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A Big Splash

W&L's new stand-alone natatorium (see inside cover), located just below Augusta Square, cost **\$22.4 million**, took about **24 months** to complete, and occupies **just under 1 acre of land**.

It holds **589,000 gallons** of water.

The **25-yard** stretch pool has a **4-foot-wide** bulkhead to create **2 zones** for swimming.

It has **8 lanes** for competition.

The shallow end starts at **4 feet**, then goes to **5, 7, 10** and finally **12 feet** deep.

The bump-out at one end of the building allows for the possibility of adding **3 springboard platforms**.

It took **8 weeks** to tile the pool basin.

The building envelope is made of **93 pre-fabricated panels**.

The project required **6,000 cubic yards of concrete — 600 truckloads** — for the foundation.

It took **42 blasts** to facilitate excavation of rock from pool basin.

The new system injects carbon dioxide into the water to keep the **pH at about 7.4**.

A complete turnover of the water through the filtration system can be completed in **4 hours**.



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The University's History of Slavery, Part Two

It was good to see the letters of Richard Hoover '61 and W. Harvey Wise '70 in the Fall 2016 issue. Good, not because I agree with them in any respect, but good inasmuch as it suggests that the discussion about the university's past, as a beneficiary of slavery, will not be closed with the dedication of the long-overdue memorial next to Robinson Hall. This history should and must be revisited long into the future, not to rehearse an immobilizing guilt over the past, but to learn the lessons this chapter has to impart for the future of our beloved institution. Wise, however, does formulate an interesting hypothetical, which I would give a different twist. In the year 2206, 190 years after the dedication of this memorial, what will our descendants have to say about the endowment that continues to provide for the university's financial well-being? For example, will they wonder what the trustees could have been thinking when their investments in the fossil fuel industry made us complicit in the acceleration of climate change? Perhaps they will resolve to dedicate a second memorial, adjacent to the School of Commerce, acknowledging the tragedy of placing profits over planet under the guise of fiduciary responsibility.

The university motto, Non Incautus Futuri, has weighty implications. May we always be mindful that decisions that are comfortable, and make sense to some today, could someday give cause to acknowledge how uncomfortable they have made life for generations unborn.

Richard W. Capron '70, Ph.D.

Ah, rationalization and religion can be so marvelously convenient. Richard W. Hoover '61 argues (presumably with a straight face) that we should thank "the God who brought them [slaves] to America, who blessed their posterity."

The letter not only suggests that slaves — as though they had a choice — were martyrs who made justifiable sacrifices that ultimately helped

their descendants; it also claims that, in any event, it was all God's doing. Silly me, I thought it was profiteering men, not God, who brought slaves to America. But if the letter is correct that in fact it was God, then I don't understand why He had to be so darn cruel about it.

Slaves were physically torn from their homes and families; branded, shackled, raped, crammed into ships under barbaric conditions. It was not uncommon for slaves to commit suicide. And of course the economic engine for the slave trade was sales to owners, many of whom subjected slaves to countless more indignities and atrocities.

I can't imagine anyone thanking anyone, much less God, for enslaving their ancestors. No amount of rationalization or religion can sugarcoat slavery, or shift the blame from those responsible for it.

Roger S. Martin '70

W&L's New President

William Dudley will be a wonderful addition to the W&L family.

What prompts this letter begins with another W&L president, John D. Wilson. I was 10, with my parents at my brother's (Frank Eppes '83) basketball game, when Wilson asked me what college I would like to attend. I proudly answered, "Washington and

Lee!," not considering that W&L was, as my brother often reminded me, "boys only."

I will never forget Wilson's warm smile and knowing look when he answered, "Maybe you will." Of course, it was Wilson who paved the way for women at W&L, and who greeted me as my president in 1989.

Therefore, because one of them opened up one of the most meaningful doors through which I have ever walked, I have a strong affection for the presidents of W&L. It was thus despite this affection, or perhaps because of it, that I felt such shock in seeing another Caucasian man as president of my beloved university.

Having served on numerous hiring committees for university faculty, I know that hiring diversely can be extremely difficult. I know nothing of the recruitment process or the process by which the applicant pool was built in this case. I can only pass along my own immediate, visceral reaction of sadness and disappointment in not seeing a woman in this position.

I look forward to the good years ahead in Dudley's capable hands, but I also hope that I need not look too far ahead to the important and celebrated occasion when we may have a woman as president of this amazing university.

Martha Cary (Missy) Eppes '93, Ph.D.

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Paqui Toscano '16: Rhodes Scholar Takes W&L — and Oxford — By Storm

Pasquale “Paqui” Toscano '16, a classics and English double major, is Washington and Lee’s 16th Rhodes Scholar. He is one of 32 people chosen for the scholarship, which fully funds two to four years of study at the University of Oxford, in England.

Toscano, 22, who was a Johnson Scholar, is proficient in Latin and ancient Greek and will pursue a master’s in English and a master’s in Greek and/or Latin languages and literature at Oxford. After completing his studies in the U.K., he plans to return to the U.S. to complete a doctorate in English with a specialty in early-modern poetry, and pursue a career as a professor, scholar and disability-rights advocate.

The summer following Toscano’s first year at W&L, he suffered a spinal-cord injury in an accident. Forced to take a semester-long leave of absence to learn to walk again, Toscano, who had originally considered a career in law, found that literature provided refuge during his lengthy recovery. An independent study during his absence from campus provided perspective for his changed circumstances.

“We read Donne and Herbert, as well as Herrick, whose exhortation to ‘make much of time’ galvanized me to construe my rehabilitation as an epistemologically enriching experience — which informed my understanding of human vulnerability and perseverance — rather than a defeating one,” said Toscano. “But it was not until I read the blind John Milton’s verse that I discovered a voice whose reflections on sightlessness struck both an intellectual and visceral chord. The poet’s work highlighted that studying Renaissance literature affords me opportunities to make contributions to disability studies.”

Genelle Gertz, professor of English, directed Toscano’s independent study while he was away from campus. “I didn’t know at the time what future Paqui would face regarding his health, or whether he would be able to return,” said Gertz. “But I felt privileged to teach a brilliant student who was fighting to recover. I am thrilled, and extremely proud, that he’s now going on to specialize in the area he studied independently with me.” Reflecting on Toscano’s resolve, Gertz said, “His response to the accident has, more than any another thing, proven his immense determination and courage in the face of hardship. We’re all lucky Paqui returned to W&L; he took the campus by storm.”

Kevin Crotty, professor of classics, said of Toscano, “I was singularly impressed by the excellence of his Latin, and his painstaking interest in attaining as thorough an under-

standing of Latin as possible. Not many students lavish such loving and intelligent care on a text; even fewer do so, I imagine, when they are fighting their way back from possible paralysis and undergoing a trying course of physical rehabilitation. It is a mark of his intellectual maturity that he could already, as quite a young person, find solace and encouragement in his studies.”

“I am humbled, honored, and excited beyond words,” said Toscano. “I’m speechless. But I do want to remind everyone that although people often say it takes a village to raise a child, it also takes a village to raise a fellowship applicant. I have been so supported, encouraged and inspired by my W&L family, and my gratitude truly is ineffable.”

Members of Toscano’s “village” — which includes faculty and administrators at Washington and Lee — were not at all surprised by his accomplishment.

“Paqui will succeed as a college professor or at absolutely anything he decides to do,” said then President Ken Ruscio '76. “He has intelligence, character, diligence and a conspicuous cheerfulness that make him a very rare individual. Everyone on our campus — students, faculty and administrators — knows Paqui, admires him and counts him as a friend. There is a rare sincerity, enthusiasm and uniformity in our judgment of this remarkable young man.”

Rebecca Benefiel, associate professor of classics and Toscano’s adviser in that major, describes him as “a truly remarkable individual who has overcome the odds multiple times and who will be a brilliant and inspiring professor.”

“Paqui is a dedicated, intellectual student,” said Benefiel, “a true discussion leader, a big thinker and an inspired writer whose words fly off of the page.”

At W&L, he received the Edward L. Pinney Prize, the G. Holbrook Barber Scholarship Award and the Matthew J. Mason Latin Prize. He also won the Elizabeth B. Garrett Scholarship in English, the Dabney Stuart Prize in English and the Sidney Coulling Prize in English. He belongs to Phi Beta Kappa, Omicron Delta Kappa, Phi Eta Sigma and Eta Sigma Phi. The W&L faculty awarded him the Algernon Sydney Sullivan Medallion, which honors the senior man or woman who excels “in high ideals in living, in fine spiritual qualities, and in generous and unselfish service to others.”

Toscano was among 20 students awarded a Beinecke Scholarship for graduate study and was named a national leader of the year by Omicron Delta Kappa.

—Drewry Atkins Sackett '93



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Richard Bidlack with Nona Mchedlishvili on the Peace Bridge in downtown Tbilisi.

Georgia On My Mind

Richard Bidlack, the Martin and Brooke Stein Professor of History, writes about reconnecting with a former student in her hometown of Tbilisi, Georgia, 27 years after she was an exchange student at W&L.

During the 1988–89 academic year, Washington and Lee University hosted three students from the Soviet Union. They were among the very first Soviet undergraduates to study anywhere in the U.S. without official chaperones. One of the three was Nona Mchedlishvili, from Tbilisi, located just south of the Caucasus Mountains in what was then the Georgian Soviet Socialist Republic. Nona, who had received notice that she had been selected for the exchange program just three days before she departed for the U.S., immersed herself at W&L in mastering English and studying journalism.

During Spring Term of 1989, I led 30 students on the university's first and only study tour of the Soviet Union and communist Poland. I included Tbilisi in the itinerary and planned to visit Nona's family, while she completed her year at W&L. But on April 9, not long before we departed Lexington, Georgian nationalists staged a massive anti-Soviet demonstration in central Tbilisi. Soviet army troops brutally crushed the rally. Twenty demonstrators were killed, and hundreds were injured. Tbilisi was immediately closed to foreigners, and the W&L group was diverted instead to Sochi (the site of the 2014 Winter Olympics) along the Black Sea. Nona and I were shocked



Nona Mchedlishvili during her year at W&L (1988–89) as an exchange student.

by these events and very disappointed that the group could not meet with her family.

Nona returned home in June 1989. Before the dawn of the internet, and when the antiquated Soviet phone system made placing a phone call from Lexington to Tbilisi extremely difficult, she and I lost contact. By late 1991, the Soviet Union was falling apart, and Georgia descended into chaos and civil war for two years, which included street fighting in downtown Tbilisi. Nona endured these hardships and pursued her career in journalism, eventually becoming a correspondent for Radio Free Liberty.

A few years ago, Nona and I reconnected through Facebook. This past summer my wife, Nancy, and I

traveled to Tbilisi to gather insights and information for a course I'm preparing on the history of the Caucasus region and Central Asia. We enjoyed a wonderful reunion with Nona and became acquainted with her husband, Konstantin (Koka), and their teenage daughter, Mia.

While walking through Tbilisi's picturesque old town, with its mountain vistas and churches dating back to the sixth century, and over glasses of local wine and a scrumptious meal of khachapuri (a cheese-filled bread) and other delicacies that Nona and Koka prepared, we filled each other in on the contours of our lives over the past 27 years. Nona reminisced about the teal dress with matching shoes that Nancy lent her for the 1989 Fancy Dress ball. Nona also described the five terrifying days in August 2008 when Russia invaded Georgia and reached within 25 miles of Tbilisi. During that brief war, Nona and Koka sent Mia to relatives in the countryside as Russian planes bombed targets in and around Tbilisi.

Georgia has recovered remarkably well since the war. The country's reputation for warm and generous hospitality has attracted many visitors from Europe and North America. My wife and I look forward to further developing our relationship with an exchange student from decades ago.

MARC CONNER BECOMES PROVOST



Washington and Lee University has named **Marc C. Conner** as provost, effective July 1. Conner, the Jo M. and James M. Ballegee Professor of English, has been serving as W&L's interim provost since January 2016.

"I am thrilled that Marc Conner has accepted this critical position," said President William C. Dudley. "Marc brings a powerful combination of institutional knowledge, administrative experience, academic credentials and good judgment to his role as provost. He is profoundly devoted to W&L and will work tirelessly with his faculty colleagues to advance our educational mission. I am grateful for Marc's leadership and look forward to working closely with him on behalf of the university."

As provost, Conner serves as the chief academic officer of the university and is a key member of the president's senior leadership team. The provost is responsible for articulating and directing the academic mission of Washington and Lee. The three academic deans — of the College, the Williams School and the Law School — report to the provost. The provost also oversees International Education, Information Technology, Athletics, the University Library, Institutional Effectiveness, the Mudd Center for Ethics and the Registrar's Office. He also works closely with the Office of Student Affairs to support the residential learning community of the university.

"It's a tremendous honor to serve as provost at Washington and Lee," Conner said. "This institution has supported me in everything I've wanted to do as a teacher-

scholar. To have an opportunity to give back to the school, and especially to help other faculty thrive as the great teacher-scholars that define W&L, is so fulfilling. We're at a very exciting place right now, with many major initiatives and challenges right on the horizon. I'm delighted to be able to serve the students, the faculty and the staff of the College of Arts and Sciences, the Williams School of Commerce and the School of Law in our mission of teaching and learning."

Conner came to W&L in 1996 as an assistant professor in English, with specializations in American and African-American literature. He created a Spring Term Abroad program to Ireland in 2000, which he has now taught eight times and which led to the creation of several courses in modern Irish literature.

In 2007 Conner co-founded Washington and Lee's program in African-American Studies, which has since grown into the program in Africana Studies. In 2010, as part of W&L's reaccreditation process, he led the Spring Term Revitalization effort, and served as director of the Spring Term for five years, guiding the university's Quality Enhancement Plan to a successful conclusion.

In addition to his work in African-American studies, Conner has been a longtime advocate of diversity initiatives at Washington and Lee, serving as a member of the Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration Planning Committee, as co-chair of the University Committee on Inclusiveness and Campus Climate and as co-director of the Advanced Research Cohort Program, an immersive summer program for incoming first-year students that seeks to increase retention of underrepresented students in STEM fields through an early research experience. This past year he directed the Mellon History in the Public Sphere grant.

FACULTY AND STAFF BOOKS

George R. Bent, the Sidney Gause Childress Professor of Art and Art History, has published "Public Painting and Visual Culture in Early Republican Florence" (Cambridge University Press). "Street corners, guild halls, government offices, and confraternity centers contained paintings that made the city of Florence a visual jewel at precisely the time of its emergence as an international cultural leader," writes the publisher. "This book considers the paintings that were made specifically for consideration by lay viewers, as well as the way they could have been interpreted by audiences who approached them with specific perspectives."



Seth R. Michelson, assistant professor of Spanish, has written a book of poetry, "Swimming Through Fire" (Press 53). "These poems range widely in stories," goes the Amazon description, "from the Chilean holocaust perpetrated by the fascist dictatorship of General Augusto Pinochet, to the assassination of churchgoers in Charleston, South Carolina, to the breakup of a marriage; from the holocaust of California's native Indians by St. Junipero Serra, to the official sequestration of a proud black soldier, to the euthanization of a beloved pet."



Celebrating MLK Day at W&L

Diane Nash, peace activist and pioneer of the civil rights movement, was the featured keynote speaker during W&L's multi-day observance of King's birthday, "Celebrating the Life and Legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr."

She was one of the pioneers of the civil rights movement, beginning in 1959 while she was a student at Fisk University. In 1960 she became the chairperson of the student sit-in movement in Nashville, Tennessee — the first Southern city to desegregate its lunch counters — as well as one of the founding students of the Student Non-violent Coordinating Committee. In 1961, she coordinated the Freedom Ride



from Birmingham, Alabama, to Jackson, Mississippi.

Her many arrests for her civil rights activities culminated in Nash being imprisoned for 30 days in 1961, while she was pregnant with her first child. Undeterred, she joined a national committee — to which she was appointed by President John F. Kennedy — that promoted passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

In addition to Nash's keynote, this year's events included a symposium at the School of Law; the annual children's MLK Birthday Party; a dream-themed Chanoyu Tea Society event; viewings of the movie "Eyes on the Prize"; and the Reflections Dinner.

ODK and Founders' Day

The Alpha Circle of Omicron Delta Kappa welcomed four honorary and 39 student initiates at W&L's annual Founders Day/ODK Convocation on Jan. 19.

The keynote speaker, Jonathan Holloway, historian of post-emancipation American history and black intellectualism and dean of Yale College, gave a talk on "The Price of Recognition: Race and the Making of the Modern University."

ODK honorary initiates were (from l. to r.): **Kevin A. Struthers '89**, director of jazz programs at The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, Washington, D.C.; **Joan Marie** (Shaun) **Shaughnessy**, Roger D. Groot Professor of Law at W&L; **Judy L. Castele**, executive director of Project Horizon; and **Eugene Michael** (Gene) **McCabe**, associate professor of physical education and head men's varsity lacrosse coach at W&L.

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New Administrative Roles for Marcia France and Elizabeth Knapp '90



Marcia France, associate dean of the College and the John T. Herwick M.D. Professor of Chemistry, will become associate provost on July 1.

France will lead a number of university-wide initiatives, including student summer opportunities and the Summer Research Scholars program. She will co-chair, along with the director of Human Resources, the University Committee on Inclusiveness and Campus Climate (UCICC), the university's central committee on diversity and inclusiveness. She will continue to support and grow STEM projects, and take a leading role in curricular reform, student projects and faculty initiatives.

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“Marcia has been so effective as associate dean of the College. Now she has an opportunity to broaden that administrative work in a university-wide context in the provost’s office,” said Interim Provost Marc Conner. “I’m very excited to be able to work with her in many important areas of academic affairs. There is a lot of important work ahead, and I’m confident Marcia will be a great addition to the office.”



Elizabeth Knapp '90, associate provost and professor of geology, will transition to a full-time role as director of the Johnson Program in Leadership and Integrity on July 1.

Knapp will focus on the Johnson Program and the 160 or so students who have won the university’s major scholarship competition. She will continue to administer the Johnson endowment, which helps each Johnson Scholar conduct special summer projects and research, and will enhance the program so that it can realize even greater potential. She will continue to chair the University Sustainability Committee and will lead the task force for the selection of the Quality Enhance-

“This new role recognizes her unique talents and will enable her to continue to strengthen the Johnson Program.”

ment Plan, an important element in W&L’s reaffirmation of accreditation. She will also teach one to two geology courses per year.

“Elizabeth has played a significant role in W&L’s administration for a decade now. Her experience and skills are widely recognized,” said Conner. “She’s been a key figure in the dean’s office, the provost’s office, and the president’s office. This new role recognizes her unique talents and will enable her to continue to strengthen the Johnson Program. The QEP selection is of immense importance to the university, and her abilities to reach the entire university community will be a great asset in that project.”

Dr. Scott Boyd '86 Joins W&L's Board of Trustees

Scott Boyd, who graduated with a B.S. in biology, was sworn in as a trustee on Feb. 10. He earned a doctorate of medicine from the Medical University of South Carolina in 1990 and received additional training in neurosurgery at the National Hospital for Neurology and Neurosurgery, Queen Square, London. Following a residency at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Boyd returned to practice in his hometown of Columbia, South Carolina, where he joined Columbia



Neurosurgical Associates in private practice for 19 years.

In 2015, he founded the Lexington, South Carolina, Brain and Spine Institute. He currently serves as chief of neurosurgery for Lexington Medical Center.

Boyd has served W&L as a member of the Science Advisory Board since 2013. He was a member of the Class of 1986’s 25th reunion committee and co-chaired his 30th reunion committee. While at W&L, he was a member of Phi Kappa Sigma fraternity.

He and his wife, Mary Morrison Chapman, are parents to Austin (USC Honors College '15), Hugh (W&L '17), Crawford (UVA '19) and Anne Morrison (Hammond School).



Strength in Numbers: Men's XC Goes to Nationals

From l. to r.: Alex Dolwick '19, Patrick Hunter '19, Austin Kinne '20, Mac Strehler '17, Cooper Baird '19, MaKenzye Leroy '18, Phillip Harmon '17, Ian McDonald '17, Joe Carmody '19 and head coach Brandon Spalding.

The original “Toy Story” was the highest-grossing film of the year, “Gangsta’s Paradise” by Coolio was the number one song on the Billboard Top 100 year-end list, “ER” was the most-watched television show in the nation, and it was the last time the W&L men’s cross-country team qualified for the Division III NCAA National Championship. The year was 1995.

In the 21 years since then, W&L won six Old Dominion Athletic Conference team titles, had four NCAA individual national qualifiers and saw athletes earn all-region accolades 31 times, but the Generals were unable to advance a team to the NCAA Championship until this past year.

When head coach Brandon Spalding was hired before the 2013 season, he had a plan to get the program back to the national meet. In 2015, W&L accomplished a major stepping-stone on its road map, as the team won the ODAC Championship for the first time in eight years.

At the NCAA South/Southeast Regional Championship later that season, the team finished sixth. The 2016 squad knew it would have to change its approach if it wanted to compete at the national meet.

“Last year, we were dreaming of Nationals and lost sight of the steps along the way,” said Mac Strehler '17. “This year, we made it our goal to center on ODACs and regionals and let nationals be the reward.”

Following a five-meet regular season, the Generals hosted the conference championship on Oct. 29, 2016, at the Vista Links Golf Course in Buena Vista, Virginia. W&L performed its race strategy to perfection, and won the 10-team meet by 31 points.

“We came into that meet as a nationally ranked team,” explained Spalding. “We knew that if we did our job and executed our race plan, we would be in a good spot for the next part of our season at regionals.”

Strehler was the top individual, winning the race by almost 20 seconds. “We were never a team that was low on confidence,” he explained. “But the conference meet was important, because it gave us just that extra little bit heading into regionals.”

The regional meet took place on Nov. 12, with the first- and second-place teams receiving automatic bids to the NCAA Championship, and with the possibility that the school finishing third could receive an at-large berth.

“After ODACs we knew we were a good team,” stated Cooper Baird '19. “We understood if we had just a little bit of a bad day (at regionals), we wouldn’t advance to nationals, but our top five all had fantastic days.”

Out of the 29 schools competing at the meet, the Generals claimed second (58 points) and were just six points away from Christopher Newport (52 points), which claimed the regional crown. W&L defeated 26th-ranked Emory (third, 103 points) to earn the automatic bid.

“As they all came into the chute, the guys knew they did something special,” said Spalding. “When we actually got the official results, I brought all the guys together, and we just recognized what happened. It really was an awesome day.”

The Generals had only a week to prepare for the National Championship in Louisville on Nov. 19. W&L took 27th out of 32 teams, with 640 points. Strehler was once again the team’s top competitor, finishing 92nd out of 278 runners.

“The meet was the loudest I’ve ever been to,” said Strehler. “It was the most excited and most nervous that I have ever been racing. We had a lot of teammates and alums come out to support us, and it made the experience mean that much more.”

The team loses three of its top five runners to graduation this year, but the returning members have the desire to make sure it is not another 21 years before the Generals compete at the national level.

“Next year will just be a different dynamic for us,” explained Baird. “We won’t be relying so much on the top two or three, but instead focus on a strength in numbers philosophy. We will want to have four or five runners all crossing the finish line at the same time.”

“When we got to celebrate as a team and go to the awards ceremony at regionals, it is something I’ll never forget,” continued Baird. “It was a culmination of all the hard work we put into this year.”

—Chip Whipple



Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg (seated center at left) takes questions from students at the Law School.

W&L, VMI HOST SUPREME COURT JUSTICE RUTH BADER GINSBURG

A joint effort between the Washington and Lee School of Law and the Virginia Military Institute on Jan. 25 brought Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg to Lexington, where she addressed an audience of thousands in the morning, and had law students lining up three hours in advance for a private Q&A session in the afternoon.

During both events, the 83-year-old associate justice balanced comments about American jurisprudence and her lengthy, transformative legal career with charming anecdotes about her personal life, ultimately reinforcing her lifelong message that men and women of all political and cultural stripes can have a profound impact on the world around them.

“I would say this to all young lawyers, men as well as women,” Ginsburg told the law students. “Whatever you do in the law, do in addition something you are passionate about, whether it is gender equality or the environment, discrimination or free speech — do something outside yourself that will make things a little better for people who are less fortunate than you are.”

Ginsburg’s visit was a year in the making and came 20 years after she penned the majority opinion

“Her contributions to social justice and gender equality have been profound. Her promotion of gender equality rights — as a skilled and strategic litigator, as a pioneering teacher and mentor, and as a careful and visionary jurist — has been life-changing for generations of women who came after her.”

—*Johanna Bond, associate dean, W&L School of Law*

in *United States v. Virginia*, the landmark case that struck down VMI’s male-only admissions policy. At VMI’s 3,800-capacity Cameron Hall, which was nearly full, Ginsburg recalled that the late Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia’s lone dissenting opinion in the case opened with the declaration that admitting women would destroy VMI.

“I knew it wouldn’t. It would make VMI a better place,” Ginsburg told the crowd, which erupted in applause.

Today, VMI’s student body is about 11 percent female. The VMI

community seemed to enjoy Ginsburg’s talk, said school spokesman Stewart MacInnis. “Women cadets, especially, say they appreciated Justice Ginsburg’s remarks and the impact she has had on their lives. Several of them told me they didn’t really understand until this event the controversy surrounding the decision in the societal context of the latter half of the 20th century.”

One of the most poignant moments of the morning came when Ginsburg told the story of a VMI pin she wore on her pewter-colored jacket. Shortly after the case was decided, she said, a VMI graduate mailed the pin to her with a letter explaining that the pins were given to the mothers of all VMI graduates. His mother had passed away, and he wanted Ginsburg to have the pin.

Ginsburg read from the letter: “In an abstract way, you will be mother to the first graduating class of VMI women Be sure to wear it proudly any time, but especially if you are ever invited to VMI.”

The woman affectionately nicknamed “RBG” by fans can relate to being one of few women in a class of men. Of her time at Harvard Law School, where she was only one of nine female students in a class of about 500, she said, “you felt you were

constantly on display. If you failed or didn't perform well, you felt you were failing not only for yourself, but for all women."

Ginsburg was anything but a failure there, making the Harvard Law Review at a time when she was also supporting her husband through cancer treatments and helping to raise their toddler daughter. Despite the challenges, she said, "there was a balance to my life that many students didn't have. Each part of my life, I thought, was a respite from the other."

After lunch at Lee House, Ginsburg held a private Q&A in the Millhiser Moot Court Room at the W&L Law School. She was accompanied, as she had been at VML, by her two longtime biographers, Mary Hartnett and Wendy Williams, both Georgetown Law professors.

About 140 students and faculty filled the courtroom while more than 200 watched a livestream of the session in nearby classrooms. Students had submitted questions in advance, and faculty selected 15 to pose their questions to Justice Ginsburg. Topics included diversity in the legal community, international law, the media's interpretation of Supreme Court decisions, and the qualities she hopes to see in the next Supreme Court justice. The last question came just one day after President Donald Trump nominated federal judge Neil Gorsuch for the seat left vacant after Scalia's death last year.

"I'd say it takes a readiness to work really hard — this is the hardest job I've ever had — it takes a tremendous amount of reading, and then thinking and writing," she said. "And if you are part of a collegial court, [it takes] a willingness to listen to your colleagues, because on the Supreme Court if you are writing for the court, you are not writing for yourself, you are writing for others. So you have to present the views of the consensus, not what you might do alone if you were queen. So collegiality is a very, very important part of the way the court works — and a sense of humor really helps."

Throughout the day, Ginsburg talked about her famous friendship with Scalia, who usually disagreed with her on an ideological basis. Professionally, she said, he made her a better judge because he helped her to identify the weak spots in her arguments. Personally, they bonded over their love of family and the opera. "I miss him very much," she said. "Without him, the court is a paler place because he brought so much zest to our discussions."

At the law school, students were impressed to be in the presence of a Supreme Court justice. Ginsburg's work with the Association of American Law Schools and American Bar Association played a role in making the school coeducational in the 1970s.

"I admire Justice Ginsburg because she has always broken through glass ceilings," said Tejkaran Bains '17L. "We both come from immigrant families. Justice Ginsburg was one of only nine women on her class. I am the only Sikh person in my law school and the only person who wears a turban. It was so inspiring and surreal to see Justice Ginsburg."

Rebecca Varghese '17L said she was most impressed by Ginsburg's comments about disagreeing in a manner that is at once direct and civil. Varghese said that's important in this age of polarization in both the political and legal spheres. "This adversarial system can isolate other viewpoints, and I think her message of advocating inclusiveness while still remaining appropriately assertive was an apt takeaway for me."

—Lindsey Nair



To watch Justice Ginsburg's Q&A at the W&L Law School, visit go.wlu.edu/RBG.

More from the Mind of RBG

On the House Un-American Activities Committee of the 1950s: "We were straying from our most basic values, and that is to write, think and speak as you believe, and not as a big-brother government tells you to."

On her daily workout: Her personal trainer, a member of the Army Reserves who also trains two other Supreme Court justices, "puts her through the paces" for an hour. She does 20 push-ups (not the so-called "girl push-ups," but she does take a quick break after 10), weight-lifting and "something called a plank."

On the gift she received from VMI, a crystal block with a cadet engraved in the center: "This will be placed on a shelf just behind my desk, and I will be very proud to put it there." Washington and Lee presented the justice with a Jefferson cup.

On Cornell University, where she earned her undergraduate degree and met her late husband, Martin Ginsburg: "Cornell was a preferred school for daughters." It was thought that "if she can't find her man here, she's hopeless ... In fact, I did find my man there, and he was extraordinary for the '50s because he cared that I had a brain. He was my biggest booster. He thought my work was at least as important as his."

On the U.S. Constitution, a tattered copy of which she carries around in her hefty purse: The opening words, "We the People," referred to "white, property-owning men, and that was it. Of course, people were then held in human bondage — they were not part of 'We the People.' Native Americans were not part of 'We the People.' And half of the population, women, were not part of the political constituency. So I say the genius of the Constitution is that, over the course now of much more than 200 years, this notion of who belongs in 'We the People' has become ever more expansive. So it is the inclusiveness of 'We the People' today in contrast to what it was. I think the Founding Fathers may have had an idea of what it someday may have become, but they were held back by the limitations of their own time."

On the most memorable New Year's Eve ever spent with Scalia: "We started this tradition of celebrating every New Year's together. Sometimes it was at the Scalias', but much more often it was at my house because my husband was such an excellent cook. And it would usually be that Scalia would hunt something — usually it was Bambi. But one year ... it wasn't Bambi, so we couldn't make venison. It was a wild boar! And Marty worked for quite some time to find an appropriate recipe for wild boar, but he succeeded."

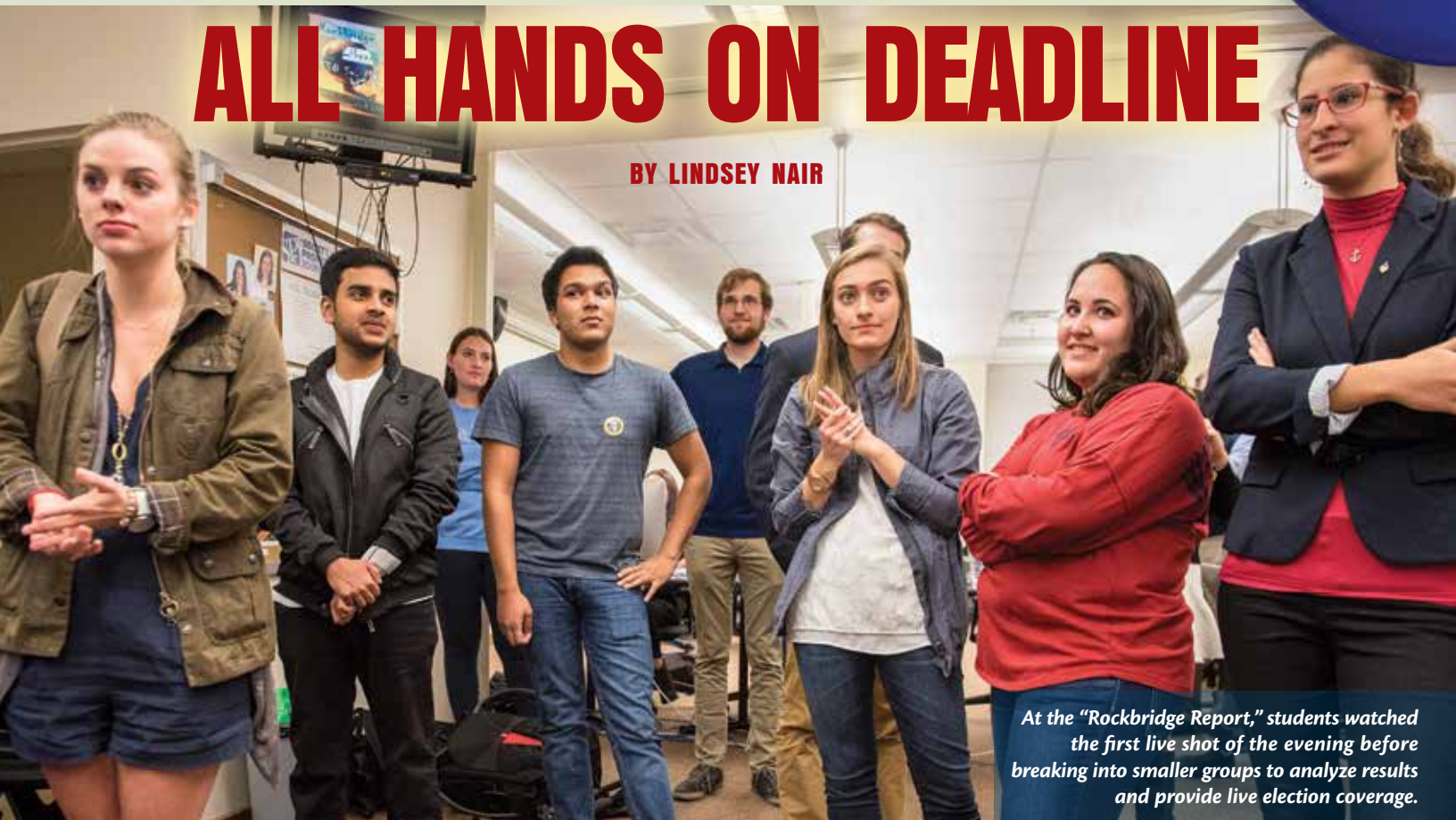
The day after the U.S. presidential election, journalism professor Kevin Finch set aside the lecture he had prepared for his state and local government class and simply turned on Hillary Clinton's concession speech. As they viewed it together, his students found that watching history unfold can lead to livelier discussions and more impactful lessons.

That summed up the experience across the W&L campus throughout the election season of 2016, as professors tailored their syllabi to take advantage of real-life examples, and many students relished their first chance to participate in a presidential election, particularly after their involvement in a successful Mock Convention.



ALL HANDS ON DEADLINE

BY LINDSEY NAIR



At the "Rockbridge Report," students watched the first live shot of the evening before breaking into smaller groups to analyze results and provide live election coverage.

When the polls closed and it came time to report results on election night 2016, the Department of Journalism and Mass Communications combined trusted techniques with a dash of experimentation. What resulted was a successful group effort, and one of the most intense and thrilling learning opportunities in the students' college careers.

"Simply experiencing the energy of election night in a newsroom is one of the most valuable parts of the project for students," said assistant professor Mark Coddington, who oversaw social media coverage in Reid Hall. "There's a palpable sense of urgency and excitement that comes with relaying news that's extremely important to people, needing to do it quickly, and needing to get it absolutely right."

Like any good election night in a newsroom, this one kicked off with free food. After fueling themselves with pizza — and brownies baked by Professor Emeritus John Jennings — about 50 students and

department staffers prepared for a job that would last well into the night.

Their work included real-time updates on the "Rockbridge Report" website throughout the evening and 15-minute news updates at 7, 8:30 and 10 p.m. Students from five journalism classes, as well as work-study students, covered voter turnout, conducted informal polling, updated articles, did on-camera interviews, produced newscasts and online coverage, and pushed out news through social media to keep the audience apprised of developments in local and state elections, as well as the presidential race.

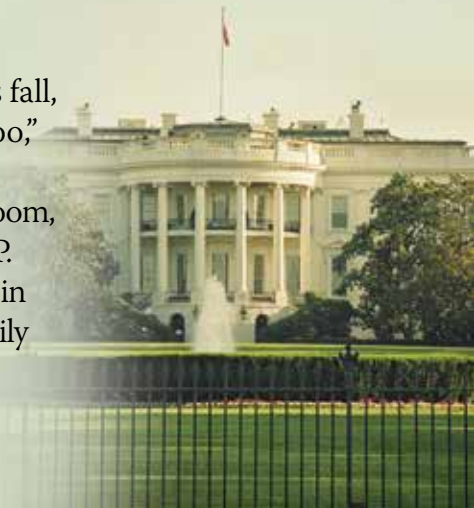
The department rented state-of-the-art field equipment that allowed students to do live shots from the Republican and Democratic watch parties in Lexington. Assistant professor Kevin Finch, who coordinated the department's coverage, said it wasn't the first time they'd pulled off live shots on election night, but it had never gone so smoothly.



“The election was present in just about any journalism class this fall, and probably all of the politics classes, and maybe some others, too,” Finch said. “It was an overarching theme.”

The election provided learning opportunities outside the classroom, as well, with students watching presidential debates in the Kenneth P. Ruscio Center for Global Learning, covering races on election night in Reid Hall and listening as professors analyzed the outcome in a heavily attended post-election panel in Stackhouse Theater.

Here we take a closer look at how this historic event engaged students in hands-on learning across campus.



“The real test of the equipment, besides reliable live shots, was that it gave us flexibility,” he said. “So when it was obvious that Frank Friedman was going to win the mayor’s race for Lexington, we scrambled the crew from Republican headquarters to Blue Lab Brewing Co., where Friedman was hanging out. We had a live interview with him within less than an hour of learning that he would be the city’s next mayor, and that was a great moment for us.”

In a changing technological landscape, a strong social media presence was more important than ever. Coddington’s students posted updates regularly throughout the night on Instagram, Facebook and Twitter. He said they were the first to post vote counts and outcomes for almost every local race, and they added color by sharing photos throughout the night.

“The level of care, precision and coordination that goes into a professional social media operation in a situation like election night

is so much greater than students are used to giving their daily social media presence,” Coddington said. “So it’s invaluable to give students a glimpse of what it takes to do things right — and how exciting it is when that happens.”

As website editor, Lindsay Castleberry ’17 had a front-row seat for the evening, and also for the extensive planning and education that led up to it. In the months prior to the election, many classes in Reid Hall

included discussion and analysis of election news as it unfolded. As Nov. 8 drew closer, professors prepared students for the challenges that election night would bring.

“We told them ahead of time that we weren’t sure how things were going to go, and reminded them that they had a job to do,” Finch said. “When it got going we didn’t have to remind anybody. There was always another deadline looming, another task to complete. In the heat of battle there wasn’t time to ponder history-making changes.”

Having professors with extensive journalism experience helped students to anticipate what they would need at every step,



Castleberry said, from candidate headshots and phone numbers to graphics. As she reflected on the thrill that kept her awake into the wee hours of Nov. 9 after work was done in Reid Hall, Castleberry said she knew she had chosen the right program — and the right school — for her.

“At a large school, maybe I would have had the same access to technology, but being at a small school, I was involved in every aspect of the coverage,” she said. “People are looking for journalism majors who can do everything, and that’s a tall order. But I really feel like I’ve gotten that experience.”





As students and faculty
conversed about the
candidates and the issues,
one thing was clear.
Across campus,
discussions remained civil
and respectful.



quality of student discussions. There was never any disrespect shown to any opinion expressed. Students said contentious and controversial things about candidates, issues and media coverage of events, but they always had a gracious audience for their comments. W&L students practiced civility in a very uncivil election cycle.”

The College Democrats and the College Republicans watched presidential debates together and joined the College Libertarians to formally debate the issues. Strong, who moderated two student debates, was impressed with their ability to succinctly summarize their views on the substantive issues at play.

On election night, many, including those from Strong’s election classes, gathered in the Kenneth P. Ruscio Center for Global Learning to eat pizza and follow the unfolding events. “We were simultaneously watching news coverage on the big screens and using laptops to monitor sites that were reporting voting results in more detail than was available from the cable news networks,” he said.

“Eventually we turned off the sound on the television monitors because the conversation in the room about what was happening was better than the network commentators. Some of the students actually saw the Trump victory pattern before the experts on the big screens were talking about it.”

Inspired by the two election courses, Strong and Assistant Provost Elizabeth Knapp ’90 saw an opportunity to get a group of first-year Johnson Scholars together for a regular discussion group to talk about the election. Even though it was a voluntary, non-credit seminar, a dozen Johnson Scholars took time on Friday afternoons throughout the fall to talk about the election.

“The students were from all over the country and with their own range of political perspectives,” said Knapp. “For each meeting we would provide readings and have open-class discussions.”

The group also had several guests: Constitution Day speaker William Allen, who discussed the founders and presidential selection; journalism professor Kevin Finch, who discussed the

media and the current election; and then President Ken Ruscio ’76, who discussed leadership and governing after the election.

“The students were all engaged in each conversation, and it was an important time for them, as this was their first presidential election as voters,” said Knapp.

“The students impressed our guest speakers with the sophistication of their questions and the careful reading they had done of documents from the American founding,” said Strong. “I hope the election-discussion group can become a model for future activities that bring our students together for serious discussions of topics that can’t easily be covered in regular courses.”

After the election, the need to continue the civil discourse and understand the context was even stronger. Interim Provost Marc Conner organized a post-election interpretive panel. The concept was simple: to gather a group of scholars from different disciplines and different political persuasions to comment on the election results.

“The Election and Its Meanings: An Interpretive Panel” drew more than 100 students, faculty and staff, and had no predetermined agenda, no restrictions on what the presenters could say, no restraints on questions from the audience. The panel was moderated by Conner, and panelists included Strong; Elicia Cowins, assistant professor of accounting; Aly Colón, Knight Professor of Ethics in Journalism; Johanna Bond, professor of law and associate dean of the School of Law; Chris Handy, assistant professor of economics; and Lucas Morel, professor of ethics and politics and chair of the Politics Department.

“Our aim with the panel discussion was not to offer a judgment of the election,” said Conner, “but rather an intellectual interpretation of what this election means. This is a crucial role that a university should fill — offering interpretive analysis from a variety of intellectual perspectives.”

The panel discussion is archived and can be viewed at go.wlu.edu/postelectiondiscussion.



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FAKE NEWS AND ALTERNATE FACTS

with information gleaned from unsubstantiated sources.”

The world’s most prominent news organization publishing an article on how the new leader of the free world spreads fake news — unheard of.

So how did fake news achieve its primacy? And what can be done about it?

We asked professional journalists — two W&L professors and three alumni — to weigh in on the topic. **BY TOM KERTSCHER**



Alecia Swasy: We’ve become a society that likes sound bites and reality TV. People like to forget. And we also are living in an era of isolation, where we only want to talk to people who share our opinions, and that’s why Fox News is so popular, that’s why people tune into MSNBC. And we’ve always been a society where, when in doubt, figure out somebody to blame and make somebody afraid of it. Propaganda is, “I want to persuade you to my point of view. I don’t have to have facts, I will appeal to your emotions.”

Evelyn Rupert '14: I think when you combine such a tense election, especially when people are so quick to want to believe the worst about the other side, and you take that and add to it a general habit of people not really reading much past the headline — or not really reading something before they share it — those are some of the reasons why fake news has picked up so much.

Dick Moss '80: Social media has a lot to do with it. People see something, they think it’s really interesting or fascinating, and they share it. Remember the old adage: “If it seems too good to be true, it probably is.” People don’t think enough about where things are coming from and what’s the source of this and whether something’s been verified or not. One of the things people don’t think about when they’re bashing the mainstream media is that all we do is fact checking. We have a whole set of ways to verify information that we put into practice on a daily basis.



What role did the 2016 presidential campaign play in the rise of fake news?

Moss: It’s more a function of the social media world rather than the election itself. But there were certainly people out there who were trying to take advantage of that for political reasons.

Swasy: You had candidates who were willing to use it to really tap into anger. It wasn’t just deceptive information put out under the guise of news, it was deceptive social media use, it was deceptive TV ads, it was deceptive speeches. You name it, it was used.

Hager: It’s gotten so much easier now, even in the last couple years, to spread stories via social media. I think it wouldn’t have been as easy during President Barack Obama’s second electoral cycle to spread stories as quickly as you can now. Four years ago, a lot of people didn’t even use Facebook that way. It’s become much more a platform to share stories that you find interesting or infuriating or enlightening. If you’re going to be of a conspiratorially minded bent, it’s a lot easier to get your story out, or the story that catches your eye.

Rupert: I think when you get any contentious political situation, it’s easier for people who make and spread fake news to push their stuff out there. Everyone wants to believe that Trump did this terrible thing or Hillary did this terrible thing. People who are Trump supporters — or it could be vice versa — say, “I know this is not real, but it’s going to maybe help my side of things.”

Colón: This election, I don’t know if this is fair or not, but it was basically like lancing a boil on your security. You have all kinds of pain and fear and misunderstanding.



Evelyn Rupert '14, associate editor at The Hill, in Washington, D.C.



What, if anything, should be done by traditional news media, and by readers, to combat fake news?

Rupert: I hope that now that people are more aware of it, that readers themselves will maybe be more critical. I do think that some news outlets are going to be using fact-checking tools more often. I think some of the major publications are making an effort to dispel some of the things that are spreading online. For me, it's just kind of a renewed focus and dedication to the basic ideas of fairness and accuracy, and just making sure that everything that you are publishing is true, and it's fact and in context.

Swasy: I think you're going to see a real restructuring and a deepening of journalism and mass communications curriculum to address this, because this is more insidious than the Zika virus. Not to diminish the virus, but this is threatening the very core of our society. I will redouble my efforts to teach critical thinking.

Moss: All of us in the media need to help be debunkers. When we see fake news that pops up in our own social feeds, we need to push back.

Colón: We really need to have connections in the community, to find ways to understand and relate to and learn from the community. That doesn't mean be the spokesman for the community. Fact checking is critical because if someone is willing to change their minds, they will go back to that and use that if they open their minds to think a different way. But it's also important to recognize that that alone isn't enough. They've got to know you. We have become too aligned with people of power and not people like us.

Hager: If you see a news story that shouts opinions too loudly and tries to pass itself off as news, take it with that big grain of salt. Try to find something that's based on facts and is sober in reporting those facts.

Legitimate journalists work their butts off to get the story right. And those who have been professionally trained and work for legitimate news organizations sweat out the details.





ONE WEEKEND IN WASHINGTON:

Fri., Jan. 20

When Donald Trump was sworn in, several students witnessed history. Their impressions:

Cameron Lee '17

I wanted to go because I thought that it would be a great opportunity to experience firsthand America's peaceful transfer of power, which serves as the hallmark of our democracy. I especially wanted to go since I will probably not be living in the D.C. area for another inauguration, and because this election was probably one of the most contentious that we will ever experience in our lifetime.

Allie Miller McNamara '17

I have always enjoyed politics, but my involvement with Mock Convention as a state chair really increased my interest in this election in particular. I wanted to attend in order to witness the culmination of the American political process. When walking into the inauguration I did not know what to expect, as this election has been incredibly divisive. However, the people around me were intrigued by President Trump's speech, and, for the most part, whether or not they supported him in the election, they seemed to greatly respect the office of the president.

Camille LeJeune '17

Despite anyone's political affiliation, attending the inauguration was a really cool opportunity to see a peaceful transition of power. I felt really lucky to be able to witness such an important moment in history.



Students were motivated to travel to the presidential inauguration in D.C. to observe democracy in action. From left to right: Drew Nirenberg '17, Edward Stroud '17, Cameron Lee '17, Allie Miller McNamara '17 and Camille LeJeune '17.

Edward Stroud '17

I wanted to experience the historical significance of a presidential inauguration while attending W&L, given the proximity of campus to D.C. After attending, I look forward to creating opportunities for myself to attend another in the future — one cannot help but appreciate the great freedoms of our nation at such an event.

Sat., Jan. 21 Two busloads of students traveled to D.C. to participate in the Women's March on Washington. We asked them to reflect on what the experience meant to them. Here's what a few of them had to say.

Hailey Glick '19

I marched because our country's history is filled with the strong, powerful voices of women, and I refuse to let their legacy turn to silence. I am very privileged in that I was raised by a patriotic military father and a hard-working mother who have instilled in me the values of kindness, courage and good citizenship, who have helped me grow into my voice, and who have always supported me in my every endeavor.

Democracy is a beautiful mess. The march didn't exactly end up happening as originally planned, because the organizers wrote the permit not knowing how many people were actually going to show up. They were overwhelmed when their expected 200,000 turned into half a million. There was no denying the flood of hope which filled the streets that day.

Stephanie Williams '18

I marched on Washington to make explicitly clear right off the bat my expectations for Donald Trump's conduct moving forward as our president. If he follows through on his apparent intentions to infringe upon my civil rights and the rights of any of my fellow Americans, especially those most marginalized in our society, it will not be tolerated.

It is so easy in this country to feel powerless. The best part about our democracy is also the worst part about our democracy: it's a process. We pass laws and then repeal them and debate and



Front row, l. to r.: Ramonah Gibson '20 and Joelle Simeu '20. Middle row, l. r.: Hailey Glick '19, Virginia Kettles '19, Iman Messado '19 and Elizabeth Mugo '19. Back row, l. to r.: Nao Okada '17, Fon Teawdatwan '19, Linden Walus '18 and John Juneau '18.

AN INAUGURATION AND A PROTEST

veto and argue in circles, all in the hopes that if we shove back and forth consistently and ardently, we will all push each other to be the best we can be, and ultimately making this country the best it can be.

Virginia Kettles '19

I was in Washington, D.C., crushed among the hundreds of thousands of protesters of all different backgrounds and ethnicities, people coming from literally all over the world to march. Everyone packed together, a solid mass of colors and noise, making a tide toward the White House.

I met a bearded man with a jean jacket who flew in all the way from Australia to march with us in protest of a president that was not even his own. I met a teenage girl with long dreadlocks that fell down her back, who told me about the racial slurs she had been called at her university. I met a young man with an American flag he had painted himself, a splash of rainbow colors bright against the overcast sky.

Hours later, my friends and I made our way back toward the buses to head back toward our university. We were exhausted, but incredibly satisfied. We had witnessed history that day.



Front row, l. to r.: Taylor Reese '19 and Nora Devlin '19. Middle row, l. to r.: Weldon Furr '17, Danielle Hughson '18 and Liz Todd '19. Back row, l. to r.: Pepito Estrada '19, Caroline Todd '17, Julie Malone '18 and Adit Ahmed '19.



Jessica Wilt '18, Kylee Sapp '18, Stephanie Williams '18 and Trichia Bravi '18.

Nora Devlin '19

I marched because I am determined to fight back against Donald Trump's presidency. His hatred, bigotry and potential legislation are incredibly hurtful, and I refuse to stand for it. I want to stand up for what I believe, and the march on Washington was a peaceful and effective way to do so. I am afraid for our country, for my rights and for the rights and lives of those less privileged than me — I plan to continue to make my voice heard and spread a message of equality.

Foifon Teawdatwan '19

After the election, when I realized the person in the White House and his cabinet nominations did not reflect my views of equality and social justice, I decided to act. I marched for my family, friends and fellow human beings who are under attack under the new administration, showing people that together we are never alone. Democracy lies not in the White House, but in the people.

Rossella Gabriele '19

I marched because with every tweet and comment about how minorities (comprising roughly 40 percent of the nation) are ruining our country, you are attacking my family, friends, neighbors and classmates.


Mr. Trump, I didn't vote for you, but you are now my president, as well as the president for the hundreds of thousands of women (and men) who marched for the causes that you have threatened through your rhetoric, promises and Twitter account.

Two months ago, I knocked door to door and made call after call on behalf of Hillary, because I knew she would fight for my rights and my future. Yesterday, I marched to knock on your door, the White House, and now I call on you because you must defend my rights and my future. I am America's women, scientists, students, children and minorities — and all that I ask is that you be our president, too.

Elena R. Diller '17

I marched out of anger and helplessness, though neither of those feelings are productive nor sustainable over the next four years. I was looking for an outlet to express my support of others who feel similarly, particularly marginalized groups such as LGBTQ, Muslims, blacks and immigrants.

I had no idea that I would feel so positive during the march. I was overwhelmed with feeling supported and loved by the strangers around me and around the world. Much of my negativity subsided and became positive feelings of resistance. My favorite sign was held by a young toddler which said, "I love naps but I stay woke."

I am calling my senators and representatives in the House every day with a list of bills that I want them to either vote for or vote against. Additionally, I hope to continue volunteering at Project Horizon, showing my support for marginalized groups by wearing BLM T-shirts or LGBTQ-positive T-shirts and speaking out in classes about my beliefs. 

David Chester '78's Excellent Adventures

BY LOUISE UFFELMAN

According to David Chester, who lives in Sherborn, Massachusetts, retired Generals don't simply fade away. They roll off the couch, put down the chips, turn off the TV and bicycle across France on a dare.

The 1978 graduate covered 877 miles over 14 days, climbing 65,000 feet — "That's biking up Mt. Everest twice with some miles left over," he said.

We caught up with David for a few more details.

Q: How long have you been retired?

My retirement date is a bit of a family scandal, because Chesters do not historically take early retirement. In fact, they typically continue working way beyond the age at which any meaningful work can be expected. Often they need to be carried out on a gurney. I broke with tradition and retired at 50 (2006).

So post-retirement, I've been a volunteer firefighter and first responder for my town's fire department, manning Engine #2, the water tanker. May not sound sexy, but since our town has no fire hydrants, we were very important, because, after all, we had the water. I also serve on various town boards.

Q: When did the urge to cycle long distances start?

When I turned 50, I decided I needed a physical challenge to commemorate my half-century mark. I chose to climb Mount Rainier (14,410 feet). Not knowing anything about mountain climbing, I begged an older cousin with Himalayan experience to join me.

We both made it to the summit. Thirteen out of 25 in our group didn't. I was hooked; every couple of years I would do a mini-adventure that pushed me out of my comfort zone.

My family started a new mantra, "What's next?" I began surfing the web for inspiration and decided on the LEJOG, a famous bike ride across Great Britain, from Land's End, Cornwall, to John O'Groats, Scotland. That took 14 days, 1,000 miles via back roads. I lost 20



David Chester '78 sets intense physical challenges that take him on epic hikes and rides.

pounds on that ride.

I then climbed Mt. Kilimanjaro (19,341 feet), with a mandatory guide service. It's a trek, but not a technically difficult climb. It does require a sincere desire to summit. The altitude effects people differently, and be forewarned — seven days without a shower makes for a ripe tentmate.

Q: How did you prepare for your personal Tour de France?

To get ready for France, I rode regularly three to four months prior, ultimately logging in 1,000-plus miles for an anticipated 870-mile cycle and focusing on hill work at every opportunity.

Victory lies in the preparation. Training notwithstanding, I made a name for myself by:

Showing up without a bike (I rented one from the tour company — steel frame — which proved to be five times heavier than any of the other bikes. I won't comment on the bike's vintage or the gear configuration.)

Showing up at a svelte 230 pounds. The leader of the Scottish contingent was delighted to calculate that I was 60 pounds heavier than the average weight of all the other male cyclists on the expedition.

They called me overweight. I called them lightweights.

My compatriots were all Lycra-wearing, bike-club fanatics who could spend an entire evening's conversation on various proposals to drop an extra half a pound from their cycle kit for

maximum speed and efficiency.

I also confess that I added to their disbelief by exaggerating the extent of my training. I told them I never got around to it.

Q: Who dared you to make the trip?

It was a wife-son-daughter tag team. My 30-year-old daughter arrived from Los Angeles and convinced everyone in the house that if I didn't lose weight and get back in shape, I would be dead in a year. She is an actor, and through repetition had the whole house planning my funeral, never mind the fact that a recent physical had given me a clean bill of health.

Finally, my 16-year-old son dared me with the shameful taunt, "Middle-age white guys can't jump or pump" (as in pumping/pedaling a bike cross-country).

Q: Will you do more of these cycling trips?

Funny you ask, because riding long-distance is a grind, no matter how beautiful the scenery, especially if you're doing it for 14 days, seven to nine hours in the saddle, with no down days. So the evening of day eight, it was the general consensus of the group that no one was going to do another 14-day ride. Never! Of course, after we finished and were celebrating on the beach in Nice, toasting each other with fine French Champagne, everyone was talking about the next big ride.

It's always easy when you're finished.

From Craft *to* Career: Noelani Love '05

BY LINDSEY NAIR

On the island of Oahu, some people refer to Noelani Love as “the jewelry girl.”

For Love, a 2005 graduate, this casual nickname indicates that she had achieved two of her greatest goals in life: She has reconnected with her Hawaiian roots, and she turned her love of jewelry-making into a successful career.

“I’m always amazed that it’s still happening,” she said of her island-based business, Noelani Hawaii. “It was a passion project, and it just turned into my lifestyle.”

During her sophomore year of college, before holiday break and a winter semester in Costa Rica, Love decided to make some earrings as Christmas gifts for her friends. Like many young women her age, she had made friendship bracelets and beaded necklaces in elementary school, but these earrings were more sophisticated and stylish, made with metal wire and crystals in various colors.

Love, who double-majored in studio art and Spanish, was drawn to the artisan scene in Costa Rica. She learned more about making jewelry there, and returned to campus even more addicted to what was then a hobby — not to mention a good excuse to procrastinate.

“I started making tons of jewelry instead of doing my Spanish homework,” she said. “I just really found comfort and enjoyment in sitting in my room and making jewelry. At that point, I had also deactivated from my sorority so I was less social, and I was drawing inward and finding my own creativity.”

As word spread about Love’s jewelry, she began to get custom orders from friends who wanted special pieces for cocktail parties and formal events. Before long, she was selling her creations in Elrod Commons and donating a percentage of the proceeds to raise money for a W&L community service trip to Nicaragua during February break.

“During my last two years at W&L, it became obvious that I was really enjoying [jewelry making] and really passionate about it,” she said, “and that my customers were very interested in it, and it was a lucrative business.”

Love’s father, John Garth ’75, advised her to take some classes in economics and get a business internship before



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making the leap and starting her own company. But she decided to take a chance, starting her jewelry business one month after graduation. “I was like, ‘Nope, I’m going to figure this out.’ So now it’s been 11½ years since I started my company, and it’s still going strong.”

Love was born and raised in North Carolina, but Hawaii always beckoned. She describes her father as a “Southern gentleman” who grew up in Georgia; her mother is Chinese, Hawaiian and English, so Love has dark hair, dark eyes, a golden complexion ... and freckles. “Growing up in Charlotte was not always easy,” she said. “It wasn’t bad, but people asked a lot of questions. I wasn’t black and I wasn’t white.”

Every summer, Love’s mother took her and her two siblings to Hawaii to visit relatives on that side of the family. “It was heartbreaking when we’d have to come home to North Carolina,” she said. “I wanted to go to college in Hawaii, but my parents said no way. Which is a good thing, because I probably would not have graduated. I probably would have been totally distracted by the surf or boys.”

Instead, she says, the opportunities she found at Washington and Lee gave her jewelry business a kick start. Not long after she started the company, she had saved enough money to move to Hawaii and make a life there.

Today, Noelani Hawaii has seven employees. Love designs and makes a prototype of each new piece; the employees then make the jewelry in their studio. She sells the products on her website, *noelanihawaii.com*, and in boutiques in Hawaii, the mainland U.S., Japan, Indonesia and Ireland.

Love said her newer designs, like the jewelry she made at W&L, are “simple and classic and elegant,” but the quality of the materials she uses — and the intentions she puts into each piece — have evolved. All of the jewelry is made with crystals and gemstones that have healing properties, she said, and she believes strongly in those properties.

“A lot of the jewelry out there is pretty, but these are gifts from the earth,” she said. “They are grown in the earth, and they have their own healing powers, sort of like plants.”



MOCK CONVENTION REVISITED— A GREAT W&L TRADITION

BY DON EAVENSON '73, ALUMNI ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT

Washington and Lee has many long-standing and special traditions. As I finish this column, the inauguration of the next U.S. president is 48 hours away. As it happens, based on their careful research and polling, last year Trump was chosen by our students as the likely Republican nominee well before he had gotten the traction that gave him the win. In the context of this volume of our magazine discussing how our students learn about politics and government (pp. 12-21), it's an appropriate time for us to reflect anew on our remarkable Mock Convention.

The history of Mock Con is captured very well in the documentary DVD, funded by the Class of 1953 and available in the University Store. It all began in 1908 when Democratic presidential candidate William Jennings Bryan visited W&L. After hearing of his upcoming visit, a student group on campus organized a replica of the National Democratic Convention and correctly picked Bryan as the party nominee. Since then, except for 1920 and 1944, W&L has hosted a mock convention every four years for the party not currently in the Oval Office. The Mock Con has correctly predicted the nominee 19 of 25 times since 1908, and every year since 1948 except for 1972 and 1988. This remarkable record of accurate predictions is unmatched by any other exercise of its kind.

The huge task of organizing and running Mock Convention is handled completely by the students over several years. (Thank you, Professor Bill Connelly, for providing expert counsel to them for many years.) Speak-



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ers have included Harry S. Truman in 1960, Richard Nixon in 1968, Jimmy Carter in 1972, and Bill Clinton in 1988. Students serve as delegates for each state and select American territories. They raise the money to operate and publicize the convention, and organize the always entertaining parade.

Perhaps the most important aspect of Mock Convention is that this political research project involves almost all W&L students. Student committees gather information on each candidate at ground level, which is then passed on to a regional team for analysis before it finally goes to a national team to make a final decision on how each state will vote. This process strives for the highest academic and professional standards for excellence. It includes extensive research by studying poll results, interviewing political strategists, talking to campaigns, and gathering background on trends by state. All of this allows students to understand the political process from many different perspectives, while offering them practical expertise in communications, public relations, fundraising, accounting, business and marketing. Where else on a college campus can you get that kind of real-world experience in the political arena? Nowhere to our knowledge.

I hope I've triggered some good memories of your Mock Con. Do you have an early prediction of the Democratic nominee in 2020? Regardless, I think it is safe to say that the person chosen that year by W&L's Mock Convention is very likely to be the nominee.

1966

Dr. David E. Fleischer hosted his final Hat Party in Washington, D.C. It was his 24th, and The Washington Post covered it. David is a gastroenterologist, still in practice at the Mayo Clinic in Scottsdale, Arizona. The only other alumnus in attendance was Richard Margolies '66. Previous attendees have included other ZBT brothers, including Steve Sweitzer '66, Larry Hellman '66 and Paul Schlesinger '66. No one who had the pleasure of attending a hat party will ever forget the occasion.

1969

Arthur S. Loring made a final table at the 2016 World Series of Poker in Las Vegas, and he received the Jewish Federation of Palm Beach County's inaugural Jeanne Levy Community Leadership Award in 2015. He lives in West Palm Beach, Florida.

Henry L. Roediger III continues as the James McDonnell Professor of Psychology at Washington University in St. Louis. During 2016 he received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Society of Experimental Psychology and Cognitive Science and the Lifetime Mentor Award from the Association for Psychological Science. He also appeared on two different "NOVA" shows on PBS, "Memory Hackers" and "Schools of the Future," discussing his research.



In October, the 1992 SAE pledge brothers met at David Carroll's home in Baltimore for the annual Beauregard Cup golf tournament against the 1993 SAEs. From l. to r.: Chris Sullivan, Bill LaMotte, Jay McKnight, Grant Willard, David Carroll, Will Jones and Winthrop Allen. Of course, we were victorious!

On Nov. 5, 2016, the **George Washington Society** spent the day at Mount Vernon. The group, which comprises emeritus trustees and past members of the Alumni Board and the Law Council, toured the Fred W. Smith Library for the Study of George Washington. They heard from Doug Bradburn, founding director of the library, as well as **Tom Camden '76**, head of W&L's Special Collections and Archives; Jonathan Horn, author of the recent Lee biography "The Man Who Would Not Be Washington"; and **Rob Turnbull '72**, past president of the Virginia Society of the Cincinnati. The group also donated a book about Washington by **Parke Rouse '37**; toured the property; and laid a wreath at Washington's tomb. "The day concluded with a toast and huzzahs to George Washington," reports **Phifer Helms '74**, president of the George Washington Society. From l. to r.: **Jim Dawson '68, '71L** and **Helms** at the tomb.



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1970

The Hon. B. Waugh Crigler was included in Virginia Business magazine's 2016 list of Legal Elite in Alternative Dispute Resolution. He joined The McCammon Group in 2014 after 32 years as a U.S. magistrate judge for the Western District of Virginia.

Harry Salzberg, of Harry Salzberg Contemporary Instrumentals, performed at Joel House, on West Franklin Street in Richmond.

grandfather to a beautiful baby girl, Cora Rose Cavalier, on Nov. 1, 2016, to parents Matthew and Amanda Cavalier.

1977

John L. Jackley left his position as director at the Portland (Oregon) Development Commission to run his companies, Advanced Technology Communications in Portland and Chiriquí Holdings International in Panama City and Distrito Barú, Republic of Panama. He is developing

1975

Benjamin M. Sherman was the first recipient of the Clem Award for Outstanding Non-Member Volunteerism from the Society of Environmental Journalists. He serves as the director of NOAA communications and external affairs at NOAA's National Ocean Service in Silver Springs, Maryland.



1976

Peter R. Cavalier retired in September, after 40 years in the banking industry and nearly 36 years alone at Citigroup. He was most recently a director and senior credit officer in the investment finance segment of the Citi Private Banking Group, in New York City. He also became a proud new

Lacrosse Generals gathered at the Valley Inn outside of Baltimore in November 2016. Clockwise from left: Former Coach Jack Emmer, John Lalley '74, Ken Seal '74, Tom Keigler '77, Sam Engelhart '73, Don Eavenson '73, Skeet Chadwick '74, Steve Dibiagio '77 and Bryan Chasney '73.

a drone aircraft system for the Ghana Ports and Harbours Authority in Tema and Takoradi, Ghana.

1978

Mark A. Bradley was appointed by President Barack Obama to be the director of the Information Security Oversight Office. Responsible to the president for policy and oversight of the federal government's security classification system and the National Industrial Security Program, the ISOO is housed in the National Archives. It receives its policy guidance from the National Security Council. Bradley, a career member of the Senior Executive Service and an attorney, formerly worked for 16 years for the U.S. Department of Justice on national security matters. His appointment carried over into the next administration.



Skiff Bailey '78, Bill Cranshaw '78 and Jamie Veghte '78 at Cranshaw's daughter's wedding in Simsbury, Connecticut, July 30, 2016.



The "W&L Caucus" in the U.S. House of Representatives welcomed newly elected Dr. Neal Dunn '75. Left to right: Dunn (R-Fla.), Bob Goodlatte '77L (R-Va.), H. Morgan Griffith '83L (R-Va.) and Joe Wilson '69 (R-S.C.).

1984

Lee R. Feldman was named president of the International City/County Management Association, an 11,000-member organization of professional local government managers. He is the city manager of Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

1992

Kevin Carl joined Carlson Rezidor Hotel Group as executive vice president and global chief information officer. He joins Carlson Rezidor from the global consulting firm Accenture,



Wood Selig '83 (left), director of athletics at Old Dominion University, provided Jerry Darrell, his former boss at W&L Dining Services, with an all-access sideline pass to the ODU v. Southern Mississippi football game in Norfolk, Virginia.

where he was most recently global managing director of digital travel.

John T. Cox III, of Lynn Pinker Cox & Hurst, has been named to the Top 100 Texas Super Lawyers list and Top 100 DFW Super Lawyers list by Thomson Reuters for 13 consecutive years. He has also been named among the Best Lawyers in America for nine consecutive years and has been honored as a Leader in His Field by Chambers & Partners for eight consecutive years. In addition, Cox is a member of the American Board of Trial Advocates.

Brant C. Marti was listed in the 2017 edition of The Best Lawyers in America. He has been on the list every year since 2013. He lives in Fort Worth.

1993

Peter W. Laskey received the Bristol Myers Squibb award for sales of the

newly released drug Bydureon. He ranked number one in his region and among the top five in the nation. He and his wife, Jennifer, reside in the San Antonio area of Texas and enjoy the many aspects of Texas life.

1996

Kelly Horan Florio ('99L) is an assistant attorney for the U.S. Department of Justice, in the Civil Rights Unit. She lives in Brooklyn.

1997

Thomas J. Shaffer was promoted to professor of English at the United States Naval Academy.

2005

Zahra F. Parker received a Ph.D. in microbiology from the University of Pennsylvania in 2015 and received an MPH in epidemiology and biostatistics from the Harvard University's School of Public Health in 2016. She resides in Maryland, and is embarking on an international public health career focusing on infectious diseases.

Tyler R. Wolf ('08L) is a partner at Morris, Manning & Martin LLP. He focuses on representing lending institutions in a variety of finance transactions, including agent credit facilities, acquisition financings and note offerings. He lives and works in Atlanta.

2006

P. Bowman Root IV became an associate with Sherrard, German, and Kelly in October 2016. He practices estate and trust planning. He lives in Erie, Pennsylvania, and works in Pittsburgh.

2007

R. Walker Humphrey II and his fiancée, Dr. Tricia Dudek, have moved to Charleston, South Carolina. Walker will be practicing at Willoughby & Hoefler, and Tricia, a pediatrician, will join Coastal Pediatric Associates.

Weddings

Catherine Nance '97 to Peter Ide on Nov. 5, 2016, in Arlington, Virginia. Alumni in attendance included Sara Benson Streich '97, her uncle Dr. Don Smith '78 and Karl Sening '82.

Wedding Scrapbook

Jillian N. Katterhagen '15 to **Dylan J. Mills '13** on July 16, 2016, in Carmel, California. W&L guests included Janey Fugate, Alyssa Hardnett, McCauley Massie, Caroline Hardin, Emily Danzig, Courtney Ridenhour, Lisa Stoiser, Collins Rice, Lucian Grove, Jack Apgar, Wiley Walden, J.P. Luster, Mike Stefanelli, Morgan Harris, Grace McGee, Collier McLeod, Leigh Dannhauser, Thomas Day, Blair Davis, Kate LeMasters, Clark Jernigan, Kenny Sharpless, Greg Ussery, Marino Orlandi, Lawson Neal and Phil Bassani.



Reed A. Evans '06 to Kathleen Greene in Durham, North Carolina, on Aug. 6, 2016. From l to r: Jane Ledlie Batcheller '03, '08L, Brooks Batcheller '04, Padrick Dennis '07, Richard Kyle '07, Amy Bacastow Fagan '06, Chuck Fagan '06, Jillian Roper Kyle '08, Juan Estrada '06, the bride, Clark Barrineau '06, Michael Julius '06, Rebecca Grant Weintz '06, the groom, Alex Weintz '06, Lyndsay Polloway '06, Calvin Awkward '06, '09L, Erin Waskom Barrineau '06, Ron Ginder '75, Susan Mahoney Crook '09, Kate Norby '06, Mike Ginder '07, Paul Crook '09, Maxwell Pike '07, Eric Wallace '08 and Chris Colby '05, '08L.

Eleanor Albright Simmons '10 to Thomas Fitch King IV on Oct. 22, 2016, in Jacksonville, Florida. Over 30 Generals were present, including the bride's father, Sidney Searle Simmons II '80, the groom's father, Thomas Fitch King III '83, and the groom's grandfather, Thomas Fitch King Jr. '58. Professor Emeritus Harlan Ray Beckley participated in the wedding ceremony. The wedding party included matron of honor Jennifer Nunes Elium '10 and bridesmaids Victoria Maureen Choksi '10, Sarah Josephine Luby '10, Kelsey Wright Morgan '10 and Elizabeth Mann Rhodes '10. The couple reside in Jacksonville.



Holly Liles Crump '97 to Lt. Col. Alexander Snowden, on July 16, 2016, in Memphis, Tennessee.



William L. Gilmer '94 to Melissa Tran on May 29, 2016, in Spokane, Washington. From l. to r.: Marc Santora '97, Chris Denning '94, Tom Fosnot '95, Craig Lang '92, Justin Bakule '94, Jeanette Burgess Grube '94, William Gilmer '94, Chris Santora '95, Jim Gilreath '94, Trabue Bland '94 and Will Graham '94.



Kirsten E. Kyne '13 to **Michael B. Decembrino '12** on July 16, 2016, in Lexington. Bridesmaids included Katelyn Daugherty '13, Mary Elizabeth Bush '13 and Katie Hatfield '12. Groomsmen included Ben Decembrino '19, CJ Thompson '12, Roger Strong '12, Bill Johnson '12 and Matt Bartini '12. Alumni in attendance included Alex Mait '13, Jeff Stirling '12, Brian Stirling '12, Ben Absher '12, Ben Hosler '12, Crawford Smith '15, Sophia Kearney-Lederman '14, Chelsea Stevenson '13, Aria Allan '12, Rob Allan '12, Lindsey Edmonds '12, Delaney Rolfe '13, Eric Wisotsky '13, Dave Severson '12, MaryAnne Vardaman '13, Molly Rountree '13, Lee Tackett '12, Olivia Kantwill '13,

Dan Binder '12, Matt Sears '12, Alex Sturges '12, Camden Smith '12, Brandon Allred '12, Nico Gioioso '12, Christina Benedetti '12, Caroline Kingsbery '13, Tim Joyce '16, Brittany Ross '13, Allison Giblin '13, Clair Mahoney '13, Chris Stevenson '09, Ali Stevenson '09 and Burr Datz '75. The Decembrinos live in Jacksonville, Florida.



Jennifer Nunes '10 to Jacob Elium '12 on Sept. 10, 2016, in Lee Chapel. They live in Norfolk, Virginia. Back row, from l. to r.: Robbie Day '12, Amy Conant '10, Alston James '12, Travis Bustamante '11L, George Morgan '10, Liz Elium '15, Ellie Simmons King '10, Matt Balkonis '12, Luke Gergoudis '12, Noah Walters '09, David Love '10, Matt Craycraft '09 and Chris Schneck '12. Middle row, l. to r.: Caitlin Foster '10, Jill Morris Bustamante '09, '12L and Kelsey Wright Morgan '10. Front row, l. to r.: Kali McFarland '12, Cameron Dewing James '11, Tori Stevens Choksi '10, Sarah Catherine Welch '11, Alex Utsey '09, Maggie Fiskow Walters '10, Molly West Craycraft '10, Diana Cianciotta Love '10 and Becky Kramer '04.



Victoria H. Van Natten '14 to Christopher A. Waddail on July 23, 2016, at the Church of the Redeemer in Longport, New Jersey. The reception was held at Seaview Hotel and Golf Club. Lauren Boone '14 was a co-maid of honor, joined in the wedding party by Iziar Moure '14 and Jasmine Soo '14 as bridesmaids. Many Generals celebrated with the couple, as evidenced by the number of people on stage with the band, including members of the Classes of 2014, 2012, 2015 and 2016 and several field hockey alumni. The bride is a polling analyst at Harper Polling, and the groom is a senior associate at RSM.



Joseph N. Brown '12 to Abigail Devine on Nov. 5, 2016, in Memphis, Tennessee. The wedding was attended by their son, Jackson, as well as Taylor Vaughn '12, Jeffrey Beamer '13, Tyler Tokarczyk '12, Josh Benjamin '13, Max Hagler '12, Jason Hesketh '12, Scott Snyder '12, Baxter Lewallen '12, Sam Cotterall '12, Joseph Moore '12, Thom as Underhill '12, Andrew Detrick '12 and Susan Giampalmo '12.



Maddison K. Wilbur '12 to Jeremy Lucier on Nov. 5, 2016, in an outdoor ceremony on the Chesapeake Bay. Laura O'Neil Fischl '12 was the matron of honor, and SoRelle Peat '12, Shiri Yadlin '12 and Emily Shu '13 attended. Jeremy was Maddison's high school sweetheart; he graduated from VMI in 2011.



Wilton B. Megargel '11 to Douglas W. Bealle '11 on Sept. 3, 2016. Bridesmaids included Katharine Farrar '11, Emily Wilhoit '11, Gretchen Richards '11, Blakeley Oranburg '11, Kathleen Brown '11 and Jenny Bealle '16. The best man was Griffin Bealle '09 and groomsmen included Geoff Marks '09, Kevin Dyer '11, JD Englehart '11, Austin Wernecke '11 and Gerard Savarese '11.



Katherine M. Lynn '10 to Kevin F. Feeney '10 in Baltimore, on June 25, 2016. The father of the bride, James N. Lynn '78, is on the far right. The wedding party included classmates Eliza van Beuren, Julia Gotwald, Jennifer Wright, Sarah Kelley, Logan Bartlett, Alex Brooke, Will Keigler, Chris Washington, Francis Smyth and Max Mancuso.

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Jenna Finger '11 to Anthony Cardona '11 on Sept. 17, 2016.



Kristen A. Pollina '03 to Matt Dratch on Aug. 20, 2016, in Point Pleasant Beach, New Jersey. Attendees included Chase Bice '03, Annee Lotz Voorhees '03, Megan Rigdon Cannizzaro '03, Jennifer Nelsen '03 and Allison Glover Ross '03. Leah Robert Schewe '03 was there in spirit. The gang lived in a house on Randolph Street known as Amityville, and oddly enough, Kris and Matt were married in St. Peter's, the church where many scenes from the "Amityville" horror movie were shot.



Rory T. Gray '04, '07L to Lea Preston on May 14, 2016, in Lawrenceville, Georgia. Groomsmen included David A. Greene '07L, Kort D.L. Peterson '07L and Aaron A. Wilson '07L.

Births and Adoptions

Evan Balmer '92 and his wife, Jennifer, a son, Bryce Cooper, on Jan. 17, 2016. Bryce joins sisters Presley and Madison. Evan is an attorney at Balmer Black PC.

Courtney Stovall Gentzel '99 and her husband, Brett, a son, John Breckenridge "Ridge," in June 2016. He joins sister Perry. The family live in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Logan Young '04 and his wife, Margaret, a daughter, Andie Rayson, on Dec. 6, 2016.

Kate Houren Geder '05, '09L and her husband, Jason, a daughter, Abigail, in November 2016. They live in Arlington, Virginia. Kate is assistant general counsel for the Overseas Private Investment Corp.

G.J. Corey Harmon '05 and his wife, Miranda, a daughter, Marlee Jane, on Jan. 3. Marlee joins brother

Wyatt. The family live in New York, where Corey is the virtual services and reference librarian for the U.S. Military Academy at West Point.

Karlyn M. Gold '06 and her husband, Eric Wilkinson, a daughter, Winter Susanna, on Feb. 17, 2016. They live in Chicago, where Karlyn works for the food delivery company Grubhub.



The work of Kate Cordsen '86 appeared last fall in an exhibition of contemporary photography at the Florence Griswold Museum in Lyme, Connecticut. "It is work commissioned by the museum," reported Kate, "and I am showing alongside heroes of mine, Tina Barney and James Welling. I am known as an expert in the 19th-century process of cyanotype. My current work are monumental cyanotypes—total geometric abstraction in the style of the early modernist painters (i.e., Mondrian, Albers, LeWitt, etc)." Kate poses here in front of "Untitled," cyanotype on linen. Photo by Louie Rouso.

Amy Nunez Williams '07 and her husband, Rhys, a son, Rhys David Jr., on Nov. 23, 2016.

Katie Weber Wolf '07 and **Tyler R.T. Wolf '05, '08L**, a daughter, Caroline Thompson, on July 29, 2016. Caroline joins sister Baker. The family lives in Atlanta.



The Philadelphia Alumni Chapter celebrated the holiday season last November with a skating party at the Philadelphia Skating Club and Humane Society, in Ardmore.

ALUMNI BOOKS

William M. Christie '69

provides a detailed history of the U.S. on the eve of World War II in "1941: The America That Went to War" (Carrel Books). His examination of the military events of 1941 and specific areas of interest like sports, home life and transportation provides an overall portrait of the country.



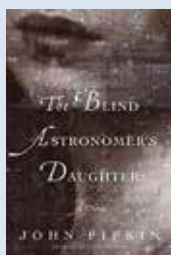
Kimberly Hurd Hale '05

published her second book, "The Politics of Perfection: Technology and Creation in Literature and Film" in Lexington Books' series on politics, literature and film. She has been appointed assistant professor of politics at Coastal Carolina University.



John Pipkin '89

covers scientific inquiry, geographic discovery, political reformation and the mapping of the solar system in his fictional account of the discovery of Uranus in "The Blind Astronomer's Daughter" (Bloomsbury USA).



David M. Wilmington '94 will become in July the first professor of theology and philosophy at Yellowstone Theological Institute — a brand-new graduate institution focused on faith, adventure and the arts, in heavenly Bozeman, Montana. His wife, Molly, and children Luke, 13, and Anna Grace, 9, are excited to move to Bozeman, where they can experience real snow for the first time, learn to ski and enjoy visiting bears and bison at nearby Yellowstone and Glacier National Parks.

T. Scott Holstead '92 hosted the Fourth Annual South Texas dove hunt on Oct. 13-16, 2016, in Charlotte, Texas. Alumni came from Austin, Dallas, Houston and San Antonio. Distinguished out-of-town guest Sean Gatewood '93 came from Huntington, West Virginia. Pictured: Matt Thompson '94, Robert Miggins '94, Chad Hamilton '93, Tom Washmon '93, Sean Gatewood '93, James Jennings '93, Henry Sauer '94, Scott Holstead '92 and David Danielson '95. Photographer: Jason Gordon '92.



Obituaries

Thomas M. Cox '42, of Hemet, California, died on Dec. 10, 2016. He served in the Army during World War II. He was a lawyer, eventually becoming the city attorney for both Hemet and San Jacinto. He belonged to Phi Kappa Sigma.

J. Maurice Miller '45, '49L, of Richmond, died on Feb. 4, 2016. He served in the Army Air Corps. He had a long law career and loved to travel. He belonged to Phi Kappa Sigma.

Charles B. Tome '46, of Ker-ville, Texas, died on Nov. 4, 2016. He served in the American Field Service during World War II. He belonged to Sigma Chi.

Perry E. Mann Jr. '49, '62L, of Hinton, West Virginia, died on Sept. 19, 2016. He served overseas as a radio operator in World War II. He taught French, English and social studies in Covington and other Virginia towns. After returning for his law degree, he opened a private practice. He was a devoted Democrat and environmentalist, publishing several essays and two books on politics, religion, ecology and country living.

Robert T. Pickett III '49, of Charlottesville, Virginia, died on Dec. 6, 2016. He taught engineering and electronic technology at Roanoke College and Piedmont Virginia Community College. He was a ham radio operator, earned his pilot's license and built several boats. He belonged to Lambda Chi Alpha.

Rogers M. Fred Jr. '50, of Winchester, Virginia, died on Oct. 16, 2016. He was vice president of Browning and Baines Inc., a wholesale coffee company owned with his father in Washington, D.C. He was father to Rogers M. Fred III '77.

Donald L. Litton '50, '52L, of McLean, Virginia, died on Sept. 11, 2016. He served in World War II and received the Noel Davis trophy for the best helicopter squadron in the Navy. He served in the International Division of Civil Aeronautics, where he negotiated aeronautics treaties with countries all over the world. He belonged to Phi Kappa Psi.

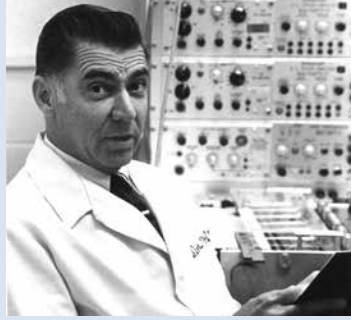
Joseph H. Reese Jr. '50, of Savannah, Georgia, died on Oct. 20, 2016. He served in the Air Force. He worked for Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Co. He belonged to Phi Kappa Psi.

James T. Trundle '50, of Cherry Hill, New Jersey, died on Nov. 25, 2016. He is the namesake of the W&L Jim Trundle Soccer Trophy, awarded annually to the most outstanding and valuable player to the team. He worked for United Airlines for 18 years and as a commercial/industrial real estate broker.

J. Alan Cross Jr. '51, of Cutler Bay, Florida, died on Oct. 23, 2016. He served in the Navy. He worked as a CPA for more than 50 years. He belonged to Lambda Chi Alpha, and received a lifetime achievement award for his service to the Lambda Chi Alpha house corporation.

Kevin M. Moller '51, of Hagerstown, Maryland, died on Dec. 20, 2016. He served in the Air Force during the Korean War. He was employed with M.P. Moller Pipe Organs for over 30 years before joining his wife in operating a gift shop. He belonged to Sigma Chi.

Gene King, Professor Emeritus of Psychology, Dies at 94



Henry Eugene King, professor emeritus of psychology at Washington and Lee, died on Oct. 31, 2016, at his home in Lexington. He was 94. He taught at W&L from 1977 until his retirement in 1990.

"Washington and Lee was fortunate to have had someone of Gene King's expertise and dedication on our faculty," said then president Ken Ruscio '76. "By combining teaching with an

impressive devotion to his research, he served as a fine role model to our students."

At W&L, King taught courses on abnormal psychology, human neuro-psychology, and medical ethics. At the same time, he served as an adjunct professor at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, where he and two of that institution's researchers studied the behavioral consequences of hypertension. In the summer, he managed the workload by living in Pittsburgh; during the academic year, he drove to Pittsburgh on Thursdays after his W&L classes ended, worked there on Friday and Saturday, and returned to Lexington on Sunday.

"Our research is something like lighting a candle in darkness," he told this magazine in 1981. "The more you know and understand about any disease, the more likely you are to find its cause. And once you know the cause, the more likely you are to find useful treatment and prevention."

King was born on Sept. 24, 1922, in Wilmington, Virginia. He held three degrees in psychology: a B.A. from the University of Richmond (1942), and an M.A. (1943) and Ph.D. (1948) from Columbia University.

During World War II, he served in the Navy as an officer: on convoy duty in the North Atlantic, commanding a tank landing ship during D-Day, and in the Pacific Theater during the occupation of Japan and the repatriation of Japanese soldiers. He received several decorations for his service.

Before coming to W&L, King served on the faculty of the Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons (1946–1949); the Tulane University Medical School (1949–1960); and the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine (1960–1977), where he also served as chief of the psychology service at Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic (1960–1973), head of the psychobiology laboratory (1973–1977), and director of the program in research consultation (1973–1977).

Among his many publications were the books "Psychomotor Aspects of Mental Disease" (author, 1954), "Studies in Schizophrenia" (contributor, 1954) and "Studies in Topectomy" (contributor, 1956). He published more than 100 chapters and articles on such topics as the relation of brain to behavior and human memory disorders. King continued his research long after retirement, and had recently finished a book that will be published posthumously.

King belonged to 10 scientific societies, including the American Association for the Advancement of Science and the Society for Neuroscience. Among his professional responsibilities, he served as translator/abstractor for the American Psychological Association for the *Annales Médico-Psychologiques* (France), and as a consultant to the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute and to the National Institute of Mental Health.

At W&L, his students and colleagues enjoyed his appreciation of French wine, Cajun music, Creole cooking and his moped.

His wife of 60 years, Kathleen M. King, preceded him in death. He is survived by his daughter, Anne H. King; his son, Peter O. King, and his wife, Anna Greco; his granddaughter Angela King and her husband, Doug Kremm; his granddaughter Julia King; his nieces, Lucy McGee and Martha Mason, and his nephew, John B. King III, and their families; and many cousins and other relatives.

Dave Wolf Jr. '51, of Atlanta, died on Nov. 10, 2016. He worked in the insurance business. He belonged to Zeta Beta Tau.

George E. Eagle '52, of Washington, D.C., died on Oct. 28, 2016. He was a journalist for the Washington Post. He belonged to Pi Kappa Alpha.

Edward E. Ellis '52, '56L, of New Smyrna Beach, Florida, died on Aug. 15, 2016. He served in the Air Force. He was an attorney with Davis, Polk, and Wardwell, general counsel of Kentucky Fried Chicken and general counsel of Holiday Inns Inc. He belonged to Kappa Alpha.

Edward B. Sickle Jr. '52, of Centerville, Ohio, died on May 29, 2015. He worked at Huffly and was an involved member of the Centerville Lion's Club and St. George's Church. He belonged to Sigma Nu.

Roy A. Craig Jr. '53, of Babson Park, Florida, died on Oct. 11, 2016. He served in the Navy. He practiced law for more than 30 years. He belonged to Phi Delta Theta. He was father to John A. Craig '79 and Michael S. Craig '84, and was uncle to Hamilton F. Craig '77.

The Hon. James P. Brice '54L, of Roanoke, died on Sept. 15, 2016. During World War II, he served in the Merchant Marines on an oil tanker in the North Atlantic. He later joined the Army and became a Japanese translator and interrogator. His later career spanned from private practice, to the VA, to the U.S. district attorney's office and finally to the Roanoke general district court, where he served as a judge for 20 years.

Johnson S. Slaughter '54, of Belaire, Texas, died on Nov. 18, 2016. He was an attorney in Houston. He belonged to Phi Kappa Sigma.

Jason B. Sowell Jr. '54, '56L, of Dallas, died on Oct. 11, 2016. He served in the Navy. He practiced law for 50 years. He belonged to Kappa Sigma.

Carl D. Bolt '55, of Charlotte, North Carolina, died on Oct. 27, 2016. He played professional football for the Green Bay Packers and the Hamilton Tiger-Cats before becoming a college football coach for the University of Richmond and for Emory and Henry College. He later worked as a sales manager. He belonged to Phi Gamma Delta.

Jay W. Dull Jr. '55, of Dexter, Michigan, died on Oct. 6, 2016. He served in the Army at Fort Leonard Wood in Missouri. He worked as a human resources manager with Ford Motor Co. for nearly 40 years before retiring to Florida.

Dace W. Jones '55, of Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina, died on Oct. 3, 2016. He served in the Army. He was a hospital executive and served on the local Red Cross board. He belonged to Kappa Sigma.

Allen Harberg '56, of Philadelphia, died on Dec. 1, 2015. He was a real estate developer. He belonged to Zeta Beta Tau.

Robert L. Veal Jr. '56, of Cumming, Georgia, died on Sept. 17, 2016. He served in the Air Force and as a communication skills instructor at Lackland Air Force Base Officer Candidate School. He later worked as an engineer, started a computer software company with his son and invested in real estate. He belonged to Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

Richard Buttrick Jr. '57, of Athens, Ohio, died on Nov. 4, 2016. He was a professor of philosophy and computer science at Ohio University. He belonged to Phi Gamma Delta.



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George M. Lupton Jr. '57, of Lynchburg, Virginia, died on Oct. 28, 2016. He served in the Army. He was retired as president of Lynchburg Coca-Cola Bottling Co. He was father to George Lupton III '84 and cousin to David Carroll '65. He belonged to Pi Kappa Alpha.

H. Merrill Plaisted III '57, of Richmond, died on Nov. 30, 2016. He served in the Army. He worked in real estate and was president of the Richmond Real Estate Group and the Richmond Association of Realtors. He belonged to Sigma Alpha Epsilon. He was father to Parker B. Plaisted '86.

Leonard P. Steuart II '57, of Chevy Chase, Maryland, died on Nov. 5, 2016. He served in the Army as a cryptographer. He worked for his family business, the Steuart Petroleum Co., his whole life, spending 21 years as president. He served as a presidential advance man through the 1960s and 1970s. He belonged to Phi Gamma Delta. He was brother to Guy T. Steuart II '53 and uncle to Guy T. Steuart III '80, Bradley C. Steuart '86, Carter M. Steuart '88, Hugh T. Steuart '88 and Katherine E. Steuart '98.

Richard M. Brickman '58, of Deerfield, Illinois, died in December 2014. He belonged to Zeta Beta Tau.

Alexander S. "Sandy" MacNabb '59L, of Oakton, Virginia, died on Nov. 25, 2016. He served in the Navy during the Korean War with the naval security group. He dedicated his life to working for Native Americans and Pacific Islanders. He served on the National Catholic Counsel of the Boy Scouts for more than 25 years.

H. Gary Pannell '59, of Atlanta, died on Sept. 4, 2016. He served in the Army. His law career focused on banking and financial institutions. He belonged to Delta Tau Delta. He was cousin to James Z. Shanks '51 and great uncle to Abigail W. Pannell '16.

Howard C. Wolf Jr. '60, of Aiken, South Carolina, died on Dec. 12, 2016. He retired in Aiken after a career as a business executive in Colorado. He belonged to Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

Reginald K. Brack Jr. '59, Holder of Honorary Degree

Reginald K. Brack Jr. '59, of Greenwich, Connecticut, died on Oct. 4, 2016. He was the former chairman and CEO of Time Inc. His first post-graduation job was selling advertising at the Saturday Evening Post; he joined Time in 1962 as an ad salesman after meeting the publisher on a plane ride. He rose to the post of ad sales director for international editions and then to worldwide sales director. He became head of the magazine division in 1986 and CEO in 1990. Among his many innovations, Brack appointed the first woman to be a publisher in the Time organization. "He was the first person to run the company who had not gone to an Ivy League college," wrote the New York Times, "and the first who had begun his career in sales and not journalism or finance." W&L gave him an honorary doctor of letters in 2002. He was elected to the American Advertising Federation Hall of Fame in 2001. He belonged to Phi Gamma Delta. He was the brother of W. Dennis Brack '62.

Charles L. Campbell '61, of Lafayette, Louisiana, died on Sept. 13, 2016. He worked in the oil and gas industry. He supported the Acadiana Symphony and was a member of the Lafayette Geological Society. He belonged to Phi Kappa Sigma.

Leonard Sargeant III '63L, of Williamsburg, Virginia, died on Sept. 17, 2016. He served in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. He worked as an attorney with the Charleston Group Companies of the Columbia Gas System Inc.

Alonzo Atkins Jr. '64, of Salem, Virginia, died on Nov. 27, 2016. During his career in computer programming and management, he lived in California and worked for Computer Machinery Corp., as well as for other start-ups and in other management positions. He ran his own company during the dot-com craze of the late 1990s. After retiring to Salem, he spent his time as a writer, lay theologian and Bible teacher. He belonged to Lambda Chi Alpha.

Samuel P. Simpson IV '65, of San Antonio, Texas, died on Sept. 24, 2016. He worked in a variety of industries, including shipbuilding, beer distributorships, oil and gas, scallop fishing and consulting. He belonged to Phi Gamma Delta. He was father to Samuel P. Simpson V '87 and grandfather to Catherine P. Simpson '18.

Richard G. Grazier '66, of Cleveland, Ohio, died on July 20, 2016. He belonged to Delta Upsilon.

John C. McMurry '66, of Oklahoma City, died on Oct. 4, 2016. He served in the Army during the Vietnam War. He practiced law for over 40 years. He was father to Susan McMurry Foubert '97. He belonged to Sigma Chi.

Grayson C. Powell Jr. '66, of Maitland, Florida, died on Oct. 10, 2016. He served as a first lieutenant in the Army. He was a teacher and a lover of music.

Douglas C. Arthur '67, of Strasburg, Virginia, died on Aug. 25, 2016. He served in the Army during Vietnam. He had a successful law practice in Strasburg.

Albert T. Mitchell '67L, of Palmyra, Virginia, died on Nov. 20, 2016. He served as the commonwealth's attorney and in private practice throughout his career. He was brother to Robert T. Mitchell '65L and uncle to Thomas J. Mitchell '90L.

Michael J. McCreery '68, of Woodsboro, Maryland, died on Sept. 24, 2016. He served in the Army in the medical department. He had numerous publications, patents and medical-research achievements. He belonged to Sigma Phi Epsilon.

C. Alton Phillips '68L, of Flora, Mississippi, died on July 30, 2016. He served in the Air Force. He was a partner at Watkins, Ludlam, Winter and Stennis. He went into real estate law and had his own firm. He belonged to Sigma Nu.

Lt. Col. Thaddeus E. Mendenhall III '69L, of Chesapeake, Virginia, died on Aug. 8, 2016. He served in the Army National Guard. He was clerk of the juvenile court in Henrico County and later site commander at the State Military Reservation at Camp Pendleton.

Craig A. Bowlus '71, of North Chesterfield, Virginia, died on Oct. 10, 2016. He worked as an advertising copywriter and was the first broadcast producer of the Martin Agency. He

was later a freelance writer and producer. He belonged to Pi Kappa Phi.

Dr. Charles E. Hunter Jr. '71, of Birmingham, Alabama, died on Sept. 19, 2016. He was a thoracic surgeon at New York University Bellevue Hospital and the Manhattan VA. In Wilmington, North Carolina, where he started the heart surgery program at New Hanover Regional Medical Center, he was the first person in the city to perform open heart surgery and was the only cardiovascular surgeon in the area for at least a year. He belonged to Beta Theta Pi.

Romaine S. Scott III '74, of Fairhope, Alabama, died on Sept. 19, 2016. He was a musician, critic, journalist, attorney and mentor. He served on the board of directors of

the Point Clear Rotary Club and was a Paul Harris Fellow.

Richard F. Biribauer '75L, of Bradenton, Florida, died on Aug. 18, 2016.

Roger L. Williams '75, of Richmond, died on Oct. 11, 2016. He was a lawyer in private practice for most of his career. He also served as commissioner of the Virginia Workers' Compensation Commission. He belonged to Pi Kappa Phi.

John F. Peck III '77, of Fountain Hills, Arizona, died on June 8, 2016. He worked in social services in Virginia and had his own real estate appraisal business. He belonged to Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

REFLECTING FORWARD

Warm greetings from the campus! With the arrival of a new year and a new university president, I'm departing from the usual single-topic format to offer some reflections and food for thought.

There is high upside potential with our new president, Will Dudley. The early returns are very positive. He arrives at a time of stability at W&L, even as we know that challenges exist and that new ones will emerge.

Not long ago, a living faculty legend said that W&L is usually toward the back end of the cutting edge in making major decisions. It was meant as a compliment. W&L doesn't do fads well. We want the hard facts to inform our actions, but there is no reluctance to act boldly or innovate if needed.

If you doubted the wisdom of the new campus housing, I can report that the students who live there love The Village. The vibe up there is great to see. Some young alumni can't believe they just missed it.

We are making strides in diversifying the student body, and in increasing the engagement of our diverse alumni. This is important work.

Our student-athletes are impressive on and off the fields and courts. It takes special dedication. Ditto for the coaches. Go, Generals!

Vice President for Admissions Sally Stone Richmond and her team are doing very well by all accounts, including mine. Please note that legacy applications are strong, and that legacies continue to be admitted well above the regular rate.



Dean Brant Hellwig enjoys widespread respect and support as he steers the Law School through a challenging climate for legal education. There are some positive signs for W&L.

W&L is the most Greek college in America, but the dynamic has changed. Bad mistakes generate stiff punishment from national headquarters and/or W&L. Economic Darwinism is present; time will tell how many fraternities we will sustain. Meanwhile, please don't worry that our students don't have enough fun.

It's important that non-Greek students enjoy and embrace their W&L experience. We devote time and resources to that issue, a positive change from the old days.

Skilled staff members apply a lot of energy and talent to create a safe and healthy campus. That group includes our Title IX team.

Some true faculty legends have died in the past four to five years. Fortunately, we have current giants worthy of continuing one of our finest legacies: impactful teachers.

Student engagement in community and campus service activities is wonderful — and so is our new Rhodes Scholar, Paqui Toscano '16 (see p. 4).

The Speaking Tradition is not quite what it used to be (see: cellphones), but our campus is still well-known for friendliness and civility.

A marvelous attitude exists among the people who work here. "How can I help?" or "What is best for W&L?" are very common phrases.

Thanks for all you do, and for staying connected to Washington and Lee.

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

John H. Norberg III '79, of Corona del Mar, California, died on Oct. 27, 2016. He began his financial and securities career at Peterson, Diehl, Quirk and Co., in Orange County. He later founded Standard Investment Chartered Inc. He was chairman and president of the firm. He belonged to Phi Gamma Delta.

Stephenson B. Andrews '82, of New York City, died on Dec. 3, 2016. He was a private art curator.

Kurt W. Eglseder '87, of Easton, Maryland, died on Oct. 13, 2016. He attended the Naval Academy and served in the Navy. He belonged to Kappa Sigma.

Matthew J. Pappas '88L, of Birmingham, Alabama, died on July 8, 2016. He worked for Sen. Howell Heflin after law school and then spent his career with the U.S. government as a patent and trademark attorney.

Fay Wilson Hobbs '97L, of Tuscaloosa, Alabama, died on Oct. 15, 2016.

An advocate for those in need, she served her community through programs like Big Brothers Big Sisters.

Kevin E. Miller '03L, of Cleveland, Tennessee, died on Nov. 9, 2016. He was an assistant public defender for Bradley County.

Matthew D. Kilgus '15L, of Charlotte, North Carolina, died on Dec. 4, 2016. He grew up in Niagara, Wisconsin, and Johnson City, Tennessee, and graduated as an honors scholar from King College. He belonged to the North Carolina State Bar.

Madison M. Shinaberry '16, of Harrisonburg, Virginia, died on Dec. 16, 2016. A Johnson Scholar and a member of Phi Eta Sigma National Honor Society, she also had trained with the American Ballet Theater. She was an advocate and fundraiser for organ donation, and in 2014 was named Miss Southwestern Virginia. She belonged to Alpha Delta Pi.

Colin J. Murphy '17, of Rochester, New York, died on Nov. 22, 2016. He belonged to Pi Kappa Phi.

Other Deaths

Marjorie Phillips died on Nov. 3, 2016, in Lexington. She was the widow of Charles F. "Chuck" Phillips Jr., the Robert G. Brown Professor of Economics Emeritus.

Mata Battye McGuire died on Nov. 21, 2016, in Lexington. She was well known to the W&L community not only as the wife of the late Odell McGuire, professor emeritus of geology, but also as a chef, as the proprietor of Lexington's White Column Inn, and as a promoter of traditional mountain music. Her son, Jesse McGuire, is the house director at Pi Kappa Alpha.

Mike Miller, of Facilities Management, died on Nov. 29, 2016, in Lexington. He joined W&L in 1974 as a carpenter. He began his locksmith apprenticeship in 2001 and was promoted to locksmith in 2009.

Washington and Lee Traveller Great Journey through Europe June 14–24, 2017

A repeat of a popular trip three years ago, this generous four-nation river and land journey evokes the Grand Tour of Europe popular with American and English travelers of the 17th, 18th and 19th centuries. Our itinerary combines historic and cultural visits with grand scenery in the nations of the Netherlands, Germany, France and Switzerland. Among our destinations will be the UNESCO-designated section of the Rhine River, three of Europe's legendary railways, and four additional UNESCO world heritage sites.

Following two days of tours in Amsterdam and Harlem, we'll begin our cruise on the Rhine River through the Dutch polder land reclaimed from the North Sea. Our ship is the newly launched deluxe MS Amadeus Silver, unquestionably one of the finest vessels sailing Europe's waterways. Our calls along the Rhine include Cologne, Cochem, Koblenz, Rudesheim, Speyer and Mannheim to



Heidelberg, the lovely Alsatian city of Strasbourg in France, and finally Basel.

From Basel, we'll travel overland through the verdant countryside of Switzerland. Here we'll visit the medieval capital Berne and Interlaken, scenically situated near the magnificent Bernese Oberland Alps. Following two nights in lovely Lucerne at the five-star Hotel Schweizerhof, we'll cross the Alps aboard the celebrated Glacier Express. Finally, in Zermatt, we'll

view the iconic Matterhorn as we travel aboard the Gornegrat Bahn, the country's oldest cog railway. The program concludes with two nights in the Alpine resort of Zermatt.

With beautiful scenery, fascinating cities and cultural treasures, and the fine accommodations of a beautiful river vessel and hotels, this is a grand tour for the 21st century.

Wayne C. Thompson — professor, editor, author and frequent W&L Traveller lecturer and trip leader — will be traveling with us.

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ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT 2015–2016

Figures are as of fiscal year 2015–2016 and June 30, 2016, unless otherwise specified.

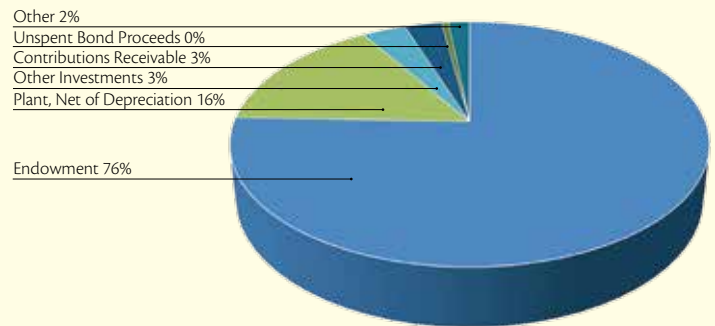
Highlights

- University grants and scholarships were awarded to 48.6 percent of the undergraduates, with the average institutional grant or scholarship award at \$41,340 (89 percent of tuition and mandatory fees). In 2006, the corresponding figures were 39.4 percent of undergraduates, with an average institutional award of \$22,250 (78 percent of tuition and mandatory fees).
- The university was able to offer 152 summer Lenfest Grants to faculty to pursue their research and scholarship, 16 full-year Lenfest Sabbaticals, 93 Johnson Opportunity or Enhancement grants to students for research or other experiential opportunities, and 89 additional grants to students for summer research or internships.
- Endowment per Student (including funds held in trust by others) increased to approximately \$678,500. At the time Ken Ruscio became president, the endowment per student was just \$387,000. In other words, this increase in value of 75 percent has been captured over the past 10 years.
- Completed or substantially completed: the construction of the Kenneth P. Ruscio Center for Global Learning, including the renovation of duPont Hall; the upper-division housing village (The Village); the second phase of Law School renovations; the upgrade of Liberty Hall Fields, including repurposing of the Boneyard for parking and field sports; and phase two of the Stemmons Plaza renovation. We continued work on the natatorium, with scheduled completion in early 2017. All of these projects were integral elements of the university's Strategic Plan.
- Total endowment assets and funds held in trust by others ended the fiscal year at a slightly higher mark of \$1.472 billion in an investment market characterized by volatility and low or negative growth.
- The Annual Fund reached a new high for funds raised at \$10.31 million, with undergraduate alumni participation at 53.3 percent.
- 2015–16 marked the lowest tuition increase in percentage terms in the past 55 years, at 1.79 percent.

ASSETS

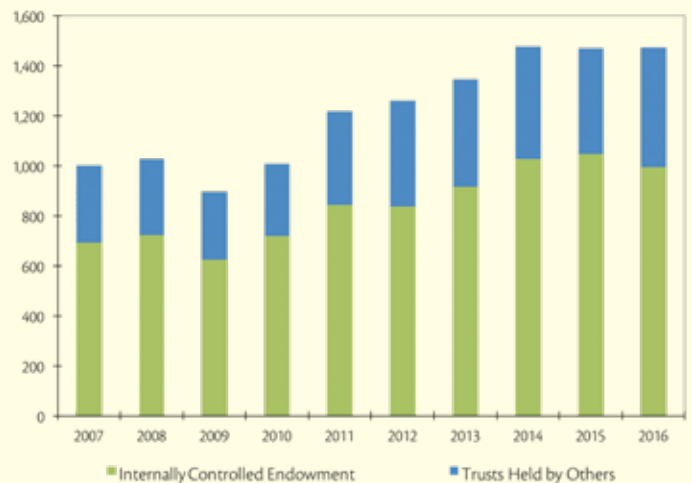
W&L experienced a modest decline in total assets over the past year, from \$1.966 billion as of June 30, 2015 to \$1.945 billion as of June 30, 2016. However, during Ken Ruscio's tenure as president, the university's assets grew by \$774 million.

Assets—June 30, 2016
\$1.945 Billion



ENDOWMENT: It comprises gifts held in the investment pool and Trusts Held by Others. The aggregate endowment managed a very modest increase to \$1.472 billion.

Endowment Value (\$ Millions)
June 30, 2016



This was up slightly from \$1.471 billion. Investment returns for the internally managed endowment were down, with a -1.38 percent return. This negative return, coupled with the allocation from endowment for operating support of \$48.6 million, more than offset gifts and additions to endowment of \$17.6 million. The internally controlled endowment stood at \$995.4 million, a decrease of \$52.4 million. In contrast, the market value of Trusts Held by Others increased markedly by \$53.6 million, as stock of the Coca-Cola Co. within the Lettie Pate Evans Restricted Fund Trust grew by 15.5 percent. Distributions increased by \$929,000 to \$13.48 million.

Returns on a nominal basis for endowment funds with external managers fell short of the long-term expected return (-1.4 percent versus 7.5 percent). This return, while falling short of our benchmark target, still places us well into the top half of all college endowments on a one-year basis. Over the longer term, the annual return for the 10-year period of 5.73% places the endowment in the top quartile for endowment performance (both statistics as measured by the NACUBO-

Commonfund Study of Endowments). Over the longer term, the annual return for the 10-year period of 5.73 percent places the endowment in the top 40 percent of endowment performance (both statistics as measured by the Mellon Trust Endowment Universe). If one of the goals of endowment management is to achieve equity-like returns at lesser volatility, then we believe the Board of Trustees' Investment Committee has achieved this objective. Over the past year, the portfolio outperformed the All Country World Index (ACWI) by 2.3 percent at 70 percent of the volatility.

PHYSICAL FACILITIES: Facilities are the second-largest financial investment. Unlike the endowment and trusts held by others, these assets do not appreciate but require constant upkeep and preservation. At the same time, the investment is necessary to continue to create stimulating learning and social environments for our students and faculty.

The university completed The Village, the Ruscio Center for Global Learning, extension of Stemmons Plaza, and Davis Hall renovations; continued construction of the natatorium; and started the fifth and final phase of the Colonnade project, Tucker Hall. These projects are funded through a combination of fundraising, debt and, to a much lesser extent, allocations from operations.

Investment in facilities will continue to be structured to meet strategic objectives. The natatorium will open in 2016–17, and Tucker Hall will be completed over the summer of 2017, as will the continued renovation of Stemmons Plaza. The university has moved into more in-depth planning for the rebuild of the Warner facility, with significant improvements planned for Doremus, as well. Fundraising efforts for this project continue, with the expected construction period running from June 2018 through August 2020.

Debt also plays a role in our ability to invest in facilities. The debt issues of 2013 for \$35 million and 2015 for \$45 million of new-money debt were required to fund the majority of the residential improvements and expansion on the campus. The university held \$10.7 million in unspent bond proceeds, which will be converted into physical facilities over the next year.

CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVABLE: As the Honor Our Past, Build Our Future campaign concluded, there were a number of new commitments and gifts, many of them in the form of multi-year pledges. These play a vital role in our planning to ensure that we can match the implementation of a strategic initiative with the funding that will support it. Contributions receivable were valued at \$58.1 million, down from \$73.5 million, reflecting the payments made on pledges from the campaign.

OTHER INVESTMENTS: The last major asset is primarily split interest arrangements by which a donor gives W&L money to invest and manage. The donor receives an income interest from these investments for a specified period of time, after which W&L receives the remainder of the invested funds. These investments totaled \$48.1 million, a drop from \$52.2 million. This reduction reflects the combination of distributions to beneficiaries and the challenging return environment on investments.

DEBT: W&L's largest liability is long-term debt incurred to support capital building projects. In recent years, the university has taken on more debt primarily to fund elements within the Strategic Plan that were not deemed as strong fundraising candidates (Figure 4). The 2015 Virginia College Building Authority issue of two series of bonds yielded \$51.9 million in proceeds. Of those proceeds, \$6.5 million were dedicated to advance-refund a portion of the 2006 bonds (which are now defeased), while the balance provided funding for The Village, Liberty Hall Field improvements, the renovation of Woods Creek Central, renovations of Davis Hall, and partial funding of the natatorium. This raised the outstanding long-term debt balance to \$201.2 million. The university made \$4.15 million of payments toward principal and \$8.37 million in interest payments. Total debt now stands at \$196.5 million composed of seven different instruments, all tax-exempt issues through either the Virginia College Building Authority or the Lexington City Industrial Development Authority. Of the outstanding debt, 85 percent is fixed rate and 15 percent is variable rate.

University Outstanding Debt as of June 30, 2016 (\$000s)



The university's debt is rated Aa2 and AA by Moody's Investor Services and S&P, respectively. Both of these ratings include a "Stable" outlook from the agencies and reflect their evaluations of the university's financial health and its ability to repay its obligations.

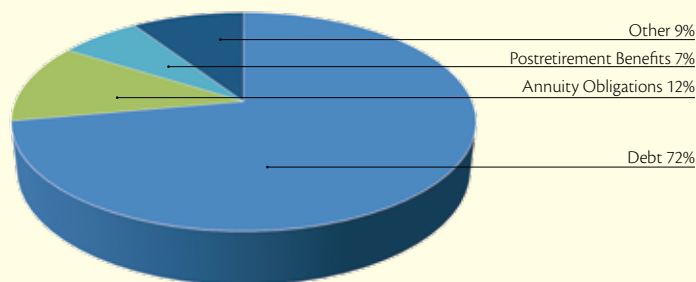
With the recent debt issues, the university is unlikely to add to its debt profile in the near future. While much of the recently issued debt will be supported from additional housing revenues when The Village is occupied in 2016–17, annual debt service will climb toward the upper limits of the range for debt service as outlined in the university's Debt Policy.

FUTURE ANNUITY PAYMENTS: The split-interest instruments create a liability based upon expected future payments to the donor. This liability was recorded at \$32.1 million. The university would welcome an increasing liability in this area, since it would reflect a growing deferred-giving program, which would lead to greater financial support.

POSTRETIREMENT BENEFITS: The university has maintained a postretirement health benefits plan for those employees who serve 10 years or more and retire from W&L, creating an annual expense as well as a future obligation. This obligation, as actuarially calculated, now stands at \$18.3 million, up from \$16.8 million. The university

LIABILITIES

Liabilities—June 30, 2016 \$272.4 Million



altered this plan for employees hired after April 1, 2003, to shift to a defined contribution plan. This will lead to an elimination of this obligation over the very long term.

NET ASSETS

- UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS:** These assets can be expended, if necessary, and, as such, they carry the greatest level of flexibility to meet long-term obligations. This class decreased by \$1.79 million to \$332.6 million.
- TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS:** These are fully expendable but restricted by either a purpose, time frame for use or accumulated gains of permanently restricted endowments. These declined from \$455.7 million to \$378.5 million, as a result of the negative investment-return environment and the use of funds for prescribed capital projects and programs.
- PERMANENTLY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS:** Assets given by a donor with the express condition that the original value not be expended by the university. Instead, the funds are invested, and the university benefits from the investment return. The value increased by \$65.5 million to \$965.0 million. This increase primarily results from the increase in the value of the Lettie Pate Evans Restricted Fund.

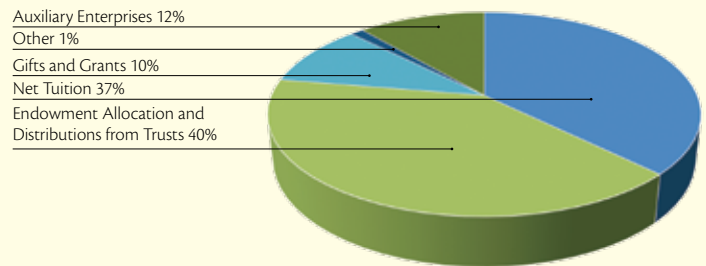
Summary—Statement of Financial Position June 30, 2016 (\$000s)

Assets:	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$13,430
Accounts and Notes Receivable	11,972
Contributions Receivable, net	58,130
Inventories	1,378
Investments	1,063,715
Funds Held in Trust by Others	477,102
Unspent Bond Proceeds	10,668
Assets Restricted to Investment in Plant	5,322
Land, Buildings and Equipment, net	305,544
Other Assets	1,287
Total Assets	\$1,948,548
Liabilities:	
Accounts and Other Payables	\$14,557
Accrued Compensation	3,585
Student and Other Deposits	589
Deferred Revenue	2,121
U.S. Government Grants Refundable	2,025
Annuity Obligations	32,083
Asset Retirement Obligations	1,252
Capital Lease Obligations	1,295
Long-term Debt	196,527
Postretirement Benefit Obligations	18,329
Total Liabilities	272,363
Net Assets:	
Unrestricted	332,630
Temporarily Restricted	378,534
Permanently Restricted	965,021
Total Net Assets	1,676,185
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$1,948,548

SOURCES AND USES

Our strong financial base is critical in helping faculty and staff deliver a high-quality education and student experience. While endowment resources make an enormous contribution to the revenue stream of the university, they are not the only revenues available to the university, as depicted.

University Operating Revenues—2015–16 \$153.9 Million



Tuition remains a vital source of operational support; however, it is important to understand the context around costs, stated tuition and net tuition. The university incurred a cost on average of \$60,161 per student for educational and student services. The stated tuition and mandatory fees rate was \$46,417, and the average tuition and fees paid by families after financial aid was just \$23,467. All students received a subsidy toward their education of at least \$13,744, and for one half of the population, the subsidy was expanded through financial aid. This is the financial value proposition of a W&L education and has been an area of focus in the current Strategic Plan and the most recent capital campaign.

Net tuition revenues declined by 3.3 percent to \$57.4 million, reflecting a decline in enrollments. In the Law School, the number of students fell by 15 percent as the university adjusted to the changes in the marketplace for legal education. On the undergraduate side, we saw the number of full-time students decrease by 28 as a very large class graduated in spring 2015, and we adjusted the entering class size to move closer to our long-planned target first-year class of 461. Financial aid continues to be significantly funded through endowment and gifts (53.4 percent) and provides access for students who otherwise may not be able to attend, which allows the university to continue to attract the very best students.



*For the complete version of this report,
see go.wlu.edu/financials-1516.*

Summary—Statement of Activities June 30, 2016 (\$000s)

Revenues:

Gross Tuition	\$97,767
Less donor funded student financial aid	(24,998)
Less institutionally funded student aid	(15,374)
Net Tuition	57,395
Endowment Return Allocated to Operations	48,614
Income from Funds Held in Trust by Others	13,478
Contributions and Grants	15,207
Auxiliary Enterprises (net of \$2,290 of aid)	17,451
Other	1,797
Total	153,942

Expenses:

Instructional	71,151
Academic Support	18,897
Student Services	13,527
Institutional Support	19,604
Financial Aid	4,434
Auxiliary Enterprises	23,567
Other	2,932
Total	154,112
Operating Deficit	(170)
Increase in Net Assets from Non-Operating Activities	13,285
Change in Net Assets	\$13,455

One must look at three pieces to understand the full commitment to financial aid. Within revenues, financial aid is shown as a reduction of tuition (\$40.37 million); this is also the case with auxiliary enterprise revenues, which reflect an aid discount of \$2.04 million. Within the expenses section, financial aid totals \$4.43 million. This represents awards that exceed tuition, room and board. On a combined basis, student financial aid was \$46.8 million, reaching 49 percent of the undergraduate student population and 90 percent of the law students.

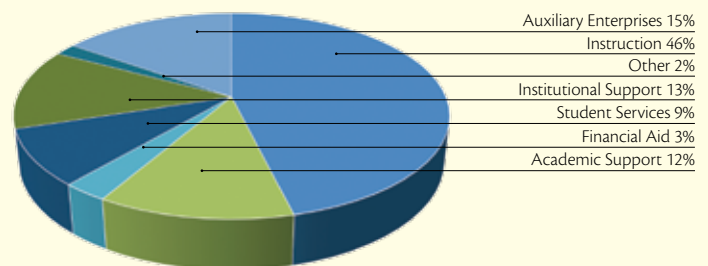
Endowment distributions, whether from the defined payout formula or allocations from Trusts Held by Others, accounted for

40.3 percent of the operating revenues, at \$62.1 million. This source has grown in importance as a portion of the revenue stream (Figure 6). As a result, diligent management of the underlying assets and considerations of payout allocation models are as important, if not more important, than a decade ago. The university followed its normal spending formula of increasing endowment spending by inflation plus 1 percent. This amount was supplemented by an adjustment in Law School endowment payout at 7.5 percent. These two elements when combined translated to a spending rate of 4.65 percent, which fell below the policy spending cap of 5 percent.

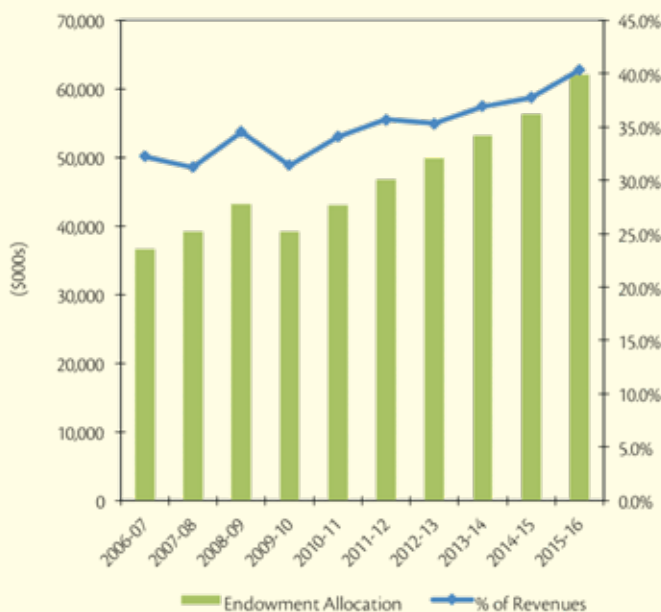
Current gifts and grants also play a significant role in the university's ability to provide a robust educational program. For instance, the Annual Fund exceeded \$10.3 million, a new high-water mark. In addition, the university maintained high undergraduate alumni participation, with 53.3 percent making gifts. These unrestricted gifts underwrite all aspects of university life. In the aggregate, W&L received \$15.2 million in expendable contributions and grants to underwrite operations. If the university had to rely on its endowment to generate the same level of contribution, the university would need an additional \$327 million in endowment funds.

We use these resources to fulfill our core mission — education. As demonstrated in Figure 7, instruction and academic support compose nearly 60 percent of total expenses, and only 13 percent of expenditures go toward administration, including fundraising.

University Operating Expenses—2015–16 \$154.1 Million



Endowment Allocation



W&L consistently spends a higher percentage of its budget for educational expenses than the peer average (61.5 percent versus 52.1 percent). However, the university's aggregate expenses per student fall below the average expense per student of the peers by nearly \$9,500.

Results from Operations reflect an Unrestricted Operating deficit of \$128,000 versus an Unrestricted Operating deficit of \$1.67 million in 2015. In aggregate, the deficit grows modestly to \$170,000, reflecting a small decrease in temporarily restricted assets in support of future operations. The university's budget model reflects a modified cash flow approach in which depreciation expense is not captured; however, items for principal payments on debt and the annual allocation to capital projects are included. Additionally, the Board of Trustees approved a change in the university's Reserves Policy in 2014 that will increase the annual allocation to capital reserves, which should substitute for depreciation budgeting. This is a long-term commitment and solution but will help remedy the main focus area for improvement in our financial modeling. Beyond these steps, we also pursue significant fundraising to support specific projects within the capital program. We believe that this comprehensive approach to facilities capital management is a reasonable and thoughtful approach and strengthens our position to avoid a significant accumulation of deferred maintenance.



Getting to Know President Dudley



President Will Dudley has kept up a busy schedule during his first couple of months on the job. In addition to meeting alumni around the country, he has (clockwise from upper left) met with the English Department; delivered remarks to university employees in Stackhouse Theater; enjoyed a basketball game with Jan Hathorn, athletic director, and Jeff Hanna, special assistant to the vice president of University Advancement; chatted with Greg Cooper, professor of philosophy, at a reception; and taken a sunrise hike with students to the summit of House Mountain. His schedule for the fall includes his inauguration, Sept. 15–16 during Young Alumni Weekend.





Washington and Lee's Annual Fund Council

Enhancing the Work of W&L's Class Agent Program

Annual Fund Council members held their inaugural meeting on campus in October 2016. Front row (l. to r.): Payson Miller '16, Tasha Sedlock Blair '00, Ross Jagar '04, Carrie Lee '06. Back row (l. to r.): Charlie Yates '06, '10L, Buddy LeTourneau '71, P'00, Bert Ponder '83, P'16, Andrew Tate '98. Not pictured: Stewart Shettle '84.

W&L'S ANNUAL FUND COUNCIL INAUGURAL MEMBERS

BERT PONDER '83, P'16, *Chair (Atlanta, Georgia)*

CHARLIE YATES '06, '10L, *Vice Chair (Atlanta, Georgia)*

TASHA SEDLOCK BLAIR '00 (*Darien, Connecticut*)

ROSS JAGAR '04 (*New York, New York*)

CARRIE LEE '06 (*Houston, Texas*)

BUDDY LETOURNEAU '71, P'00 (*Mooresville, North Carolina*)

PAYSON MILLER '16 (*Houston, Texas*)

ANDREW W. TATE '98 (*Charlotte, North Carolina*)

STEWART T. SHETTLE '84 (*Baltimore, Maryland*)

WHO ARE THEY?

A group of alumni representing the most recent graduating undergraduate classes all the way up to classes 49 years out of W&L. All have leadership experience volunteering on behalf of W&L's Annual Fund in some capacity.

WHAT DOES THE ANNUAL FUND COUNCIL DO?

Council members provide leadership and support to W&L's hundreds of class agents, who seek gifts from their classmates for the Annual Fund.

This new volunteer board expands the leadership of W&L's class agent program from two individuals (a chair and vice chair) to up to 12 leaders.

W&L'S CLASS AGENT PROGRAM

The primary work of the Annual Fund Council is to lead, train and support W&L's class agents. Class agents are Annual Fund volunteers who drive much of W&L's fundraising by contacting classmates personally and encouraging them to support the Annual Fund. These volunteers are able to connect with thousands of alumni in a personal way that the school wouldn't be able to reach individually.

Collectively, W&L's class agents help raise about 8 percent of the university's annual budget. They see to it that over 50 percent of alumni make a gift to the university each year. And, through the years, they have helped the university drive growth of W&L's Annual Fund to its current level of over \$10 million in unrestricted support. To view a complete list of all W&L's class agents, please visit support.wlu.edu.

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AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH

During February, SABU and the African Society hosted a panel to answer questions about black hair. After a series of demonstrations and presentations on different types of hair, students discussed the cultural connections between black hair, the black community and the world in general.