roanoke, died on Dec. 17, 2013. He had a 43-year career in public relations for American Electric Power. He was a columnist for the Thibodaux, La., Daily Comet, wrote a children's story for his daughter, and penned poetry. He belonged to Pi Kappa Alpha. He was father to Richard L. Lovegrove '77.

William J. Wood '54, '55L, of Santa Barbara, Calif., died on Dec. 31, 2013. He taught English and Spanish at Lompoc Senior High School for over 25 years. He belonged to Phi Gamma Delta. He was uncle to the Rev. J. Arthur Wood III '76.

The Hon. Marvin L. Bishop III '55, '60L, of Casper, Wyo., died on March 19. He served in the Army and was stationed in Germany. He joined his father to form the law firm of Bishop and Bishop. He belonged to the Casper Drum and Bugle Corps and traveled the state with his family to participate in parades and concerts. He served as municipal court judge for 25 years. He belonged to Phi Gamma Delta.

Scott B. Clinton '55, of Jupiter, Fla., died on Feb. 5. After retiring from RCA/GE, he volunteered at Habitat for Humanity, gave tours at the Jupiter Lighthouse and Museum, volunteered weekly at the soup kitchen at St. George's Episcopal church, was a handyman for Family Promise and served as an instructor at the Power Squadron. He belonged to Beta Theta Pi. He was father-in-law to Maurice G. Adams '78.

Emmett R. Kelley '56, of Richmond, died on March 31. He served in the Army, in the Reserves, both on active duty and in the 80th Division as a captain. He joined the family business, Kelley's Inc. Hardware Store, in Westover Hills, and took over the operation after his father's death. A successful real estate career with Savage & Company followed. Kelley received many distinguished sales awards over the years, including Retail Merchant of the Year. He also served on the board of directors of Dominion Bank. He was uncle to

Dallas P. Kelley III '78. He belonged to Phi Gamma Delta.

A. Brockman Varner Jr. '56, of Winston-Salem, N.C., died Dec. 4, 2012. He was born in the Stonewall Jackson House in Lexington, Va. He worked for 37 years at Bell Labs/Western Electric/AT&T. He belonged to Kappa Sigma.

L. Christian Harrell III '59, '61L, of Memphis, Tenn., died on Jan. 15. He served in the Navy and was a real estate attorney. He belonged to Kappa Alpha.

Thomas M. Moore '59, of Warrenton, Va., died Jan. 1. He served in the Army Reserve. While at W&L, he was the only one in his class to letter in three sports: baseball, basketball and football. He was the assistant to the rector at St. James' Episcopal Church and was a realtor and land developer in the Warrenton and Culpeper areas. He belonged to Beta Theta Pi.

Thomas C. Williams '60, of Staunton, died on Feb. 6. He served in the Navy aboard a nuclear-armed missile destroyer in the Pacific, rising to the rank of lieutenant. After working as a lawyer in western Europe, South America and Africa, he entered investment banking, joining Lehman Brothers first in London, then New York. He also joined Lazard Freres, working for both New York and Paris offices. He belonged to Sigma Chi and was father to S. Taylor Williams '89.

Richard H. Parsons '61L, of Peoria, Ill., died on March 26. He served in the Marine Corps PLC Program. He was business editor of the Law Review. He entered into private practice and formed and owned the Bankers Title Company Ltd. He also served on the board of directors for a number of commercial entities. He served terms in elected positions, such as precinct committeeman and delegate to the 1972 Democratic National Convention. For 20 years, he was commissioner/trial judge for the Illinois Court of Claims. He became the first federal public defender for the Central District of Illinois, a position he held from August 1995 until his retirement in August 2011. In 1999, the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals asked him to take on the role as the circuit appellate

defender, litigating federal cases on appeal from Illinois, Wisconsin and Indiana. Parsons was involved in numerous legal associations, including as three-time chairman of the ABA's Criminal Amicus Curiae Committee. Over the years, he participated in a number of local community and public service endeavors. He belonged to Sigma Phi Epsilon.

Ronald H. Alenstein '62, of Briarcliff Manor, N.Y., died on March 8. He was a litigating partner at Shea & Gould, a partner at D'Amato & Lynch and a partner at Ingram, Yuzek, Gainen, Carroll, and Bertolotti. He was chair of the Briarcliff Manor Zoning Board of Appeals. He belonged to Zeta Beta Tau.

Robert B. Armstrong '62L, of Roanoke, died on March 31. He was a lieutenant in the Navy JAG Corps and was stationed primarily in Great Lakes, Ill., and Jacksonville, Fla. He practiced law in a variety of partnerships and as a sole practitioner in Huntington, Long Island, N.Y., and Lexington. He belonged to Sigma Chi.

Stanley M. Leydig Jr. '64, of St. Louis, died July 30, 2010.

William H. Supon Jr. '65, of Cedartown, Ga., died on Feb. 16. He taught at Darlington School, East Rome High School and Cedartown High School. He was the director of music at First United Methodist Church for almost 40 years. A bass-baritone, he sang opera and musical theater and presented concerts in New Jersey, North Carolina and Atlanta and in Bonn, Augsburg and Mannheim, Germany. He helped to establish Opera Atlanta, a predecessor of today's Atlanta Opera. He belonged to Phi Epsilon Pi.

Capt. Francis E. Kennedy Jr. '66L, of Colorado Springs, Colo., died Feb. 9. He served in the Air Force. He worked in property development in the Greenville area, owning and serving as CEO of Emerald Development and Construction.

Robert K. Bell '69, of Forest, Va., died on Dec. 13, 2010. He belonged to Phi Kappa Psi. He was brother to Edward Bell Jr. '60, '62L and uncle to Gretchen Bell McThenia '89.

George F. Nichols Jr. '69L, of Chicago, died on Jan. 27. He worked for the Cook County public defender's office in Chicago and was briefly in private practice.

Tinkham Veale III '69, of Villanova, Pa., died on March 18. He was father to Tinkham Veale IV '95 and Geoffrey B. Veale '99. He belonged to Pi Kappa Phi.

The Rev. Edward C. Chapman '70, of Cumberland, Md., died on Feb. 16. He served in dioceses in New York, Georgia and Virginia, most recently as rector of Emmanuel Parish in Cumberland. He served as a reader for the general ordination exams of the Episcopal Church of the United States of America and was a deputy to the general convention of the Episcopal Church, representing two dioceses. He also was a professed Tertiary Order Franciscan. He taught contemporary social ethics for the philosophy department at Frostburg State University, and he was active in the civic life of the city of Cumberland as a member of the Town Management Board. He is the author of "God is With Us." He belonged to Pi Kappa Alpha. He was brother to the Rev. George M. Chapman '63 and father to Jean C. Chapman '11.

Charles M. Smith '70, of Daventry, Iowa, died on Jan. 29. He worked at the Rock Island Arsenal and received the Department of Defense Distinguished Civilian Service Award, the highest award. He wrote

"War for Profit" and many articles for *Truth-out.org*. He was father to Charles M. Smith Jr. '95L.

Kenneth W. Newman '71, of Lexington, died on March 2. He served 31 years in the U.S. Postal Inspection Service, where he retired as deputy chief. He then worked for a private security firm and the FBI. He was pivotal in the foundation and management of the Rockbridge Rapids, a collegiate summer baseball team. He served on the electoral board and was a member of the Lexington Sunrise Rotary Club and Lexington Police Department Foundation, and he volunteered at the RARA food pantry and served in leadership positions at Trinity United Methodist Church and was inducted into Omicron Delta Kappa. He belonged to Pi Kappa Phi.

Dr. Richard C. Crittenden '73, of Irondale, Ala., died on Jan. 15. He was an associate clinical professor of family medicine at the University of Alabama and practiced internal medicine in the Birmingham area.

Rodney C. Hubbard '74, of Glasgow, Va., died on Jan. 29. He spent many years working for the Virginia Department of Welfare and Institutions (now the Department of Juvenile Justice) at the Natural Bridge Learning Center. For the past 15 years, he served as the director of Juvenile Court Services in the City of Roanoke. He was an active member of the Virginia Juvenile Justice Association (VJJA) and was a former mem-

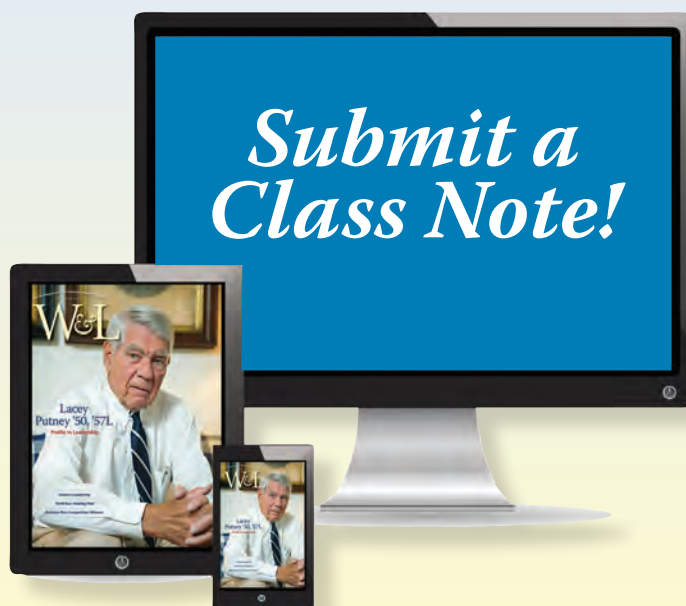
ber of the VJJA board of directors. He received VJJA's 1988 Meritorious Award in the Area of Court Services and the 2003 Meritorious Award in the Area of Administration. Hubbard served on the advisory board for BB&T Bank, the initial board of the Rockbridge Area Recreation Organization, the Project Horizon board and the Chavis House board for W&L. He was a former member and chair of the school board for Rockbridge County. He was father to Robinson J. Hubbard '16L.

Harry L. Smith Jr. '74, of Ashland, Va., died on Feb. 20. He was a veteran of the Coast Guard and did four years of service.

Dr. Robert M. Lawrence Jr. '78L, of Lexington, died on Jan. 22. He graduated from Virginia Commonwealth University with a B.S. in 1957 and a D.D.S. in 1958. He practiced dentistry in Lexington for 37 years. He earned a law degree from W&L after nine years of part-time studies.

Violet Huffman Sevdv '81L, of Lexington, Ky., died on Feb. 13, 2013. She was a graduate of the University of Kentucky College of Law and a member of the Kentucky Bar Association. She was wife to Eric M. Sevdv '81L.

Warren L. Moody III '83, of Phoenix, Ariz., died on March 12. He worked at the Fort Worth Star-Telegram and then became certified as an emergency medical technician and



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a paramedic. He earned his medical degree and co-founded the Community Medical Clinic in Phoenix, Ariz. Moody rode in the Hotter than Hell 100, a five-day bike ride from San Francisco to Los Angeles, to raise money for AIDS research. He was son to Warren L. Moody Jr. '54.

Lt. Cmdr. Brian W. Robinson '90L, of Manassas, Va., died Feb. 14. He served in the Coast Guard as a JAG officer. He volunteered for duty in Afghanistan and served there as a legal trainer during 2010. His personal military awards include three awards of the Meritorious Service Medal, the Coast Guard Commendation Medal, three awards of the Coast Guard Achievement Medal, the Navy & Marine Corps Achievement Medal, the Army Achievement Medal and three awards of the Commandant's Letter of Commendation Ribbon. He also received the Department of State Superior Honor Award. He practiced law for 12 years in Boston, first as an associate

at Hale and Dorr, and then as a partner at McDermott, Will and Emory. He received the Founders Award from a non-profit for his pro bono work on behalf of over 100 families in Boston's Dorchester neighborhood.

Lara D. Gass '14L, of Lexington, died on March 18. She was a member of the editorial board of the Law Review, serving as symposium editor and organizer of the Law Review's annual symposium. She was active with the Women Law Students Organization and served as a Kirgis Fellow, a member of the Law School's peer mentoring group. She belonged to ODK and several honor societies, including the Pi Sigma Alpha National Political Science Honor Society, the National Society of Collegiate Scholars and Phi Eta Sigma National Honor Society. She served as a Big Sister, tutoring first-grade students, and as a volunteer in the King County (Washington State) Bar Association's Central Legal Clinic.

Other Deaths

Fred Coffey, who retired from W&L in 2007 after 31 years as an officer in Public Safety, died on June 15.

James Crawford Mackey, who worked as a custodian in Facilities Management for 21 years before retiring in 1986, died on May 26.

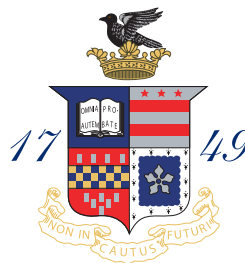
Carter V. McNeese, former associate director of development and director of the Annual Fund at W&L, died on Feb. 6.

Cynthia Penne, a lecturer and an instructor of violin and viola in the Music Department from 1991 to 2012, died on July 2. She also served as the principal violist of the University-Shenandoah Symphony Orchestra and as the violist of the W&L faculty trio.

Helen G. Watt, widow of William J. Watt, former dean of the College and professor of chemistry emeritus, died on June 16.



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There we ate carefully prepared

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Mostly, though, we enjoyed each other's company, made friendships that are sure to last, and formed



The W&L group at the Verona Arena.

memories that will stay with each of us forever. Not bad for a week in northern Italy.

Oh, and did I mention the wine?

—George R. Bent,

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 with Buenos Aires and Santiago

All in the Family

Our shorthand term for these photos used to be “Dads & Grads.” With this category now embracing alumnae with graduating offspring, plus proud siblings, grandparents, aunts, uncles and other kinfolk, all of whom attended (or are still attending) the University, we’ve retired that title. Suffice it to say that whatever we call the folks in this special group, we are proud to call them part of the W&L family.



Front row, left to right: Jackie Goodell '10 (sister of Libby), Bill Goodell '80L, Betsy Goodell '80L, Sam Wilburn '79, Bob Humphreys '72, Steve Nardo '82, Jed Dunn '82 (uncle of Virginia McGarry), Mike McGarry '87, Khaki Howe '07 (cousin of Jonathan), Harold Howe '76 (uncle of Jonathan). *Back row, left to right:* Libby Goodell '14, Yates Wilburn '14, Rob Humphreys '14, Logan Nardo '14, Fletcher Dunn '10 (cousin of Virginia McGarry), Virginia McGarry '14, Myers McGarry '16 (sister of Virginia), Hanes Dunn '13 (cousin of Virginia McGarry), Jonathan Howe '14.



Front row, left to right: Adrian Williamson '80, Jet Taylor '84, Kevin Berger '84, Rick Swagler '84, John McAlister '80, Trip Johnstone '82, Dave Bennett '91 (brother to Katie), Michael Armstrong '77, Peter Collins '84. *Back row, left to right:* Adrian Williamson '14, John Taylor '14, Alex Berger '14, Allison Swagler '14, Lacy McAlister '14, Ellison Johnstone '14, Katie Bennett '14, Andrew Bennett '12 (brother of Katie), David Armstrong '11 (brother of Kate), Kate Armstrong '14, Charlotte Collins '14.



Front row, left to right: David Cole '83, Walter Granruth '78, Tom Wall '54 (grandfather of Kelsey), Tom Wall '80, Mike Buttarazzi '87, Gordon Witherspoon '83, Walter Robertson '76, Billy Hiden '75. *Back row, left to right:* Trip Cole '14, William Granruth '14, Kelsey Wall '14, Annie Buttarazzi '14, Kelsey Witherspoon '14, Mamie Robertson '14, Taylor Hiden '14.



Front row, left to right: John Jesse '79L, John Bruch '78, Randy Ellis '86 (uncle of Laura Beth), Thad Ellis '82, Chris Spear '86, Tucker Laffitte '07 (brother of Norris), Tuck Laffitte '79, Bill Metzger '85, Peter Partee '87, Stan Doobin '81, Paul Kuveke '84. *Back row, left to right:* Tricia Jesse '17 (sister of Sarah), Sarah Jesse '14, John Bruch '14, Laura Beth Ellis '14, Marie Spear '14, Norris Laffitte '14, William Metzger '14, Christopher Metzger '16 (brother of William), Peter Partee '14, Michael Doobin '14, David Doobin '11 (brother of Michael), Paul Kuveke '14.



Front row, left to right: Jack Berry '76, Bill Matthai '80, Alicia Matthai '91 (aunt of Alice), Jay Nexsen '76, Mike Buttarazzi '87, Chris Ives '85, Jim Ballou '77, Andrew Archie '79, David Hundley '79, Mike Luttig '76. *Back row, left to right:* Laura Berry '14, Alice Matthai '14, Sally Nexsen '14, Annie Buttarazzi '14, Chris Ives '14, Kate Ballou '14, Ellen Archie '14, Hal Hundley '14, Morgan Luttig '14.

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A Day for the Graduates

BY PRESIDENT KEN RUSCIO '76

Forbes magazine labeled this “The Commencement Address Disinvitation Season” to describe instances in which protests either caused universities to rescind an invitation or speakers to bow out.

Although the media hype suggested there were more cases than usual, complaining about commencement speakers is actually a time-honored tradition.

One of this year’s most publicized incidents was the decision of Condoleezza Rice, former U.S. Secretary of State, to decline an invitation from Rutgers because, she said, she did not want protests over her appearance to be a distraction on a day that should be “a time of joyous celebration for the graduates and their families.” Without debating the protests or her decision to withdraw, there can be no doubt that she is right about the purpose of commencement.

A few years ago, in a piece for *Inside Higher Ed*, I described Washington and Lee’s tradition of having the president—the University president, that is—address the gradu-

ates. My point then was not that this custom made us better than our peers. Indeed, I’m sure that many of our graduates might wish they could boast of a celebrity who addressed them at Commencement.

Yet, each year when I sit down to write my remarks, my assignment is quite clear: I want to say something that will have meaning to the graduates, and only to them. It is their day, not ours.

As I told members of the Class of 2014 on May 22, we see commencement as a time of celebration and reflection, and not as our last shot to teach them life’s lessons and suddenly spring upon them the revelation that the world is a treacherous place and they must now go forth and cope.

By the time they have finished four years at W&L, they know what awaits them without my reminding them. For us, Commencement is neither a beginning nor an end. It’s simply a day to stop and pause and understand the longer journey and the role our community has played.


This year, especially, the message

needed to be a personal one.

The deaths of Kelsey Durkin ’14 and Lara Gass ’14L in separate automobile accidents left us numb with sadness that lingers still. As part of both the law and undergraduate commencements, we honored their memories by awarding them presidential degrees.

As I told the graduates, I want us always to remember Kelsey and Lara and the lesson we learned, the legacy they left us, which is the importance of being in a community where people care about each other.

None of us could have gotten through those dark days alone. All members of our community—faculty, staff, alumni and especially students—called upon the finest qualities of this University and demonstrated the compassion for one another that proved to be the strength we needed.

The focus of the graduates, in their final moments as students at Washington and Lee, rightly belonged on all they had achieved, individually and together. It was their day, after all. 



Thank You and Congratulations!

W&L is pleased to recognize the following graduates of the Class of 2014, whose parents made a gift to W&L's Parents Fund in their honor. Congratulations! We honor your accomplishments and wish you the best as you venture forth from Lexington.

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Last Look

GEORGE WASHINGTON SOCIETY AT 25



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The George Washington Society celebrated its 25th anniversary in late March with a reunion of its co-founders and two of those founders' descendants (and a distinguished visitor). L. to r.: James Jennings '65, John Folsom '73, honorary alumnus Dick Sessoms, "George Washington," Howard Capito '68, Taber Smith III '85 (son of the late Chet Smith '53) and Mack McGrew '87 (son of the late Dan McGrew '52).

The society also witnessed the unveiling of a 19th-century copy, by Edward Everard Arnold, of Emanuel Gottlieb Leutze's "George Washington Crossing the Delaware." It graces the Benefactors' Wall in Washington Hall and is an anonymous gift in memory of Charles Walter Hay '38.