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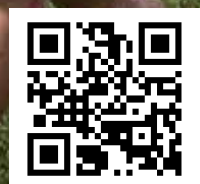
—> BY WILL DUDLEY, President, W&L





Cover: Mikey Barro '19 takes a quick break during a trip with fellow members of the Crux Climbing Team to Mount Washington in New Hampshire over February Break 2017. Photo by Duncan Manley '20

This page: Students usher in spring by celebrating Holi, a Hindu spring festival of colors, also known as the festival of love. Photo by Ellen Kanzinger '18



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by the Numbers



458 members of the Class of 2017 (second largest class ever; includes fall 2016 graduates)

232 Bachelor of Arts degrees earned

239 Bachelor of Science degrees earned

36 different majors

3 students completed 3 majors

5 largest minors: poverty and human capability studies, mass communications, creative writing, education, mathematics

5 valedictorians

15 students from 15 other countries

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RIP, Windfall

125 Winding Way, known affectionately as “Windfall,” passed away on March 23, 2017. Windfall was born in 1934 and began life as a yeoman dairy farm. In 1956, she was acquired by Joe C. Shaner, world-famous greenhouse proprietor. By 1968, Shaner began leasing her to SAE students, who maintained occupancy of the home until her untimely demise. Windfall enjoyed being an only child for nearly 61 years, until Shaner’s offspring began building a plethora of other student housing on her hill.

Windfall was always a place of revelry, hosting many parties that ran until the dawn, both inside her basement and from her rickety back porch with her beautiful view. Windfall was an accommodating soul, housing not only senior SAEs, but oftentimes possums, chickens and sometimes stray dogs. She even lent her good name to the surrounding hill.

Although her wooden fence gave way over the years to bonfire material, her windows annually bashed out and sometimes replaced, and as her red roof faded to silver, she always stood strong. For the SAEs who knew her well, a return trip to Lexington would not be complete without a drive up Windfall Hill to meet old friends, sludge through her cesspools, admire her vintage posters, and introduce themselves to the new occupants.

Windfall is survived by the many SAE seniors who called her home, alumni who spent vast amounts of time with her, and Downfall. As she returns to the earth, no one will name Windfall again. In lieu of flowers, please direct any donations to East Lex to pay off her tab with Jim.

Booth Samuels '03

Women in Academia

In the last magazine, Missy Eppes '93 expressed her disappointment that W&L’s new president wasn’t a woman. What a sexist opinion! In my opinion, W&L has gone overboard to place DESERVING women in many important roles, like dean of students,

head of athletics, and many, many more. I would suggest to Ms. Eppes that the next time she voices such an opinion it would sound something like this. “In choosing the best PERSON for the job, knowing the honorable way that W&L conducts itself, I would hope that someday the right person for the job turns out to be a woman.” My guess is that the list of qualified applicants for the job at W&L contained very few, if any, women. It will take another generation or two before we start to see anything close to parity in top jobs in academia or business.

Charlie Jones '66

The New Natatorium

It’s great to see that Generals Swimming finally has an upgraded aquatic home turf.

The last issue offered some great metrics on the new facility. 42 blasts to excavate! Water turnover in 4 hours! Context-free, I assume these numbers are relatively impressive to a knowledgeable engineer. But the only number that matters appears to have been omitted.

That number, of course, is 50 meters: the precise length that the new pool is not.

Despite the protestations of the swimming alumni (what would they know), the pool was built too short. While collegiate competition takes place in pools of the 25-yard variety, a standard Olympic long-course pool would have opened up many more opportunities.

It furthermore seems plausible, if not probable, that collegiate competition will be upgraded to pools of the Olympic variety in our lifetimes. W&L is by no means the first to build a non-standard pool. I coach a team whose pool measures 100 feet, making it unusable for any swimming competition. We host our meets across town, where the architect decided to consult the sport’s standards before beginning, presumably, their more than 42 blasts. Perhaps future generations of swimmers will consider our 100-foot pool no more foolish than the new natatorium.

It doesn’t take a Rhodes scholar to realize that building a full-length pool was the better option, though I do look forward to racing there during the annual alumni meet this fall — assuming that tradition survived the move.

David Croushore '07

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W&L's 230th Commencement Celebrates 443 Graduates

BY DREWRY ATKINS SACKETT '93

The Class of 2017 received a primer in existentialism, along with four pieces of advice, from President William C. Dudley.

“Existentialism gets its name from the fact that our existence (the simple fact we are here) precedes our essence (what we are),” Dudley said in his address on May 25. “We make ourselves into who and what we are over time, and hopefully we learn something in the process.”

Dudley also offered four pieces of advice: do what you love and work your tail off; don't be afraid to change course; continue your liberal arts education; embrace your ignorance.

“Learn things beyond the bounds of your professional concerns,” he said. “Expand your horizons and avoid becoming too narrowly focused. Seek out experience that transcends your current limitations. Doing so will enrich your life, and it will also sustain your success in a world that is constantly changing.

“Ignorance is bliss,” he added. “Without sufficient appreciation of our own ignorance, we cease to be curious, we cease to be receptive to new ideas, and we cease to be respectful of other people. Awareness of our own ignorance is a virtue. Knowing that we do not know everything makes us humble, patient, open to compromise and collaboration. You may have noticed that these qualities are in short supply. Embracing your ignorance is good for you, and it's good for the world.”

Wilson Miller (opposite page, top right), an economics and studio art double major, spoke on behalf of the Class of 2017. Miller was a member of the Executive Committee of the student body for four years, serving as class representative, secretary, vice president and, most recently, president. He challenged his classmates to take two of Washington and Lee's most venerated traditions — the Honor System and the Speaking Tradition — with them wherever they go.

“Life at W&L exists at the unique intersection of its renowned Honor System, abundant opportunity, the Speaking Tradition and legacy,” said Miller. “These are the great attributes of a Washington and Lee education, and our

class will draw from its days in Lexington to make W&L a part of our future communities.

“I challenge every one of us to apply a smile and friendly word in whatever community we might find ourselves,” Miller continued. “While this may not do much on crowded subway rides or busy city sidewalks, I expect your neighborhoods and workplaces will come closer together through a speaking tradition of their own.”

For the first time in its history, W&L recognized five students as valedictorians, each with a perfect 4.0 grade-point average: Brooke Donnelly, Stephen Mitchell, Zoe Ottaviani, Zach Taylor and Pasquale Toscano.

BACCALAUREATE

On May 24, the Baccalaureate audience heard from Rebecca Linder Blachly (opposite page, bottom left), the director of the Office of Government Relations for the Episcopal Church, where she oversees the church's advocacy on national and international policy issues.

The winners of the Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award, Conley Hurst '17 and Kayla Sylvester '17, gave readings. The faculty selected the duo for the award because they best demonstrate high ideals of living, spiritual qualities and generous service to others. They are pictured below with (l. to r.) Scott Dittman, registrar; Sidney Evans, dean of students and vice president of student affairs; and President Dudley.





STUDENTS

Walker Brand '18 received a Science, Mathematics and Research for Transformation (SMART) Scholarship from the Department of Defense.

John Dannehl '17 won a Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship to Spain.

Kitanna Hiromasa '19 will serve as a delegate to the 69th Japan-America Student Conference (JASC), in Japan this August. A Johnson Opportunity Grant will help her attend.

Angel Vela de la Garza Evia '18 won a \$10,000 Davis Projects for Peace grant that will allow him to conduct a three-phased STEM-related project — STEMito — for primary school students in his home city of Monterrey, Mexico.

Colin Wallace '17 won a Rotary Skelton/Jones Scholarship for one year of post-baccalaureate study outside the U.S.

Harrison Westgarth '17 won a Fulbright study/research grant to Brazil.

Andre Zeromski '20 is one of 16 Kemper Scholars from around the U.S. He'll receive a scholarship and summer project stipends, attend a conference, and perform a summer internship at a Chicago nonprofit.

The undergraduate Mock Trial Team finished sixth in its division at the American Mock Trial Association's Intercollegiate National Mock Trial Championship, its best-ever showing. Team members were **Avery Field '17** (president), **Sal Diaz '18** (external vice president), **Justin Gillette '18** (internal vice president), **Emily Webb '17**, **Keeghan Sweeney '18**, **Ben Schaeffer '18**, **Kalady Osowski '19**, **Balen Essak '20** and **Campbell DeNatale '20**.

The University Singers performed at Carnegie Hall, in New York City, on April 1 as part of the highly competitive Collegiate Choral Showcase. The W&L group was one of only four collegiate choirs in the U.S. so honored by inclusion in the event.

FACULTY AND STAFF

Julie A. Campbell, associate director of communications and public affairs, won first place for her editorship of the alumni magazine from Virginia Professional Communicators.

Domnica Radulescu, the Edwin A. Morris Professor of Comparative Literature, has received a Fulbright Research Teaching Fellowship to study and teach at the University of Bucharest, Romania, for the 2017 Fall Term. This is her second Fulbright to Romania.

"Duet," a poem by **R.T. Smith**, editor of Shenandoah: The Washington and Lee University Review and writer in residence at W&L, appeared on the Poetry Daily website on May 20. And Smith's poem "Maricon" appears in "The Best American Poetry 2017," his second appearance in the series.

WLUR-FM, the campus radio station, celebrates its 50th anniversary this year. It thrives under the leadership of **Jeremy Franklin '04**, the general manager.

*W&L Welcomes New Trustee
Helen Sanders '04*

Helen Hughes Sanders '04, of Hughes Development Corp. (HDC), in Greenville, South Carolina, joined the Board of Trustees on May 19, at the board's spring meeting in Lexington.

Sanders graduated with a B.S. in business administration and from Clemson University in 2009 with a master's of real estate development. She then joined HDC, her family's real estate development business, which originated in 1938 doing residential development. It now focuses on mixed-use, urban-infill projects, but in 2015, Sanders re-started the residential division and is working on multiple residential developments in South Carolina.



While at W&L, Sanders served three years on the EC and was the first undergraduate woman to serve as its president. She also served as an Outing Club trip leader and a manager for the Traveller Safe Ride Program, and played on the varsity basketball team in her first year. She belonged to Kappa Kappa Gamma, coached basketball for Rockbridge Area Recreation Organization, tutored an eighth-grader at Lylburn Downing Middle School, and volunteered at the Kendal retirement community. As an alumna, she served as president of the South Carolina Piedmont Alumni Chapter, on the Class of 2004 fifth reunion committee, and as co-chair of the Class of 2004 10th reunion committee.

Sanders is married to Ansel Sanders '04, and they have three daughters, Field, Walker and Stuart.

Congratulations, Retirees

FACULTY RETIREES



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Lenna Ojure, associate professor
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professor of art



John Tucker, associate professor of PE,
men's cross country coach



Sarah Wiant '78L, director of the
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STAFF RETIREES

Posing with President Dudley are (front, l. to r.) retirees **Mae Chandler** (floor sales coordinator, University Store), **Janice Downey** (administrative assistant, University Counseling Center) **Julie Cline** (office manager, Communications and Public Affairs), **Amy Richwine** (associate director and international student and scholar advisor, Center for International Education), **Gabriella Somerville-Brown** (technology integration specialist), **Carol Karsch** (data and statistical support specialist, Leyburn Library).

Back, l. to r.: **Tom Tinsley '75** (director of network/telecommunications, Information Technology Services), **Loretta Persinger** (library cataloging technician, Law School), **Warrenetta Kay Bostick** (sergeant, shift supervisor, Public Safety), **Agnes Gilmore** (receptionist/office assistant, Public Safety), **President Dudley**. Not pictured: **Katie Claytor** (custodial supervisor, Facilities Management), **Peggy Pugh** (custodian, Facilities Management), **Stanley Reid** (custodian, Facilities Management).

Phi Beta Kappa Inducts Roger Jeans, 49 Students, Seven Recent Grads

The Phi Beta Kappa chapter welcomed 49 members of the junior and senior classes and seven graduates from the Class of 2016 into the prestigious academic honor society at the Phi Beta Kappa/Society of the Cincinnati Convocation on March 19.

William M. (Bill) Tsutsui, president and professor of history at Hendrix College, gave the convocation address, “The Liberal Arts in an Age of Extremes.”

The chapter inducted as an honorary member Roger Jeans, Elizabeth Lewis Otey Professor of History Emeritus at W&L, in recognition of his long-standing commitment to scholarship and publication.

The chapter gave Henry C. Patrick III '19 and Kathryn K. Osowski '19 the Phi Beta Kappa J. Brown Goehring Sophomore Award, which goes to the student(s) with the highest cumulative scholastic average through the end of the fall term of his or her sophomore year. This year's initiates:

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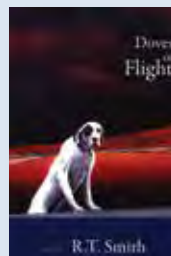
FACULTY AND STAFF BOOKS



Jeff Barnett, professor of Romance languages, translated “Flocks”/“Rebaños” (Cubanabooks, 2017) by Zurelyz López-Amaya. Barnett chose to translate López-Amaya’s poetry because “I thought it was cleverly done. This is a bittersweet love affair with Cuba. It’s a blunt indictment of the system — an attack on the Castro regime — but at the same time displays a nationalistic pride.”



Roberta Senechal, professor of history, “Our Aim Was Man: Andrew’s Sharpshooters in the American Civil War” (University of Massachusetts Press). An inheritance of Civil War letters led to a book following the experiences of four Civil War sharpshooters. “Records written by sharpshooters are very, very rare,” she noted. “But these sharpshooters, men who are skilled with a rifle over long distances, were also among the first true snipers in the American military.”

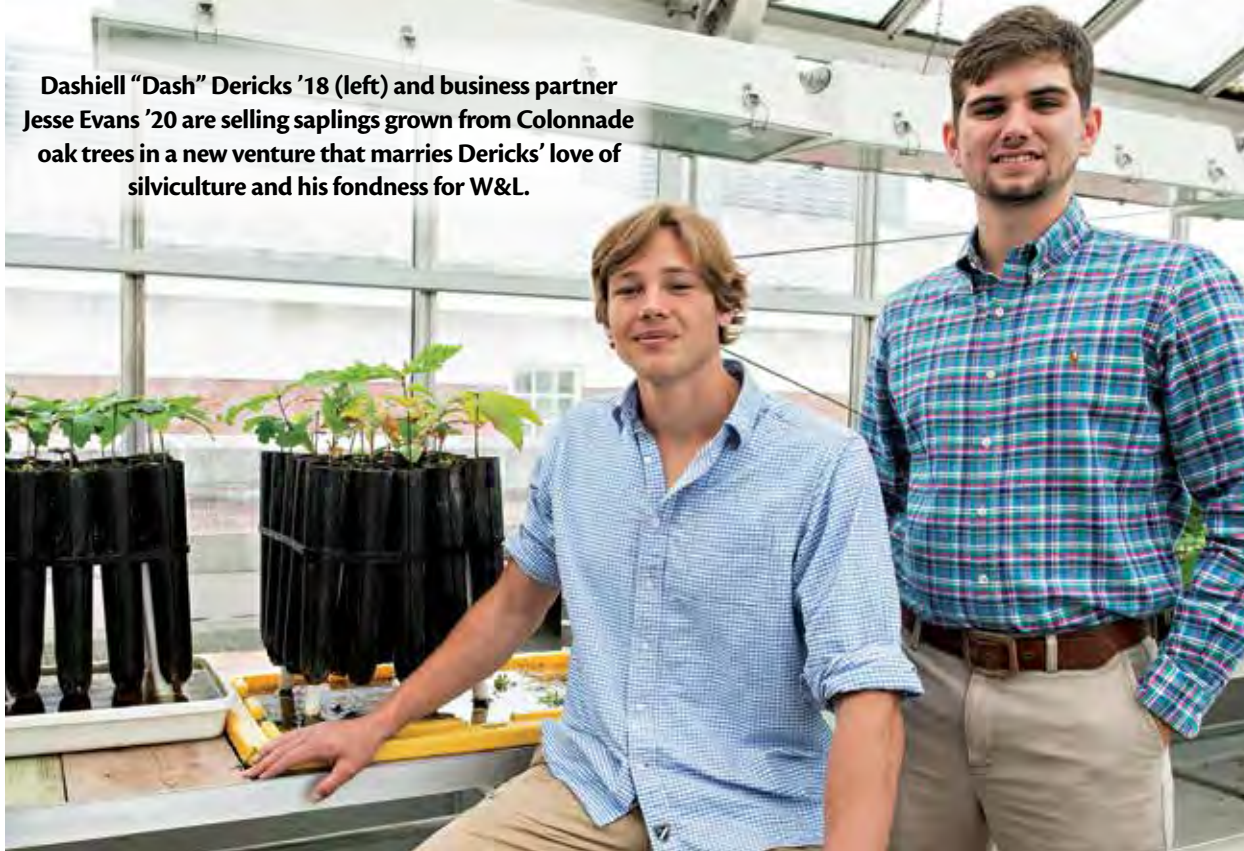


R. T. Smith, “Doves in Flight” (Louisiana Literature Press), writer in residence and editor of Shenandoah: The Washington and Lee University Review. A fan of Smith’s sixth collection of short stories noted, “These stories are music itself, voiced by unlikely balladeers. To read them is to hear the songs of fallen angels.”



Ed Spencer, professor emeritus of geology, “Guide to the Geology & Natural History of the Blue Ridge Mountains” (University of Virginia Press). Full of rich detail and easy to use, this full-color guide to the region was written and designed for great accessibility, whether you’re a first-time visitor looking to understand the parkway’s spectacular views or an experienced geology or nature enthusiast.

Dashiell “Dash” Dericks ’18 (left) and business partner Jesse Evans ’20 are selling saplings grown from Colonnade oak trees in a new venture that marries Dericks’ love of silviculture and his fondness for W&L.



Washington and Lee’s front lawn, bookended as it is by the iconic Colonnade and historic Lee Chapel, is frequently lauded as the most breathtaking view on campus, and one that alumni miss seeing on a daily basis. Now, two enterprising W&L students are making it possible for people to take home little pieces of this favorite spot — and even plant them on their own front lawns.

Heart and Soil

Dashiell Dericks ’18, who counts silviculture as a longtime hobby, grew 30 white oak tree saplings from acorns he collected on the Colonnade in autumn 2016. He and his business partner, Jesse Evans ’20, are selling their “Colonnade Oaks” through the University Store, complete with a certificate of authenticity.

“Dash came to me last fall to discuss his Colonnade saplings idea and I absolutely loved it,” said Jeff Shay, the Rupert A. Johnson Jr. Professor of Entrepreneurship and Leadership at W&L. “It is a great business idea that is 100 percent executable by a college student like Dash who is passionate about both silviculture and entrepreneurship.”

Dericks, who holds the W&L record in discus, grew up on a farm in Indiana. “I spent a lot of time wandering in the woods,” he said. As a kid, he read books about plant identification and perfected the task of growing seedlings.

In fall 2016, Dericks noted the abundance of acorns on the front lawn. He gathered them and carried them back to his room in the FIJI house, where he planted them. He babied the trees throughout the academic year, even taking them home during breaks.

Dericks’ business partner, Evans, is not new to entrepreneurship. As an eighth-grade student in Jacksonville, Florida, he and his best friend started a dog-walking and pet-sitting

business called Happy Hounds. This summer, he intends to start a web consulting business.

While Dericks grew the trees, Evans handled the marketing aspect of Colonnade Oaks. His first priority was to gather information about the trees from which the acorns fell. Seth McCormick-Goodhart, senior assistant in Special Collections, put Evans in touch with Arthur Bartenstein of ABL Landscape Architecture in Lexington. Together, they determined that the two oak trees in question were planted sometime between 1855 and 1923. “One is certainly over 100 years old and the other is at least 80,” Evans said. “One of them is from about the time Robert E. Lee was here.”

Evans also worked with the University Store to determine a price point (\$55 per tree) and a sales and marketing plan. The store helped them put together informational pamphlets and certificates of authenticity to go with the trees. Dericks and Evans sold most of their first crop of trees during Alumni Weekend, but they plan to plant more this fall, perhaps adding some maple and ash seedlings from Colonnade trees.

“By cultivating a noble oak from those rooted along the grounds of the Colonnade,” Dericks wrote, “I share the ability for people to watch a true form of W&L’s life and soul thrive on the property of their own home.”

Shay agreed: “I look forward to seeing alumni jump at the opportunity to bring home a certified piece of W&L’s rich history to plant in their backyards, and I already have a place picked out in my backyard to plant a few Colonnade Oaks myself.”

If you are interested in ordering a Colonnade Oak, please contact the University Store at 540-458-8633 or email store@wlu.edu.
— Lindsey Nair

Spring Term Course Examines the Ethics of War

*During Spring Term, students take a deep dive into one subject for an intense four weeks. One of the 2017 classes was *The Ethics of War*, taught by Angie Smith, the Roger Mudd Professor of Ethics and professor of philosophy. She discussed the course with Managing Editor Louise Uffelman.*

War is a pretty heavy, wide-ranging topic. How did you narrow it down for a four-week term?

I taught this class for the first time in 2011. At that time, I felt we'd been at war for nearly a decade, and with the rise of the use of drones, it seemed to me to raise new and very complicated questions about war. We just don't talk enough about it. We have this all-volunteer army that's doing its job, and yet citizens, it seems to me, don't have to think much about war anymore, and yet we should. The use of drones, especially, made me think about the lack of democratic accountability. I was also very concerned about the reports of abuses that came out of Abu Ghraib, and continuing debates over the status of detainees at Guantanamo Bay. We're facing a new kind of threat — terrorism — and we're engaged in a new kind of asymmetric warfare where we're not really clear about what the rules of engagement are anymore.

While this is a huge topic, and in some ways deserves a full 12-week term, it's an intense-enough topic that I believe it is helpful for students to

COURSE READING

- "Just and Unjust Wars: A Moral Argument with Historical Illustrations," by Michael Walzer (book)
- "The Bush Doctrine: Can Preventive War be Justified?" by Robert J. Delahunty and John Yoo (article)
- "The War on Terrorism and the End of Human Rights," by David Luban (article)
- "From My Lai to Abu Ghraib: The Moral Psychology of Atrocity," by John M. Doris and Dominic Murphy (article)

COURSE VIEWING

- "Sometimes in April"
- "Eye in the Sky"
- "Standard Operating Procedure"
- "The Hurt Locker"

just be taking one class and thinking about it in a very focused and intensive way. It can be emotionally draining, so it can be helpful for them not to be distracted by other classes at the same time.

What is the main focus of the class?

Philosophical approaches to thinking about war tend to fall into three categories. The first camp thinks that when it comes to war, anything goes. Ethics has nothing to do with it. On the other side of the spectrum is

pacifism. This group believes ethics applies to questions of war, and the conclusion is that one should never go to war. The amount of carnage and death that is involved, particularly in modern warfare, means you could never have a justification for engaging in war. The middle position is just-war theory. This has a very long history, going back to Aristotle and Cicero, but also includes sophisticated expression with St. Augustine in the 4th century, St. Thomas Aquinas in the 13th century, and Hugo Grotius and Emerich de Vattel in the 17th and 18th centuries.

The thesis of just-war theory is that war can sometimes, but not always, be morally just. A whole set of principles have been developed to explain when you can be justified in going to war and also how you can conduct war in an ethical way.

So the guiding question of the course asks, "Does just-war theory still work for us today, particularly with these new asymmetric conflicts between state and non-state actors?" These principles were developed at a time when states typically engaged in war with other states, so now we've got new things to think about. The upshot of the course, hopefully for the students, is that this theory still does work pretty well. It may need some tweaking in certain ways, but the framework that's been developed can still be helpful for thinking critically and humanely about war and its consequences.



"We're facing a new kind of threat — terrorism — and we're engaged in a new kind of asymmetric warfare where we're not really clear about what the rules of engagement are anymore."

W&L Law Releases 2016 Graduate Employment Report

Data from the Office of Career Strategy show another year of strong performance in employment over previous years. The report measures employment 10 months after graduation.

According to the report, 84 percent of the Class of 2016 has secured a full-time job that either requires bar passage or for which a J.D. is an advantage. The overall employment rate for the class, including all employment types and graduate school, is over 90 percent.

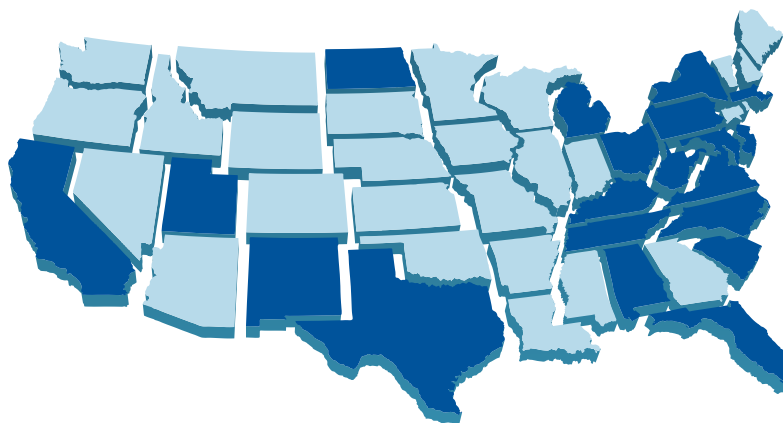
“We are really proud of and happy for the members of the Class of 2016,” said Cliff Jarrett ’91L, assistant dean for career strategy. “They significantly outperformed the national average in passing their bar exams and did a great job of utilizing the W&L network and resources to find meaningful, interesting and fulfilling work. Our alumni were an invaluable asset to this class, and I appreciate their continued support to our students and recent graduates on the career front.”

The employment report, available online (go.wlu.2016lawemployment), was prepared in accordance with requirements of the American Bar Association and includes summary data about the employment status of the 95 graduates in the class of 2016.

The report shows graduates working in a diverse range of jobs. Forty-two percent are heading to law firms, and nearly a quarter of those will be working for Big Law, typically

CLASS OF 2016 — WHERE THEY ARE

The class is employed in 22 states and one foreign country. Top destinations are Virginia, Washington, D.C., New York and California.



2016 BAR PASSAGE

	Virginia	New York	Nationwide
Washington and Lee Law	87.5%	100%	88.4%
State/National Averages	77.8%	83%	71%

firms with over 500 lawyers. Eight percent are working in government, 8 percent in business or industry, and 8 percent in public interest jobs, such as legal aid offices.

One particular area of strength for W&L Law has always been placement in federal and state clerkships, and this remains the case for the Class of 2016. Twenty-one percent of those employed are clerking, including placements in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Armed

Forces, and federal district courts in Alabama, Tennessee, Utah, Virginia, West Virginia and Washington, D.C., as well as state courts in Delaware, Florida, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Virginia.

These 95 graduates are employed in 22 states and one foreign country, Nigeria. The top geographic areas for employment are Virginia, the District of Columbia and New York, followed by Florida, North Carolina and Alabama.

“We are really proud of and happy for the members of the Class of 2016. They significantly outperformed the national average in passing their bar exams and did a great job of utilizing the W&L network and resources to find meaningful, interesting and fulfilling work. Our alumni were an invaluable asset to this class, and I appreciate their continued support to our students and recent graduates on the career front.”

—CLIFF JARRETT ’91L, ASSISTANT DEAN FOR CAREER STRATEGY

2016-17: The Generals' Year in Review

BY CHIP WHIPPLE



Tom Concklin '17 earned the Pres Brown Award as the top senior male athlete at W&L in 2017, after one of the most impressive careers for a pitcher in the **baseball team's** history. He finished with the lowest career ERA, at 2.18, and last season became just the third player in program history to earn All-America laurels.



Dana Lee '17 will go down as one of the greatest **women's track and field** athletes in school history. The Female Pres Brown Award winner this year, Lee set 13 school records and won 10 individual ODAC titles in her four seasons. She was a six-time NCAA Championship qualifier in the long jump and earned All-America honors three times.



Conley Hurst '17 garnered the W&L 2017 William McHenry Male Scholar-Athlete award, after playing for the **men's golf team** for four years. The highlight of Hurst's career came at the 2016 NCAA National Championship, when he tied for fourth individually, and he led the team to a tie for third overall, which marked the best finish in program history.

W&L remained the only team in the ODAC to win a **men's swimming** conference championship, after the Generals won their third straight title this season. The Blue & White had nine athletes earn First Team All-ODAC accolades, and Tommy Thetford '18 garnered the men's swimming ODAC/Virginia Farm Bureau Insurance Scholar-Athlete award.



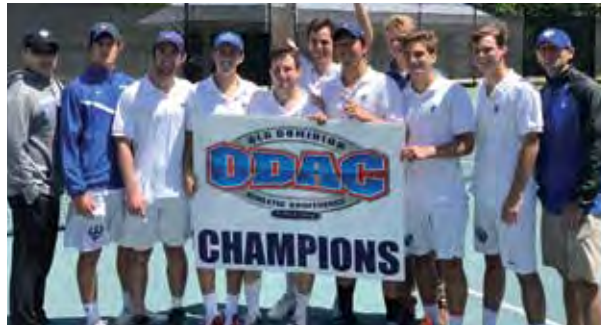
For the first time since the 1995 season, the **men's cross country team** competed at the NCAA National Championship. After winning its second straight ODAC crown, W&L finished second at the NCAA South/Southeast Regional to automatically qualify for the national meet. The Generals went on to finish 27th at nationals.



For the second straight season and the 16th time in program history, the **women's cross country team** won the ODAC Championship. Kirsten McMichael '19, Maggie Seybold '19 and Samantha Yates '19 each garnered all-region honors, and Yates qualified for the NCAA National Championships for the second straight year.



The **women's tennis team** claimed its 15th straight ODAC Championship, while finishing the year with a 21-6 overall mark and a 10-0 record in conference play. The team advanced to the third round of the NCAA tournament, losing to third-ranked Emory. Brooke Donnelly '17 qualified for the NCAA Singles Championship and made the Doubles Championship with her partner, Tessa Hill '19.



The **men's tennis team** won its eighth straight league championship and finished the season 16-7 overall. The Generals were 10-0 in the ODAC and advanced to the second round of the NCAA Tournament. Jordan Krasner '17 also qualified for the NCAA Singles Championship.



The **women's swimming team** claimed its 10th consecutive conference title and went on to place seventh at the NCAA Championship, which marked its best finish ever. The Generals also had seven swimmers earn All-America honors (Emily Rollo '17, Elisabeth Holmes '17, Cassidy Fuller '18, Elle Chancey '19, Ali MacQueen '20, Emily Hageboeck '20 and Kelly Amar '20).



The **men's track and field team** made history this year, winning its first Indoor ODAC Championship since 1989 and its first Outdoor ODAC Championship since 1988. With the ODAC title in cross country as well, it marked the first time W&L has claimed all three titles in the same school year. Mac Strehler '17 went on to qualify for the NCAA Outdoor National Championship in the 10,000m.



This season marked the most successful year ever for the **women's lacrosse team**. Not only did the Generals win their eighth straight ODAC title, but they also advanced to the NCAA Semifinals for the first time, losing to the College of New Jersey in double overtime. The team finished the year 19-2 overall, setting a new program wins record. Hayley Soutter '17 and Haley Tucker '19 garnered First Team All-America recognition, and Parker Hamill '17 received third team laurels.



Brooke Donnelly '17 received the W&L 2017 William McHenry Female Scholar-Athlete award as a member of the **women's tennis team**. She was a three-time NCAA Championship qualifier in singles and a two-time qualifier in doubles. She also earned three All-America accolades.



The **women's soccer team** went 15-4-1 overall and 8-1-1 in the league to claim its first ODAC title since 2009. The Generals lost in the first round of the NCAA Tournament, falling to Hardin-Simmons, 3-0. Megan Engeland '19 was named the conference's Player of the Year, and Hollis Tardy '17 and Caroline Peters '19 joined her on the all-region team.

Step Away *from* the Books

Students are on the move
thanks to a robust collection of club sports,
intramurals and exercise classes

By
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Michelle Dreimann '19 attended Stratton Mountain School, in Vermont, specifically to focus her high school years on both academics and competitive skiing. She was determined to find a college where she could keep pursuing her passion for powder while working toward a future career in business.

Knowing that, some might be surprised that Dreimann chose Washington and Lee University over the University of Denver. But a major factor in her decision — besides

academics — was the knowledge that although W&L did not already have a skiing club, it did have a robust Campus Recreation Program that would allow her to start her own.

Two years later, Dreimann is president of W&L's Skiing and Snowboarding Club, which has 250 members.

“It has given me such a variety of people that I probably wouldn't have met otherwise, and it's given me such a broad network of people I can reach out to,” she said.



Landon Courville '19 and Liz Todd '19 watch the sunset from the Blue Ridge Parkway.

There is no question that Washington and Lee has a strong varsity athletics program. Dreimann's experience, however, underscores the value of W&L's array of recreational opportunities such as club and intramural sports, group exercise classes, and outdoors programs, not to mention a well-outfitted fitness center. Not only do these features draw prospective students, but they also keep them healthy and happy while they're enrolled.

"The Recreation Program in general provides stress relief and an opportunity to take a break and step away from the books," said Ray Ellington, director of Campus Recreation, "as well as a chance to meet and socialize with people they may not see on a regular basis."

Over the past decade, Washington and Lee's campus recreation options have grown exponentially. Sixty to 70 percent of the student body is involved in sports clubs or intramurals, and the number of clubs has tripled. More members of the campus community are taking advantage of the fitness center than ever before, and the number of group exercise classes offered is about five times the number available when the program first began.

In addition, the Outing Club, which technically falls under Student Affairs but is unquestionably a major part of the university's recreational offerings, attracts hundreds of new members in the first month of each academic year (see p. 20).



Parrish Preston '17 practices his climbing skills at New River Gorge. Students interested in rock climbing can join the Crux Climbing Team to meet fellow enthusiasts.

And new additions to campus, including the natatorium and a disc golf course, round out a thriving set of offerings.

The health of these programs has been a driving force in Washington and Lee's decision to completely renovate Doremus Gym and the Warner Center. When the Warner Center was constructed in 1972, the school had 400 undergraduates and 11 varsity sports; today, it has nearly 1,900 undergraduates and 23 varsity sports. Both the athletic program and Campus Recreation make the best possible use of the facility, but Athletics Director Jan Hathorn said the Warner Center is bursting at the seams.

"What we do in this building is sort of its own little minor miracle," Hathorn said.

Students on the Appalachian Adventure pre-orientation trip dish up some grub along the Appalachian Trail. The Outing Club trip is by far the most popular pre-orientation option for first-year students.





Walker Tiller '17 (left) and Lesesne Phillips '18L show off a big catch during the annual Washington and Lee-VMI Fly-Fishing Tournament. Tiller is president of the Fly-Fishing Club

FUN AND GAMES

Walker Tiller '17 spent a spring Sunday on Buffalo Creek with W&L President Will Dudley, who had told the wluLex team in an interview that learning how to fly-fish was on his bucket list. Tiller, president of the W&L Fly-Fishing Club, said he and fellow club members Gordon McAlister '17 and Lendon Hall '17 were happy to share their enthusiasm for a hobby that has enriched their time at Washington and Lee.

A native of western South Carolina, Tiller has been fly-

fishing since he was 8 years old. “The outdoors has been a big part of my life, so when I found out there was a fly-fishing club at W&L, I was excited to get involved,” he said.

The six-year-old club is one of nearly 30 sports clubs at W&L; a decade ago, there were fewer than 10. Other clubs include badminton, baseball, basketball, cheerleading, eventing (an equestrian sport), golf, ice hockey, ping pong, racquetball, rock climbing and much more. A couple of new clubs, including water polo, are in the works.

The fly-fishing club has 82 members, about 30 of whom are active. They go on two big fishing trips each year, in addition to hosting smaller events such as casting lessons. Every spring, they hold a tournament with VMI, an event that helped the club earn sponsorship from Trout Unlimited and the sunglasses company Costa del Mar. The club has also collected supplies for Project Healing Waters, a nonprofit that uses fly-fishing for physical and emotional rehabilitation of disabled, active-military personnel and veterans.

“We’ve had a lot of success the past few years, and it’s just a great club on campus,” said Tiller. “The social circle at W&L mainly revolves around Greek organizations, so having the opportunity to meet different people on the water has been a great part of the club and has made my circle of friends wider.”

If a specific type of club does not exist at W&L, Ellington encourages students to set up a meeting with him to get the ball rolling. He helps students determine whether the university has the facilities needed, and whether the activity is safe and fits within W&L’s mission. The next steps involve gauging interest and discussing funding. Overall, Ellington said, “the process itself is relatively simple. I’m pretty flexible. We want students to be able to do stuff in a healthy way to blow off steam.”

As in Dreimann’s case, many students who start a sports club find themselves leading the club and helping to shape its future. The Skiing and Snowboarding Club has some members who race and others who ski for fun. They have designed and sold T-shirts to raise money, arranged discount lift tickets at local ski resorts, and secured sponsorship — and matching club apparel — from Patagonia.

Athletic Department personnel were “extremely supportive” during every step of her journey, Dreimann said. “It’s really just a matter of making a meeting with the right person. Overall, the community here is very supportive. Everyone just wants to help you do what you want to do.”

Although she is only a rising junior, Dreimann has already selected an incoming first-year student to take over as president of the Skiing and Snowboarding Club when she graduates.

Whether students are casting a line or carving one through the snow, they tend to find that participation in club sports at W&L offers more benefits than exercising and socializing. “They are learning skills like accounting, balancing a budget, and fundraising,” Ellington said. “The president has to get the paperwork in on time and make sure members of the club are following through on what’s required, so these clubs also encourage leadership skills.”

From l. to r.: Hannah Powell '18, Emily Cole '18, Michelle Dreimann '19 and Mia Harvey '19, all members of the Skiing and Snowboarding Club, get together for the last race of the 2017 season at Massanutten Resort. Dreimann started the club and is the current president.



A COMPETITIVE SPIRIT

For those with a more competitive spirit, Washington and Lee is home to six intramural leagues. Fall Term brings soccer, flag football and handball, while volleyball, basketball and ultimate Frisbee are played during Winter Term. With up to 20 teams per league, that translates to hundreds of games each year.

Darby Lundquist '17 served as a referee and supervisor for intramurals since she was a first-year. She enjoyed the work-study position because it exposed her to many different people on campus. As a member of the varsity basketball team, Lundquist appreciated that intramurals allow students to compete in a sport they love, but with far less stress.

"There are so many people who play intramurals, and they are good but they don't have time or they don't think they want to be dedicated to a sport," she said. "Some just play for fun and others do take it seriously — we get a good mix.

"I don't know if intramurals are something that's really advertised on campus tours, but they should be, because a lot of people really enjoy it," she said. "Resident advisers make a point to tell first-year halls about it. It is part of your identity, and it also keeps people in shape."

FOCUS ON FITNESS

When college tour season is in full swing, it is not unusual to see groups of prospective students and their parents traipsing through the fitness center. Those who are used to hitting the



Working up a sweat on one of the many machines in W&L's fitness center.

gym on a regular basis may take it for granted, but director Chris Schall never does.

"As far as I know, every tour group comes through the fitness center. It's a hub and it's worth showing off," Schall said. "I even had an amateur weightlifter say that he came to W&L because of the fitness center."

Schall keeps statistics that show during an average week in 2011, the fitness center had 2,000 to 2,500 visits. Today, the weekly average is about 3,000 visits — and those are just the folks who remember to scrawl their name on the sign-in sheet at the front desk. The 10,000-square-foot facility is open to students, staff, faculty, family members and guests.



Students test their balance on stand-up paddleboards while enjoying the beauty of the Maury River.



Students splash around in a game of paddleball in the old swimming pool. The university's new pool, located in the new natatorium, will allow Campus Recreation to schedule more fun aquatics activities.

Although the fitness center is already well outfitted, the increase in usage means it could benefit from some additional features. Those include more open floor space for stretching, core exercises and dynamic warm-ups; updated equipment; and more (and quieter) weightlifting platforms. Since there is always a waitlist for lockers, larger locker rooms are also on the wish list for the facility. Those changes and others are being considered as the university finalizes plans for the Warner Center renovation.

Schall said these improvements would better serve both varsity athletes and the community as a whole. "Our athletes work really hard, and they are some of the leaders of our student body," he said. "But if we can better serve them, hopefully it will make it better for the general student body, as well."

Another area that has seen significant growth is group fitness. What started with a handful of classes 10 years ago has jumped to 30 to 35 classes per week during winter, the busiest season for indoor exercise. These classes include such offerings as boot camp, group cycling, yoga and Pilates. Sticking with newer fitness trends, the college also offers TRX, a combination of yoga and Pilates called PiYo, and a dance workout called WERQ. Instructors are all certified.

Of course, if a treadmill or exercise studio holds little appeal

on a nice day, eight miles of walking and running trails, including the Woods Creek trail, beckon from the back section of campus. The new third-year housing community, The Village, has put more students on campus — and placed them closer to that network of trails.

"It's serving a really great purpose and getting used more than ever," Hathorn said.


The completion of W&L's new natatorium may make it possible to offer additional classes in the future. Although nothing is set in stone, Kami Gardner, aquatics director and swim coach, said the new pool would be ideal for water aerobics classes. The pool is also used for scuba lessons, as well as canoeing and kayak classes, and it may end up hosting fun student activities such as a swimming-and-movie night.

"It's all in the works," Gardner said, "and it's all really exciting."

The same can be said for the entire Campus Recreation Program at W&L, which continues to evolve. As it is, Ellington said, W&L's program beats out those of many schools in the New England Small College Athletic Conference, the group he most often uses as a measuring stick for campus rec. Those schools average far fewer sports clubs, intramural events and group exercise classes than Washington and Lee.

On the day of Commencement, Diana Banks '17 looked back at what campus recreation meant to her during her four years of college: "All of the recreation opportunities, with the exception of intramurals, have been front and center in my college experience, especially given that climbing became a club-like sport at the beginning of my first year. I think these things are important for all students to consider — not just for the variety and depth of activities offered, but also for how they are received and utilized by the students."

For prospective students, campus recreation is increasingly eye-catching. Ellington said the Admissions staff forwards him emails every week from students and parents with specific questions about how they can pursue a variety of interests when they get to W&L.

"I think within the last decade there has become a better understanding that those opportunities sway students in their college decisions," Ellington said. "Prospective students wonder, what am I going to be able to do outside the classroom? What is my experience going to be?" 



Rose Maxwell '20 and Will Roff '20 make their way back to the campsite during the Appalachian Adventure pre-orientation trip.

For many students at Washington and Lee, the Outing Club is about more than outdoor adventure—it's about finding a place that feels a little bit like home.

Inside the Outing Club barn at Washington and Lee stands a wall that has, for many students, become a rite of passage.

It isn't the popular climbing wall; instead, this is a long expanse of white wall inked with the kinds of inside jokes and memories that are born when people forge friendships through daylong hikes or overnight adventures.

"We found the trail ... finally!"

"19 degrees at night ... snores all around."

"Shot Class V rapids and peed my wetsuit. Gnarly!"

The wall, which is now more black, blue and red than white, is a perfect illustration of how the Outing Club has evolved since it was formed decades ago. What started with a few outdoorsy students and a couple of backpacks is now a rich, multilayered community that enfolds students of all backgrounds, interests and personalities.

Membership in the club comprises more than 50 percent of the student body. Whether they are male or female, Greek or independent, left-brained or right-brained, these students share at least one passion: the Outing Club.



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What a Trip

By
LINDSEY NAIR

"The Outing Club can serve students in whatever way fits them, whether it's a way to push their boundaries, relieve stress, get off campus, or meet new people," said Diana Banks '17, a member of the Outing Club Key Staff. "It puts students together in an environment that's entirely outside of the academic world, and erases all of the usual social constructs that keep people from trying things they want to try or saying things they want to say. It makes it easy to just have a good time."

James Dick, director of outdoor education at W&L, traces the Outing Club's roots back to an informal group of outdoor enthusiasts who loosely organized themselves in the '60s or '70s. In the late '80s, Kirk Follo (now a W&L instructor emeritus of German and Italian) became the Outing Club adviser and shepherded the program for many years. Nick Tatar '96 was the first Outing Club director, serving in that role from 1997 until 2002, when Dick came on board.

In the late '90s, the Outing Club House, located in Davidson Park, became a residential option for students. For several years, the club stored its gear in the basement and the attic — until it came time to install a sprinkler system, and the fire marshal said the clutter had to go. Fortunately, by then Washington and Lee had acquired the Peniel Farm, west of town on Route 60, which included a large horse barn. The Outing Club moved the gear to what members affectionately call "the OC barn," and the combination of ample space and a secluded location fueled interest in

This wall inside the Outing Club barn serves as a memory board for students and alumni who have explored the outdoors with the club.



Members of the W&L Outing Club experiment with outdoor cooking techniques at the barn.

the club. The Outing Club House still exists as a residential option.

Five years later, the stalls of the red OC barn are stuffed not with horses and hay, but with all manner of outdoor adventure equipment — stand-up paddleboards, canoes and kayaks, whitewater rafts, paddles and life vests, tents, climbing gear, campfire cooking equipment, and much more. One stall is home to the Blue Bike shop, which is run by two student employees. Through that program, members of the campus community can borrow bikes to get around campus and town. The barn also has a full workshop for repairs and building projects.

With help from Outing Club members, Dick used that workshop to build a new climbing wall inside the barn. At 500 square feet, the wall is many times larger than the small bouldering wall once located in the basement of the OC House. The climbing wall, which has been extended several times with help from university carpenters, is used for practice by the Crux Climbing Team. Dick, who teaches several PE classes each term, also uses it to teach climbing techniques, and there are open climbing hours.

Folks off campus have recently begun to take note of Washington and Lee's outdoor offerings. The university is regularly listed among the Best Adventure Campuses in Blue Ridge Outdoors magazine, and was recently named one of 10 Best Colleges for People Who Love the Great Outdoors by Money magazine. Those plaudits owe to its proximity to the George Washington and Jefferson national forests, the Blue Ridge Mountains, and natural attractions such as the Blue Ridge Parkway and Appalachian Trail, as well as to the eight-mile network of on-campus trails.

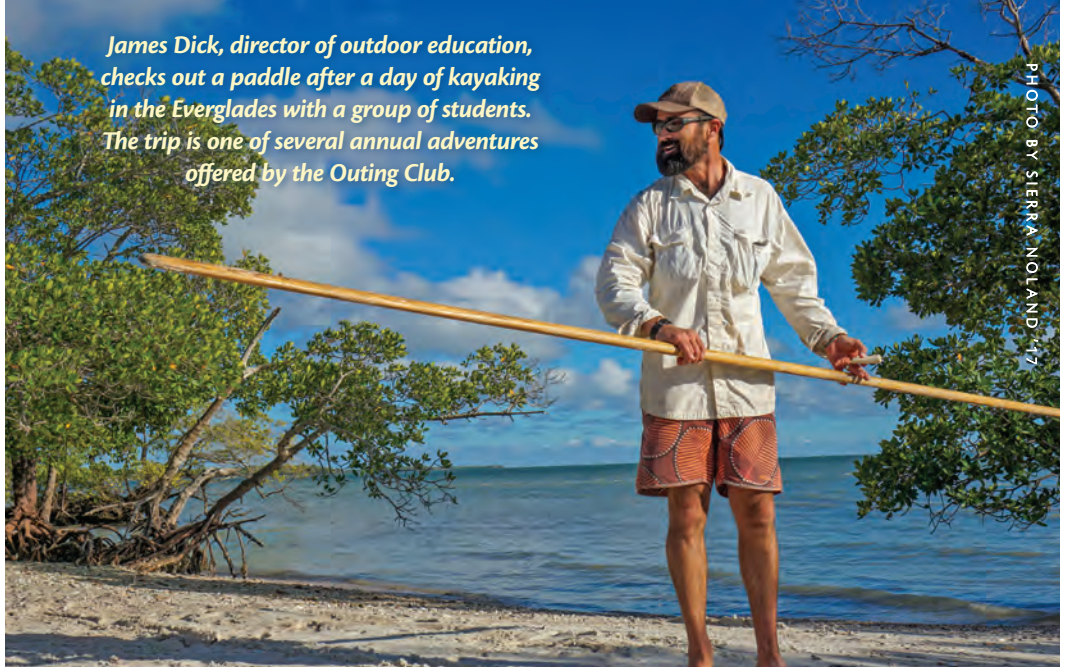
Another big factor is the Outing Club itself. If a student wants to kayak down the Maury River, paddleboard on Carvins Cove near Roanoke, or go backpacking on the Appalachian Trail, they need only pay the \$40 fee, which covers all four years at W&L, then visit the OC barn to check out the equipment. Faculty and staff don't have to pay the fee.

Prior to the beginning of each academic year, the Outing Club offers what is hands-down the most popular pre-orientation trip for first-year students, Appalachian Adventure. It is a weeklong trek on the Appalachian Trail that is led by upper-division students. The trip is so popular, in fact, that this August there will be 18 different groups and nearly 200 people doing Appalachian Adventure, with experience levels ranging from beginners to experts.

Banks, who called Appalachian Adventure “the big ticket,” said, “App Adventure helps you make those easy connections with your peers and upperclassmen who already love going outside, are psyched to tell you where to go, what to do, and how to get the gear you need to make it all happen.”

During breaks, the club offers a number of other trips: whitewater rafting down the Gauley River in West Virginia,

James Dick, director of outdoor education, checks out a paddle after a day of kayaking in the Everglades with a group of students. The trip is one of several annual adventures offered by the Outing Club.



backpacking the Gila Wilderness in New Mexico, hang gliding in the Outer Banks of North Carolina, sea kayaking through the Florida Everglades, or rock climbing at Red Rocks in Nevada. Other trips allow students to go caving or scuba diving.

During the school year, students can hop an Outing Club van for a quick trip to one of the many picturesque locations within short driving distance of campus. These excursions, which have increased significantly over the past few years, include climbing, hiking, fishing, biking and paddling. Doing a sunrise hike on House Mountain is practically a necessity for any W&L student.

Dick is assisted in the OC barn by work-study students who help visitors with equipment check-outs, keep equipment clean and in good working order, and complete any other tasks their director has scribbled on the chore list for the day. It doesn't take much coaxing, though, to get students to show up at the barn; in fact, Dick said, it is not unusual on a warm Friday or Sunday evening to find students hanging out at the barn, barbecuing on the grill and relaxing.


Lenny Enkhbold '17 is another student who found a home with the Outing Club. A member of the Key Staff, Enkhbold says the club actually changed his whole attitude. “The OC has taught me so much about wilderness survival, how to use gear, what gear to use, how to lead, how to communicate, and all of that good stuff,” he said. “But most importantly, I've learned how to smile.”

Over the years, so many students have been a part of the Outing Club that it has a huge alumni fan club. Dick credits those alumni with helping to shape the club into what it is today.

“It's all owed to their efforts,” he said. “The program they dearly loved is still crushing it!”

Although he is often teased about having the best job on campus, Dick puts in long hours. Comments like those from Banks, Enkhbold and other adoring students confirm that Dick and the Outing Club are making a big impact at W&L.

“Over the years, we have worked really hard so that it doesn't matter who you are, there is a community of fun, zany people here,” Dick said. “I think the Outing Club connects people who would have never connected on campus and provides an anchor for some who have not found their niche. Everybody needs a community; they need to find that sense of belonging.”

Maybe that's all best summed up in another note on the barn wall: “Stay here as long as you can.” 



Marquita Robinson '10 (left) on the set of "New Girl" with colleague Sarah Tapscott. An episode Robinson wrote, "Glue," aired on Feb. 7.

At Home in La La Land: Marquita Robinson '10

BY LINDA EVANS

In the seven years since Marquita Robinson graduated from Washington and Lee, she has had 11 jobs and internships. In most professions, that would indicate a problem, but for Robinson, it's all a part of making it in show biz.

Now a staff writer for the Emmy-nominated FOX comedy show “New Girl,” Robinson thrives on the demands and uncertainty of working and living in Los Angeles. Sometimes, “the faucet turns off; even gifted people can hit a rough patch,” she said of the profession she chose.

Show business is not a place for people who want stability, she said. “You often get rejected. It’s not good for sensitive people.”

But for someone like Robinson, who at W&L organized the comedy skit group Wednesday Night Live, working on a comedy TV show or movie is a dream come true. “I knew when I was a freshman at W&L that I wanted to go to film school,” she said.

After graduating with a double major in theater and journalism and mass communications, Robinson entered the prestigious film school at the University of Southern California. While some people skip this step and plunge right into interviews and auditions, Robinson wanted to take time to understand the business.

With no contacts in Los Angeles, Robinson said, film school gave her a chance to learn about how the business works, from contracts to creative development. Another advantage was that after graduation she had a built-in network of people who knew her and her capabilities and talents. She believes that in one year she has learned what it takes most to acquire through years of on-the-job experience.

Film school is also an “insanely expensive” risk, Robinson said. “It’s a high bar to set for yourself. Many graduates never hit the career points they want.”

Robinson didn’t go directly from film school to a job with a television show or movie. She first worked for a talent-management company to further develop her connections in Los Angeles. There, she learned about managing writers, directors, show creators and others connected to the world she aspired to join. “It was a small company, but a good place to be,” she said.

Her next stops included working as a writer’s assistant on the ABC show “Lucky 7,” until it was cancelled after only two episodes aired. “I learned how a writers’ room operates,” she said of the experience. She later was a researcher for “@Midnight,” a live comedy show on Comedy Central that relied on trending topics on social media to create games. “I got to click on what you’re not supposed to click on at work,” she laughed.

She worked for two feature writers on the movie “Barbershop 3” and was a showrunner’s assistant for the ABC comedy “Black-ish.” Her connections scored her a writing spot on “Survivor’s Remorse,” a STARZ comedy, produced by LeBron James, about a professional basketball player who moves his family to Atlanta.

On the “New Girl” staff, Robinson tackles daily activities

that depend on what stage of development the script is in. She might be the keeper of the script or the main writer, or she might be reading and helping to rewrite another writer’s script. “The writer has to find the balance between what’s really funny and what’s important for a character’s emotional arc,” she explained. The show follows the story of Jess, a quirky teacher, who moves in with three men after a bad break-up.

There are brainstorming sessions, production meetings and table readings, where “we’re learning how the story and jokes work.” Some days are spent writing alone or rewriting with a group of writers. When the script is ready, Robinson can spend a week on set to produce her own episode and make any last-minute adjustments to the script.


Because her father was in the Air Force, Robinson lived in many areas of the country and world, including upstate New York, where she was born, Okinawa and the Azores. Her father retired in Oklahoma City, where her immediate family now lives.

She chose Washington and Lee based on an interview with an alumnus in Oklahoma City and “because it wasn’t in Oklahoma!” During the interview, she was especially impressed with the Honor System.

“My advisor, Bob de Maria [professor emeritus of journalism and mass communications], was my main cheerleader, and although I took some of his classes, it was time spent just talking to him in his office that had the most influence on me,” she noted. Owen Collins, professor of theater, and the rest of the Theater Department also played influential roles and led her to follow her passion. She wrote her theater honors thesis on directing and creative management.

She also had internships in New York City, at Embassy Row, and with the Food Network and celebrity chef Bobby Flay. While studying abroad in England with the Theater Department, she immersed herself in British television, which led to some teasing from her fellow travelers but added to her bank of knowledge when she arrived in Los Angeles.

In addition to organizing Wednesday Night Live, Robinson worked as a resident assistant, was involved in numerous multicultural clubs and served as president of the Ladies Club and the Film Club. She acted in shows, sang in the chorus and musicals, and directed productions.

Reflecting on her trajectory from W&L to the writers’ room of an Emmy-nominated TV show, Robinson says working for television is both her job and her hobby. She wants to keep working in the industry and dreams of creating her own show and characters who reflect people like herself, and pushing the boundaries of the types of people represented on television. 

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Overcoming Tourette Syndrome: Larry Barber '71

BY LINDA EVANS

Larry Barber '71 always felt drawn to language, compelled to write. Now retired after 20 years as an award-winning writer and producer for Hollywood films and television shows, Barber has turned to a different kind of writing — compiling into a book the stories of fellow sufferers of Tourette syndrome.

“An Unlikely Strength: Tourette Syndrome and the Search for Happiness in 60 Voices” was a long time coming for Barber. After graduating with a major in journalism, he spent 10 years writing brochures, speeches and articles for an insurance company and then a public relations firm. But he always felt the urge to do more with his writing.

His dream, in fact, was to write scripts for television and film. Barber took on the challenge by joining forces with his brother, Paul, who had an M.F.A. in theater from the University of California, Irvine. The brothers wrote a script on spec for “Cagney & Lacey,” a popular 1980s police drama starring Sharon Gless and Tyne Daly as New York City detectives.

“At that time, TV shows would accept freelance scripts,” Barber said. Still, it was hard work for the brothers to teach themselves the craft, and even more challenging to get someone to actually read it. Their script, however, was one of just a few accepted and produced for broadcast that year.

That fortuitous break led to more scripts for “Cagney & Lacey.” Eventually, the pair wrote for many other hit shows, including “The X-Files,” “Nash Bridges,” “The Commish,” “Seven Days,” “Profiler,” “21 Jump Street,” “Beverly Hills, 90210” and others. Barber wrote and produced Gene Roddenberry’s “Andromeda,” which was among the highest-rated television shows in syndication. Three years ago, Barber and his fellow “X-Files” writers won a Writer’s Guild Award for one of the 101 Best Written TV Series.

For five years, he wrote films for Warner Brothers — “none of which were produced, not uncommon in the business,” he noted. Those scripts included a lot of political material — the rise and fall of J. Edgar Hoover, the Black Panthers, Cesar Chavez. He considers himself fortunate to have written scripts for Francis Ford Coppola, Oliver Stone, Michael Mann and Quincy Jones.

“I loved working in Hollywood,” said Barber, who now lives with his wife, Elena, also a writer, in the seaside community of Ventura, California, which he prefers to the gridlock of Los Angeles.

Two episodes of “21 Jump Street,” about the civil war in El Salvador, earned him an Imagen Award for positive portrayal of Latinos in the media. Those shows were especially significant to Barber, who is of Guatemalan descent and is fluent in Spanish.

Although he likes writing drama, especially “cop shows,” he has been fascinated with science fiction since he was a boy. “I read good literature, but always have a sci-fi book at my side,” he laughed.

Becoming a producer was “a natural progression for a staff writer,” he said. “Gaining more experience leads to more responsibility.” As a producer, he was more involved in casting, post-production, working on set, dealing with special effects and supervising the writing staff. “It was wonderful to solve problems and challenges.”

Born in New York City, Barber grew up in Mexico, Puerto Rico and Costa Rica. He still visits his Guatemalan family often. “I have a foot in both worlds,” he said. “I love the culture and the people of Latin America.”

Coming from Costa Rica to W&L (which was the alma mater of his high school English teacher, John Esperian '59) felt like coming to a foreign country. “It was not easy to assimilate,” he remembered. Self-described as shy, he didn’t join a fraternity, cutting off much in the way of social life for him. “I took comfort in my classes, the professors and the beauty of the campus,” he said. He also worked on air and behind the scenes for WLUR, the campus radio station.

He remembers English professor Dabney Stuart. “He was a poet and was very kind. I liked the way he taught.”


As well as writing, another large part of Barber’s life has been his 40-year

practice of Buddhism. He recently spent 2½ years studying at the Zen Center of Los Angeles, which helped him face his battle with Tourette’s. “I like the idea of interconnectedness of all things,” he said. “In Zen, one’s ego is an illusion based on your belief of yourself.” Thinking back to his childhood, when his Tourette’s was more severe, he said that belief in oneself can be distorted or wrong — children often take cues from the outside world to form their self-image. “I learned to be compassionate to myself,” he said.

From there, Barber developed the idea of his book as a way to give a voice to fellow Touretters. Last year, he published “An Unlikely Strength” on Amazon. Starting with his own struggles with the syndrome, characterized by involuntary tics and vocalizations, he collected the stories of 60 others who have Tourette’s. Barber’s symptoms mostly receded by age 13, but he continues to have mild ones. He hopes his book, which includes many resources, will help people understand the struggle that Tourette’s places on the lives of those who are afflicted.

He interviewed people from all walks of life — an airline pilot, musicians, dancers, a physicist, a firefighter, a pro wrestler — and allows their voices to shine through. He discovered they were filled with strength, courage and sadness, but most of all, were striving to find happiness. “Despite their disability, they found a way to lead constructive lives,” he wrote in the chapter about his own journey. “Through those conversations, taught by their honesty and generosity, I was learning about myself.”

He added, “We all have limitations — hidden or not. Some are emotional. People with disabilities are often shunned by society. If they were better understood, they would be seen as paragons of strength.

“It’s how we live within our own hearts that matters,” he concluded. “As Touretters, as humans, we stand in need of alms of our own kindness.” 

A REAL POSITIVE: INTRAMURAL AND CLUB SPORTS

BY DON EAVENSON '73, OUTGOING ALUMNI ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT

A little homework revealed some interesting things about W&L intramural and club sports and student organizations. In addition to intramural athletics, W&L offers over 120 different student organizations, including recreational sports such as boxing, baseball, lacrosse, volleyball, snowboarding, soccer, tennis, dance, martial arts, golf, rowing, running and ultimate Frisbee, just to name a few.

The list of non-athletic student groups is even more extensive, with political groups (e.g., College Republicans, College Democrats), ethnic groups (e.g., African Society, Jewish Cultural Association, Latino Student Organization) and many more (e.g., Contact Committee, Film Club, Habitat for Humanity). If students are interested in starting a new club or organization, the university provides the tools and encouragement to launch one.

Intramural and club sports have been part of W&L for a long time. Intramural battles between fraternities and law students are legendary. I know one fraternity had several ringers on their flag football



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team in my day. In club sports, some teams play competitive schedules and are well organized, funded and skilled. The rugby squad comes to mind.

A key factor driving the expansion of intramural athletics and club sports is America's youth sports culture. With more than 40 million children playing organized sports, often on travel teams, more students are graduating from high school with extensive athletic interests and skills than ever before. With a limited number of high school graduates good enough to play a varsity college sport, that leaves many who are accustomed to competing at a high level looking for an athletic outlet.

For some, intramural sports are too casual and not competitive enough. Conversely, playing on a

varsity team is too intense and takes much more time. Club sports fill the gap between the two for some of our students. Given the growing recognition that successful recreational sports help recruit and retain healthy students, W&L's tradition of intramural and club sports is a real positive.

Club teams and organizations bring students together and allow them to strengthen their leadership and communications skills. Students who serve in a leadership capacity learn things like managing a budget, organizing and planning a meeting, being a collaborative leader, and making a hard decision. These are real-life lessons that you don't learn in the classroom.

Finally, we remember that participation in extracurricular activities was a great way to expand our base of friends and release pressure from academic demands. As shown by the consistently high GPAs of W&L student-athletes, those who participate in a meaningful extracurricular activity are more likely to manage their time better, be healthier, and have higher grades. As so many alumni recall, it is also a lot of fun.

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1961

Ken Beall Jr. ('63L) is retiring from Gunster P.A. after 52-plus years of practice.

1972

Lex McMillan III, president of Albright College, received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Association of Fundraising Professionals Berks Regional Chapter.

Edward G. Moore was honored with the Distinguished Service Award from the Council of Independent Colleges for his effective service as executive director of State Council Programs and CIC vice president. He was previously president of the Virginia Foundation for Independent Colleges and was vice president for institutional advancement at Randolph-Macon.

1974

Bill Wallace ('77L) was inducted as a fellow into the American College of Trial Attorneys.

1975

Thomas D. Lancaster, professor of political science at Emory University, was honored to serve as W&L's delegate to the inauguration of Claire Sterk as Emory's 20th president.



The Hon. Robert Bigham '67, '69L donated a painting of the Colonnade by Garry Apgar '67. Bigham noted, "It's no coincidence that the painting is coming to W&L in the year that both are celebrating their 50th reunion."



David Benn '62 wrote: "As I knew I couldn't make my class' 55th reunion, I took the 50th reunion jacket with me on a Nepal trek. This photo was taken April 6 at Gorak Shep at 5,200 meters, or a bit over 17,000 feet. Everest Base Camp is about a mile directly in back of me and, given the position, the top of mountain itself is the little blip in the center between the two in front, over my left shoulder. Regards to all!"

1985

Paul Driscoll ('91L) joined Zemanian Law Group in Norfolk, Virginia. He is working with fellow alumni Pete Zemanian '85L and Rosemary Kearns Zemanian '85L.

1987

Jon Hedgepeth, a founding partner of the Hedgepeth, Heredia & Rieder family law firm in Atlanta, has been named to Atlanta magazine's Super Lawyers list of top Georgia lawyers.

1988

Kevin Webb ('95L) joined U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission as special counsel to the acting chairman, in Washington, D.C.

1991

Rob Aliff ('97L) was selected as a West Virginia Bar Foundation Fellow, for a professional, public and private career that has demonstrated outstanding dedication to the welfare of his community and honorable service to the legal profession.

F. Skip Sugarman has been appointed to the board of directors for the Georgia Law Center for the Homeless, a nonprofit that provides free legal services to the homeless in civil cases throughout Atlanta.



James L. Fay '84, his daughter, **P. Laney Fay '17**, and his nephew, **Wilson M. Hallett '15**, spent time together over winter break on Sanibel Island, Florida. The visit included boat rides, sunsets and challenging their UNC family members to Trivial Pursuit. Jimmy works for Gartner Inc. in southwest Florida, and Wilson works for Goldman Sachs in New York.

1983

Jack Sharmon III has been named a Top Flight Attorney by B-Metro Magazine. He is a partner with Lightfoot, Franklin & White LLC.

David Smith is president of Sightline Media, in Tysons Corner, Virginia, comprising the brands Military Times (Army Times, Navy Times, Air Force Times and Marine Corps Times), Defense News, Federal Times, C4IS-RNET, FifthDomain and EarlyBird-Brief. He has two great kids, Brendon, headed to college in fall of 2017, and Julie, who attends JMU.



Phi Kappa Psi members of the Class of '78 got together yet again in March for four days of golf in Jacksonville. This is the fourth gathering for John Kingston, Ted Hissey and Mike Falcone, joined by various other alumni on their trips. They joined fellow Phi Psi Tim Hendry '77 for dinner. They spent most of the time discussing where they're going next. Suggestions?

1992

David S. Phillips joined Eversheds Sutherland (U.S.) LLP as a partner in the firm's corporate practice group, in the Atlanta office.

1993

Patricia Pond Miller was named the 2016 Museum Professional of the Year by the Georgia Association of Museums and Galleries.

1994

Thomas M. Cryan Jr. joined Littler in its Tysons Corner office as shareholder. Littler is the largest global employment and labor law practice, with more than 1,200 attorneys in over 75 offices worldwide.

R. Scott Redmond ran a couple of ultras and completed two Ironmans in 2016. As fun as it was, he reports, things will wind down a bit in 2017.

1996

David E. Jennings joined Janney Montgomery Scott LLC as vice president/wealth management financial advisor, in the Richmond office.

1997

Christina E. Petrides is teaching English and living in Seogwipo, South Korea. She is seeking a publisher for her authorized co-translation into English of the Russian history "Utverzhdenie v liubvi (Being Grounded in Love)," by Maria Shelyakhovskaya.



Celebrating Pete Wimbrow's 70th birthday on April 11, in Ocean City, Maryland, were, l. to r.: William E. Esham III '87, Raymond D. Coates Jr. '71, Richard V. Grimes Jr. '73L, Pete '73L, Larry W. Fifer '73L, the Hon. Thomas C. Groton III '70, Robert C. Westerman '73L and Harold B. Gordy Jr. '67.



Phil Hanrahan '76, '88L completed a bicycle ride across the U.S. in 52 days from San Diego to Saint Augustine, Florida.



L. to r: Dr. Jonathan Gardner '97 and Travis R. Wisdom '97 in Roba, Alabama. "The perils of quail hunting are great — especially for the quail."

2001

Michael Pidgeon ('04L) joined the business and corporate law, trusts and estates law, and litigation practice groups at Eastburn and Gray P.C.

2003

Jane Ledlie Batcheller ('08L) joined WestRock Co., in Atlanta.

Susan Slopek Ferrara and her husband, Tom, moved to Sumter, South Carolina, in 2016 after three years in Las Vegas. They welcomed their first child, Anthony, in April.

Charles C. Hogge Jr. and his wife, Anne, are enjoying being back in Richmond, and raising their children, Carson, 5, and Charlotte, 3. Chip is a vice president with BB&T Capital Markets, which he rejoined after business school at Darden and a stint with Deloitte Consulting. Anne has returned to the classroom as a teacher at All Saints Preschool.

2005

Marie Trimble Holvick ('08L) was named assistant managing partner of the San Francisco and Oakland offices of Gordon & Rees.

2006

Calvin Awkward III ('09L) joined Franklin & Prokopik as senior associate. He lives and works in Baltimore, Maryland.

2007

Joseph E. Watson III was named to the 2016 Mid-South Rising Stars list, an honor reserved for those lawyers who exhibit excellence in practice, for the area of business law and litigation.

2009

Gregory J. Brill founded Thread Learning in May 2016. It builds a data-collection, analysis, and coordinated-care platform for autism and special-needs education. Thread Learning is already being used in the largest autism school in New York state and is expanding to school districts in New Jersey and Massachusetts.

Christopher J. Tutor and **Hilary Craig Tutor** live in Memphis, Tennessee, with their daughters, Elizabeth, Kate and Mary Margaret. Chris is an attorney with Butler Snow, and Hilary stays home with their children.

2012

Anne Vesoulis Wilkes ('15L) is an attorney with the Harper Firm PLLC, in Shreveport, Louisiana.



Bianca P. Goodman '08, Stacey L. Grijalva '08, Alexander J. Gould '08 and Yinyan Li '08 enjoyed a New Year's reunion in Iceland, complete with hot springs, geysers, waterfalls and the northern lights. Bianca is practicing law in Georgia, Stacey recently moved to Colorado, Alex is a diplomat at the U.S. Embassy in Paris, and Yinyan continues to work in the D.C. area.

Wedding Scrapbook



Diana L. Dozier '08 to Stephan Hein, on April 16, 2016, in Viques, Puerto Rico. Martha Caulkins '08, Betsy Chaplin '08, Shaun Edwards '08, Jenny Niemann '08 (not pictured) and Lauren Parks '08 were in the bridal party. EJ Boyer '08, Megann Daw Clarke '08, Andrew Clarke '08, Melissa Dolan '09, Evan Oremland '03, Nicole Moreo '09, Eli Polanco '09, Huntley Rodes '07, Will Sharp '03, Lisa Smith '07 and Mary Clair Turner '08 attended the celebration.



Michael W. Ginder '07 to Annamarie Ammen, on May 29, 2016, at Irvine Estates, in Lexington. From l. to r.: Chris Colby '05, '08L, Maxwell Pike '07, Chris Diebold '09, Joel Shinofield '94, Reed Evans '06, Dave Croushore '07, the groom, the bride, Melissa Ginder '09, Clark Barrineau '06, Erin Waskom Barrineau '06, Tim Winfield '73, Ron Ginder '75 and Ben Accinelli '07



Maggie Dozier '11 to **Alex Carr '12**, on Feb. 18, in Atlanta, at the Cathedral of St. Philip, with a reception following at the Piedmont Driving Club.



Alden Denny '11 to **George Barsness '10**, on Sept. 24, 2016, in Atlanta. W&L bridesmaids: Maggie Dozier Carr, Allie Fitter, Laura Yungmeyer, Olivia Robinson Reighley and Meredith Miller. W&L groomsmen: Matt Green, Ben Lawrence, Alex Brook, Chris Davies.



Kathryn Temple '05 to Glenn Bickley, on April 9, 2016, in Roanoke. Classmates in attendance: Julia Atwood, Justin Bates, Taylor Callaham, Pat Casey, Michelle Chastain, Nisha Cooch, Elizabeth Hall, Greer Johnson, Leah Katz, Susie and Taylor Marshall, Kendall Smith-Harrison, Drake Staniar, Lynn Symansky, Ashley Trice and Celia Van Lenten. From the Class of 2006: Will Baugher, Joe Cooch and Henry Slauson. Also in attendance: Pegram Johnson '66, Tom Dickenson '86L, Frank Sands Jr. '89, Matt Strickler '03, Laura Strickler '08, Barron Martin '08, Emerson Bluhm '09 and Annie Bluhm '10. Kathryn and Glenn live in Washington, D.C., and both work at Sands Capital Management.

Holly Suthers '11 to **Hugh Gainer '11** on Aug. 27, 2016, in Highlands, North Carolina. The wedding party included Maggie Dozier Carr '11, Cameron Dewing James '11, Palmer Sherer Bray '11, Anne Collier Reid Wood '11, Catherine Lindley '11, Mary Helen Turnage '11, Catherine Acomb '11, Anna Claire Skinner '11, Shelby Lawrence '11, John Ehrhardt '11, Hobie King '11, John McWilliams '11, David Gibert '11, John Hornbuckle '11, Garrett Bamman '11 and JP Welch '11. The bride's grandfather, Charlie Sipple '53, is pictured in between the bride and the groom. The bride's uncle, Chuck Sipple '78, and the groom's uncle, John Gregory Simmons '69, are also pictured.





Margaret P. Fiskow '10 to **Noah Walters '09**, on Oct. 1, 2016. Generals in the wedding party included best man Taylor Murray '09, Hobson Bryan '09, Alex Duckworth '09, Brad McAllister '09, Hagood Morrison '09, John Scully '09, Tori Choksi '10 and Rachael Phillips '10. Noah and Maggie reside in Chicago, where Noah is a manager in KPMG's advisory practice, and Maggie is an assistant vice president and underwriter at Walker & Dunlop. The Walterses also serve on the board of the Chicago Alumni Chapter, where Maggie is president and Noah is treasurer.



Ashna Sharan '12 to Goce Evtimovski in 2015. The couple had three weddings on three continents: America, Europe and Asia. The American wedding actually occurred on their one-year wedding anniversary. Many close W&L friends were present. The maid of honor was Jasmine Jimenez '12, and Tabitha King '09 was a bridesmaid. Also in attendance were Keturah Nichols '12, Alyson Gayle Fischer '09, Chris Washnock '12, Jamie Kim '11, Sagar Gandhi '09, Gaurav Malhotra '12, Rijuta Phatak '10, Vanessa Ndege '12 and Nataki Hemmings '13.

Kat Michaels '08 to **David Armstrong '11** on Oct. 8, 2016, in Virginia Beach, Virginia. Groomsmen included Greg Bekiaris '11, Pearson Nibley '11, Max Hagler '12 and Scott Snyder '12. Trustees emeriti in attendance were William Hill '74, '77L, Robert Balentine '79, Bo Dubose '62 and Mike Armstrong '77 (the groom's father). The bride's sister is Sarah Michaels Beasley '04.



Weddings

Danielle J. Cardone '08 to Matthew E. Moutinho, on Nov. 4, 2016, in New Jersey. Bridesmaids included Rebecca Timmis Russell '08 and Colette Moryan Finnerty '08. Alumni in attendance included Elizabeth (Libby) Moore Beerman '08, Katherine Lowe Riche '08, Andrea Deoudes '08, Maureen Grant Toppin '08, Matthew Danner '08, Jack Palmer '08 and Ian Handershan '08. The bride is an attorney with Schepisi & McLaughlin P.A., and the groom is a manager, U.S. field marketing, at Stryker Orthopaedics.

Emily Wallace '09 to **Brian Wood '07** on Nov. 19, 2016. The ceremony took place at Lee Chapel and the reception at Evans Hall. Groomsmen included Andrew Ferguson '07 (best man), Tyrrell Burrus '07, Pat McGlone '07, J.D. McDermott '07, Lee McLaughlin '07, Tripp Onnen '05, Matt Wallace '06 and Paul Wallace '02. Bridesmaids included Hannah Kate McWilliams '10, Caroline Davis Legg '09 (matron of honor) and Lindsey Strachan '09



Claire Stevenson '14 took her equestrian pursuits international, riding young horses professionally in the Netherlands for three months at stal Bosch.

(maid of honor). The father of the bride is Bill Wallace '74, '77L. Ted Blain '74 officiated. The couple resides in Sydney, Australia. Brian works in commercial real estate, and Emily in the interior design industry. She has also recently launched a blog, www.bridgeandbay.com.

Births and Adoptions

Andrew L. Fiske '01 and his wife, Julia, a son, Nolan Harrison, on March 8. They live in Durham, North Carolina, where Andrew works for the Department of Army.

W. Jeffrey Bahl '02 and his wife, Jen, a son, Dax, in April 2016. He joins sisters Carson, Taylor and Cameron, and they live in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Sarah Schandler Counts '02 and her husband, Christopher, a daughter, Margot Poppy, on Oct. 29, 2016. Margot joins sisters Juliet and Avery. Sarah is an attorney with the Securities & Exchange Commission and resides in Reston, Virginia.

Alicia Brandt Thoms '02 and her husband, Zach, a girl, Bette, on Nov. 4, 2016.

Anna Bagwell Burger '04 and her husband, Ray, a son, Cecil Bagwell, on Nov. 3, 2016. He joins brother Ray "Edward" Burger IV.

Elinor Hindsley Clendenin '05, '08L and her husband, Ken, a son, Carson Payne, on July 29, 2016. The family lives in Richmond.

Erin Waskom Barrineau '06 and **Clark Barrineau '06**, a son, Samuel Howard, on Feb. 24, 2017. The family resides in Richmond.

E'Lon Cohen Hall '07 and her husband, Cedric, a son, Ethan Courtney, on March 30.

M. Tucker Laffitte IV '07 and his wife, Caroline, a son, Brantley Edgar, in October 2016. He joins siblings Louisa and Mose, and they live in Savannah, Georgia.

Sarah Bloom Piracci '07 and her husband, Sante, a son, John Jeffery, in May 2016. John joins brother Michael, who is 2½. The Piraccis live in Richmond.

Lauren Kampf Quirk '07 and her husband, Mike, a daughter, Melody, on Oct. 8, 2016.

Carly Cowley Sachs '07 and her husband, Ian, a daughter, Claire Juliet, on April 7, 2016. Carly graduated with her M.B.A. from the University of Maryland in 2012. She has been working in brand management at The Hershey Company for the past four and a half years, and she and her family live in Hershey, Pennsylvania.

Ashley Hurt Sweeney '07 and **Raymond Sweeney '07**, a son, Charles Raymond, on Sept. 10, 2016. The Sweeneys continue to reside in Durham, North Carolina. Ashley is a hospitalist physician assistant at the Durham VA Medical Center. Ray works remotely for Skidmore, Owings and Merrill, with frequent work trips to New York City.



L. to r.: Thomas Gift '07, Joey McDonald '10, Chris Martin '09 and Anthony Nardini '08 dining at 28-50 in London.



At the Hohenschwangau Castle, in Munich, Germany (l. to r.): Paul Youngman '87, Mark Peterson '78, Stephanie Fabrizio '97, John Miller '73L, Ed Callison '77 and Amy Cox '97.



Despite its remote location, several W&L alumni converged at the Oda Foundation in January. From l. to r.: Becca Dunn '16, who joined Oda in September 2016 as a community health/research fellow; John Christopher '09; Blaise Buma '13, who visited Oda from his base at Beijing, China, where he is in the Shwartzman scholars program; and Dr. Sam Brusca '10, who is in the midst of his medical residency at Johns Hopkins and is at Oda with his fiancée as a part of their away rotation.

Tara Rubenstein Collins '08 and **Chas Collins '07**, a daughter, Tillie Louise, on Aug. 31, 2016. They live in New York City.

Diana Burgreen Martinez '09 and **Peter Martinez '09**, a son, Michael Joseph, on Dec. 21, 2016. They live in Houston.

Olivia Burr Koller '12 and her husband, Ross, a daughter, Vivian Campbell, on Feb. 25.

Obituaries

The Rev. Arthur E. Basile '39, of Madison, Wisconsin, died on Feb. 18. He studied at Colgate Rochester Divinity School and was ordained to the ministry in 1942 in Brooklyn, New York, followed by pastorates in Columbus and Norwalk, Ohio; the directorship of youth work and camping at the Ohio Baptist Convention; and the directorship of Christian education for the Wisconsin Baptist State Convention.

Randolph D. Rouse '39, of Arlington, Virginia, died on April 7 at 100. He served in the Navy during World War II. Rouse founded the construction and investment firm Randolph D. Rouse Enterprises. A well-known Virginia horseman, he served as joint master of foxhounds for the Fairfax Hunt, president of the National Steeplechase Association, and an amateur steeplechase and point-to-point jockey. Among his horses were Cinzano, which won 10 point-to-point races, and Hishi Soar, which in 2016 made him the oldest steeplechase trainer to have a winner when it took the Daniel Van Clief Memorial at the Foxfield Spring Races. He was brother to William Rouse '50, uncle to Parke Rouse III '76, and cousin to the Rev. George Dashiell '49. He belonged to Pi Kappa Alpha.



In February, a group of Atlanta-based alumni organized a local cluster reunion for the alumnae from the classes of 1989 to 1994. Back row, l. to r.: Katie Hardwick Dillon '90, Helen O'Shea Olmstead '91, Carol Dannelly O'Kelley '91, Schuyler Rideout '91 and Ashley Hurt Bollwerk '92. Middle row, l. to r.: Eleanore Robinson '91, Sue Watson Radics '91, Courtney Payne Fowler '91, Claire Dudley Wilkiemeyer '93 and Lisee Whitaker Googe '91. Front row, l. to r.: Kelley Hughes Beal '90, Nancy Baughn '90 and Holly Buffington Stevens '92. Not pictured: Kristen Coleman Wagner '91, Kimberly Booth Rimmer '91, Anne Armentrout Rackley '91, Nancy Hickam Halloran '90, Nancy Mitchell Hatcher '92, Lillie Sheehan Niemeyer '94, Abby Kane Probst '94, Courtney Warren Lewis '92, Spain Brumby Gregory '93, Muriel Foster Schelke '93 and Talley Woolley Hultgren '93.

Dr. Frank S. Beazlie Jr. '40, of Newport News, Virginia, died on March 16, 2016. He was father to Dr. Tom Beazlie '71 and belonged to Pi Kappa Alpha.

Thomas H. McCutcheon '40, of Chatham, Maine, died on Jan. 27. During World War II, he served in the Navy, during the Normandy invasion and the battle of Iwo Jima. He worked in the publishing industry as vice president at Houghton Mifflin and plant manager for Rand McNally. He belonged to Phi Kappa Psi.

L. Randolph Hanna Jr. '41, of Birmingham, Alabama, died on Feb.

23, 2015. He served in the Army Air Corps during World War II and the Korean War. He was retired from the accounting field. He belonged to Phi Delta Theta.

Robert W. Russell '41, of Greensboro, Georgia, died on Nov. 13, 2016. He served in the Navy and belonged to Delta Upsilon.

Merideth Price Wiswell '41, of Huntington, West Virginia, died on April 7. He served in the Army Air Corps during World War II. He was a law professor at Marshall University. He belonged to Pi Kappa Alpha.

Robert G. Isgrigg '42L, of Oldsmar, Florida, died on June 17, 2015. He was an attorney in Pontiac, Michigan. He belonged to Phi Delta Theta.

Dr. Balfour D. Mattox '43, of Arlington, Virginia, died on Dec. 10, 2016. He was father to Glen Mattox '69 and grandfather to Josephine Mattox Kagey '04. He belonged to Kappa Sigma.

Linton F. Murdock '43, of Palm Beach, Florida, died on Feb. 25. He was a descendant of George Washington's family. During WWII, he served in the Navy as an officer on a

ALUMNI BOOKS

Larry Barber '71, "An Unlikely Strength: Tourette Syndrome and the Search for Happiness in 60 Voices" (SQ Press). The award-winning Hollywood writer and producer used his talents to give a voice to fellow Touretters. "We all have limitations — hidden or not," he said. "People with disabilities are often shunned by society. If they were better understood, they would be seen as paragons of strength." See p. 24 for a profile of Larry.



Opportunism, and Subversion" (Palgrave-Macmillan). These articles explore the many ways that Irish men and women experienced, participated in, and challenged empires in the 19th and 20th centuries. McMahon received the university's Robert and Mary Gettel Faculty Award for Teaching Excellence for 2017.



Emery Ellinger III '84, "Turn Your Blood, Sweat and Tears into Cash: A Guide to Selling Your Business" (Aberdeen Advisors Inc.). This comprehensive guidebook covers everything from pre-sale preparations to what you can expect during the process, and describes both mechanisms for success and common pitfalls to avoid.



Julie Mulhern '89, "Watching the Detectives" (Henery Press). The best-selling author of "The Country Club Murders" offers the fifth volume, beginning with the discovery of a corpse in the study and another in the dining room. Who done it? Only the heroine, Ellison Russell, can figure it out.



John Maass '87, "George Washington's Virginia" (The History Press). As a young surveyor, Washington worked in Virginia's backcountry, and he began his military career as a Virginia militia officer on the colony's frontier. Maass explores the numerous sites all over the commonwealth associated with our country's first president and demonstrates their lasting importance.

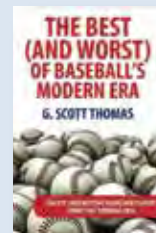


Todd C. Peppers '90, "A Courageous Fool: Marie Deans and Her Struggle Against the Death Penalty" (Vanderbilt University Press), co-authored with Margaret A. Anderson. A nuanced and complex story about Marie Deans, who befriended and defended death row inmates.



Tim McMahon '87, president of the American Conference for Irish Studies and associate professor of history at Marquette University, co-edited a collection of essays, "Ireland in an Imperial World: Citizenship,

Scott Thomas '77, "The Best (and Worst) of Baseball's Modern Era" (Niawanda Books). A journalist who specializes in politics, demographics, sports, business and education, Thomas has packed his book with statistics and rankings that will settle old arguments — and start new ones. Visit www.bestworstbaseball.com for sample chapters and bonus rankings.



destroyer that sank the last German submarine in the Atlantic Ocean. He worked for Merrill Lynch and for Colonial Trust Co. He belonged to Phi Kappa Psi.

Henry E. Young '45, of Norwalk, Ohio, died on Dec. 4, 2015. During WWII, he served in the Marines. He practiced law with the family firm of Young & Young, served as magistrate of the Huron County Common Pleas Court, and served two terms as mayor of Norwalk. He belonged to Beta Theta Pi.

James A. Ottignon '46, of Marlton, New Jersey, died on Feb. 16. He served in the Army during World War II. He retired from Texaco after 34 years in executive sales and training. He belonged to Pi Kappa Alpha.

Barton P. Quaintance '46, '50L, of Wilmington, Delaware, died on April 15. He served in the Army. He worked in personnel and labor relations for the DuPont Co. for 29 years.

Robert E. Mosby Jr. '48, of Gainesville, Georgia, died on Aug. 23, 2014. He served during World War II. He spent his career in sales, including a stint as president of Paul Davis Systems. He belonged to Delta Tau Delta.

Sam Silverstein Jr. '49L, of Charleston, West Virginia, died on March 26. He served in the Air Force during World War II. After briefly practicing law, he joined the family business, which he built into a Fortune 500 company. He was cousin to Mark Schaul Jr. '53 and Charles Schaul '55. He belonged to Zeta Beta Tau.

Frederick H. Smith '49L, of Tucson, Arizona, died on Aug. 27, 2016. He retired from the FBI after 28 years, then spent 10 years with the state of Alaska as the public administrator and coroner for Fairbanks, retiring in 1987. He belonged to Phi Kappa Sigma.

David S. Croyder '50, of Cabin John, Maryland, died on March 23. He was a builder, developer and conservationist. He belonged to Phi Gamma Delta and was cousin to William F. Brown '82.

Glenn O. Glovier '50, of Verona, Virginia, died on Jan. 6. During WWII, he served in the Marine Corps. He retired from the U.S. Post Office in Staunton, Virginia, after 28 years.

Robert U. Goodman '50, of Shreveport, Louisiana, died on Jan. 10. He served in the Air Force. He had his own law practice in Shreveport for

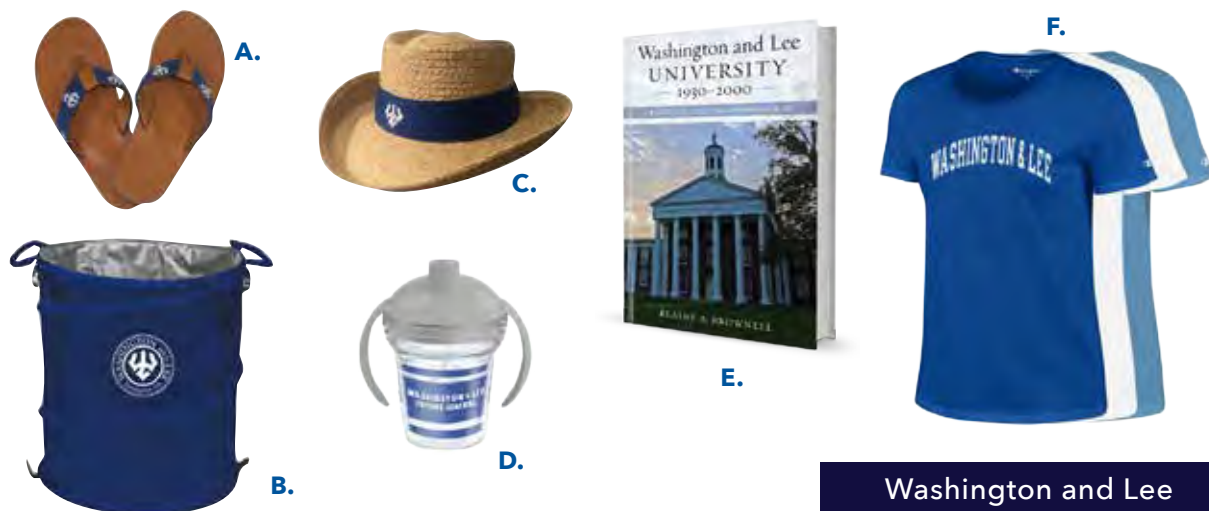
over 50 years. He belonged to Sigma Nu.

Frank Love Jr. '50, '51L, of Atlanta, died on Jan. 24. He served in the Navy during World War II. He was a lawyer with the firm Powell, Goldstein, Frazer and Murphy until he retired in 1998. He belonged to Pi Kappa Alpha.

Arthur Hollins III '51, of Lake Charles, Louisiana, died on Feb. 1. He served in the Army. After earning his CPA, he opened his own practice. He belonged to Phi Kappa Psi. He was uncle to Kelly M. Hollins '80 and grandfather to Elizabeth Schoen Juge '03.

W.K. Vance Rucker Jr. '51, of Greensboro, North Carolina, died on Feb. 18. He served in the Army. He worked for Burlington Industries, as vice president and general manager of Krupp International-TMD, and president of Scragg North America. He belonged to Phi Gamma Delta.

Dr. James Z. Shanks '51, of Atlanta, died on Feb. 6. He served in the Army. He ran a medical practice for over 50 years. He belonged to Lambda Chi Alpha.



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Dean B. Stewart Jr. '51L, of Williamsburg, Virginia, died on Oct. 5, 2016. He practiced law in Williamsburg and belonged to Pi Kappa Phi.

Phillips M. Dowding '52, '57L, of Newport News, Virginia, died on Feb. 28. He had a long career as an attorney in Newport News. He belonged to Pi Kappa Alpha.

Robert Fulton Jr. '52, of Edmond, Oklahoma, died on Jan. 15. He served in the Air Force. He had a career in insurance sales and investments, as well as in the oil and gas industry. He belonged to Kappa Sigma.

Joseph Mendelsohn III '52, of Cincinnati, Ohio, died on March 10. He was president of Kenner Products toy company. He was brother to Dr. Robert Mendelsohn '50 and belonged to Zeta Beta Tau.

Robert L. Parker '52, of South Miami, Florida, died on Jan. 10. In the Bahamas, he had been the president of Bahamas Ocean Transport Ltd.,

opened the Angler Club Beach Hotel, and farmed limes. He served in the Navy and belonged to Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

Benjamin M. Richardson '52L, of Roanoke, Virginia, died on Dec. 20, 2016. He practiced law in Roanoke for most of his life. He belonged to Kappa Sigma.

Xen N. Sideris '52, of Palo Alto, California, died on Oct. 28, 2016. He worked for Lockheed Missiles & Space Co. and for Quantic Industries. He belonged to Delta Upsilon.

Barkley J. Sturgill '52L, of Prestonsburg, Kentucky, died on Jan. 9. He had a private law practice in Prestonsburg. In 1960, he served on the statewide leadership committee that helped to elect John F. Kennedy as president. He was father to B.J. Sturgill Jr. '87 and uncle to Ballard F. Combs '03L. He belonged to Sigma Chi.

J. Penrod Toles '52L, of Roswell, New Mexico, died on Jan. 13. He was the owner and general partner of the Toles Co., an oil and gas exploration and production company. He served as a New Mexico state senator and as the New Mexico Democratic chair. He served in the Army Reserve. He belonged to Phi Gamma Delta.

John D. Trimble Jr. '52, of El Dorado, Arkansas, died on March 30. He was managing partner of Trimble Properties. He was father to James Trimble '84.

C. Randall Bradley '53, of Dallas, died on March 26. He worked for Dallas Peterbilt. He belonged to Delta Tau Delta.

James T. Coyle '53, of Riner, Virginia, died on April 9, 2016. He worked for the Salvation Army and other non-profits before relocating to a farm, where he resided for 39 years and ran his own businesses in the New River Valley. He was father to James Coyle Jr. '81 and belonged to Sigma Chi.



Imagine snow falling on an old walled city. Perched on a cliff above the city and the St. Lawrence River is a magnificent Old World hotel. Inside, you're seated in an easy chair near a cozy fire, the teeming throngs of last-minute shoppers back home in America a distant memory. Below the frosted windows of your room, narrow streets wind among quaint, warmly lit bistros, galleries and shops topped by steep French roofs. Horse-drawn carriages jingle by. Your lodging, decorated for Christmas, is the famous Château Frontenac, and the town is Quebec, the first city in North America to be placed on UNESCO's World Heritage list. At home in the Château, you have settled in for four fun-filled days and relaxing nights. The peace of the season settles upon you like a lap blanket.

A repeat of our popular holiday program in 2008, Christmas in Quebec is one of the most frequently requested tours among past editions of the W&L Traveller. Again

we have chosen Quebec City for its charming combination of architecture and mood. Indeed, Quebec is a kaleidoscope of history. You'll savor the Dickensian atmosphere of a British colonial garrison town while enjoying earlier traditions reaching back to the original exploration and settlement of Canada by the French in the 17th century. Its two fine museums and our resident guide will deepen your sense of Quebec's distinct heritage. A traditional Christmas Eve service at the beautiful Notre Dame Cathedral and our dinner and dance on Christmas Day at the Château will restore the fine old way of celebrating this special season, with its peace and good will.

With an attractive price and ample winter activities, as well as many comforts, this unusual travel experience offers a rare opportunity for family and friends to enjoy a memorable Christmas in Canada. The size of W&L's group will be limited, so early reservation is strongly advised.

Jack Warner '40, Trustee Emeritus, Dies at 99

Jonathan Westervelt "Jack" Warner '40, a trustee emeritus, died Feb. 18. He supported several areas of W&L, including the early 1970s addition to Doremus Gym that became known as the Warner Center; the 1990s renovation of Lee Chapel and Museum; the Elizabeth and Jonathan W. Warner Scholarship; outdoor tennis facilities; and the Annual Fund. An accomplished swimmer who once held the school record in the breaststroke, he belonged to the W&L Athletic Hall of Fame. And he was one of the first alumni to be featured on W&L's Honored Benefactors Wall.



PHOTO BY PATRICK HINELY '73

Jack Warner was born in Illinois on July 28, 1917. He was raised in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, where his maternal grandfather's company, Gulf States Paper, was based. He earned a degree in business administration from W&L. During World War II, he served in the U.S. Army (cavalry) as a commissioned officer with the MARS Task Force in the China-Burma-India Theaters of Operations.

Warner joined Gulf States Paper Corp. and was head of sales and production before being named executive vice president in 1950, president in 1957, and chairman of the board in 1959. In the latter two positions, he succeeded his mother, Mildred Westervelt Warner, whose father, Herbert E. Westervelt, had invented a machine to produce folding, square-bottomed grocery bags. Warner expanded Gulf States Paper to a diversified company with operations across five states. He stepped down as chairman in 1994 to make way for his son, Jonathan Westervelt Warner Jr. '67. The elder Warner remained a consultant.

Warner served as an officer or director of multiple commercial, banking, civic and philanthropic organizations, including president and board chairman of the Alabama Chamber of Commerce, a director of the Alabama Great Southern Railway Co., and chairman of the board of the Alabama Council on Economic Education.

Warner served on the W&L Board of Trustees from 1970 to 1980 and in 1983. He left the board in 1983 to protest the growing momentum to admit women. Less than 20 years later, however, he announced that he'd had a change of heart and presented the university with \$1 million to fund scholarships primarily for women.

Warner amassed an impressive private collection of American art that included paintings, furniture and decorative objects. He received the Frederic Edwin Church Award in 2010 for his collection, part of which was displayed at his Westervelt Warner Museum of American Art from 2002 until 2011. The Tuscaloosa Museum of Art now houses the Westervelt Collection. In 2012, the Jack and Susan Warner Gallery, featuring works of the Hudson River School, opened in the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

Warner had a soft spot for paintings of George Washington, and he gave his alma mater the William Winstanley portrait of Washington that now hangs in Leyburn Library. He also served as the honorary chair of the university's 250th anniversary celebration.

Jack Warner was preceded in death by his first wife, Elizabeth Butler Warner; his son, David T. Warner; his parents; and two siblings, H. David Warner Jr. and Joan Warner VanZele. He is survived by his wife, Susan G.A. Warner; his sister, Helene Hibbard; his son, Jon Warner Jr. '67; three grandchildren; and two stepsons.

William H. Foster Jr. '53, of Frisco, Texas, died on Dec. 15, 2016. He served in the Navy. He was founder and president of Foster Oil and Gas Co. He belonged to Beta Theta Pi.

Henry W. Grady '53 died on Feb. 1. He served in the Navy during the Korean War. He had a 45-year career in banking. He belonged to Kappa Alpha.

Rodney F. Stock Jr. '53, of Fernley, Nevada, died on March 7. He served in the Army during the Korean War. He retired from the Reno Police Department, where he was a detective sergeant. He was cousin to Isaac Smith '57, '60L and belonged to Phi Kappa Sigma.

Ciro A. Barcellona '54, of Miami, died on Feb. 10. At Garfield High School, in Clifton, New Jersey, he served as the principal and as a coach of track and football, and he owned a restaurant in Paramus, New Jersey. He belonged to Delta Upsilon.

Stephen H. Johnson '54, of Vallejo, California, died on Jan. 19, 2015. He held an M.A. and a Ph.D. from Georgetown University. He belonged to Delta Upsilon.

Aldo A. Modena '54L, of Midlothian, Virginia, died on March 8. He served in the Army during the Korean War. He retired as president of the Flat Top Bank in Bluefield, West Virginia. He belonged to Phi Kappa Sigma.

Stuart A. Truslow '54, of Atlanta, died on Feb. 21. He served in the Air Force and worked for Eastern Airlines. He belonged to Phi Kappa Sigma.

Edward Cohen '55, '61L, of Naples, Fla., died on Feb. 1. He served in the Army. An attorney, business consultant and sales representative, he spent 20 years at Edward Cohen Associates Inc. He belonged to Zeta Beta Tau. He was father to Jeffrey A. Cohen '87 and David L. Cohen '95.

Charles H. Nowlin '55, of Saratoga, California, died on Dec. 14, 2016. He worked for Oak Ridge National Laboratory as a physicist and mathematician, and he invented the Pole-Zero Cancellation method of network synthesis. He was uncle to Christopher P. Goldsmith '77.

E. Stuart Quarngesser Jr. '55, of New York, died on March 19. He worked for the family business, the Warner Fruehauf Trailer Co. Inc. and Duralite Truck Bodies & Container Corp. He belonged to Phi Kappa Psi.

Dr. R.F. Burke Steele Jr. '55, of Petersburg, Virginia, died on March 21. He served in the Navy. He had a medical practice in Petersburg. He belonged to Delta Upsilon and was grandfather to Cameron Steele '10.

Richard A. Rosenberg '56, of Nashville, Tennessee, died on Feb. 7. He was an attorney in Florida and California. He belonged to Zeta Beta Tau and was brother to Dr. Sid Rosenberg '68.

Thomas D. Sale Jr. '56, of Panama City, Florida, died on Jan. 5. He served in the Air Force before working as an attorney. He belonged to Kappa Alpha. He was father to Robert D. Sale '91 and uncle to Douglas B. Sale '02 and Melissa F. Sale '06.

Joe C. Chatman Jr. '57, of Fort Walton Beach, Florida, died on May 13, 2015. He belonged to Sigma Chi.

Solon A. Person III '57, of Verona, Pennsylvania, died on Jan. 15. He served in the Army. He worked in international industrial sales for Harbison-Walker Refractories as export sales manager, and as president of S.A. Person Inc. He belonged to Delta Upsilon.

Donald C. Spann '57, of Charleston, South Carolina, died on Jan. 6. He served in the Marine Corps. He was founder, chair and CEO of Span-America Medical Systems. He belonged to Phi Delta Theta.

John G. Russell Jr. '59, of Greenville, South Carolina, died on Feb. 1. He served in the Army Reserves. He worked in banking with Third National Bank, and then in investments with Hilliard & Lyons, Paine Webber and Wiley Bros. He belonged to Pi Kappa

Alpha. He was father to John G. Russell III '83 and Kenneth S. Russell '90.

B. Russell Wilkerson Jr. '59, of Kingsport, Tennessee, died on April 3. He served in the Army and did two tours in Vietnam. He served as the public works director for Kingsport. He belonged to Delta Upsilon.

John J. Barnes Jr. '60, of Chesterfield, Missouri, died on Jan. 29. He worked in the title business, with his last post as president of Title Professionals LLC. He belonged to Sigma Nu. He was father to David N. Barnes '87.

J. Clifton Elgin Jr. '61, of Flower Mound, Texas, died on March 7. He served in the Army. He was retired from Occidental Chemical Corp. He belonged to Sigma Phi Epsilon.

Dr. Henry D. Holland '62, of Henrico, Virginia, died on Jan. 9. He spent his professional career as a psychiatrist, first at the Medical College

REFLECTING FORWARD

After reading this issue's feature story, I suspect that most alumni have a few classic stories from PE, intramurals (IMs) or outdoor recreation. Perhaps one of these reflections will strike a chord.

In 1970, geographic diversity arrived at the Phi Kappa Sigma fraternity when two beach volleyball players from California asked to see the court. After the laughter died down, they led the construction of the outdoor court, which still exists behind the former Phi Kappa Sigma house. We made custom jerseys with names, and with the beach boys Kevin and Greg leading the way, we won the intramural volleyball title twice.

IMs were a big deal; the standings were watched closely. IMs were the Division III equivalent of a club team at the D1 level: There were highly skilled players who, for one reason or another, were not playing on W&L teams. If you got whipped by that kind of talent, it was normal to cry foul and urge that someone was just too good for IMs. This is personal: I was pinned in the first 15 seconds of my only IM wrestling match by a decorated high school grappler.

IM football was in a class by itself, equaled in intensity only by the legendary Law School Football League, which thrives today. For these title games, there were cheering fans on the sidelines and bruises later.

Did anyone leave a bigger wake than the late Norm



Lord? Perhaps some first-years had seen the drill-sergeant approach before, but many of us got through this former Marine's infamous one-mile run only because we were scared of Stormin' Norman! With his loud bark, imposing stature and heart of gold, he made you try your hardest.

We cling proudly to the requirement of passing the swim test. About 10 years ago, a student from the Middle East informed W&L that she could not swim, and that her religion did not permit her to be in a bathing suit in front of men. A 2003 alumna working for the swim team embraced her and assured her they would figure it out. During off hours, the pool was opened, the windows were covered, our student learned to swim thanks to a dedicated General, and she passed the test with pride.

Today, the Outing Club claims the highest number of women and men students. They lead many of the activities, which include backpacking, fly fishing, canoeing, kayaking, rafting, rock climbing, mountain biking, caving, skiing and outdoor cooking. Trips vary in length from day hikes to 10-day trips held during February and Spring breaks. The Latin phrase "mens sana in corpore sano" is usually translated as "a healthy mind in a healthy body," the theory that physical exercise is an important or essential part of mental and psychological well-being. Opportunities abound on our campus, now as then. Note: W&L's president is an athlete who has already climbed House Mountain at dawn!

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

of Virginia as a resident and faculty member, and later in private practice. He belonged to Sigma Nu.

Robert P. Lancaster '62, of Dallas, died on March 7. He started his banking career at Empire State Bank. He endured nine mergers; as senior vice president, he was the longest-standing employee company-wide when Lehman Brothers failed in 2008. He retired from Barclay's Capital in 2009. He was brother to John Lancaster III '58 and uncle to James Lancaster '88. He belonged to Beta Theta Pi.

T. A. Dwyer McNeese '62, of Houston, died on March 14. He worked at Fulbright, Crooker, Freeman, Bates & Jaworski and was head of the Mexico firm. He belonged to Kappa Sigma.

Clarence Renshaw II '63, of Fincastle, Virginia, died on Sept. 27, 2015. He served in the Army during Vietnam. He was a journalist and worked in public relations. He belonged to Phi Kappa Sigma.

John A. Raphael '64, of Dallas, died on March 7. He was a CPA with Intervest Cos. as a partner.

Allan H. "Peter" Graeff Jr. '65, of La Gonave, Haiti, died on Jan. 11. He was an aid worker in Latin America and Haiti, including a stint with the Peace Corps. He belonged to Sigma Phi Epsilon.

Thomas M. Raines, Jr. '65 of Ivor, Virginia, died on Feb. 20, 2016. He served in the Air Force. He served as a congressional aide in Washington, D.C., as registrar of Sussex County, and as president of the Voter Registrars Association of Virginia.

Eugene A. Hatfield '66, of Jonesboro, Georgia, died on Jan. 12. He served in the Army during Vietnam. He was a professor of history at Clayton State University for over three decades. He belonged to Sigma Phi Epsilon.

Howard J. Beck Jr. '67L, of Roanoke, Virginia, died on Jan. 23. He was an attorney at Gentry Locke Rakes & Moore. He also served as the clerk of the bankruptcy court in Roanoke.

James W. Cady II '68, of Hiram, Georgia, died on Dec. 8, 2016. He served as an actor and director in local theater companies and in summer stock productions. He retired from a career with the U.S. Social Security Administration in Baltimore, Maryland.

Fielding L. Wilson, Jr. '68, of Annapolis, Maryland, died on March 6. He served in the Army during Vietnam. He was a real estate developer and entrepreneur. He belonged to Kappa Sigma.

Jeffrey A. Davis '71, of Houston, died on March 11. He was a managing partner with McGinnis Lochridge. He was cousin to David Ebert '87 and belonged to Kappa Sigma.

Charles W. Glasgow Jr. '71, of Silver Springs, Maryland, died on Dec. 2, 2016. He owned the Southern Maryland Seafood Co. Inc. He belonged to Phi Kappa Sigma.

M. Wesley Maneval '71, of Selinsgrove, Pennsylvania, died on Aug. 9, 2016. He belonged to Pi Kappa Phi.

Lawrence E. Evans Jr. '73, of St. Louis, Missouri, died on March 6. He was a partner with Husch Blackwell before retiring. He was an adjunct professor at Washington University, St. Louis.

John M. Mason '73L, of Siler City, North Carolina, died on Feb. 14. He practiced law with several firms, was chief counsel of the Federal Railroad Administration and held clerkships for Judge J. Braxton Craven Jr., U.S. Court of Appeals, 4th Circuit, and Justice William H. Rehnquist, U.S. Supreme Court.

Thomas B. Shuttleworth II '73L, of Virginia Beach, died on Dec. 20, 2016. He practiced law in Virginia Beach. He was father to Molly Shuttleworth Evans '00L.

Bobby R. Smith '74, of Atlanta, died on Jan. 5. He worked for AT&T. He was father to Jarrett W. Smith '12 and brother to Leslie D. Smith Jr. '69L.

Scott T. Vaughn '76L, of North Little Rock, Arkansas, died on Feb. 22. He worked for the Hilburn Law Firm in North Little Rock.

Michael M. Boley '78, of Williamsburg, Virginia, died on March 17. He

was an assistant store manager at Dick's Sporting Goods and had worked in the hotel, restaurant and food service industries.

Cody F. Davis '81, of Tampa, Florida, died on Jan. 7. He was an attorney with Cody Fowler Davis trial attorneys. He was brother to James O. Davis III '79.

John H. Windsor III '83, of Coconut Grove, Florida, died on Feb. 15. He had a career in real estate management. He belonged to Kappa Sigma and was cousin to William Windsor '54.

Thomas M. Koch '89, of Hebron, Ohio, died Jan. 21. He was a certified public accountant and owned his accounting firm. He was cousin to Rich Koch '75 and Dr. Jim Koch '77. He belonged to Sigma Chi.

John Charles Reid '95L, of Arlington, Virginia, died on March 6. He had been an attorney for Deloitte & Touche.

Other Deaths

Frances Kirby McKemy, who retired from the university after working as the recorder at the Law School from 1976 to 1987, died on Feb. 21.

Lucille Kyle Mays, who retired from W&L after working as a custodian from 1966 to 1977, died on March 7.

Charles Everett Dunn Sr., who retired from W&L after working as a chef from 1976 to 1989, died on March 12. One of his daughters, Warrenetta Kay Bostick, recently retired as a public safety officer at W&L.

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Alumni Weekend

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Reunionists didn't let a little rain stop them from catching up with friends and socializing at locales all over campus and county. At the opening assembly on Thursday, they heard Provost Marc Conner, the Jo M. and James Ballengee Professor of English, talk about "White Columns: W&L Past, Present and Future." On Friday, they listened to members of the Class of 1967 discuss their experiences in Vietnam. On Saturday, they got to know President Will Dudley over breakfast, and at the Generals Assembly, they cheered the generosity of the 25th and 50th reunion classes. All in all, a pretty fine weekend in Lexington.

50TH REUNION GIFT

President Will Dudley (left) applauds the Class of 1967's gift of \$9.7 million, presented by **Bob Priddy** (right) and **Mac Holladay** (center). That class is one of only three classes ever to hit 80 percent participation (which it did for its 45th reunion) and the only one to do so before its 50th reunion. It has won highest-class-participation awards for 11 straight years, including the Trident trophies for its 40th, 45th and now 50th reunions.



25TH REUNION GIFT

President Dudley (left) thanks the Class of 1992 for their generous gift of \$1.8 million. **Caroline Wight Donaldson** (center) and **Wali Bacdayan** (right) represented their classmates.

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI

President Dudley (far left) was in good company with the winners of the Distinguished Alumni Award. L. to r.: **Devon McAllister Rothwell '92**, vice president, Condé Nast; **Wali Bacdayan '92**, founding partner, Incline Equity Partners; **Bob Priddy '67**, investment advisor, BB&T Scott & Stringfellow; and **Bill Wildrick '67**, maritime special operations contractor and retired Navy SEAL.





ODK initiated six honorary members of the W&L and Lexington communities. L. to r.: **Christopher F. Armstrong '67**, professor of sociology, Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania; **Gabrey Croft Means '92**, chief creative officer, Grow Marketing; **Patsy Sciutto Doerr '90**, global head of corporate responsibility and inclusion, Thomson Reuters; **Karla Klein Murdock**, David G. Elmes Professor of Psychology, W&L; **Patricia Scott DeLaney**, Lexington city treasurer; **Dr. William Hurt Sledge '67**, George D. and Esther S. Gross

Professor of Psychiatry, Yale School of Medicine.

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Showing off their trophies, l. to r.: **Amy McCauley Farnsworth '97, Lamar Villere '97, Wali Bacdayan '92, Caroline Wight Donaldson '92, Bill Priddy '67, Mac Holladay '67, President Dudley.**

- ▶ THE JOHN NEWTON THOMAS TROPHY goes to the class with the largest percentage increase in annual fund commitments over the previous year. With a 65 percent increase: **Class of 1997**.
- ▶ THE TRIDENT TROPHY is presented to the class with the highest percentage of members participating in the Annual Fund. With 79 percent: **Class of 1967**.
- ▶ THE COLONNADE CUP is awarded to the class with the largest reunion gift to the Annual Fund, including current gifts and future pledges. With a gift of \$819,000: **Class of 1997**.
- ▶ THE REUNION BOWL goes to the class with the highest percentage of members registered for the weekend. With 33 percent: **Class of 1992**.
- ▶ THE REUNION TROPHY is awarded to the class with the greatest number of members registered for the weekend. With 134 registrants: **Class of 1992**.
- ▶ THE REUNION TRAVELLER award for farthest distance traveled went to **Paul Cheever '67** (New South Wales, Australia) — for the second time, as he also won five years ago, at his 45th reunion.

Dinner in the Lenfest Center's
Kamen Gallery.



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Clockwise from above: Quincy Springs IV '02 provided the keynote address, "It Costs to Care"; attendees discussed the historical marker acknowledging the university's involvement with slavery; alumni gathered in the Center for Global Learning to listen to Ted DeLaney '85, associate professor of history, present the report from the special working group on the history of African Americans at W&L.



Congratulations, Graduates!

First-Generation Students

Some of the 2017 graduates who were the first in their family to attend college lined up at Lee House on Commencement morning. Front, l. to r.: **Kayla Sylvester, Katrina Spiezio, Zahra Yousofi, Alexandra Seymour, Irais Pérez.** Back, l. to r.: **Ashley Ooms, Steven Yeung, Stevan Hall-Mejia.**



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QuestBridge Grads

Also celebrating at Lee House on Commencement morning were some of the 2017 graduates who attended W&L through QuestBridge, an organization that brings excellent students from all over the U.S. to W&L. Front, l. to r.: **Irais Pérez, Kayla Sylvester, Katrina Spiezio, Lauren Kim, Alexandra Seymour, Ciera Wilson, Rachana Ghimire.** Back, l. to r.: **Parrish Preston, Abdurafey Khan, Lenny Enkbold, Stevan Hall-Mejia, Tyler Wenger, Steven Yeung.**

Congratulations, Graduates!

The annual photo call on Commencement morning for alumni and their graduating children, siblings, nieces, nephews and grandchildren drew these joyous participants.

Front row, l. to r.: Emery Ellinger '84, Emery Ellinger '15 (brother of Crosby), Andrew Dewing '84 (uncle of Blair), Henry Dewing '85, Doug Dewing '77 (uncle of Blair).

Back row: Crosby Ellinger '17 and Blair Dewing '17.



Front row, l. to r.: Craig Cannon '84, Steven Baldrige '89, Alex McAlister '82, Tim Webb '83, Gary Schott '88, Jim Fay '84, Jeff Kimbell '86, Charles Kimbell '64 (grandfather of Joe). *Back row:* Alice Cannon '17, Leila Baldrige '17, Gordon McAlister '17, Emily Webb '17, Cole Schott '17, Laney Fay '17, Joe Kimbell '17.



Front row, l. to r.: Ed Stein '80L, Doug Pettit '92L, Ken Payne '77, '83L, Jim Tucker '87, Mike McAlevy '86, Keith Duet '90L, Rowan Taylor '89, Julie Salerno Taylor '89. *Back row:* Zoe Stein '17, Katie Pettit '17, Spencer Payne '17, Jack Tucker '17, Isabelle McAlevy '17, Lucy Duet '17, Callie Taylor '17, Graham Taylor '93 (uncle of Callie).



Front row, l. to r.: Bennett Henson '16 (brother of Betsy), Ed Henson '87, Billy Reed '85, Holly Troxell Ruhlin '85L, John Jessee '79L, Charlie Habliston '79, Caroline Habliston Morris '10 (sister of Bennet), Bill McClung '66, '69L (stepfather of Polli Noskova). *Back row:* Betsy Henson '17, Sarah Reed '17, Lydia Ruhlin '17, Tricia Jessee '17, Sarah Jessee '14 (sister of Tricia), Bennet Habliston '17, Polli Noskova '17.



Front row, l. to r.: Dave Cole '83, Alex Hamill '13 (sister of Parker), Jeff Hamill '81, Thomas Underhill '12 (brother of Matt), Jim Underhill '78, Gordon Robertson '84L, Keith Calhoun '79, Scott Boyd '86. *Back row:* Madison Cole '17, Parker Hamill '17, Matt Underhill '17, Patrick Robertson '17, Reid Calhoun '17, Hugh Boyd '17.



Front row, l. to r.: Katie Flippen Kenerson '09 (cousin of Brooke Peccie), Jim Flippen '53L (grandfather of Brooke Peccie), Ward Hunt '69, Henry Clay '82, Todd Sutherland '81, Brooke Sutherland '12 (sister of Padget). *Back row:* Brooke Peccie '17, Camille Hunt '17, Helen Clay '17, Padget Sutherland '17, Libby Sutherland '15 (sister of Padget).

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President Will Dudley joined some students for a meal in the Marketplace.

Creating Our Future — Together

BY PRESIDENT WILL DUDLEY

In my first months on campus — and in my first visits to chapter events — I have been listening and learning and collecting impressions. W&L is in terrific shape. Few schools in the country can match our history, the quality of our people, and the resources available to provide the very best education. I am reminded daily of how distinctive this place is in important and appealing ways.

First and foremost, of course, is the Honor System. We entrust our students with great responsibility from their first day on campus and, with very few exceptions, they live up to it. The Honor System cultivates the character of our students and, together with the Speaking Tradition, fosters a culture of civility at W&L. People engage with each other respectfully, even when they disagree. Learning these virtues when they are young prepares our graduates to make a difference in a world that sorely needs more civil discourse and honorable behavior.

Washington and Lee is also distinctive in the way we connect liberal education with preparation for public and professional service. Precisely because it is not narrow job training, liberal education is the best possible professional preparation. For young people who are going to have many different jobs and even many different careers during their lifetimes, the most important thing we can do is prepare them to be intellectually flexible. That is precisely what we do. In addition, the Williams School of Commerce, Economics, and Politics is unique among small colleges of our caliber. And we

have a first-rate journalism program. And, of course, we have the School of Law, which has been providing excellent legal education for 150 years.

Then we have our alumni. The passion W&L alumni have for their alma mater is unmatched in my experience. Your love for Washington and Lee is magical, and your support for the university and its students is extraordinary.

Our values, culture, academics and alumni set us apart from other schools in critical ways. We have a powerful story that needs to be told as well and as widely as possible so that young people in every community and of every background are aware of our special strengths.

At the same time, our motto, “Non incautus futuri,” makes it clear that we can’t be satisfied, that we can’t be unmindful of the future. We should always ask ourselves, “As much as we love who we are, can we get even better?” W&L has become excellent over the past 268 years by refusing to be complacent. I am committed to continuing this tradition, to sustaining and enhancing our defining distinctions while also identifying and seizing opportunities to improve.

I am honored to have joined the Washington and Lee family. The Generals have welcomed me like one of their own. I love my job and feel fortunate to be your university’s president.

I’m looking forward to meeting all of you — whether here on campus or at chapter events — soon. And I’m excited about the future for W&L that we’ll create together.

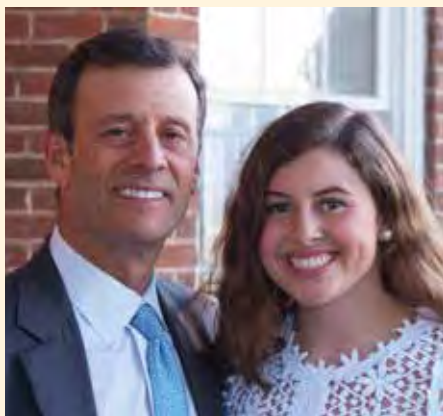
Members of the Parents Leadership Council are families who have excitement and enthusiasm for Washington and Lee, and who are willing to demonstrate that support through a strong philanthropic commitment. All Parents Leadership Council members make a gift of \$5,000 or more to W&L's Parents Fund.



Join Us in the Parents Leadership Council!

The enthusiasm of PLC members is impressive, and the PLC has brought us closer to the school. Our involvement in the PLC has been an opportunity to get a more in-depth understanding of what is happening at W&L and to meet the people and faculty leading the school.

— *Mary and Ted Dardani P'18*
2017-18 PLC Chairs
Waccabuc, New York



The PLC has allowed my wife and me to meet other parents in the Washington and Lee community from all over the country. Very quickly these PLC parents have become familiar faces, and we look forward to seeing them at each PLC event. The PLC events have been a chance to hear insights about other students' journeys through college life at W&L, and to get an up-close look at the opportunities and experiences available here.

— *Greg Sanchez P'20*
Raleigh, North Carolina

To join the Parents Leadership Council, please contact Melissa "Missy" Witherow, senior director of development for parent giving, at mwitherow@wlu.edu or (540) 458-8976.

SPRING TERM IN NEPAL

Tim Lubin (left), professor of religion, and Shikha Silwal (not pictured), assistant professor of economics, co-taught a course in Nepal titled *Caste at the Intersection of Economy, Religion and Law*.

Last Look



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