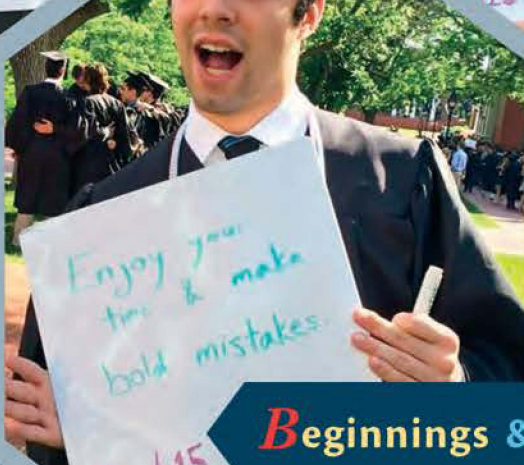
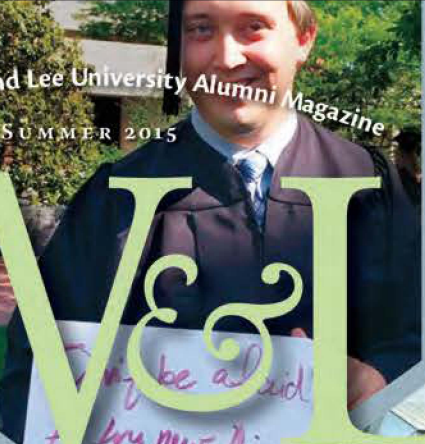
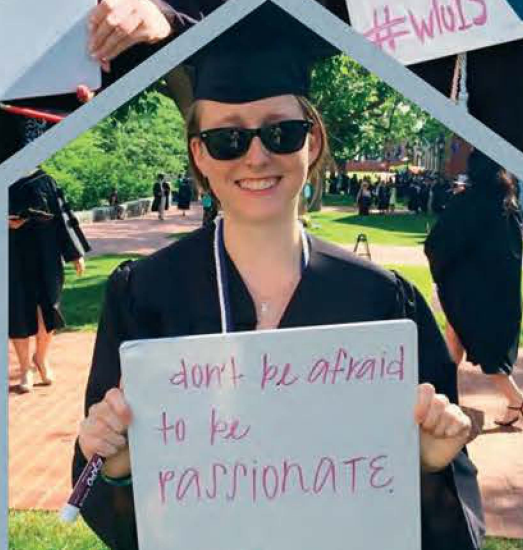


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Photo by Kevin Remington

by the Numbers

5 Staff Members, 1 Tree, 1 Lectern

A handsome new lectern made its debut during Baccalaureate and Commencement thanks to several staff members. It is made from wood from the commencement tree, as it was called, that graced W&L's front campus from its planting around 1866 until its felling in 1998. An ash tree with a canopy of between 40 and 50 feet, it had provided much-needed shade to graduating seniors and their families.

The tree received its name because it was a pivotal point of the graduation stage when Commencement was held on the lawn between the President's House and R.E. Lee Memorial Church. **Scott Beebe**, projects engineer in Facilities Management, was director of facilities when he decided to cut down the tree because it was hollow. Realizing its historical significance, Beebe milled a stack of boards for possible later use.

Nearly two decades later, the University's existing lectern, made of plywood, needed replacement. **Randolph Hare**, director of maintenance and operations in Facilities Management, suggested that the planks from the commencement tree, which had been drying in W&L's barn for all those years, be used to create a new lectern.



John Hoogakker, executive director of University Facilities, took on the task of designing it. He researched classical references around campus and studied detail and proportion in historic texts on classical architecture. As a result, the new lectern has four columns that resemble the columns on Washington Hall.



Patrick Harris, systems programmer and administrator in Information Technology Services (ITS), built the lectern, and **John Watkins**, director of client services in ITS, created the four columns.

The result of their foresight, teamwork and artistry will grace W&L ceremonies for years to come.

**Top: President Ruscio breaks in the new lectern.
Bottom: Patrick Harris and John Hoogakker with their creation.**



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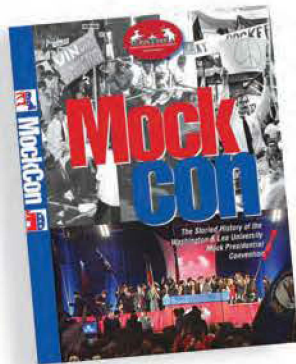
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For **Mock Con's Spring Kickoff**, May 6–9, the speakers were **Todd Buchholz** (left), former White House economic advisor and hedge fund manager, and **Virginia Del. Ben Cline** (right). Earlier in the year, the Mock Con organizers debuted a documentary, funded by W&L's

Class of 1953 and narrated by author and former CBS journalist Roger Mudd '50, on the drama and inspiration of 25 mock conventions. If you'd like your own copy, you can order it from the University Bookstore at <http://bit.ly/MockConDVD>.

▶ On March 20-21, the **Institute for Honor Symposium**, sponsored by the Class of 1960, "From Civil War to a Civil Society: Achieving Peace with Honor," featured author **Richard Brookhiser** on Lincoln and the founders, historian **H.W. Brands** on Lincoln and Grant, and historian **Gary Gallagher** on Lee.

▶ On March 23, author **David E. Johnson** gave the **Lee Chapel Annual Spring Lecture**, "Freeman's Lee," about biographer Douglas Southall Freeman.

▶ On April 10, at the **Tom Wolfe Weekend Seminar**, award-winning novelist **Jesmyn Ward** of Tulane University, presented the keynote address: "Memory

and Imagination: Salvaging the News in 'Salvage the Bones.'"

▶ On May 21, the **Contact Committee** brought to campus **Laverne Cox**, best known for her recurring role in Netflix's "Orange Is the New Black," for a talk titled "Ain't I a Woman: My Journey To Womanhood."

Phi Beta Kappa Welcomes 64 Initiates

On March 19, the Phi Beta Kappa chapter at W&L inducted 64 new members into the academic honor society, in a convocation featuring **Katy Simpson Smith**, author of the novel "The Story of Land and Sea."

Class of 2014: Trevor T. Hatcher, Tyler Van Riper Hyde, Ellison G. Johnstone, Jean Paul Mugabe, Jasmine M. Soo, Mark A. Sowinski

Class of 2015: Zachary Robert Arnold, Stephanie Banning, Holley Beasley, Victoria Blackstone, Jacob Bowe, Alexandra Butler, Rachel Christensen, Caroline Crichlow-Ball, Amanda Dixon, Colin Glenday Fraser, Janey Fugate, Mary Lynn Gabe, Amira Hegazy, Corinne Hemmersbach, Ryan Painter Johnson, Jillian Nicole Katterhagen, Charlotte Keesler, Bayan Misaghi, John Fitzgerald Murphy Jr., Hannah Elizabeth Paulk, Austin Pierce, Danjoseph Quijada, Carl Alexander Retzloff,

Stephanie Rice, Naphtali Rivkin, Rachel Samuels, Kinsey Marie Schell, Ryan Scott, Lisa Stoiser, Monette Veral, Cathy Wang, Drew Weprinsky, Marc Wonders, Joseph Yankelowitz

Class of 2016: Sam Borowsky, Anna Paden Carson, Man Dai, Rebecca Dunn, Stephanie Foster, Liam Cadigan Gaziano, Shelbi Hendricks, Michael Holt, Hannah Grace Howard, Madalyn Kosar, Bruce McCuskey, Joy Putney, Sarah Rachal, Catherine Roach, Nicole Elizabeth Simpson, Jacob Strauss, Anna Russell Thornton, Pasquale S. Toscano, Huong Vu, Austin Walker, Franklin Wolfe, Tierney Elizabeth Wolgemuth, Xiaoxiang Yang

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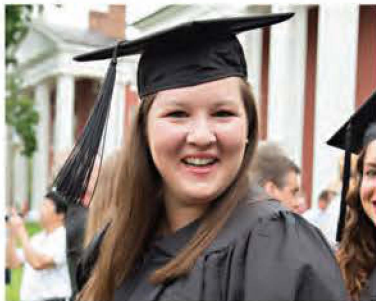
J. Brown Goehring Sophomore Award: Stephen C. Mitchell Jr. '17



A happy lineup of graduates celebrates after the ceremony.

The Class of 2015 Sets Sail

Washington and Lee University celebrated its 228th undergraduate commencement on May 28. It awarded bachelor's degrees to 454 students; 18 earned both a B.A. and B.S., and three each completed three majors. The Class of 2015 hails from 40 states, the District of Columbia and 11 other countries. The three valedictorians tied for that honor, each with perfect 4.0 grade-point averages: **Christopher Hu**, **Eric Schwen** and **Scott Sugden**.



Lucy Wade Shapiro, president of the Executive Committee of the student body, spoke on behalf of the Class of 2015.



Getting ready to march to the Front Lawn.



Josy Tarantini and **Thomas Day** received the Algernon Sydney Sullivan Medallion, the University's highest student honor, which the faculty bestows on the graduating woman and man who best demonstrate high ideals of living, spiritual qualities and generous service to others. They also spoke at the Baccalaureate ceremony.



James C. Cobb, Spalding Professor of History at the University of Georgia, received an honorary doctor of humane letters degree. Cobb (left), who gave the 2015 Founders Day talk at W&L, admired his diploma with President Ruscio.



Virginia Secretary of Education **Anne Holton** spoke at Baccalaureate on May 27 and received an honorary doctor of laws degree. Her mother, Virginia "Jinks" Holton, is a trustee emerita of W&L, and her father is Gov. Linwood Holton '44.



President Ken Ruscio '76 asked the undergraduates to discern between character and artifice at their alma mater and in their lives. "What truly matters here are the intangible attributes" of learning, friendship and integrity, he said. "That is the character, the essence, the wavering nature of the place nourished by its source." In the background, l. to r.: Larry Peppers, dean of the Williams School, who presented his last class before retirement; Suzanne Keen, dean of the College; James C. Cobb, recipient of an honorary degree; and Provost Daniel Wubah. For more on the beautiful new lectern, see p. 2.

PRESIDENT KEN RUSCIO '76 TO STEP DOWN IN 2016



Ruscio, who announced his decision to the campus community on May 26, will have completed a decade as president when he leaves the position on June 30, 2016. He intends to take a one-year sabbatical leave for the 2016-17 academic year and then return to the faculty.

In a letter to the University community, Ruscio said that while he had no timetable in mind when he became president in July 2006, “a decade now seems about right — enough to have achieved many of our goals and the right moment for the University to start anticipating the new ones.”

Ruscio’s decision came as W&L neared the June 30 conclusion of its historic, \$500 million fundraising campaign. It has successfully funded most of the initiatives included in the University’s current strategic plan, which was formally adopted in May 2007.

“The board has accepted President Ruscio’s decision with reluctance, but with deep appreciation and admiration for his exceptional leadership,” said Rector Donald Childress ’70. “Washington and Lee is a stronger institution today by virtually every measure because of the way President Ruscio has combined his vision with his devotion to Washington and Lee.”

In his message to the community, Ruscio praised the quality of the people who compose Washington and Lee: “The strength of this community has always been its people — the thousands of alumni who remain dedicated to their alma mater, the creative teacher-scholars on the faculty, the devoted and highly competent staff, the parents and families of the students, and most important, our students. I certainly knew that before assuming the presidency. That is affirmed every day I go to the office.”

Among the numerous achievements of Ruscio’s presidency:

- The \$50 million renovation and restoration of the historic Colonnade.
 - The development of the Johnson Program in Leadership and Integrity.
 - The creation of such new academic initiatives as the Roger Mudd Center for Ethics, the J. Lawrence Connolly Center for Entrepreneurship, the reinvigorated, four-week Spring Term, and the innovative, nationally regarded third-year curriculum in the School of Law.
 - The \$66 million Lenfest Challenge, which created 15 of the 20 new endowed chairs and 10 term professorships and improved faculty compensation. The University has also introduced major work-life initiatives for faculty and staff.
 - A strong commitment to sustainability initiatives that includes an energy-education program and a solar-panel array.
 - The construction of new facilities: the Center for Global Learning, Hillel House, upper-division housing neighborhood and natatorium.
 - A major expansion of the University’s financial aid program that has made W&L’s distinctive education available to qualified students regardless of their family’s financial circumstances.
 - The renovations to first-year housing, Leyburn Library and Lewis Hall.
 - The development of the Duchossois Athletic Complex, featuring Wilson Field.
- The support for the communities of Lexington and Rockbridge County through the creation of the Community Grants Program, the relocation of the national Omicron Delta Kappa headquarters to Lexington, and the partnership that has resulted in the restoration of the historic former courthouse and jail into University-leased buildings.
- You can read President Ruscio’s complete message to the community about his decision, as well as his messages on other topics, at wlu.edu/presidents-office/messages-to-the-community.

Larry Connolly '79 Joins Board of Trustees

Larry Connolly '79, of Atlanta, the former CEO of Connolly Inc., a recovery audit accounting and consulting firm, joined the Board of Trustees on May 15, at its spring meeting, in Lexington.



After graduation, Connolly joined the company of the same name, which his father had founded that same year. He earned an M.B.A. in 1982 from Tulane University and went on to a career at Coopers & Lybrand before returning to the family fold in 1986. With his sister, Libby Connolly Alexander, as the COO, they grew the company from 30 employees to more than 1,250. It made

frequent appearances on Inc. 5000's list of the nation's fastest-growing private companies. In 2012, he and Alexander sold the company to Advent International, and he stepped down as CEO.

In 2013, he and wife, Leigh, established the J. Lawrence Connolly Center for Entrepreneurship and the J. Lawrence Connolly Endowment for the Shepherd Program for the Interdisciplinary Study of Poverty and Human Capability at W&L. In 2010, the Connollys established an endowment to support W&L interns working in Atlanta through the Shepherd Alliance, a summer internship program administered by the Shepherd Program. He serves on the Entrepreneurship Advisory Board and formerly served on the Shepherd Program Alumni Advisory Committee.

The Connollys have two children, Catherine and Jay.

Extra! Extra!

Digitized archives of the Ring-tum Phi now available online

W&L's student paper, the Ring-tum Phi, made its first appearance in 1897 and has, with the exception of World War II, been in print ever since. Leafing through back issues in Special Collections, the curious can read about Fancy Dress, homecoming queens, Glee Club concerts, changes to The White Book, even extensive coverage of W&L's long-ago Division I football team. The only catch is you had to be on campus to do so.

That has now changed. Over the past two and a half years, Alston Cobourn, digital scholarship librarian at W&L, has worked with an outside vendor, Backstage Library Works, to create a text-searchable digital archive of the Ring-tum Phi (repository.wlu.edu). "It's been a long process," said Cobourn. "With over 100 years' worth of material, there was a lot of prep work involved. It's very exciting to now have the Phi archives online."

The biggest users are classes from the journalism and history departments. So far, most searches are for stories on Lee Chapel and coeducation. Geographically, Texas, with its large alumni contingent, produces the highest number of hits nationally, while France leads the way for international readers.

"The digitized archives aren't supposed to replace physical access of the Phi," said Cobourn. "But it's really useful in helping people discover new

details about the University."

Regarding its online presence, ringtumphiwlu.com, Coburn said, "We're hoping to capture and preserve the digital version of the paper for the archives, as well."

As for the ongoing print version, the Phi's coeditors for the 2015-16 academic year will be Krysta Huber '16 and Cecelia Smith-Schoenwalder '16, with Hannah Howard '16 as managing editor. Having worked as writers and editors of the Phi, they "believe we can lead the Phi to new levels of in-depth reporting, and will strive to give equal coverage to every group and issue on campus, no matter the size. We are also expanding our social media websites, and we will be introducing a new social media editor."

You can subscribe to the Phi's weekly print version for \$45/year. Contact Ring-tum Phi, Elrod Commons #341, 204 W. Washington St., Washington and Lee University, Lexington, VA 24450-2116.



STUDENTS

Rachel Adams-Heard '16 won first place for general news reporting-newspaper (small school division) in Region 2 of the Society of Professional Journalists' 2014 college journalism competition. And a project by four others was named a regional finalist in the Online In-Depth Reporting category, when **Micah Fleet '15, Janey Fugate '15, Evelyn Rupert '14 and Andy Soergel '14** won for "Natural Bridge," published by W&L's "Rockbridge Report."

Parker Burrus '18 and **Lee Sommerfeldt '18** have been selected as Kemper Scholars. The Kemper Scholarship Program prepares students throughout their undergraduate days for leadership and service, especially in the fields of administration and business.

Avery Field '17, a member of W&L's (undergraduate) Mock Trial team, won All-American Attorney status for his outstanding performance at the American Mock Trial Association's National Championship Tournament.

Sommer Ireland '15 received a U.S. Teaching Assistantship in Austria for the 2015–2016 academic year.

Polina Kyriushko '17, Caroline Sandy '17, Burke Ugarte '17 and Alexis Tabb '17 received corporate summer internships in Germany from the AmCham U.S.-Germany Internship Program.

With their \$10,000 Davis Projects for Peace grants, **Cynthia (Ho Yee) Lani '15** will establish the Breakthrough Leadership Academy for youth in the poorest district of Hong Kong, and **Daphine Mugayo '15** will create a computer laboratory in an area of Uganda with limited access to technology.

Naphtali Rivkin '15 received a Fulbright research grant to Latvia for his project, "Anecdotes of Bravery: An Oral History of Latvia's Popular Front."

Kassie Scott '18 attended a Fulbright Commission King's College London Summer Institute for a course called "Wonderland: 100 Years of Children's Literature."

Katrina Spiezio '17 received a Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship for study in China during the past Spring Term.

Richard Dixon Sykes '13 won a NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship to support his graduate study.

Alex Yacoubian '16 won a William Jefferson Clinton Scholarship at the American University in Dubai.

FACULTY AND STAFF

Scott Dittman, registrar, was elected vice president at large of the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers.

Genelle Gertz, associate professor of English and Writing Program director, received a fellowship from the Folger Shakespeare Library to conduct research and write during the 2015–2016 academic year.

Helen I'Anson, the John T. Perry Jr. Professor of Biology, received a grant from the Commonwealth Health Research Board, the first that someone from W&L has won from that organization. It will fund research by I'Anson and her co-investigator, **Gregg Whitworth**, assistant professor of biology.

Brian Laubscher, sports information director; **Chip Whipple**, assistant sports information director; and **Reba Miller**, sports information assistant, are the ODAC Sports Information Office of the Year.

Andrea Lepage, associate professor of art, received a summer stipend from the National Endowment for the Humanities to develop the project "Mapping Histories, Hearing Voices: A Digital Resource for the Great Wall of Los Angeles."

Jemma Levy, assistant professor of theater, won the 2015 Mednick Fellowship from the Virginia Foundation for Independent Colleges.

Kevin Hemington, University photographer, was voted the best photographer in the Shenandoah Valley by the readers of Virginia Living magazine.

Jeffrey Shay, Johnson Professor of Leadership and Entrepreneurship, received the Western Academy of Management's Joan G. Dahl President's Award.

Campus Kitchen at Washington and Lee won the Community Impact Award from the national Campus Kitchens Project, plus a share of a three-year, \$625,000 grant from AARP to develop innovative, sustainable solutions to increase food security for older Americans.

Washington and Lee received a grant from the Jessie Ball duPont Fund that will help support a new initiative to enhance and expand community engagement and service learning in Rockbridge County.

The Washington and Lee University Store was among five finalists for the 2015 Collegiate Retailer of the Year Award presented by the National Association of College Stores Foundation.

CASE (Council for Advancement and Support of Education) has recognized **University Advancement** in several areas:

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Circle of Excellence Bronze Award, Best Uses of Social Media—Student Life: **wluLex, Jamie Goodin '10**.

Circle of Excellence Bronze Award, Flash Campaigns: **Annual Giving, Skylar Beaver and team**.

Platinum Awards, Best Practices in Fundraising, Grand Award,

District III: **Annual Giving, Skylar Beaver and team**.

Graphic Design, Photography—Individual, Special Merit Award, District III: **Alumni Magazine, Kevin Remington**.

Print and Digital Publications/Low-Budget Publication, Special Merit Award, District III: **Alumni Affairs, Mary Woodson**.

Graphic Design, Single-Page Publication or Flier, Special Merit Award, District III: **Admissions, Billy Chase, Mary Woodson**.

Platinum Awards, Best Practices in Alumni Relations, Special Merit Award, Division III: **"Alumni 2020," Alumni Affairs**.

Straughan Named New Crawford Family Dean of Williams School

Rob Straughan, associate dean and professor of business administration and marketing at the Williams School of Commerce, Economics, and Politics, has been named the next Crawford Family Dean of the Williams School. He succeeds Larry Peppers (see p. 18).

After joining W&L's faculty in 2000, Straughan became associate dean in 2003. He played a central role in two accreditation reviews and developed the framework for the \$2.5 million gift that endowed the Connolly Entrepreneurship Program.

Straughan assisted with fundraising, planning and oversight of the \$6.5 million renovation of Holekamp Hall and \$3 million classroom and infrastructure upgrades of Huntley Hall. He worked on the establishment of co-curric-



ular programs in New York, Washington, D.C., and Latin America, as well as on a school-wide writing initiative.

At the same time, he has taught marketing management, cross-cultural issues in marketing, a first-year study-abroad seminar on international corporate social responsibility and sustainability, and courses related to services marketing, advertising and integrated marketing communications, retail management and professional selling.

Succeeding Straughan as associate dean is Raquel Alexander, associate professor of accounting at W&L. She worked for KPMG as a tax consultant in Dallas, Texas and Phoenix, Arizona, before earning her Ph.D. from the University of Texas at Austin. She joined the faculty at W&L, where she teaches taxation and the business of art, in 2012.

Leading the Way

The Leadership Education and Development (LEAD) Banquet on March 22 honored student leaders and organizations, and a professor, too. See their photo on p. 48.

Nabors Service League Award for Volunteerism: **Kate LeMasters '15**

Best Service Event: **Fear 2 Freedom**

Excellence in Artistic Event Management: **Samantha Sisler '15**

Outstanding Philanthropic Effort: **FeelGood**

Outstanding Peer Counselor: **Brennon Williams '17**

Outstanding Residential Adviser: **James Quigley '15**

Distinguished Summer Work: **Eric Schwen '15**

Emerging Leader of the Year: **Faith Pinho '18**

Christopher Noland Student Activities Leadership Award: **David Thomas '15**

Greek Man of the Year: **Ryan McNally '15**

Greek Woman of the Year: **Margaret McClintock '15**

Chapter of the Year: **Kappa Kappa Gamma**

The G. Holbrook Barber Scholarship Award:

Paqui Toscano '16 and Elizabeth Powell '16

The Decade Award: **Noelle Rutland '17**

The Edward Lee Pinney Prize: **Kate LeMasters '15**

Anece F. McCloud Excellence in Diversity:

Lauren Mosely '15

Best Event of the Year: **Bill Nye, sponsored by Contact Committee**

Not Unmindful of a Sustainable Future Award: **Rachel "Chel" Samuels '15 and Cort Hammond '15**

Greenest Group Award: **Student Environmental Action League (SEAL)**

Adviser of the Year: **Bob Ballenger '76**, Professor of Business Administration

John W. Elrod General of the Year:

Daphne Mugayo '15

Best Student Organization (Americus White Award): **Rugby**

The Frank J. Gilliam Award: **Candace Maynard '15**

Larry Stuart Memorial Award: **Lucy Wade Shapiro '15**

The Alexander Thomas Boehling '10 Memorial Award:

Margaret McClintock '15 and

Patrick O'Connor '15



Left to right: Kelly Brotzman, visiting assistant professor in W&L's Shepherd Program, Thomas Joyner '18, Lilly Grella '18, Emma Swabb '16, Brian Pecheles '15, Cameron Lee '17, Mary Clare Bruce '15, Rachel Gallagher '18, Michael Sullivan '18 and Jordan Cohen '17.

W&L Students Learn Realities of Criminal Justice System Alongside Inmates

BY SARAH TSCHIGGFRIE

Students at Washington and Lee University took the study of the criminal justice system to a new level this spring by taking a course alongside incarcerated prisoners. Together, they learned firsthand about the system's effects on individuals and communities.

The new course, "Incarceration and Inequality," was taught by Kelly Brotzman '95, visiting assistant professor in W&L's Shepherd Program for the Interdisciplinary Study of Poverty and Human Capability. The Shepherd Program prepares students from a variety of majors and political perspectives to work with communities to address the problems associated with poverty.

The course, the first of its kind in Virginia, took place during W&L's four-week Spring Term. Brotzman had to turn away interested students wanting to take the class. She taught it three times a week to nine W&L students and 10 prisoners at Augusta Correctional Center in Craigsville, Virginia. Each W&L student teamed with an incarcerated

prisoner who is pursuing higher education, although the prisoners did not receive academic credit.

"Prison is the end of the line in a lot of ways," said Brotzman. "It's a place where you can often see crystallized layers of cumulative disadvantage, so in a sense it's a good illustration of everything we teach about in the Shepherd Program. I wanted this course to give students a much deeper and broader knowledge about incarceration in the United States today, to think critically about it and from multiple points of view. This course investigated a host of issues related to incarceration, such as re-entry, sentencing reform, prison privatization and indigent defense."

For Rachel Gallagher '18, the classes made her readings come alive. "You read about it, you see the numbers, and they are big and scary and upsetting," she said. "But to be in class with people who are living this reality, to hear how they got there and why, and how mass incarceration has forever changed the reality of their lives, has been so power-

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ful. I hope to use this experience to change how I view things going forward into law or politics.”

The students and prisoners took turns writing in a journal that each pair shared to document their progress and keep track of the fast-paced material. Brotzman thought the journal idea worked well and allowed everyone to share their thoughts, feelings and, to the extent that they were comfortable, their life experiences. According to the W&L students, their classmates’ stories were moving, although no prisoner claimed innocence.

Thomas Joyner ’18 found that he had a lot in common with his

incarcerated classmate, who said he had been a computer science student at the top of his class. “I was surprised at how smart, engaging and well-spoken all the prisoners are. Thinking about it, I don’t know why they wouldn’t be just because they are incarcerated, but that shattered some expectations of mine,” said Joyner.

While neither Brotzman nor the W&L students attempted to verify the prisoners’ stories, and acknowledged that they heard only one side, Brotzman observed that long sentences were a common thread among the prisoners. “We have a very inflexible sentencing system right now in this country that lumps people into categories they do not necessarily belong in,” she observed. “Due to mandatory minimums and other determinate sentencing laws, average time served for the six major felony categories has doubled, and in some cases tripled, during the last 30 years.”

Brotzman also pointed out that the truth-in-sentencing law of 1995 abolished parole in Virginia and some other states. Although some of the incarcerated students who were sentenced prior to that law are still technically eligible for parole, according to Brotzman, “the system is basically non-functional in Virginia. The parole board’s grant rate hovers between 1 and 2 percent. For the few prisoners sentenced prior to 1995 who are still eligible for parole, it is most commonly granted due to old age or terminal illness. It was clear from our discussions in class that the prisoners would like to see a return to a more functional, meaningful parole system which objectively assesses evidence of rehabilitation and recidivism risk.”

Brotzman said that during the 40 years between the early 1970s and 2012, the jail and prison population in the United States has increased sevenfold and now incarcerates one quarter of the world’s prisoners. “This is a fairly dramatic change in my lifetime, and I’m trying to educate people about this reality and to think about its dramatic impact in critical ways,” she said.

Reading through the journals, Brotzman was struck by how the incarcerated students felt that attending the course made them feel normal. “It was really nice for them to have

a discussion, read, talk, have a human connection,” she said. “It’s not surprising that they feel like that. They have a sense of being thrown in the human trash can, essentially, which I think is how a lot of our correction systems function in a lot of states — as a place to put disposable people.”

“These prisoners have a mentality of hopelessness, and our class coming in and giving them fresh perspective, just

talking about certain topics and reforming the system, is very promising for them,” added Cameron Lee ’17, a biochemistry major with a minor in poverty studies.

Rachel Gallagher’s classmate

“You read about it, you see the numbers, and they are big and scary and upsetting. But to be in class with people who are living this reality, to hear how they got there and why, and how mass incarceration has forever changed the reality of their lives, has been so powerful. I hope to use this experience to change how I view things going forward into law or politics.”

—RACHEL GALLAGHER ’18

reported entering the criminal justice system when he was just 12; now he is middle-aged with a daughter Gallagher’s age. “I cried multiple times reading my partner’s journal, especially when I read about what this class has done for him. In one journal entry, he described it as like Christmas morning, because this prison has a policy that if your sentence is longer than 30 years, you must have served at least 20 years before you can work at a job or take classes. So this was the only opportunity available to him. And he so desperately wants to learn and do something with his life. He said that the class has fulfilled something he had deeply missed.”

“We know that higher education has tremendous potential for reducing recidivism for incarcerated people, but unfortunately there’s almost no college-level learning in prison anymore,” said Brotzman. “I just knew that it would be great to bring in this class, and I think it has been transformative for some of the incarcerated students.”

Brotzman credited the format of the Spring Term — students take one class only — for enabling the course to take place, and she will encourage other W&L faculty to teach at Augusta Correctional Center or other such facilities. “These prisoners have responded to education with extreme positivity, so I have no doubt that if other classes were offered to them, they would immediately sign up. But I would like to see the prisoners receive official credit,” she said.

“We want to be the voices for change in our school and in our own different fields in the future,” said Emma Swabb ’16, a psychology major with a minor in poverty studies.

“We’ve had this unique experience, and we want to be the advocates for change. Maybe people will want to hear what we have to say about our criminal justice system. So we want to make a concrete effort to take what we’ve learned and apply it to volunteering, to book drives, to making this something that’s in the consciousness of our student body and also the nation. Because I think we as a nation are ultimately judged by how we treat our most vulnerable people, which these prisoners arguably are.”

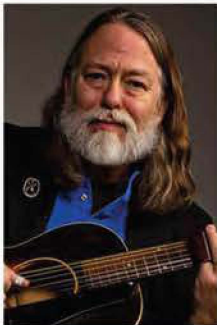
Blues guitarist and historian **Scott Ainslie '74** has released a new album, "The Last Shot Got Him," featuring songs by Robert Johnson, Fats Waller and Irving Berlin, and even one from a Disney film.

Amy Balfour '89, '93L, a frequent contributor to this magazine, is a co-author of a new Lonely Planet travel guide, the seventh edition of "Southwest USA." It covers Nevada, Arizona, New Mexico, southwestern Colorado and Utah. She writes that

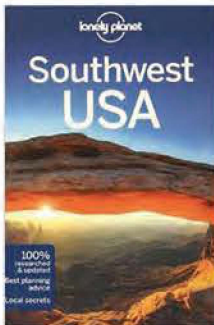
she "can't stop hiking to the depths of the Grand Canyon."

Joel H. Bernstein '57 has a new book, "Buck's Country: A Novel of the Modern West" (Sunstone Press). W&L has a cameo in the story of a cowboy named Buck Cooper, who leaves Montana for New Mexico — which also happens to be Bernstein's home. The rancher, rodeo contestant and former college professor is also the author of "Wild Ride: The History and Lore of Rodeo."

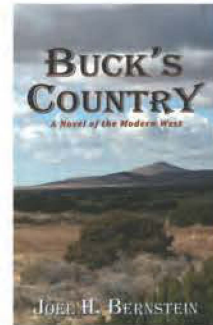
Will Biddle '70 has published a novel titled "Mama's Boy" (Xlibris), the story of a young man coming into his own. Will, who lives near Annapolis, Maryland, says, "There is a little of Will Garlin in all of us. His character is flawed, and some of the things he does are downright shameful, but we like his honesty, forgive him for his failures, and want him to overcome the obstacles in life because we all face similar problems."



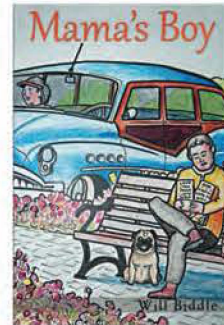
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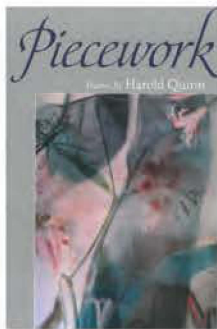
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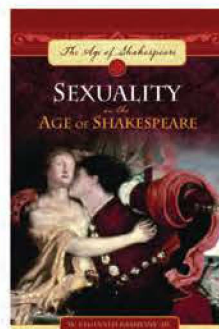
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Turner Simkins '87 was on campus during Reunion Weekend to sign copies of his book "Possibilities: Perseverance, Grace and the Story of One Family's Life with Leukemia" (River Grove Books).

Carson Tate '98 provides a step-by-step guide to simplify and streamline your workflow, and tame your inbox once and for all, in "Work Simply: Embracing the Power of Your Personal Productivity Style" (Portfolio).

Outdoors enthusiast **Andy Thompson '00** offers "Hiking Waterfalls in Virginia: A Guide to the State's Best Waterfall Hikes" (Falcon Guides). He includes several hikes that are probably familiar to alumni: Panther Falls, Crabtree Falls and Apple Orchard Falls.

Garland S. Tucker III '69 published "Conservative Heroes: Fourteen Leaders Who Shaped America, from Jefferson to Reagan" (Intercollegiate

Studies Institute). Tucker tells the story of conservatism in what the publisher calls a "lively look at 14 champions of conservative thought — some well known, others hardly remembered at all."

Several **W&L student organizations** partnered with Project Horizon, a local organization dedicated to reducing dating, domestic and sexual violence, to produce "Facing Sexual Violence in Rockbridge County: A Collection

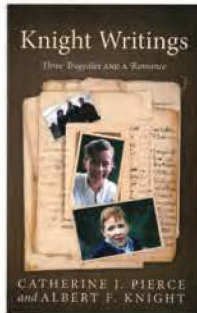
Albert F. Knight '51 published "Knight Writings: Three Tragedies and a Romance" (Outskirts Press, Inc.), covering the timeless themes of death and love.

"Readings in Wood: What the Forest Taught Me" (University of South Carolina Press), a collection of 27 essays by visiting English professor **John LeJand**, covers several genres: personal memoir, natural history and cultural criticism.

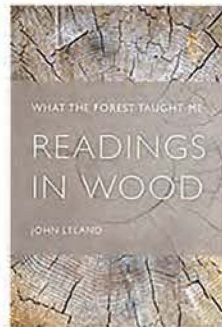
Two-time novelist **Rebecca Makkai '99** turns to short stories in "Music for Wartime" (Viking), showcasing her signature mix of intelligence, wit and heart.

The poems in "Piecework" by **Dr. Harold Quinn '54** explore his Louisiana childhood, adolescence, courtship, marriage and the pleasures of duck hunting.

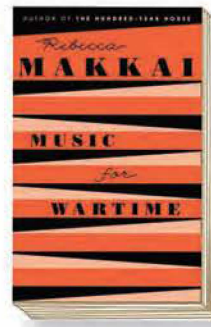
"Sexuality in the Age of Shakespeare" (Greenwood, 2011) by **W. Reginald Rampone Jr. '84** examines the role of sexuality in Shakespeare's plays and poetry, and also in film and stage productions of his plays. The author employs various theoretical approaches to establish detailed interpretations of Shakespeare's plays and provides excerpts from several early-modern marriage manuals to illustrate the typical gender roles of the time.



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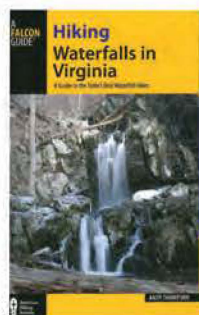
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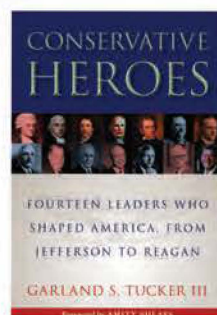
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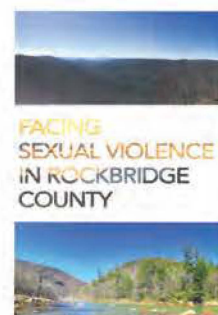
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of Stories and Resources," anonymous, unverified accounts from local residents. The Facing Sexual Violence in Rockbridge County project, part of the national Facing Project, aims to increase awareness of the topic "by encouraging constructive conversations."

ADDITIONAL READING AND LISTENING

Christopher R. Gareis '88 published the second edition of his book "Teacher-Made Assessments: How to Connect Curriculum, Instruction, and Student Learning."

Associate Provost **Marc Conner** developed a series of lectures, "How to Read and Understand Shakespeare" (The Great Courses Teaching Co., 2013), an introduction to 12 plays by the Bard, both comedies and tragedies.

Rufus Kinney '69 contributed a chapter, "The Incineration of Chemical Weapons in Anniston, Alabama: The March for Environmental Justice," to "Confronting Ecological Crisis in Appalachia and the South" (University Press of Kentucky, 2012). He said, "My experience has been that big power-

ful corporations care little or nothing about the communities they destroy even as they go about the business of making profits."

Before she died in 2011, **Pamela Hemenway Simpson**, the Ernest Williams II Professor of Art History at W&L, had written about Rockbridge County, Buena Vista and Lexington, and, with a co-author, an overview of the Shenandoah Valley for "Buildings of Virginia: Valley, Piedmont, Southside, and Southwest" (University of Virginia Press), part of the Buildings of the United States Series from the Society of Architectural Historians. The book, edited by Anne Carter Lee, came out this spring.

Congratulations, Retirees

Everywhere from Facilities Management and Lewis Hall to the Marketplace and Reid Hall, these folks kept the University humming along in myriad ways during their years at W&L. We wish them the best in their retirement.



Buddy Atkins '68



Jack Bissett



Frances Brown



Bill Clark



Terry Evans



Flash Floyd '77



Carolyn Goolsby



Peter Grover '73



Ray Hostetter



Tim Jost

Buddy Atkins '68, director of donor relations, University Development, 1977-2014

Jack Bissett, head of collection services, Law Library, 1981-2014

Frances Brown, baker's assistant, Marketplace, 1995-2015

Bill Clark, grounds worker, Facilities Management, 1989-2014

Terry Evans, employer development associate, Career Planning and Professional Development, Law School, 1997-2015

Flash Floyd '77, assistant director, classroom technologies, Informational Technology Services, 1989-2015

Carolyn Goolsby, office manager, University Development, 1972-2015

Peter Grover '73, director, University Collections, 2003-2015

Coline Hartless, custodian, Facilities Management, 1998-2015

Ray Hostetter, carpenter, Facilities Management, 1974-2015

Tim Jost, Willett Family Professor of Law, 2001-2015



Bill King



Carol Jean Kirby



Beverly Lorig



Vera Mencer



Darlene Moore



Emily Nicely



Brian Richardson '73



Cree Sherrill



Ken Ujje



Charles Updike



Lyn Wheeler

Bill King, professor of accounting, 1989-2015

Carol Jean Kirby, administrative assistant, Law School, 1988-2014

Beverly Lorig, director, Career Development and associate dean of students, 1990-2014

Vera Mencer, administrative assistant, Law School, 1995-2014

Darlene Moore, director of Faculty Services, Law School, 1975-2014

Emily Nicely, administrative assistant, Athletics, 1999-2014

Brian Richardson '73, professor of journalism and mass communications, 1990-2015

Cree Sherrill, executive assistant, Williams School, 2000-2015

Ken Ujje, associate professor of East Asian languages and literatures, 1989-2015

Charles Updike, grounds worker, P.E. Arts and Recreation, 2000-2015

Lyn Wheeler, professor of accounting, 1983-2014

Brant Hellwig Takes the Helm as Dean of W&L Law School

Brant Hellwig, W&L professor of law and an expert in the field of federal taxation, became dean of the W&L School of Law on July 1. He succeeds Nora V. Demleitner, who stepped down as dean at the end of the academic year.

Hellwig joined the law faculty in 2012. He teaches a variety of tax courses, including Federal Income Taxation of Individuals, Partnership Taxation, Corporate Taxation and Estate and Gift Taxation. His scholarship in the field is similarly broad, ranging from the income tax treatment of deferred compensation arrangements to the estate tax treatment of closely held business entities employed as trust substitutes.

Hellwig has served on a number of critical committees, including two years as chair of the Faculty Appointments Committee. He also was a member of the Board of Trustees' task force working group that developed the recently announced strategic transition plan, which positions the law school to maintain its distinctive mission while adapting to the changing environment of both legal education and the legal profession.

"I am delighted that Professor Hellwig has agreed to accept this appointment and have the utmost confidence in his ability to lead the law school during this critical time," said President Ken Ruscio '76. "I look forward to working with Professor Hellwig and the entire law school community to ensure that the School of Law remains a defining feature of Washington and Lee."

Provost Daniel A. Wubah noted that Hellwig's appointment ensures a seamless transition. "Professor Hellwig has a clear understanding of our law school's mission, character and goals," said Wubah.

Hellwig received his B.S., *summa cum laude*, and J.D., *magna cum laude*, from Wake Forest University.



"W&L School of Law is a truly remarkable place. We have a small, collegial student body that regularly interacts with a faculty comprised of engaged scholars and committed teachers."

After practicing with Bell, Davis & Pitt P.A., in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, he obtained his LL.M. in taxation at New York University School of Law, where he received the Harry J. Rudick Memorial Award for distinction in the tax program.

After serving as law clerk to the Hon. Juan F. Vasquez of the U.S. Tax

Court, Hellwig began his academic career at New York University as an acting assistant professor. He then accepted a permanent appointment to the University of South Carolina School of Law, where he taught for 10 years. During his tenure at South Carolina and W&L, Hellwig has received a number of institutional awards recognizing both his teaching and his scholarship.

"W&L School of Law is a truly remarkable place. We have a small, collegial student body that regularly interacts with a faculty comprised of engaged scholars and committed teachers," said Hellwig. "The place has a feel that is both comforting and invigorating. It is a joy to be a part of this intellectual community, and it will be a privilege to lead the school."

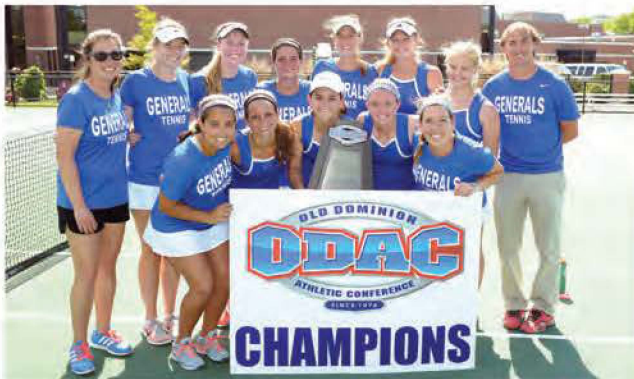
In addition to numerous law review articles, Hellwig has published a casebook on federal estate and gift taxation with W&L law professor Robert Danforth and recently completed a manuscript commissioned by the U.S. Tax Court, "The United States Tax Court: An Historical Analysis," an expanded revision of the seminal text published in 1979 by Harold Dubroff.

"I would like to express on behalf of the entire Washington and Lee community our deepest appreciation to Dean Demleitner for her contributions these last three years," said Ruscio. She worked to improve the School's bar passage rates and placement rates, revamped the Career Services Office, led renovations of Lewis Hall and nearly completed the School's capital campaign target of \$35 million. She increased diversity in the faculty and student body and enhanced the third-year curriculum by adding the Washington, D.C., semester. Following her sabbatical, Demleitner intends to bring her expertise as a criminal law scholar to the faculty.

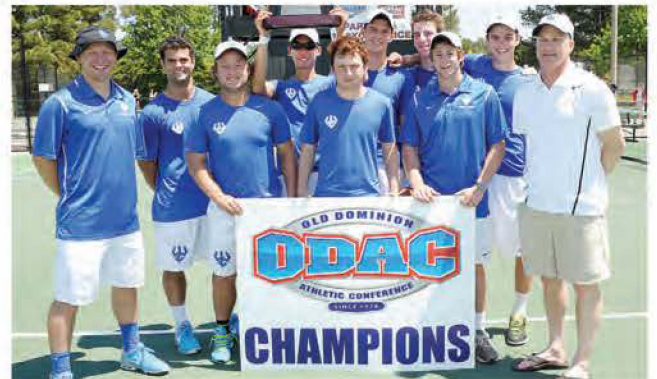
The women's lacrosse team claimed its sixth straight ODAC title after posting a perfect 10-0 conference record for the second year in a row. The Generals finished 16-3 overall and advanced to the third round of the NCAA Tournament. Goalkeeper Cara Mulligan '15 was named the ODAC Player of the Year and earned Third Team All-America honors.



The Generals' Year



The women's tennis team won its 13th straight league crown en route to a 24-5 season, 11-0 in conference play. Three players, Sonja Meighan '15, Patricia Kirkland '15 and Brooke Donnelly '17, earned First Team All-America honors as the Generals advanced to the third round of the NCAA Tournament.



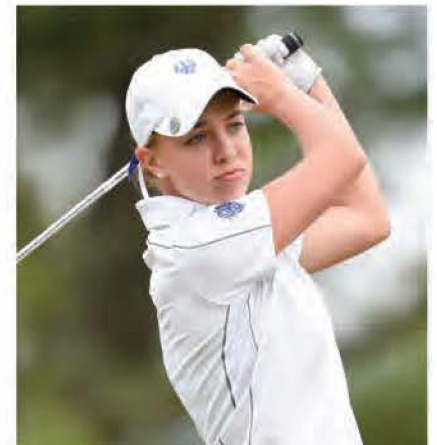
Men's tennis claimed its sixth straight conference championship and finished the season with a 15-9 overall record. The Generals finished 10-0 in conference play for the fifth consecutive season and advanced to the second round of the NCAA Tournament.



Aaron Jeong '15 earned the Pres Brown Award as the top male athlete at W&L after an impressive career with the track and field team. He was a three-time ODAC champion, seven-time All-ODAC honoree and two-time NCAA Championship qualifier, setting school records in the 60 meters (6.90) and 100 meters (10.65) and also with the 4x100-meter relay team (41.24).



Tommy Thetford '18 (right) took Division III swimming by storm when he earned First Team All-America honors in the 50 freestyle and the 100 freestyle at the NCAA Championship. The ODAC Rookie of the Year, Thetford finished fourth in the 50 free and fifth in the 100 free at nationals, while setting school records in the 100 free (44.44) and 400 medley relay (3:24.14).



Mary-Frances Hall '18 helped engineer an incredible turnaround with the women's golf program as she was named the ODAC Rookie and Player of the Year. The W&L Outstanding First-Year Female Athlete honoree, Hall won two tournaments during the year and was named a Second Team All-American.



Volleyball claimed its third consecutive conference title after posting a 27-7 overall record and a 9-2 league record. Led by Honorable Mention All-American middle blocker Kenzie Shand '17, the Generals advanced to the first round of the NCAA Tournament.



Clayton Murtha '18 was named the W&L Outstanding First-Year Male Athlete after the basketball forward was selected as the ODAC, State and Regional Rookie of the Year. Murtha finished third in the voting for the National Rookie of the Year after averaging 17.4 points, 6.1 rebounds and 2.0 assists per game.

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The women's swimming team finished 8-2 overall and won the ODAC title for the eighth season in a row. The Generals set nine school records, led by Emily Rollo '17, who had a hand in five of the records and was named the ODAC Swimmer of the Year.



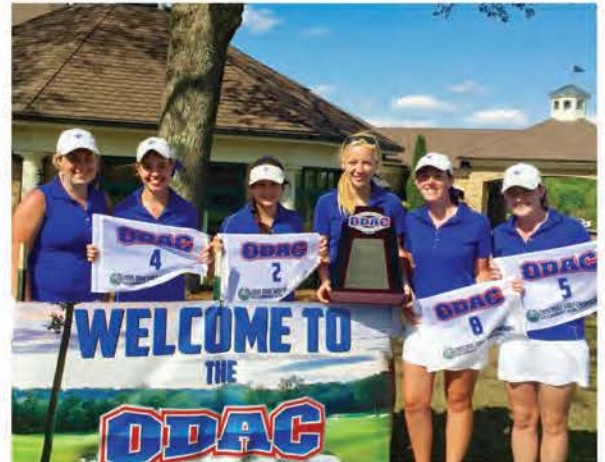
W&L claimed the first-ever ODAC men's swimming championship and finished the season with an 8-2 overall record. Led by the exploits of All-America Tommy Thetford '18, who was named ODAC Rookie of the Year, the Generals set two school records during the season.



Tennis player Sonja Meighan '15 became the first W&L athlete and just the fifth athlete in conference history to be named the ODAC Player of the Year all four years. Meighan earned the Pres Brown Award as the top senior female athlete at W&L and finished her career as a seven-time All-American.



Ian McDonald '17 had a tremendous year with the cross country and track and field teams. McDonald was the first General to win the ODAC Cross Country title since 2005 in being named the ODAC Runner of the Year. He then finished second in the mile at the NCAA Indoor Track & Field Championships in March to earn First Team All-America honors.



Washington and Lee won its first ODAC women's golf title in just its third season, and the Generals received an at-large bid to the NCAA Tournament, where they finished 14th overall. W&L won two tournaments during the season and finished in the top three of every tournament it played except the national championship.

“I Knew Washington and Lee Was Very Rare”

Larry Peppers
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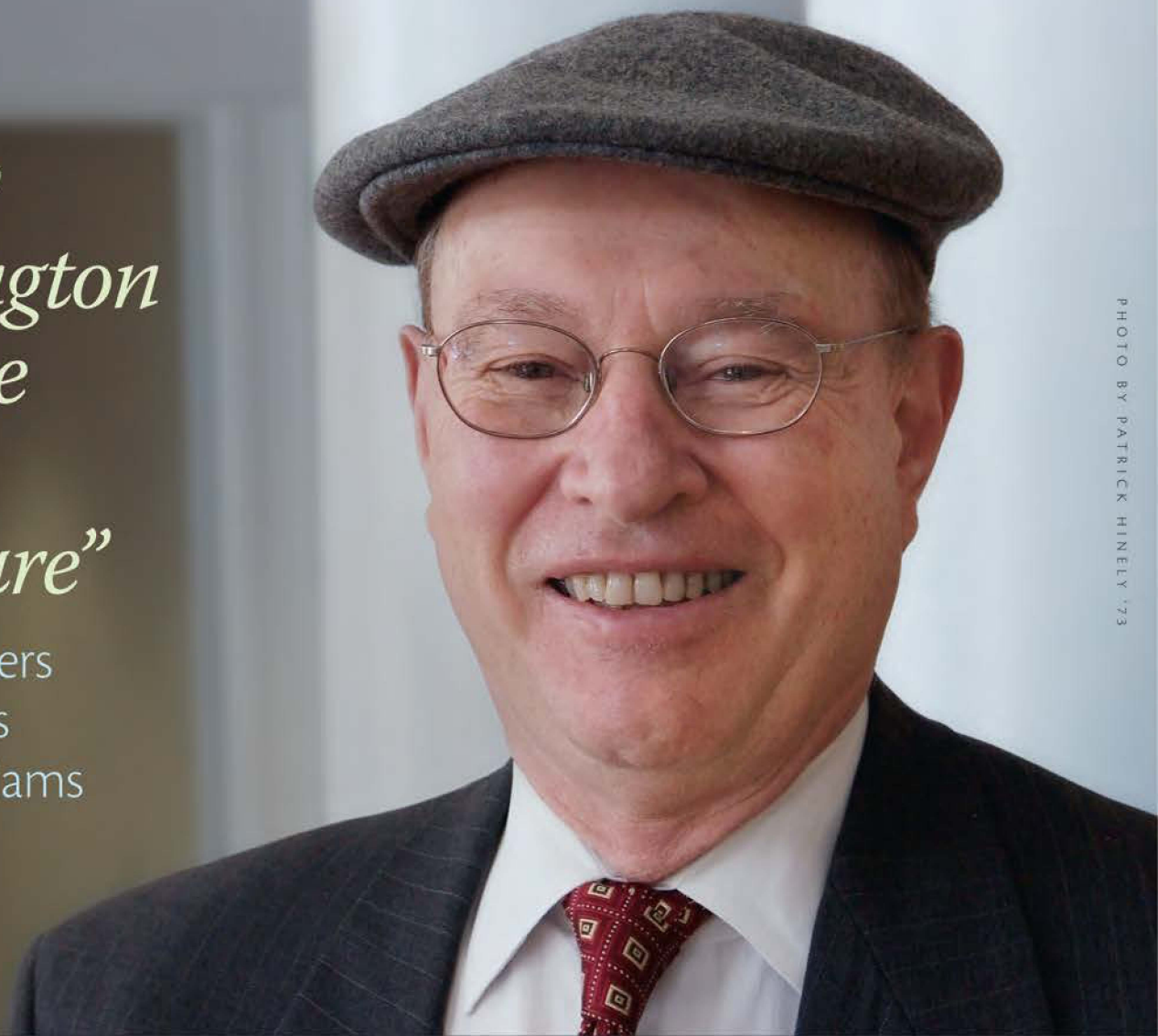


PHOTO BY PATRICK HINELY '73

*Larry Peppers is only the fifth dean in the history of the Williams School.
He presided over the school's centennial in 2006.*

When Larry Peppers accepted the job as dean of the Commerce School in 1986, he had one demand — a personal computer waiting on his desk when he arrived.

“There wasn’t a computer in the whole building. I told President Wilson I wasn’t coming unless I got one,” says Peppers, laughing.

Wilson readily agreed, and Peppers’ desktop computer became the talk of campus. Within two years, everyone on the C-School’s faculty had made room on their desks for the new machines.

Peppers had returned to a career in academia by way of industry. He earned a Ph.D. in economics from Vanderbilt and taught for three years before going to work for Union Pacific Railroad in Omaha, Nebraska. The company needed an economist to start a forecasting group, and Peppers hired and led a team of statisticians

and econometricians who developed models to predict the volume of rail freight traffic.

He found the work interesting, but Peppers wanted to spend more time with his wife, Fran, and their two small children, Todd and Susan. He had taught night classes at nearby Creighton University, so when the university extended him a full-time, tenure-track offer, he returned to teaching and continued his economic-forecasting work as a consultant. Before long, he became chair of Creighton’s economics and finance department.

RACHEL BEANLAND

When Peppers applied for the job of dean of the School of Commerce, Economics, and Politics — it wasn't renamed for Ernest Williams II until 1995 — he knew only that Washington and Lee University was a well-regarded liberal arts college, not unlike Grinnell College, where he'd spent his own undergraduate years.

"I was searching for a liberal arts institution like my alma mater, but I wanted one that combined the liberal arts with a strong program in business," says Peppers. "There are very few such institutions of higher education that talk about business, much less have a full-blown program in it. I knew Washington and Lee was very rare."

The University had a relatively new president in John Wilson and an even newer dean of the College in John Elrod. Both were enthusiastic leaders and deeply committed to fostering the liberal arts. Peppers returned to Omaha after a three-day, on-campus interview

Peppers was ready to get to work, but he wasn't done negotiating about computers. One of his first orders of business was to equip a large classroom on the third floor of the C-School building with 30 IBM machines.

and told Fran that Washington and Lee was too good to be true.

On a hot day in July of 1986, the Peppers family moved to Lexington. Fran, who had earned a M.B.A. at Creighton, hoped she might teach business courses at nearby Southern Seminary Junior College. Todd was an incoming W&L freshman with the Class of 1990, and Susan was set to enroll at Rockbridge County High School.

Peppers was ready to get to work, but he wasn't done negotiating about computers. One of his first orders of business was to equip a large classroom on the third floor of the C-School building with 30 IBM machines. A development officer took him on a road trip to visit with alumni in Baltimore; after Peppers pled his case, Tom Broadus '59 and A.C. Hubbard '59, '62L made the initial gifts for the facility.

"It was my first interaction with Washington and Lee alumni," says Peppers. "I'd never been at an institution where the alumni were so in love with the university and so passionate about it."



Larry Peppers in the late 1980s, with his trend-setting desktop computer.

In the faculty, he found passion in equal measures. Of the 45 permanent faculty members in the Williams School today, only three — Carl Kaiser, Craig McCaughrin and Roger Dean — predate Peppers. The Commerce faculty was smaller then, with just 21 professors, and no associate or assistant dean.

Bill Connelly started in the Politics Department the same year that Peppers took over, and it wasn't a year before he was in the dean's corner office, pitching an idea for a new Spring Term class he called "Washington Term." Peppers supported the initiative; 28 years later, more than 375 alumni have participated.

"My philosophy, with respect to academic appointments, is to appoint outstanding faculty, provide them with good support and then get out of their way to see what they can do," says Peppers. "Bill turned that internship program into one of the flagship Spring Term programs."

One of the first faculty appointments Peppers made, in 1987, was that of a young politics professor — a 1976 alumnus named Ken Ruscio — who had recently returned to Lexington to serve as W&L's dean of freshmen. Ruscio would spend 15 years in the Politics Department; in 1991, Peppers named him the school's first associate dean. "I think my colleagues would agree with my description of Larry as a 'faculty member's dean,'" says Ruscio, president of W&L since 2006. "He made it possible for faculty to

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— PRESIDENT
KEN RUSCIO '76

do their best in the classroom and in their research, and enabled them to focus on things that mattered most to them. As a result, they thrived as teachers and scholars."

Ruscio continues, "During my tenure as associate dean, a faculty member outside of the Williams School said that Larry was a great dean because he never had any problems to deal with. That professor totally missed the point. There was a reason Larry seemed to have no problems to deal with — some people have that rare capacity to anticipate and manage situations before they become problems."

In 1991, Peppers made another important hire, Elizabeth Oliver.

The student body had gone coed in 1985, but the faculty had been slow to follow suit. Oliver, now the Lewis Whitaker Adams Professor of Accounting, was the school's first female faculty member.

Another early win for Peppers was the establishment of the Williams School Board of Advisors. He approached Farris Hotchkiss '58, then vice president for University relations and secretary of the University, about establishing such a group. The plan quickly took hold. Among the first alumni to join were Bo Brookby '72, Bill Johnston '61, Tom Rideout '63, Don Childress '70 (current W&L rector), Phil Norwood '69 (former rector) and

Hatton Smith '73. Over the years, board members have supported internship and job placement initiatives, and in 2006, they took a leading role in the fundraising campaign to renovate the Co-op into Holekamp Hall. To date, a staggering 15 members of the Board of Advisors have gone on to join the university's Board of Trustees.

Considering Washington and Lee's emphasis on tradition, Peppers can be surprisingly renegade. When he first started, the campus was so dog-friendly that both faculty and students brought their dogs to school.

All it took was one student's dog chewing through a power cord in Peppers' new computer lab for the dean to toss tradition out the window and post big "No Dogs Allowed" signs on both entrances of the building. Some of the faculty argued that their own dogs deserved exemptions, but Peppers held firm. If students weren't allowed to bring their dogs into the building, neither were professors.

"You lived in the country, and you



Larry Peppers departing his last meeting of the Williams School Board of Advisors, in May. Thanks to several members of that board, Huntley Hall — as the building was named in 2004 — will soon boast the Larry and Fran Peppers Reading Room.

Curating Connections: Fran Peppers

had a dog, and you brought the dog to campus. There was just a real dog culture," says Peppers. "So early on, I had a one-year fight about dogs."

More often than not, however, Peppers' willingness to buck tradition worked to the advantage of the faculty. In the 1990s, he hired a young visiting professor in the Politics Department. The man wore shorts and sandals around campus — even though nearly all the Williams School's faculty still taught in a coat and tie. President Wilson asked Peppers whether he could make the visitor dress like a professional. Peppers just smiled and told his boss, "No, I can't."

Many of Peppers' colleagues attribute at least some of his success as dean to his career in economic forecasting. For example, Peppers joined forces with Bill Hartog, dean of admissions, to advocate for raising tuition. They argued that the University was underpricing its product and that an increase in tuition would improve W&L's image and help bolster a rainy day fund. The Board of Trustees eventually adopted the measure, and when the 2008 recession hit, Washington and Lee weathered the downturn and emerged from several lean years in far better fiscal shape than many of its peer institutions.

"I like to say that, during my early years here, I spent a lot of time doing in-house work as an economist," says Peppers.


He also made the case for a more systematic approach to strategic planning. In 2002, the Williams School became the first unit on campus to create a strategic plan. When President Tom Burish was hired later that same year, he was so impressed that he asked Peppers to lend his talents to create a University-wide document.

Other Peppers accomplishments include the J. Lawrence Connolly Center for Entrepreneurship, eight endowed professorships and a written communications initiative, which quickly expanded to include an emphasis on oral communications as well.

Today, the Williams School has an increased focus on experiential learning. This means more international Spring Term courses, more career exploration trips to cities such as New York and Washington, D.C., and more co-curricular organizations such as the Williams Investment Society and Student Consulting.

In 2009, for the first time in more than two decades, Peppers got a change in job title — he became the first Crawford Family Dean of the Williams School, thanks to an endowment given by E. Mac Crawford and Linda Crawford, parents of Drew Crawford '96.

This year, his job title will change once again. After 29 years, Peppers will rejoin the ranks of the faculty. He will spend a much-deserved, yearlong sabbatical writing a book about the economics of higher education and enjoying extra time with his four grandchildren; son Todd Peppers and daughter Susan Peppers-Bates are professors at liberal arts colleges themselves. Peppers then will teach before officially retiring in 2017.

"I've been blessed with an increasingly rare environment in higher education," says Peppers, "one that is shaped by an abundance of good students, a faculty devoted to the teacher-scholar model, strong financial support, a devoted alumni base and senior administrators who unflinchingly seek the best for the entire University." 

With Larry Peppers stepping down as dean, the Williams School loses not one but two valued members of the community. His wife, Fran Peppers, has curated more than 50 art exhibitions in the Williams School since 1989.

"I was auditing art classes at Washington and Lee, and it became quite clear that the art students did not enter the Williams School, and the business students infrequently visited the gallery or studios in duPont Hall," says Peppers. "I found this interesting, since both groups came to W&L to get a liberal arts education. It made me want to bring art to the Williams School."


Peppers convinced her husband to abandon the building's drab green walls adorned with charts and maps. They repainted the walls and installed track lighting, picture molding and a professional hanging system.

"In the 1980s, Lexington did not have an art scene in any sense of the word," says Peppers. "There were many professional artists but no community galleries. My mission was to bring new artists and their work to the area."

When the University renovated the Co-op into Holekamp Hall, the dean advocated for additional gallery space, and Fran Peppers worked with the design firm to coordinate every detail of the finished area. Today, the Williams School hosts four exhibitions per year — two in Holekamp's McCarthy Gallery and two in Huntley Hall.


Over the years, Peppers has brought artists such as Elise Sprunt, Al Gury and Ken Smith to campus. Her favorite exhibitions have been those that challenged students to make connections and think about the world differently. Some students complained that Gury's Rubenesque paintings of nude figures were pornographic, and they were equally provoked by Smith's sculptures of pregnant women.

"It was always gratifying to see students pay attention to the art," she says.

It is fitting that Peppers' last exhibition, in Huntley Hall this spring, showcased her own work. "Life's Moments" included paintings that depict the life she and the dean have built together in Lexington. She dedicated the show to her husband. 



"The End of the Day,"
a self-portrait by
Fran Peppers

A portrait of Bill Hartog, an older man with glasses, wearing a dark suit and a light green patterned tie. He is smiling and sitting in a chair. The background is a blurred office setting with a painting on the wall.

*“Our Distinctions
Are Still the Same”*

Bill Hartog
on 37 Years
of Admissions
at W&L

By
L I N D A E V A N S

Two days before the deadline for students to make deposits if they wanted to enroll in the Class of 2019, and Bill Hartog had more than 100 spaces to fill to meet his goal of 465 deposits. But the vice president for admissions and financial aid, who is retiring after 37 years with the University, stayed calm as he assembled his final class.

At the same deadline back in his index-card days — before modern technology changed the way student recruitment and enrollment are accomplished — Hartog would have been rushing back to his office after every meeting and each lunch hour to check the mail for deposits, and keeping a sharp eye out his office window for the FedEx truck that, he hoped, would be bringing more checks.

“Students are doing to us what we did to them a month ago,” Hartog laughs, meaning the deadline for W&L to let applicants know whether or not they were accepted. In both cases, it often comes down to the wire before both students and school make commitments.

Today, students and parents can convey decisions by e-mail and make deposits electronically, literally a few minutes before the deadline. While students are comparing colleges where they have been accepted — and the financial aid packages they have been offered — Hartog’s staff, as well as faculty, students and even the president, hit the phones, send e-mails and attend yield parties hosted by alumni around the country. It’s all to persuade the best candidates from this year’s accepted-student pool to enroll.

“Bill is the consummate professional,” says Steve McAllister, treasurer and vice president for finance. “Not once during my time at the University have I ever had to worry about whether we would achieve our enrollment targets or stray far from the budget. I don’t know many other vice presidents for finance who have that level of confidence in their admissions vice president. That level of certainty and reliability is often overlooked.”

In 1978, after working at his alma mater, Rollins College, as assistant director and then director of admissions, Hartog came to Washington and Lee to fill what then was the top departmental position, director of admissions. He found out quickly that “marketing was seen as less than reputable” by the faculty, and his plans for a marketing action plan for the University were poorly received as he visited departments to introduce himself.

Bill Hartog early in his W&L career. College admissions is somewhat of a family tradition. Bill’s wife, Lois Conrad, is the former dean of admissions at Tulane University, and his son Doug Hartog ’98 is a senior associate dean of admissions at the University of Virginia. B.J. Conrad ’04, Brian Hartog, Edward Conrad and five grandchildren round out the picture.

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— PRESIDENT KEN RUSCIO ’76



At that time, admissions “was a sleepy industry,” he says. The job was more oversight than outreach, and the general perception held that great students would seek out W&L if they wanted to come. As the years went by, however, there was an explosion of seats at colleges and universities, and “competition for the best and brightest began to intensify,” Hartog says. State-supported colleges, which previously had sought students only from within the state, began competing with private colleges throughout the region and, later, throughout the country and beyond. “Today, our market is the world,” Hartog says.

He believes that admissions work is equal parts public relations and recruitment. When he started out, however, “it was all public relations.” He and his staff would visit high schools but have no idea if any students would show up to talk. “We are now more sophisticated in identifying prospective students and matching their interests with our faculty and programs.”

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As his job changed from oversight to proactive recruitment, Hartog’s title underwent changes as well. He became dean of admissions and financial aid in the late 1980s, and in 2014 he became a vice president.

“I remember hearing our alumnus, Tom Wolfe, refer to Bill Hartog as ‘the magic man’ during a Board of Trustees reception in New York some years ago,” says President Ken Ruscio ’76. “The appellation seemed an appropriate way to explain how another class of talented, eager students has suddenly appeared on the campus each fall for the past 37 years.

“It’s not really magic, of course,” continues Ruscio. “I know what has really characterized Bill’s success is a combination of skill and hard work and his uncanny ability to describe Washington and Lee’s special qualities in a way that resonates with both 18-year-olds and their parents. When I think about

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how dramatically the admissions profession has changed in the past four decades, I can only admire Bill’s ability to adapt without ever sacrificing those principles of integrity that have guided his career.”

Two landmark events took place during Hartog’s tenure at W&L. The first occurred in 1985, with the admission of women. The second came in 2007, with the Johnson Scholarship Program.

Coeducation became a real possibility in the early 1980s under the administration of President John Wilson, who asked Hartog and the Admissions Office for demographic studies that he later presented to the Board of Trustees. “It was an emotional issue,” says Hartog. “Trustees were not of one mind.” It took about 18 to 24 months of discussion and study before July 1984, when the board voted to admit undergraduate women. (The Law School had begun enrolling women in 1972.)

In the fall of 1985, the first coed class arrived on campus.



Back in 2011, Bill Hartog put the finishing touches on the Class of 2015 with Jenny Ratzel '07 (left), then assistant director of admissions, and Jonathan Webster (right), associate dean of admissions.

W&L deliberately made the process slow, “which gave us confidence that we could change without affecting the core values of the University,” says Hartog. “For the most part, we were not adding women; we were replacing men.” Changes were made to the campus’s infrastructure, to the Greek system and to athletics, he remembers. The goal for the first year was to enroll about 110 women. That increased gradually to 130, then 160. The University created a committee of male and female faculty and staff, plus students (including a female law student) “to guide us through uncharted territory.” When 38 women were admitted through early decision, he says, “we knew it was going to work.”

Many alumni opposed coeducation, with the late Bill Ford ’61L, at the time the recent past president of the Law Alumni Association, among them. After the decision, “he asked me when the first coed class would be admitted,” says Hartog. It turned out that Ford’s daughter, Delia, was “dying to come.” (She is a member of the Class of 1989.) That scenario repeated itself many times over. “Alumni could send their daughters to their alma mater,” says Hartog, “and their experience would parallel their own.” Today the student body of 1,855 is about 50 percent men and 50 percent women. In reviewing applications, he says, “we don’t pay attention to gender.”

Two decades after coeducation, another sea change arrived in the form of a gift of \$100 million from Rupert Johnson ’62 that established the Johnson Program in Leadership and Integrity. Most of the gift — \$80 million — created the Johnson Scholarship Program. The scholarships now are “the engine that drives every enrollment goal,” says Hartog. Each year 22 students receive scholarships from the program’s endowment, and the University matches that amount with 22 more scholarships. The program is merit based. While many of the applicants need the financial assistance, Johnson Scholars “must show excellence in the classroom, leadership and energy,” Hartog explains.

“We knew that this program would expand the applicant pool, and it has done that. . . . It has the ability to draw into the applicant pool a number of young people who otherwise would not have been there,” he said in 2011, a few years after the scholarships were initiated.


The Johnson Scholarships made an immediate impact. In the program’s first year, overall applications to W&L jumped from 3,700 to 6,400, with most of those additional students applying for the scholarships. And the program had another effect: W&L began to compete nationally for the best students against more heavily endowed colleges such as Harvard, Princeton, Yale and Stanford. Each year, from a pool of about 3,000 applicants, 150 finalists visit campus for interviews with faculty, current Johnson Scholars and the admissions staff. Based on the interviews, the committee typically selects between 65 and 80 winners, and up to 44 enroll each year.

Hartog will continue to administer the Johnson Scholarship Program in retirement from his new home in Vero Beach, Florida. He will oversee the program’s marketing, naming of finalists and selection of scholars, and will be the primary contact with the donor. He anticipates making three or four trips to campus each year at key times in the process.

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Hartog also is proud of the partnership W&L formed in 2009 with a nonprofit organization, QuestBridge. It identifies high-achieving, low-income students nationwide and connects them with 35 colleges. “We enroll about 25 QuestBridge students in each class,” says Hartog. Their graduation rate is the same as that of other W&L students, and “as a group, they outperform the student body in terms of GPA.”

After 37 years, Hartog is convinced that the hallmarks that have distinguished W&L for decades still attract prospective students from all manner of backgrounds and situations. Among them are the Honor System, alumni involvement in internships and job placement, the influence of a large endowment on the quality of the education, a broad curriculum delivered in small classes with close student-faculty relationships, and the national and, now, international scope of the student body.

As W&L has changed and adapted, “we never have tampered with our message,” says Hartog. “Our distinctions are still the same.” 

COUNTING UP THE HARTOG YEARS

150,000

Approximate number of applications received in 37 years

15,000

Approximate number of students enrolled in 37 years

275,000

Annual pool of prospective students

4,000


Average number of applications received annually

465

Number of students enrolled annually

46 states, 58 countries

Origin of current undergraduates



Down from the Ivory Tower: Tanya Pergola '90

BY BETH JONES

PHOTO BY KEVIN REMINGTON

Pergola, pictured here during her 25th reunion, kept in touch with Professor Ken White over the years. He wasn't disappointed that she didn't follow his footsteps to academia. "One of the really good feelings is to see what happens with students you worked well with, after graduation," he says.

Nearly a quarter-century following graduation, Tanya Pergola '90 found herself practicing yoga upstairs in the Morris House. "I can't believe I'm back here," she thought, looking out her window onto campus, marveling at the many people she'd met and the lessons she'd learned during her years of globetrotting. She knew she was the same Tanya who'd once walked along the Colonnade, but she also felt utterly transformed: "My mind and body have been on such a journey."

Pergola, who has a B.A. in sociology and anthropology from W&L and a master's in sociology and a Ph.D in sociology and social psychology from the University of Washington, returned to Lexington in September 2014 to speak to students about her apprenticeship to traditional Maasai healers and to read from her self-published book, "Time is Cows: Timeless Wisdom of the Maasai." She also talked about her DVD, "Maasai Yoga and Meditation," which she describes as a way to take a "safari in consciousness."

Pergola also brought along Lekoko Ole Sululu, a Maasai elder she describes as her mentor, brother and soul mate. Together, they co-founded TerraWatu in 2000. This non-governmental organization boasts of numerous successful projects ranging from building computer labs to conserving traditional medicinal plants in East Africa.

Pergola and Sululu also formed People-to-People Safari Co., which offers tourists a chance to see wildlife and spend time with members of indigenous tribes, with the proceeds benefiting TerraWatu.

Sululu's traditional Maasai clothing earned him some double takes on campus, but "we had a great time," Pergola says. "He thought it was very beautiful, both the school and the surrounding area."

At her 25th reunion this May, she was eager to talk with her classmates and professors about her adventures and to hear about their own. "My W&L tribe is important to me," she says.

Charles Pergola, a pharmacist turned pharmaceutical executive, wanted his daughter to follow in his footsteps. "He was honing me to be a C.E.O," she explains of her Connecticut childhood. Before her senior year of

high school, her dad arranged for an internship at a big-city ad agency. "Most of my friends were lifeguards," she says. "There I was going into an office."

She loved every minute of it. "Do I even have to go to college?" she asked her father. He insisted, so she picked W&L, mainly because the campus seemed so different from the Northeast. "I wanted an experience that was new," she says.

Pergola initially felt out of place in Lexington. Her Southern classmates struggled to pronounce her Sicilian last name. As a member of the second coed class at W&L, she was dismayed to find urinals in the bathrooms of her dorm.

Pergola entertained thoughts of transferring to the University of Pennsylvania, where many of her high school friends attended, but shook them off. That school was so big she knew she'd never develop the kind of close relationships she'd already made with her professors at W&L. "I wanted to stick it out," she says.

Instead, Pergola threw herself into her studies. She'd planned to create a major in advertising, but that went out the window as she fell in love with the Department of Sociology and Anthropology.

Ken White, professor emeritus of sociology, recalls the regular occasions when Pergola would drop by his office to talk about philosophy, a shared interest. He also remembers at least one tense conversation with her parents, who were concerned about how their daughter would turn sociology into a career. "I explained to them she would make a wonderful professor," he says.

After graduation, Pergola spent a year working in an ad agency just to see if she could regain her earlier enthusiasm for the corporate world. It didn't take. The next fall, she left for Seattle and graduate school. Pergola stayed so busy reading and writing at the University of Washington, she felt she'd lost the connection with her physical self. "I lived in my head," she says.

She started yoga to remind herself she also had a body. Pergola had grown up in a family concerned with health and wellness, so it seemed like a perfect fit when, in 1997, she took a job at a new think tank studying health and wellness. While simultaneously trying to finish her dissertation, Pergola flew all over America interviewing consumers.

She stayed so busy, however, that she didn't eat well. She didn't exercise. She didn't take time to grieve her father's sudden death from a brain tumor. "We were all working ourselves sick," Pergola says of herself and her coworkers.

Pergola had a trip to Tanzania scheduled in 1999, but she found herself dreading it. She was too exhausted

to take a vacation. For whatever reason, however, she didn't cancel. "Something beyond my rational mind led my exhausted self to the airplane that ferried me to East Africa for the first time," Pergola writes in "Time is Cows."

There, Pergola met Sululu, who was working as a safari guide. "From that first meeting, Sululu and I became great friends," she writes in her book. As their friendship deepened, Sululu helped Pergola broker a deal with Maasai healers. They agreed to teach their

ancient wisdom about maintaining emotional and physical well-being if Pergola would help the Maasai with projects to better educate students and alleviate poverty. Most importantly, Pergola agreed to share what they taught her with her own tribe in the United States. "I was passionate to learn what they had to teach me," she writes in the book.


In 2001, Pergola moved to Tanzania. If she was going to truly learn from the Maasai elders and get TerraWatu off the ground, she couldn't do it as a tourist. "The people there need to know you're committed," she says.

Pergola first tried writing about her experiences with the Maasai in 2006, but she couldn't get past a terrible case of writer's block. Sometime later, she picked up a copy of Deepak Chopra's "Synchrodestiny: Harnessing the

Infinite Power of Coincidence to Create Miracles" in a Tanzanian bookstore. "That's when it all came together for me," she explains. "I realized he had found a language, a way of translating ancient texts into an understandable format for modern readers. I was inspired. He helped me get over the idea that I had to write an academic book. I wanted to bring it down from the ivory tower. You need to make the teaching useful for today."

In 2008, Pergola returned to the United States to take a workshop with Chopra. That led to more workshops in yoga, meditation and mind-body medicine. Eventually, Pergola earned enough credentials to receive the title of Vedic Master from the Chopra Center.

For a time, Pergola tried to get a wellness center off the ground in South Africa, but her plans kept crumbling. She realized it was time to move on to a new chapter. Pergola returned to the United States and concentrated on finishing her manuscript about the Maasai. It was time to share what she had learned with her tribe.

Pergola plans to continue that template. She spends most of the year in Miami, continuing her work with TerraWatu over Skype. She leads wellness workshops all over the country and internationally. Pergola hopes to write more, possibly about the rites-of-passage rituals of the Maasai. She also plans an Internet talk show where she interviews healers from around the world. "I really want to give people tools for living," she says. 

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Medical Call **Dr. Jonathan Wortham '04**

BY LOUISE UFFELMAN

In January, Dr. Jonathan Wortham '04 spent four weeks in Sierra Leone, one of several West African countries hit hard by the largest Ebola epidemic ever recorded. As a medical officer with the Outbreak Investigators Team at the Centers for Disease Control, in Atlanta, he provided epidemiologic assistance and support to the Ministry of Health and other international partners involved in the Ebola response.

One of his primary tasks was to improve Ebola surveillance — not just counting the number of cases but also collecting information helpful for determining the geographic distribution of cases and their demographic characteristics. “These data are essential for outbreak-response planning and targeting of resources,” he explains.

Wortham, who completed his medical training and pediatrics residency at Baylor College of Medicine, joined the CDC in 2011 as an epidemic intelligence service (EIS) officer. He led several investigations into outbreaks of Legionnaires’ disease and published scientific papers documenting racial disparities in invasive pneumococcal disease (a serious bacterial infection common in young children and older adults) and recent antibiotic prescribing patterns for community-acquired pneumonia. He also designed a smartphone app to help clinicians improve implementation of preventive measures for Group B Streptococcus, the leading infectious cause of death for newborn infants less than 30 days old.

“While at W&L, I imagined that I would be a primary care physician,” he says. “That was my plan for a long time.” With that in mind, he took classes in two of the University’s signature programs, the Shepherd Poverty Program and the Washington Term Program, which introduced him to the complex intersection of health care, poverty and public policy. He spent his poverty internship at the Atlanta Mission, where he was “exposed to the poverty-related issues of mental health, drug abuse and homelessness.” His Washington Term placed him in the late Sen. Ted Kennedy’s health office, where, he says, “I got a real, practical education in public policy. All careers are affected by policies made within the workplace or at local, state or national levels. Understanding how these decisions are made and how to successfully advocate is really important.”

The turning point in his mindset occurred during medical school while he was doing service work in Guatemala. “Even though I enjoy taking care of individuals, it really struck me how much of an impact public health activities have on whole communities and how these activities complement patient care at an individual level,” he explains. “This prompted my interest in EIS, an applied public health fellowship at the CDC, where I began examining health problems from the


population level. During medical school, I was taught how to assess and work to improve the health of one individual. During EIS, I was taught how to assess and work to improve the health of whole populations. After my fellowship, I stayed at CDC because I was offered a fantastic job that allows me to do important work to improve lives.”

Although Wortham works full-time for the CDC, he hasn’t left patient care altogether. He holds a volunteer faculty position at Emory Medical School, in Atlanta, where one day a week he can be found at the pediatric emergency department of Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta. Most days, however, “my work has to do with consulting with state and local health departments regarding tuberculosis (TB) control in the U.S. Occasionally, that can take the form of traveling to investigate outbreaks alongside state and local health partners.”

Because of his experience with TB, Wortham was originally scheduled to travel to Kenya to work on managing the disease overseas. But that trip was put on hold, and he landed in Sierra Leone’s Kono District, a diamond-rich region located in the eastern part of the country, training new surveillance officers, analyzing surveillance data and teaching hospital staff about infection control and prevention procedures.

“The dedication of professionals from many different disciplines, including physicians, public health officials, police officers and military personnel was impressive,” he notes. “Many had not taken even a single day off from work in the previous nine months. I will never forget a brief discussion with an obstetrician at a local hospital, who has since become a friend. Despite the tremendous risk involved with caring for pregnant women with Ebola, as they are often very contagious, he told me, ‘Saving people and making their lives better is what I trained for and what I want to do. I will work my hardest as long as I am able.’ He articulated ideals for those working in public health and medicine and, through tremendous personal sacrifice, is exemplifying them on a daily basis. He was and is an inspiration to me.

“This Ebola epidemic is the largest in history,” continues Wortham. “Unfortunately, I think we can expect to see a few rounds of setbacks before we get to the goal of zero new infections. Ending it will require working shoulder-to-shoulder with people like my obstetrician friend to stop transmission at its source.”

He’s not sure when he’ll get to Kenya, but he hopes to someday. No matter where his job at the CDC takes him, it is a perfect fit. “My goal has always been to use my scientific knowledge to improve lives. I get to do that every day, and I am very lucky to pursue this passion and get paid for it.” 

For the past few years, Wortham has served with W&L’s Alumni Admissions Program in Atlanta and “has enjoyed talking to the many high-quality applicants who are interested in the University.” He’s a strong advocate for a W&L education. “W&L professors and fellow students helped me become a much better writer, thinker and man during my four years in Lexington. Sometimes, in medicine and the sciences, we underestimate how important communication is. Presenting a clear message is vital,

whether you’re talking to a patient about his or her treatment plan or communicating health information to the public. Knowing your audience and providing them with the appropriate information delivered in an appropriate way empowers them to make the best decisions.”

He adds, “Treating people with respect and dignity, the underlying principles of the W&L Honor System, is also essential to establish productive patient-physician relationships that lead to the best outcomes for patients.”

SABU Reunion, Feb. 6–7

Late this winter, Student Association for Black Unity (SABU) alumni returned to campus for a reunion co-sponsored by Alumni Affairs and Student Affairs. In the 1970s, about a dozen African American students founded SABU. As pioneers, they faced real challenges. Many of these alumni remained friends, shared stories and watched their children — several of whom became students at W&L — grow up.

THANKS TO THESE ALUMNI FOR JOINING US: Raynard Bolding '78 • The Rev. Tab Brown '77 • Larry Crocker '78 • Robert Ford '75 • The Hon. John Hargrove '76 • Elliot Hicks '78 • Bill Hill '74, '77L • Gregory Kendrick '85 • The Rev. Tom Penn '74 • Gene Perry '75, '78L • Talmadge Powell '77 • James Rambeau '91 • Charles Robinson '83L • Damon Sanders '91 • Bobby Smith '74 • Curtis Stewart '78 • Matt Towns '74 • Michael Webb '88, '00L • Johnny White '74, '85L • Bruce Williams '79 • Reginald Wright '83L

At a luncheon, SABU alumni visited with students and heard from President Ken Ruscio '76, Associate Dean of Dean Students Tammy Futrell, Executive Director of Alumni Affairs Beau Dudley '74, '79L and Assistant Director of Admissions Nate Hayes '14. They learned about capital projects underway on campus, athletics, the renovation of the Colonnade and the upcoming Center for Global Learning. They also heard about W&L's efforts to enroll minorities and about the W&L Promise, which guarantees free tuition for undergraduates whose families have an income below \$75,000.



SABU co-founders: Johnny White '74, '85L, Robert Ford '75, Trustee Emeritus Bill Hill '74, '77L, and the Rev. Tom Penn '74.



The Hon. John Hargrove '76 (center) visits with Jerry Darrell (left), former director of Dining Services, and Renee Pratt, former assistant professor of business administration (right).



W&L students (above) joined SABU alumni (right), who were the guests of honor at the Black Ball, in Evans.



President Ruscio '76 welcomes the Class of 1990 to the halfway point on their road to becoming Five-Star Generals.



Alumni Weekend April 30 - May 3 2015

Alumni who graduated from 11 to 50 years ago visited Lexington, with those celebrating their 50th, 45th, 40th, 35th, 30th, 25th, 20th and 15th reunions enjoying additional events. The packed schedule included live music, speakers, panel discussions, campus tours and the annual Alumni Association meeting. From the looks of these photos, everyone had a fine time.



Clockwise from above: Balmy weather made the outdoor luncheon even more delightful. A multi-generation reunion: Jack Jennings '65, Carrie Jennings Holloway '90 and Caroline Holloway '18. Nice iPhone case. Stacey Cofield '95 shows her father, Dr. Bob Cofield '65, where her grandfather and his father, Dr. Bob Cofield '41, signed the University's matriculation book.



Celebrating with the recipients of the Distinguished Alumni Award, l. to r.: President Ken Ruscio '76, **Meredith Attwell Baker '90**, president and CEO, CTIA—The Wireless Association; **Mary H. Hipp '90**, civic and nonprofit leader; **William G. Broadus '65**, lawyer with McGuire Woods, former attorney general of Virginia; and Beau Dudley '74, '79L, executive director of alumni affairs. The fourth recipient of the DAA was unable to attend: **Max L. Shapira '65**, president, Heaven Hill Distilleries.



50TH REUNION GIFT

President Ruscio accepts the generous 50th reunion gift from (l. to r.) **Dick Kreidler, Jim DeYoung, Ashley Allen and Jody Brown**, all Class of 1965.

25TH REUNION GIFT

President Ruscio thanks **Carrie Jennings Holloway '90** and **Thomas Sheehan '90** for the wonderful 25th reunion class gift.



Claire Williams, **Roger Day '85**, **Chris Williams '85** and **Terry McWhorter '85**

- ▶ THE REUNION BOWL goes to the class with the highest percentage of members registered for the weekend. With 36 percent in attendance: **Class of 1965**.
- ▶ THE REUNION TROPHY is awarded to the class with the greatest number of members registered for the weekend. With 133 registrants: **Class of 1990** (tying the record for the largest 25th-reunion attendance in school history).
- ▶ REUNION TRAVELLER award for farthest distance traveled to reunion: **Cammie Seymour '90**, from Clermont, France.



ODK initiated three honorary members. L. to r.: **G. Ashley Allen '65**, retired president and CEO, Milliken Research Corp.; **Courtney Simmons Elwood '90**, partner, Kellogg Huber Hansen Todd Evans & Figel P.L.L.C.; and **Blaine A. Brownell '65**, retired professor of history and academic administrator, author of upcoming history of W&L.

CLASS OF 2016 ODK INITIATES: **Shelbi L. Hendricks, Michael W. Holt, Ijezie A.I. Ikwuezunma Jr., Wonhee Lim, Andrea M. Owen, Jean J. Turlington, Tanner J. Waggoner, Tierney E. Wolgemuth, Patrick L. Wright.**

RUPERT LATTURE AWARD: **Edward Simpson Stroud '17**

JAMES G. LEYBURN AWARD: **Fine Arts in Rockbridge**



Looking good, gentlemen: The members of the Class of 1965 become Five-Star Generals.



Patrick J. White '96, outgoing president of the Alumni Association, hands things over to his successor, Guy H. Kerr '75.



Above: **Burr Datz '75** (left) celebrated his 40th reunion with a song, backed by Dan Newhall, W&L retiree and stellar bassist. Below: **Bill Hartog**, the retiring vice president for admissions and financial aid, spoke to the opening assembly.

- ▶ JOHN NEWTON THOMAS TROPHY goes to the class with the largest percentage increase in Annual Fund commitments over the previous year. With a 48 percent increase: **Class of 1995.**
- ▶ THE TRIDENT TROPHY is presented to the class with the highest percentage of members participating in the Annual Fund. With 65 percent: **Class of 1970.**
- ▶ 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 \$855,000 (a 30th-reunion record): **Class of 1985.**



A FEW PARTING THOUGHTS

BY PATRICK J. WHITE '96, ALUMNI ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT

A few months ago, I read an article that ranked W&L very high for having successful alumni. (I received the article from a fellow alumnus, which was a nice departure from our usual communications about Thorstein Veblen, proving Riemann, and the loathsome existence of being a Redskins fan.) Many of the other schools in the study had lots of STEM majors who, predictably, landed top jobs. The author was curious, however, why our small and rural liberal arts school would rank so highly. I think a big part of the answer is the W&L "it" factor that draws our community together so tightly. For me, three main contributing factors are W&L's Greek community, our version of student government and our core values.

While I made many friends in classes, athletics and other campus organizations, I forged a lifelong bond with members of my fraternity, particularly in my pledge class. They were from different regions and even different countries, from large cities and small country towns. We pursued different fields of study and activities, and today we lead widely varied lives. However, we retain the unique bond created in our shared experience in applying to a Greek organization, learning about it, earning our stripes, and, ultimately, shaping the organization for future students.

I have repeated that process in every organization of which I have been a part, whether corporate,



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military, charitable or volunteer. My Greek experience gave me interpersonal skills that have helped me ever since. I believe that our Greek organizations are a key incubator of the esprit de corps that runs through so many members of our Alumni Association.

My fraternity experience also gave me the opportunity to learn recruiting, budgeting, finance, employment, external relations (housing corporation, Interfraternity Council [IFC], administration, faculty, etc.) and executive functions. Critics of fraternities make light of these issues, but we had real responsibilities, and we tried to make important decisions dutifully and honorably.

These duties were and are magnified for members of leadership groups such as the IFC, Panhellenic

Council, Student Judicial Council, Student-Faculty Hearing Board and, of course, the Executive Committee. I am always immensely proud to see these students in action, Greeks and independents alike, and the solemnity and care with which they work. W&L's Honor System is beautifully unique, a treasure in higher education and a linchpin of our kind of student government.

Lastly, I recognize the spirit of community at W&L. As different as we are, we come to the Colonnade to learn together. We greet each other, not only because of the Speaking Tradition and acknowledgement of our shared community, but because we choose to engage others in a sincere and dignified manner. We proactively reach out, even if in passing. We let others know in that moment that we see them, we recognize them, and we respect them. Visitors to our campus love it. It is a simple but powerful tradition. I hope it never stops.

These aspects of my W&L experience shaped my life and led me to many wonderful experiences, one of which is the high honor of having served as president of the Alumni Association. It has been a privilege to work with many dedicated alumni and members of the faculty and administration. The Alumni Association is in wonderful hands with President Guy Kerr '75, Vice President Don Eavenson '73, the entire Alumni Board and the Office of Alumni Affairs. Thank you, and go, Generals! 

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1956

Bill Fitzgerald reports that his son, **Bill Fitzgerald '91**, has been promoted to lieutenant colonel, Special Operations, in the U.S. Army. Prior to his promotion, Bill '91 earned a Bronze Star medal for his meritorious service in Afghanistan.

1960

H. Gerald Shields is the new owner and innkeeper at Saravilla Bed and Breakfast in Alma, Michigan. During 2013-2014 he served as interim head of school at Sinarmas World Academy, in Jakarta, Indonesia.

1962

Robert "Robin" C. Wood III, who has been practicing law for more than 50 years, has received the 2015 Tradition of Excellence Award from the Virginia State Bar's General Practice Section. The award recognizes a lawyer who embodies the highest tradition of personal and professional excellence and who has benefited the community and enhanced the esteem of general practice attorneys in Virginia.

1963

Thomas P. Rideout has been involved in building a volunteer group at the College of William & Mary, branded as Tribe Partners, to support the work of the Cohen Career Center with career advising and resume and interview preparation. Its major focus is on undergraduates majoring in a liberal arts discipline. He is chair of the board. They have recruited about 100 alumni, parents and friends from across the nation to work with students. As a result, the alumni association board elected him an honorary member of the Class of 2015.

1973

Michael C. Schaeffer was inducted into the University of North Carolina at Pembroke Athletic Hall of Fame in October 2014, following a 30-year stint as men's soccer coach at the university. He noted, "My teams competed in the NCAA Division II national championships on three occasions, with a semi-final appearance in 2004. My 2003 team achieved a record of 17-1-2, the best record in program history."



Last November, Jesse Kimball '02 (left) and Dave Foster '98 (right) dined at a fondue restaurant in Ruschlikon, Switzerland. Named 2014 Young Leaders by the American Swiss Foundation, they joined 23 other Americans and 25 Swiss counterparts for a week-long leadership exchange in Switzerland.

1974

The Rev. Amos A. Workman, an attorney at Wyche, received the Tommy Thomason Award from the Greenville, North Carolina, County Bar Association. The award was established in 1993 to recognize the Greenville lawyer who best exemplifies compassion, unshakable integrity, strong personal values, dedication to the community, humility and diplomacy. It is the association's highest honor.

1977

James D. Utterback has been named principal and practice leader of Witt/Kieffer's information technology practice. He has 30 years of executive leadership and consulting experience in information technology and

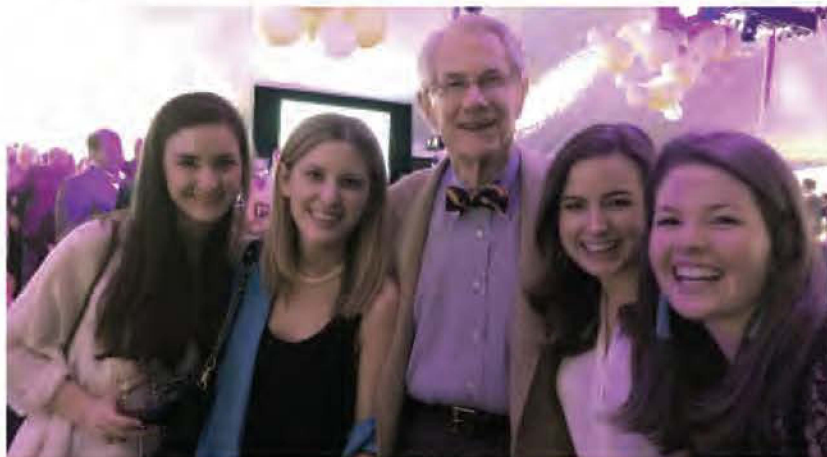
entrepreneurial, private equity and venture-capital-backed endeavors.

1981

Jefferson J. Reiter received the 2015 Excellence in Environmental Reporting award from the Chicago Audubon Society for his monthly newspaper column, "Words on Birds." He started the column about birds and birding in 2004. It appears in the Daily Herald in suburban Chicago. He also has a blog, "Words on Birds," which serves as an archive for the column. Reiter works for the Robert R. McCormick Foundation, where he's senior manager of communications. He says, "Even that role has a birding element: every month I leads a bird walk at Cantigny Park in Wheaton, the former estate of Robert McCormick, longtime editor and publisher of the Chicago Tribune." Reiter and his wife, Catherine, live in Glen Ellyn, Illinois. Their daughter, Rachel, attends Augustana College, in Rock Island, Illinois, and their son, Jay, will begin high school this fall.

1985

Timothy J. Mulreany served as both a moderator and panelist at the International Roundtable Conference on Foreign Liquidators, presented by the U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission, the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission and the U.S. Department of Justice. Mulreany serves as a chief trial attorney at the CFTC.



Margaret S. Dozier '11 joined her grandfather, Dick Denny '52, '54L, and friends at the High Museum Atlanta Wine Auction. Dick Denny is the founder and chief taster of the event. L. to r.: Catherine Lindley '11, Anna Claire Skinner '11, Dick Denny, Mary Helen Turnage '11 and Maggie Dozier.

1987

Jonathan W. Hedgepeth, founding partner of Hedgepeth, Heredia & Rieder, was named to the 2015 Georgia Super Lawyers list.

1989

Michael D. Tuggle joined Something Else Strategies as its new chief creative officer after 15 years as creative director and executive creative director of LOOMIS, in Dallas. Something Else Strategies is a national Republican strategies firm that specializes in producing media and advising candidates running for the presidency, the U.S. Senate, governorships and Congress. In addition, SES works with all the national Republican committees, leading conservative SuperPacs and several Fortune 500 companies.

1992

Lt. Col. Toby D. McCoy ('95L) was promoted to colonel in the Army Reserve JAGC and reassigned as the staff judge advocate for the 1st Mission Support Command, Fort Buchanan, Puerto Rico. During this three-year assignment, he will continue his civilian work as the chief of labor and employee relations at the Fort McCoy Civilian Personnel Advisory Center,



Karen Watts Smith '98 gathered with friends from the Class of 1998 in Ojai, California, on April 19 to celebrate the arrival of baby boy Duplissis. From l. to r.: Millie Heatwole Duplissis, Taryn Kiekow Heimer, Danielle Simonetta Maurer, Karen Watts Smith and Laura S. Whitney.

in Wisconsin. His wife, Nancy, is also a lieutenant colonel in the Army Reserve JAGC and began the Army War College Distance Education Program to earn her master's of strategic studies.

1993

William P. Coffin Jr. accepted a position with the Starr Companies, a global insurance and investments firm, as its director of content, communications and media relations. He is in charge of internally generated content marketing, as well as placing content

with trade and mainstream media. He will continue to work in midtown Manhattan.

David A. McWhorter started his own consultancy, The Homeland Security Consulting Group L.L.C., in April 2014.

Dr. Patricia Perdigon Moser was promoted to associate professor in the department of radiology at the University of Florida. She teaches radiology residents and medical students about abdominal imaging and intervention.

1994

Alegra M. O'Hare '94 is global senior director for brand marketing at Adidas. She will run the communications for Adidas from its headquarters in Germany. She lives in Nuremberg.

1997

Sarah Ferguson Harris '97 joined SBK Financial after leaving her trust advisor position with SunTrust Bank. She lives in Richmond with her family.

2002

Sarah Spisich Crotts joined Wall Esleeck Babcock L.L.P., in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, as an associate attorney focusing on transactional corporate and health care law.



Frampton L. Harper II '89 and members of the 1985–86 basketball team gathered for a reunion at Fripp Island, South Carolina. They enjoyed time with friends and family on the beach, going for boat rides in the very same waters where *Forrest Gump* and Lt. Dan shrimped, a hearty pickup basketball game and sharing a supper of Frogmore Stew. Frogs are not in Frogmore Stew. The recipe is named for a nearby location — Frogmore, South Carolina (pop. 200) — and the ingredients are shrimp, corn on the cob, potatoes, onions, sausage, Old Bay seasoning and a PBR. From l. to r.: Robbie Spencer '87, Jefferson Harrelson '87, Fred Bissinger '87, Lou Trosch '88, Emmanuel Klump '89, Steve Hancock '88, Lee Brading '89 and Frampton Harper '89.



Dean Barry '88 and his son, Matt, age 19. *Dean reports, "When Matt was diagnosed with leukemia last August, it was heartbreaking and devastating. Thankfully, his prognosis is excellent, and it is anticipated that Matt will be cancer free after completing a three-year protocol set forth by his oncology team at the Angie Fowler Adolescent & Young Adult Cancer Institute at University Hospitals Rainbow Babies & Children's Hospital, in Cleveland, Ohio. Learning that your child has cancer is impossibly difficult. My wife, Lissa, and I recognize how blessed we are to have an amazing cancer facility in our hometown that is unique in its focus on young adults and adolescents. The quality of Matt's treatment, both medical and emotional, made us determined to pay it forward, and we are raising funds to help with the completion of the inpatient unit at the Fowler Institute."*

2007

Joseph E. "Tripp" Watson III was named one of Birmingham's Top 40 Under 40 by the Birmingham Business Journal. He was recognized for his contributions to the city and for being a change agent for Birmingham on a number of fronts, from the city's business climate to its controversial decision to ban UberX. He is also recognized for his work cultivating Birmingham's growing entrepreneurial scene through his boutique law firm, which is tailored to start-up businesses.

2008

Z. Merle Haulsee graduated from the University of North Carolina School of Medicine. He will do his residency in internal medicine at the Medical University of South Carolina, in Charleston.

Weddings

Heather Cook Joyner '93 to Clifford Yee on Sept. 26, 2014. The ceremony and reception were held at the Society of the Cincinnati, in Washington, D.C. The couple live in Fairfax, Virginia, and both work at Capital One. Heather is a vice president in global finance, focused on integration of acquisitions and technology projects, and Clifford is a senior director in community affairs.

Births and Adoptions

Christopher E. Bieck '87 and his wife, Jinny Rojas, a daughter, Sarah, on Feb. 1. The family live in Paris.

James W. Dodson III '96 and his wife, Elizabeth, a son, Charles Francis, on July 31, 2014. He joins brother Fitz.

Robert L. Hendricks '00 and his wife, Lori, a son, Whitt, on Feb. 21, 2014. Whitt joined brothers Harrison, 9, Bennett, 8, and Pierce, 4. The family live in Houston.

Evan C. Cramer '01 and his wife, Kate, a daughter, Emma Davis, on Jan. 30. Davis joins sister Katharine, and the family live in Greenville, South Carolina.

Lindsey Herman Grossman '01 and **David Grossman '01**, a daughter, Abigail Rose, on July 29, 2014. Abbie joins brother Jed. The family live in Weaverville, North Carolina.

Dr. Blair Manning Meyer '02 and her husband, Craig, a daughter, Elizabeth "Liza" Jane, on May 22, 2013. Liza joins brother Hatch. The family moved back to Blair's hometown of Fort Worth to the delight of grandparents Beverly and Kirk Manning '68.

Kyle W. Ulep '02 and his wife, Laura, a son, Grady Stephen, on Nov. 16, 2014. The family moved from Chicago to Atlanta.

2003

Eric K. Gerard joined Abraham, Watkins, Nichols, Sorrels, Agosto & Friend as an associate. He began his legal career in the trial division of the Manhattan district attorney's office, in New York City, as a criminal prosecutor.

2006

Cody M. Gabbardis is a business process analyst within the global investigative services office of AIG, in Denver. He also has a monthly column, "Tapping In," in Colorado Avid Golfer magazine, where he profiles destinations in Colorado for golf and brewery trips.



John S. Stump IV '91 joined friends in Jackson Hole in March for a small reunion and great skiing. No one broke anything this time. From l. to r.: Stump, Mason Pope '91, Pat Conner '92, Chris Berdy '91, Nikko Hayes '91 and John Phoenix '91.



William B. Larson '08, '11L to Stephanie Del Duco on Dec. 20, 2014, in Wilmington, Delaware. The wedding party included best man Anthony "Roddy" Flynn '12L. Front row: Whitney Lomax '11L, Rachel Vargo '11L, Katherine Lester '06, '11L, Stephanie Del Duco, William Larson, Jessica Cobb '08 and Matthew Dowling '08. Second row: Neil Millhiser '11L, Robert Vrana '11L, Professor Beth Belmont, Andy Budzinski '10. Third row: Anthony Glover '11L, The Hon. John Parkins '72L, Alexander Merritt '11L, Lilly Merritt, Sarah Catherine Welch '11, Anthony Flynn '12L and Professor Matthew Tuchler. Back row: the Hon. Joseph Slights '88L, Ellen Slights '89L, Scott Centorino '11L, Michael Allen '86, Jaclyn Smith '11, The Hon. Mary Johnston '84L, Matthew Smith '08 and William Johnston '82L. Not pictured: Andrew Ackell '08, Dennison Marzocco '08 and Edward Stack '08.



Matthew S. Amling '09 to Alicia Budich '11 on July 19, 2014, at Glen Echo Park, outside their home city of Washington, D.C., surrounded by dozens of fellow Generals ranging in class years from 1974 to 2011. Friends included Tom Mattesky '74 and Matt Krafft '75. Many 2009 Sigma Chi, 2010 Reid Hall graduates and 2011 Kappa Kappa Gammas were also there, along with Professor Bob de Maria and his wife, Lynda, Tim and Cathy McElhannon, David and Melissa Cox and Ashley and Josh Harvey '00.



Alicia Hazlehurst '97 to Parker Payne on Aug. 16, 2014, in Austin, Texas. Guests included Ashley Amini '97, David Coon '98 and Jennifer Justema Coon '98. They live in Austin, where Alicia works as a CRNA for Capitol Anesthesiology Association.



Kendall M. Massengill '10 to Peter B. Lawrence '08 on Oct. 18, 2014, in Jekyll Island, Georgia. A large W&L contingent attended, including the sister of the groom, Christina Lawrence '12, the best man and brother of the groom, Ben Lawrence '10, and many members of the 2008 wrestling team.



Celia E. Landgren '05 to Graig A. Van Lenten on Oct. 4, 2014, in Baltimore. Guests included Rachael Seidenschnur Slobodien '06, Kathryn Temple '05, Greer Johnson '05, Ashley Trice '05, Susanna Brailsford Jones '05, Hamill Jones '04, Lindsey Kneipper Richards '05, Andrew Richards '06, Emily Ballengee Renwick '05, Matt Renwick '05, Christina Twomey '03, Daley Formby Navalkowsky '04, Mike Navalkowsky '01, Elizabeth Smith Robinson '89, Hugh Robinson II '80 and Sam Englehart Jr. '73.



E. Lane Cates '00 to Brad McLain on Jan. 10, in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico. Guests included matron of honor Sara Kate Goodwin Jancaitis '00, Childs Cantey Thrasher '00, Dalton Norwood Young '00, Elizabeth Watkins Garrett '00, Elizabeth Gay MacGaw '00, Meredith Vellines '00, Ryan Jancaitis '00 and Jacob Garrett '98. Lane and Brad live in Dallas, where she is general counsel of Anthelio Healthcare Solutions, and he practices law with Settle Pou.

B. Wynne Sharpe Jr. '03 and his wife, Francis, a daughter, Minnie Cappel, on April 2. She joins brother Bruce, 2. The family reside in Houston.

Stacy Sweet Patlovich '04 and her husband, Eric, a son, Whitford "Whit" Theodore, on Dec. 26, 2014. The family reside in Washington, D.C.

Susanna P. Johnson '06 and her husband, Timothy M. Shannon, a daughter, Mary Adair, on March 21.

Jennifer Sproul Davidson '08 and her husband, Joel, a daughter, Evelyn Kate, on Nov. 5, 2014. The family reside in Lexington.

Abigail Dean Rogers '11 and her husband, Christopher, a daughter, Anne Mack Dorothy, on May 29,

2014. The family reside in Frederick, Maryland.

Obituaries

Robert F. Cooper Jr. '35, of Memphis, Tennessee, died Jan. 12. He represented the fifth generation of his family to graduate from W&L. He was recognized by the Kentucky Bar Association and by the Mississippi Bar Association for over 50 years of service to the bar. He joined the FBI as a special agent, where he served under J. Edgar Hoover. He worked at First National Bank in Jackson, Tennessee. Cooper served as president of the FBI's Society of Former Agents, Mississippi chapter, as well as the North Jackson Kiwanis Club. He belonged to the Mississippi Law Enforcement Officers

Association and its Estate Planning Council and the Jackson Chamber of Commerce. He belonged to Kappa Sigma.

John W. Greene '42, of Roanoke, died Dec. 15, 2014. He served in the Army during World War II as an officer in the Army Reserves. He volunteered with the Boy Scouts of America, Kiwanis Club, American Red Cross and the Bradley Free Clinic.

Dr. Hugh McCulloch Jr. '42, of Point Pleasant Borough, New Jersey, died Feb. 24. He was a World War II veteran, serving as chief of the Air Force dispensation on Guam. Recalled to active duty in the Korean War, he was chief of dermatology at Valley Forge Army Hospital. He

CAREERS AND NETWORKING: ASKED AND ANSWERED

Alumni have asked us to provide better web-based tools for careers and networking. Our improved and reorganized **Career Toolkit** is on the Alumni Association homepage (alumni.wlu.edu) under Career Resources, divided into three main sections.



and put you in a list with other alumni working in your industry. These lists are embedded on Career Development's Industry Specific Resources pages so students and alumni get a pulse on industries of interest and build their Twitter networks.

Get Connected: The W&L Student and Alumni Career Network: Join this group to become a career volunteer and help current students seeking career advice.

Colonnade Connections: Our own secure alumni database; search by class, city, state, industry and more, and be sure to update your contact information.

1. LEARN

Career Perspectives and General Wisdom: W&L alumni offer short written stories and videos containing advice about grad school, work and life. Please contact Morgan Harris (mharris@wlu.edu) to submit a Career Perspective or be a video guest on General Wisdom.

Talent Marks: Need help with career planning? This site will provide you with a suite of webinars by industry experts to help you tackle the nuts and bolts.

2. CONNECT

Official W&L LinkedIn Community: Search the careers of 12,000+ alumni by where they work, where they live, what they do, what they studied, their skills and how you're connected. It's a great way to find other alumni in industries of interest.

W&L Alumni LinkedIn Group: Over 5,500 alumni! Post jobs, network and contribute to ongoing discussions. This group is primarily for alumni and W&L seniors.

Twitter: Follow @wlualum — we'll follow you back

3. RECRUIT

LexLink – Hire a General: LexLink is the Career Development Office's online posting site for jobs, internships, externships and full-time positions for current students, allowing your company to organize all W&L recruiting in one place. We also post events such as information sessions and campus interviews for companies. With your own account, you can set up a job posting, review applications as they are posted and select candidates for on-campus interviews. If you have any questions, please contact Caroline Schmidt, assistant director for recruitment, at cschmidt@wlu.edu or (540) 458-8122.

In the coming year, we will move on other Alumni 2020 action items; stand by for updates from Hotchkiss House. Be well and enjoy the rest of your summer.

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

A. Stevens Miles Jr. '51, Rector Emeritus and Trustee Emeritus

A. Stevens Miles Jr., a rector emeritus and trustee emeritus of Washington and Lee, died on April 29, in Louisville, Kentucky. He was 85.



Miles served on the W&L Board of Trustees from 1988 to 1997, and as the rector of the board from 1990 to 1997. A banking executive, he was the retired president of National City Corp.

Miles graduated from W&L with a B.A. in economics. He served as the president of Phi Delta Theta fraternity and belonged to the Sigma Society. As an alumnus, he served on the area and national steering committees for the On the Shoulders of Giants capital campaign, and on his 50th reunion committee.

The Louisville Alumni Chapter gave him the 250th Chapter Honoree Award in 1989, and the University inducted him as an honorary member of Omicron Delta Kappa in 1994.

A generous benefactor, Miles supported the Class of 1951 Thomas K. Wolfe Jr. Distinguished Lectures Endowment and enhancements to the theater program and aquatics program. In 1991, he established the A. Stevens Miles Library Endowment at W&L. He also made a provision for the A. Stevens Miles Professorship in Banking and Finance.

He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War, from 1951 to 1953. In 1964, he received a business degree from the ABA Stonier Graduate School of Banking at Rutgers University.

In 1954, Miles began his banking career with the First National Bank of Louisville. He was named president of the bank in 1972, and in 1974 was elected chief executive officer of the bank and its holding company, First Kentucky National Corp. In 1987, the holding company merged with National City Corp., in Cleveland, and Miles was elected president. He retired in 1990.

Chief among Miles' many civic interests was the Boy Scouts. He served as president of the Kentucky Council for two terms and received the Silver Beaver award for his longtime service. He served as president of the Louisville Central Area downtown development organization, the Museum of History and Science and the Greater Louisville Fund for the Arts, to name just a few organizations that benefited from his involvement. He had been a trustee of the University of Kentucky and the president of the University of Kentucky Business School Foundation, and was an honorary member of Beta Gamma Sigma business fraternity. He was a former member of the board of overseers of the University of Louisville and a former trustee of the Diocese of Kentucky.

He also bred and raced Thoroughbreds; his horse Neck 'N Neck placed third in a May 1 race at Churchill Downs.

Miles is survived by his daughter, Elizabeth Miles Mitzlaff '89 (Ted K. Mitzlaff); his wife, Dorothy L. Deane Miles; three grandchildren; and three stepchildren. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Ann Berry Houston Miles; his son, Frank Houston Miles; and his second wife, Noel Parker McKissick.

then had a private, patient-centered medical practice in Plainfield and Bay Head.

Dr. Robert L. Pinck '42, of Luzern, Switzerland, died June 29, 2014. He practiced at the Roosevelt Hospital, in New York City, and worked for Long Island College Hospital as chairman and director of the department of radiology at LICH and as a clinical professor of radiology at the Health Science Center, State University of New York. He co-founded the LICH School of Radiologic Technology and developed three highly regarded residency training programs. He was inducted into the W&L Athletic Hall of Fame in 1993 for his performance on the football, basketball and tennis teams. He was cousin to Dan C. Pinck '46 and belonged to Phi Epsilon Pi.

Dr. Frederick H. Berry '43, of Delaware, Ohio, died Jan. 14, 2012.

Calvin H. East Jr. '43, of Charleston, South Carolina, died April 3. He was a World War II veteran, and on D-Day, June 6, 1944, was the youngest landing craft infantry captain. He received the Bronze Star for his actions on Omaha Beach at Normandy. He worked for NCR Corp. prior to working for Bank of America. He volunteered on several boards and belonged to Phi Delta Theta.

William C. Sizemore '43, of Burlington, North Carolina, died Jan. 23. He served in the Navy during World War II, as ensign and lieutenant, on ships in the North Atlantic and the Pacific. He started Clarksville Motor Co. in Clarksville, Virginia, and was elected to two terms as Virginia's youngest mayor. He worked at Wachovia Bank's North Carolina offices in Burlington, Asheville and Greensboro, before serving in Winston-Salem as senior vice president of both Wachovia Bank and Wachovia Corp., then as president of Wachovia Mortgage Co.

Ralph S. Taggart '43, of Charleston, South Carolina, died Feb. 4. He served in World War II in the Army Air Corps as an aerial photo officer. He managed a Mississippi lumber company and served as its vice president. He wrote articles on lumber and forestry equipment, was elected president of the

Mississippi Forestry Association, and served on the board of the Southern Pine Association, New Orleans. He was a sales engineer for a New York Exchange-listed chemical company. He was father to Hollis C. Taggart '71 and belonged to Beta Theta Pi.

William A. Webster Jr. '43, of Memphis, Tennessee, died Feb. 28. As a freshman at W&L, he set a pool record for his 100-meter backstroke that stood until the building was closed in order to build a new one in 1971. He was considered for selection in the 1942 Olympic swim team, but the outbreak of World War II changed those plans. After the war, he worked for his father at the William A. Webster Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Co. He was father to Daniel S. Webster '71 and belonged to Delta Tau Delta.

John E. Zombro Jr. '43, of Los Osos, California, died Jan. 6. He served in the Navy during World War II aboard the U.S.S. Saratoga during the Pacific campaign. He had a 38-year career with Sunkist Growers.

John F. Mertz '45, of Van Alstyne, Texas, died July 16, 2012. He belonged to Sigma Chi.

Chadbourne B. Smith '45, of Sugar Land, Texas, died Feb. 10. He was a World War II veteran, serving in the Air Force and earning the rank of 1st lieutenant. He flew 35 combat missions as a bombardier/navigator with the 15th Air Force, based in Italy. He worked as a research chemist for Dow Chemical and for Clorox as a manufacturing plant manager. He belonged to Beta Theta Pi.

George V. Pryles '46, of Atlanta, died March 1, 2013.

John H. Wouters '46, of Blandon, Pennsylvania, died Nov. 10, 2013. He was brother to David A. Wouters '55.

Robert J. Moody '49, '51L, of Pebble Beach, California, died Nov. 16, 2014. He served in the Army during the Korean War. He was a tax attorney and was vice president of FMC Corp. He established a scholarship at W&L in memory of his uncle, D. William O'Kolski. He was father to Peter H. Moody '83 and brother-in-law to Dr. Jeffrey P. Cropsey '69. He belonged to Beta Theta Pi.

Librarian Emeritus Maurice D. Leach Jr.

Maurice D. Leach Jr., who headed the library at Washington and Lee from 1968 to 1985, died on March 21, in Lexington. He was 91. He also served as director of W&L's Friends of the Library from 1985 until his retirement in 1988, when he was named librarian emeritus.

"The University owes Maurice Leach its gratitude for his many and lasting contributions to our library, which is so crucial to the education of our students and the support of our faculty and staff," said President Ken Ruscio '76. "He reinforced its strengths and kept it abreast of technological improvements."



During his years as head librarian, Leach oversaw the construction of Leyburn Library, which opened in 1979. It replaced the McCormick Library, which was housed in what is now Huntley Hall. That year, the University issued a resolution of appreciation to Leach and his staff for what was dubbed "The Great Move," which occurred in one day, with students, staff and faculty carrying 150,000 books from the old building to the new.

Leach ensured that the W&L library used the Library of Congress cataloging system. And in 1974, he enrolled the library as a charter member of SOLINET (the Southeastern Library Network), a regional consortium that provided members with access to automated cataloging.

Maurice Derby Leach Jr. was born on June 23, 1923, in Lexington, Kentucky. He earned a B.A. from the University of Kentucky in 1945 and a B.L.S. from the University of Chicago in 1946. He also completed the Department of State's mid-career course in foreign affairs.

Leach's library career began with a post as assistant librarian at Texas College of Arts and Industries, Kingsville, Texas, from 1946 to 1947. He worked as a bibliographer at the Department of State from 1947 to 1948. While serving in the military, he taught library science at the Special Services School at Fort Monmouth, New Jersey.

From 1950 to 1959, Leach served with the United States Information Agency in Egypt, Lebanon and Washington, D.C., opening libraries and sitting on the advisory committee for the Teacher-Librarian Training Program for the Egyptian minister of education.

From 1959 to 1966, he headed the department of library science at the University of Kentucky. Leach also spent a year as a program advisor to the Ford Foundation at the University of Amman, in Jordan, and at the American University, in Beirut, until taking his post at W&L.

Leach served as president of the Virginia Library Association (VLA) from 1975 to 1976. In 1977 and again in 1985, VLA honored him for his contributions to the organization and the profession.

He is survived by his wife, Virginia Baskett Leach; his daughter, Sarah Davis (Peter); two grandchildren; and his brother, Lewis Woods Leach.

Trustee Emeritus Charles Rowe '45, '50L

Charles Spurgeon Rowe '45, '50L, who served on the W&L Board of Trustees from 1984 to 1994, died on March 13, in Vero Beach, Florida. He was 89. Rowe was the former editor and co-publisher of The Free Lance-Star (Fredericksburg, Virginia), posts he held for 48 years.



Rowe was a longtime supporter of the University. His generosity helped fund the complete renovation of Reid Hall in 2001–02 to take journalism and mass communications education into the 21st century. A conference room in the building is named for him. In 2002, he endowed the Charles S. Rowe Professorship in Law to promote interdisciplinary work in law and journalism; it is held by Brian Murchison. He also supported theater programs and the Annual Fund.

Rowe and his brother, Josiah P. Rowe III, established the Josiah P. Rowe Jr. Scholarship as a memorial to their father, to support journalism students. A member of the Doremus Society, he supported the World War II Memorial Scholarship Endowment.

Rowe served his alma mater as a class agent, and as a member of the Communications Advisory Board and of the national steering committee for the On the Shoulders of Giants capital campaign. He belonged to the George Washington Society and the Delta Tau Delta Fraternity House Corporation, which gave him a 250th Chapter Honoree Award in 1999.

He left W&L at age 17 to enlist in the U.S. Navy. After his service in World War II as a radar officer on a destroyer escort in the Pacific, he returned to W&L, where he served as president of the student body, managing editor of the Ring-tum Phi, chairman of the Dance Board and president of Delta Tau Delta. He belonged to Omicron Delta Kappa; Phi Delta Phi legal fraternity; Sigma Delta Chi journalism fraternity; Graham-Lees Literary Society; and Phi Beta Kappa. He graduated in 1947 and attended the W&L Law School until his father's death in 1949, when he and his brother assumed leadership roles at The Free Lance-Star — Charles as editor and co-publisher, Josiah as general manager and co-publisher.

He is survived by his wife, Lee Pelham Rowe; three children, Ashley R. Gould (Jeffrey), Charles S. Rowe Jr. (Jennifer) and Timothy D. Rowe (Lori); 11 grandchildren, including Scott N. Gould '15; his brother, Josiah P. Rowe III; and two stepchildren.

William C. Poston '49 died May 2, 2014.

John B. Russell '49L, of Henrico, Virginia, died Jan. 14. He practiced law for 60 years, specializing in medical malpractice defense. He belonged to Phi Delta Theta and was father to John B. Russell Jr. '74.

Benton E. Riddle '50, of Detroit, died Dec. 18, 2012.

Stanley E. Burkley '51, of Natchez, Mississippi, died Jan. 5. He had a lifelong interest in land improvement and timber management.

Dr. Richard P. Cancelmo '51, of Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania, died March 9. He spent two years stationed at the Army's 97th General Hospital in Frankfurt, Germany, studying diagnostic radiology. He had a 35-year radiology career at the Bryn Mawr Hospital, retiring as the chief of radiology. He was father to Richard P. Cancelmo Jr. '80 and A. Denney Cancelmo '83 and grandfather to Katherine D. Cancelmo '12. He belonged to Sigma Nu.

Robert T. Pittman '51, of St. Petersburg, Florida, died March 21. He was editor of editorials for the St.

Petersburg Times. Over the years, he received many honors for his work; several of his editorials were nominated for the Pulitzer Prize. He had been president of the National Conference of Editorial Writers. He belonged to Delta Tau Delta.

John C. Tulloch '51, of Fuquay Varina, North Carolina, died Dec. 11, 2014. He belonged to Phi Kappa Psi.

Robert M. Bayler '52, of Richmond, died Feb. 16. He served in the Army and was stationed in Germany. He had a 40-year career with the Fruehauf Corp., in Richmond. He belonged to Phi Kappa Sigma.

James T. Roach '52, of Fieldale, Virginia, died Dec. 28, 2014.

Edward W. Thomas '52, of Napa, California, died March 21. He was a stockbroker and investment banker for Merrill Lynch, opening and managing an office for them. He was active in the St. Andrew's Society, honoring his Scottish heritage, and with the Men's Grief Group at Hospice of Napa. He belonged to Kappa Alpha.

The Hon. Hugh S. Glickstein '53, '55L, of Aspen, Colorado, died April 3. He served in the Naval Reserves. In Fort Lauderdale, Florida, he was a lawyer, city attorney, Broward County prosecutor and circuit judge, culminating with his appointment by Gov. Bob Graham to the 4th District Court of Appeals. His constant advocacy for children was recognized by the Florida Bar's creation of the Hugh S. Glickstein Child Advocate of the Year Award and by the many honors bestowed on him by state and national child advocacy organizations, including a U.S. Congressional Award. He was father to Gregg H. Glickstein '80 and cousin to Martin R. Glickstein '68. He belonged to Zeta Beta Tau.

Lee A. Putney '53, of Richmond, died Jan. 27. He served in the Army. He worked for Peat, Marwick, Mitchell and Co. as managing partner of the Richmond office. He co-founded Regency Bank, serving as chair for five years, chaired the board of Trinity Episcopal School and was a member of the Stadium Operating Committee during the construction of The Diamond. Putney was a member of the boards of directors of the Greater

Richmond Chamber of Commerce, Westminster Canterbury Richmond, Windsor Farms, Inc. and Richmond Renaissance. He was father to Mark A. Putney '78, grandfather to Elisabeth Putney Mygatt '06 and Dr. Scott A. Putney '03 and cousin to Macon C. Putney '62L and the Hon. Lacey E. Putney '50, '57L. He belonged to Pi Kappa Alpha.

Norman L. Dobyns '54, of Weems, Virginia, died Feb. 20. He was an Army Transportation Corps officer before joining General Electric Co. He served as administrative assistant to Rep. Thomas N. Downing of Newport News, Virginia, was a government relations vice president for the American Can Co. and vice president on the corporate staffs of Cutler Hammer, Eaton and Nortel Networks. He was brother to Lloyd A. Dobyns Jr. '57 and belonged to Kappa Sigma.

Joseph C. O'Bryan '54, of Louisville, Kentucky, died Dec. 14, 2012.

Robert C. Pike '54, of South Orleans, Massachusetts, died June 13, 2014.

Eugene B. Sieminski Jr. '55, of Washington, D.C., died Oct. 17, 2014. He belonged to Sigma Nu and was father to Col. Gregory C. Sieminski '78.

J. Allan Vierebome '55, of Lancaster, Ohio, died Feb. 11. He served in the Army in Bad Herzfeld, Germany, as a radio operator. He also played golf throughout Europe, representing the Armed Forces in the German Amateur, German Open, French Amateur and French Open. He began his career as the golf professional at the Lancaster Country Club, then transitioned to the banking industry with Fairfield National Bank as a business loan officer and worked for Verco Co., a small stock brokerage. He belonged to Beta Theta Pi.

Thomas M. Raftery '56, of Ruther Glen, Virginia, died Feb. 11, 2012.

Thomas W. Turner '56L, of Penhook, Virginia, died Jan. 17. He was a Navy veteran and practiced law in Beckley, West Virginia, before moving to Martinsville, where he retired as vice president and trust officer with Piedmont Trust Bank. He belonged to Beta Theta Pi.

A. Jackson Mason '57, of Accomac, Virginia, died Feb. 6. In Accomac, he rebuilt the Eastern Shore of Virginia Chamber of Commerce; helped raise money to build the Accomac Public Library; and worked in real estate. He served as director of Shore Savings & Loan and Shore Bank and as a director of First Virginia Bank. He published "Round Trip Ticket to Hell," the first of two autobiographies, as well as five novels, with all but one being centered on the Shore. He belonged to Phi Kappa Sigma.

John E. McDonald Jr. '57, '59L, of Richmond, died Dec. 31, 2014. He practiced private law, then was an officer at LandAmerica Financial Group. His last assignment of his 30-year military career was commander of the 75-attorney, 10th Military Law Center, assigned on mobilization primarily to the XVIII Airborne Corps at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. He belonged to Phi Kappa Sigma.

Charles L. Sherman IV '57, of Tucson, Arizona, died on March 30. He spent 21 years as an armor officer in the Army, including a year in Vietnam and assignments in Germany and around the U.S. He spent the next 25 years as a life and health insurance representative. He also served the blind and sight-impaired and was a board member for Camp Tatiya, a camp for the disabled in northern Arizona. He received the Melvin Jones Award for service and excellence from the Lions Club International. He belonged to Phi Kappa Psi.

Frederick B. Warner Jr. '57, of West Palm Beach, Florida, died Jan. 4.

George P. Walters III '58, of Somers, New York, died Jan. 3, 2013. He belonged to Lambda Chi Alpha.

Ernest H. Alter '59, of North Smithfield, Rhode Island, died March 2. He served as a first lieutenant administrative officer in the Army and worked in the financial services industry for Bache & Co., Dean Witter & Co., Shearson Lehman and Phoenix Home Life/Phoenix Equity Planning.

Herman E. Detering III '60, of Houston, died March 21. He taught history and the humanities at Rice University, St. Thomas University

and the University of Houston. As a historian and rare book collector, he founded the Detering Book Gallery, which became the premier rare bookstore in the South. He belonged to Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

E. Phillip McCaleb '63, of Belle Haven, Virginia, died Jan. 27. He ran the family insurance agency. He played on W&L's undefeated football team, spent 14 years as a high school football coach and volunteered for Habitat for Humanity. He belonged to Delta Upsilon.

F. Wainwright Barnes Jr. '65L, of Mitchellville, Maryland, died on March 15. He belonged to Delta Tau Delta.

J. North Smith '65, of Cumberland, North Carolina, died Jan. 1, 2013. He was brother to E. Watson Smith '62 and belonged to Lambda Chi Alpha.

Lewis A. Vance Jr. '65, of Rockledge, Florida, died on Nov. 12, 2013. He belonged to Phi Kappa Sigma.

John J. Czyzewski '66, '68L, of Fairfax Station, Virginia, died March 31. An Army ROTC graduate, he served in Vietnam as an intelligence officer. He attained the rank of major and was awarded a Bronze Star. He practiced law in Virginia.

Jeffrey L. Ward '67L, of Rockville, Maryland, died March 12. He worked for the Maryland judiciary for 40 years, mostly as administrative clerk of the district court for Montgomery County.

Warren E. Crane '71, of Fairfax Station, Virginia, died on May 20, 2013. He belonged to Lambda Chi Alpha.

R. Allen Webb '75, of Bald Head Island, North Carolina, died Feb. 2. He worked for Gess Mattingly & Atchison law firm, Robinson and McElwee P.L.L.C. and Bald Head Island Limited L.L.C.

Debra T. Yarbrough '77L, of Orlando, Florida, died July 30, 2012.

Frederick C. Feddeman '79, of Lexington, died Dec. 12, 2014. He was brother to Edward G. Feddeman '75 and cousin to Virginia P. Feddeman '16.

David Elliott McGehee '85, of Huntsville, Alabama, died April 3. He was a captain with the JAG Corps, served with the city attorney's office and had a general law practice in his hometown.

Michael A. Weaver '86, of New Orleans, died Feb. 13. He was a financial executive in accounting, corporate finance and investment banking. He was brother to Dr. David L. Weaver Jr. '80.

Carla J. Urquhart '96L, of Alexandria, Virginia, died March 29. She was an assistant editor of W&L's Journal of Civil Rights and Social Justice. She practiced corporate law in the energy field with Millbank, Tweed, Hadley and McCoy, served as chair of the Energy Division of the Virginia Bar Association, and had been working at the U.S. Federal Energy Commission in Washington, D.C.

Wyndall A. Ivey '99L, of Birmingham, Alabama, died March 18. He re-

ceived his B.A. in marketing from the University of Alabama at Birmingham. He established his own law practice, Ivey Law Group L.L.C.

Class Links

Tony Conway, of Lexington, died on Feb. 20. He worked at W&L from 2008 to 2013 as an assistant director of admissions and as an information systems manager.

Barbara Geddes, of Cartersville, Georgia, died on March 12. She was the former house director of the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity.

Ellen Herndon Groot, of Gastonia, North Carolina, died on April 17. She was preceded in death by her husband, Roger D. Groot, the legendary professor of law at W&L, and her son, Michael Groot '94L.

Bernard W. McGown, of Lexington, died on March 12. He retired from W&L in 1988 after 21 years.

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Washington and Lee Traveller Wildlife Safari in Botswana Feb. 21–March 3

Our driver-guide Rueben received a radio call that a leopard seen yesterday some distance from our camp might still be in the area. We made our way several miles to the south, heading toward a distant horizon blurred by the smoke from the line of fires we had spotted on the flight in. All around us was evidence of the fires that had swept through this area several months earlier. A leadwood tree stump still smoldered, white ash seeming to bleed from a stump as the fire ate away at the interior. After a bumping transit of an hour, we finally reached the area where the leopard had been spotted yesterday. Suddenly, we saw her head bob up from the tall grass near her tree cover. When we approached, we could see that she was busy with the remnants of a recent kill.

Reuben drew within 30 feet of her backside and turned off the engine. For the next hour and a half we just watched her, admiring her exquisitely beautiful coat and listening to her powerful jaws crunching bones of a bushbuck. The rest of the group soon joined us in the second vehicle. Occasionally, the leopard would lift her head to take note of something on the wind, though she seemed to pay little or no mind to either of our vehicles. Rueben mentioned that she might have a cub in the area, adding that soon after weaning, leopard cubs became self-sufficient hunters. Not long after, a yearling cub stealthily approached her mother, who rose to snarl her



away. The cub repaired to the tree cover to watch and wait.

Meanwhile, the grand African sky began to darken and flash with lightning. Thunder ripped and rolled across the plain. To the west we could see it coming, like a cavalry charge of ghosts, the rain advancing towards us, veiling the distances in a silvery sheen. It was soon upon us, thumping the canopy of the Land Rover with heavy drops and filling the air with the welcome fragrance of a summer rain. Reuben distributed rain ponchos. As the rain grew heavier, the leopard seemed to tire of her meal and rose to clean herself elsewhere. The cub was immediately upon the meager remnants of the

bushbuck, keeping a wary eye on us as it ripped at the hide and tore at the sinews of the remaining bones. Our cameras clicked away for several more minutes.

The hour had grown late, so as the thundershower haled off to the northeast, we followed, gazing back occasionally at a gorgeous sunset. The pink and golden light was brilliant on the trailing clouds of the storm. Framing the far cauldron of the setting sun were lofty fan palms, now silhouetted against the spectacular tableau. The scene was transformed into such an apocalyptic spectacle that one could barely speak. As we crept along the path back in the rapidly falling darkness, Reuben turned on his headlights, bumping along the road until we came upon a herd of bushbuck stampeding across our path. In the sudden dark they seemed like spirit deer as they dashed swiftly and silently across our path. And yet they had survived another day.

—Rob Fure,
Director, Special Programs

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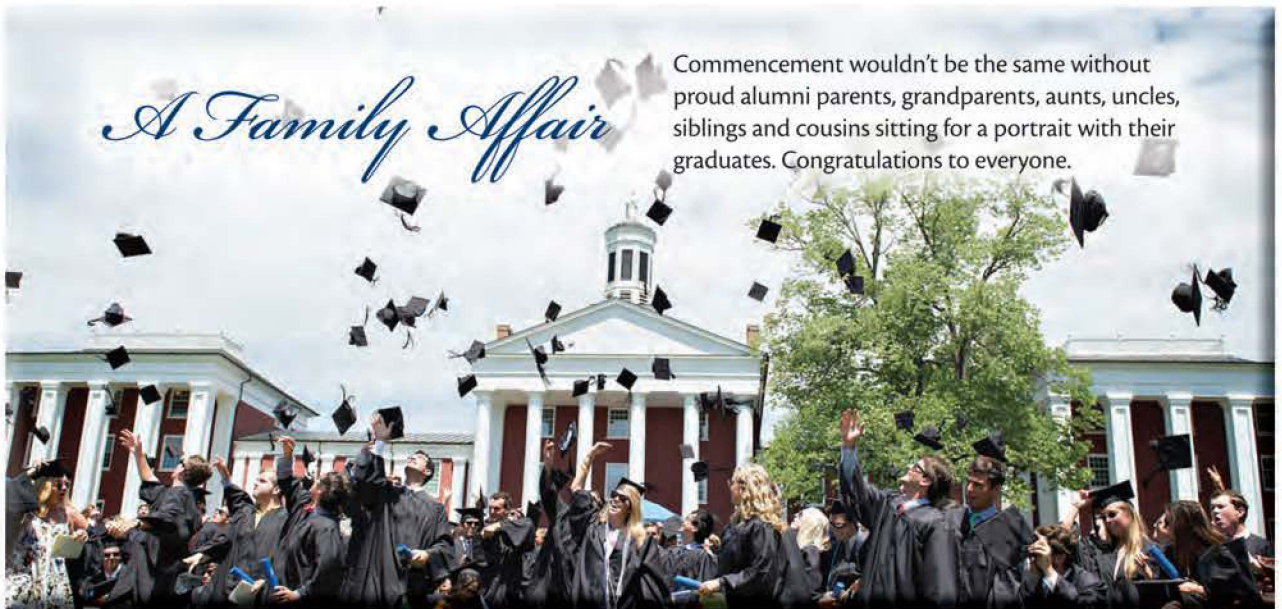
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A Family Holiday in Peru



A Family Affair

Commencement wouldn't be the same without proud alumni parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, siblings and cousins sitting for a portrait with their graduates. Congratulations to everyone.



Front row, left to right: Walter Konyk '74, Doug Swatski '81, Jonathan Rak '85L, John Magee '77, Van Smith '86, Tom Lancaster '75, Paul Levy '84, Jim Shepherd '82, Baker Gentry '88, Neal Cory '77. *Back row, left to right:* Walter Konyk '15, Samantha Swatski '15, Hannah Rak '15, Charlotte Magee '15, Crawford Smith '15, KJ Lancaster '15, Chris Levy '15, Sarah Shepherd '15, Charlie Gentry '15, Preston Cory '15, Stewart Cory '15.



Front row, left to right: Upton Beall '51 (grandfather of Happy), Myles Kelley '81, Roger Day '85, Christopher Lykes '84, Jeannette McAllister Baker '86L, Ken Lang '82, Duncan Klinedinst '74, Tom Coates '66, '69L, Matt Thompson '64, Matt Thompson '84. *Back row, left to right:* Camie Carlock '13 (sister of Happy), Happy Carlock '15, Brooks Kelley '15, Thomas Day '15, Johnson Lykes '15, John Baker '15, Julia Lang '15, Catherine Klinedinst '15, Victoria Coates '15, Tucker Thompson '15.



Front row, left to right: George Ballantyne '79, Mitch Ballantyne '06 (brother of Jonathon), George Massie '88 (uncle of McCauley), Bob Massie '79, Meg Campbell '81L (aunt of McCauley Massie), Kevin Anderson '86, Todd Sutherland '81, Dee Keesler '80, Joe Campbell '86, Bruce Whelihan '64. *Back row, left to right:* Patricia Ballantyne Brawley '05 (sister of Jonathon), Jonathon Ballantyne '15, McCauley Massie '15, Tyler Anderson '15, Libby Sutherland '15, Charlotte Keesler '15, Joseph Campbell '15, Sarah Whelihan '15. (Present in spirit but not in person: Christopher Ballantyne '09, brother of Jonathon, and Brooke Sutherland '12, sister of Libby.)



Front row, left to right: Murry McClintock '80, John McIntyre '82, Chris Willett '78, Emery Ellinger '84, Geoff Sisk '81, Sam Campbell '81, Robert Neely '81, Jon Elder '86, Jamie Small '81. *Back row, left to right:* Scott McClintock '12 (brother of Margaret), Margaret McClintock '15, Garrott McClintock '10 (brother of Margaret), Jack McIntyre '15, Cat Willett '15, Emery Ellinger '15, Charlotte Sisk '15, Sam Campbell '15, Lincoln Neely '15, Catherine Elder '15, Eileen Small '15.



Front row, left to right: Ty Lawson '83, Tom Lawson '56, Kat Lawson '12 (sister of Carter), Alex Philpott '79, Rick Moran '79, Jim Frantz '79, Spencer Frantz '54 (grandfather of Mary), Robert Frantz '81 (uncle of Mary). *Back row, left to right:* Carter Lawson '15, Brantley Lawson '18 (brother of Carter), Cam Philpott '15, Peter Moran '15, Spencer Frantz '12 (brother of Mary), Mary Frantz '15.

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This Is Who We Are

BY PRESIDENT KEN RUSCIO '76

Every so often, certain events unfold in ways that have an almost mystical meaning.

On March 22, Kim and I traveled to Fredericksburg, Virginia, for the funeral of Charles Rowe '45, '50L. (See more about him on p. 42.) A legendary journalist, Charlie was editor and co-publisher of the Fredericksburg Free-Lance Star. He would have turned 90 this past May 28 — the day that his grandson, Scott Gould '15, received his W&L diploma.

At the service and afterwards, Charlie's friends, family and admirers paid tribute to a man of principle, convictions and values. Washington and Lee ideals — and they were identified precisely that way, as “Washington and Lee ideals,” even by those with no direct connection to the University — defined his life. Through his influence, those ideals shaped the community of which he was a part.

As we returned home, I was formulating remarks I would make that evening at the annual Leadership Education and Development (LEAD) Banquet, where we honor the individual and group accomplishments of students, faculty and staff.

Those honorees (pictured here) embody the very ideals that shaped

Charlie Rowe's life and distinguished career. They represent our institution's finest qualities and also illustrate why we take pride in our aspirations. (Read more about them on p. 9.)

Among W&L's strengths are the quality of our people, the courage to set high standards, and the confidence that we are capable of living up to them. Taken together, the celebration of Charlie Rowe's life and that gathering to celebrate members of our community were, for me, a vivid, powerful reminder of these strengths. This is who we are.

I told the honorees at the LEAD banquet that we are bound to go through rough patches, the kind that sometimes cause people to wonder whether our strengths endure or are in jeopardy. During such times, some people inevitably question whether our expectations for students are too high these days, or whether the pain of living up to those high standards is too much to bear.

We prefer to say with pride, “this is who we are,” instead of explaining, “this is not who we are.” There is a conceit among those of us here now that the challenges we face are unprecedented and that we are quite possibly witnessing at this very mo-

ment, after 266 years, the demise of the Honor System or the Greek system or the Speaking Tradition or student self-governance. Such thinking is a conceit.

What we do here at this time and in this special place that has been entrusted to us surely does matter. But, frankly, Washington and Lee is bigger than any of us, and it is our obligation, here and now, to draw from the past and contribute what we can to making the W&L of the future even better.

We do leave our mark on this University during our time here. Those we honored at that LEAD banquet are testament to that. They embody our highest ideals: their compassion for each other; their care for the community; their courage to make difficult choices; their willingness to be part of a university that expects more of them than any other university, in the classroom and beyond; and their commitment not only to the high ideals that those who came before have passed on to them, but also to raising those ideals ever higher for those who will follow.

To our devoted alumnus Charles Rowe and to all of those whose lives embody Washington and Lee ideals, I offer my gratitude and appreciation for always reminding us who we are.

Front row, l. to r.: Lauren Moseley '15, Anna Hargett '16, Elizabeth Powell '16, Mallory Young '16, Candace Maynard '15, Kaitlin Krouskous '17

Second row, l. to r.: Bailey Russell '16, Jack Anderson '16, Brennon Williams '17, Margaret McClintock '15, Lucy Wade Shapiro '15, Kate LeMasters '15, Daphine Mugayo '15, Rachel Samuels '15, Noelle Rutland '18

Third row: Andrew Shipp '16, Mitchell Brister '16, Samantha Sisler '15, James Quigley '15, Assistant Dean of Students Megan Schneider, Catherine Fonvielle '17, Professor Bob Ballenger, Elaina Diller '17

Top row: Ryan McNally '15, Walter Konyk '15, Patrick O'Conner '15, David Thomas '15, Eric Schwen '15, George Park '17, Paqui Toscano '16





Thank You and Congratulations!

W&L is pleased to recognize the following graduates of the Class of 2015, 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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Drew Weprinsky
Sarah Whelihan
Cat Willett
Andrew Winter
Marc Wonders
Joseph Yankelowitz
Jackie Yarbro
Nick Zaharchuk
Quentin Zdanis

Last Look

On May 20, the California-based band Ollin, which includes acclaimed Texas artist Vincent Valdez (with the trumpet), gave a multimedia performance, "The Strangest Fruit Radio Hour," in the Lenfest Center. A few weeks earlier, Valdez had visited campus to lecture and work with students as part of his Staniar Gallery exhibition of large-scale paintings, "The Strangest Fruit," which examines the history of lynchings of Mexican Americans. Clover Archer Lyle, director of the Staniar Gallery, and Andrea Lepage, associate professor of art history, coordinated the overall project, which tied in with Lepage's Spring Term class, "Chicano and U.S. Latino Art and Muralism: From the Street to Staniar Gallery."

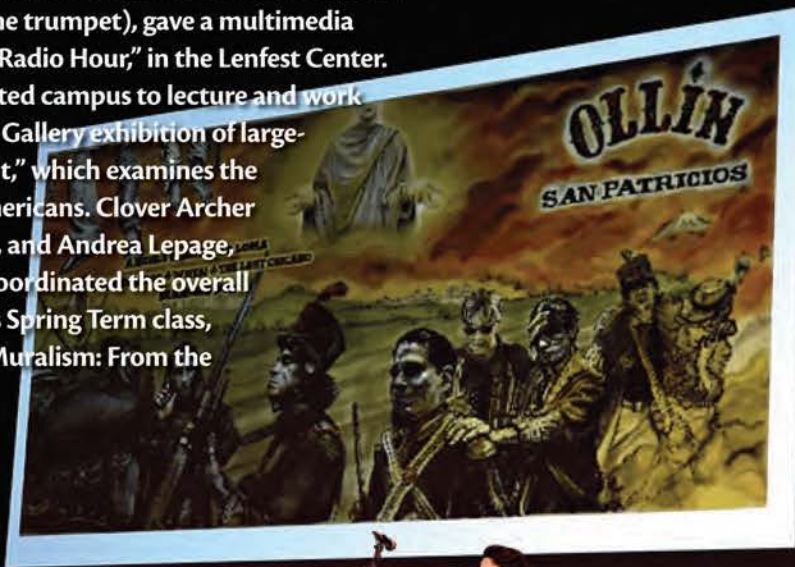


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