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COMMUNITY MEMBERS AND W&L STUDENTS addressed childhood hunger in the Rockbridge area one soup sample at a time at the 6th Annual Souper Bowl, in Evans Dining Hall on Jan. 28. All proceeds supported the Campus Kitchen's Backpack Program, which supplies over 700 children with a bag of non-perishable food items every weekend. Jenny Elmes '91 (left), who owns Full Circle Catering, served Rebecca Morris '18.



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Thank you to everyone who answered our call for memories about the Vietnam era — John Rutherford '66, who explored the stories of our alumni who died in Vietnam; Robert Buxton '69, a veteran himself, who informed us that many class agents maintain lists of those who served; Richard Coplan '64 and Bruce Rider '66, for thoughtful letters; and Don McFall '64, '69L who wrote with pride of James Monroe '66, who won the Medal of Honor and is memorialized with this plaque in Lee Chapel. For that material and more, including a 1986 essay from this magazine by Rider about Monroe, please see go.wlu.edu/Vietnam.

JULIE A. CAMPBELL, Editor, W&L: The Washington and Lee Magazine



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HERE ARE REPRESENTATIVE EXCERPTS FROM LETTERS ABOUT "WHAT A UNIVERSITY SHOULD DO" (FALL 2017)

Lee's views on slavery were moderate to progressive, and he freed his personal slaves by 1852. Lee did not violate his oath to the Constitution. He resigned his commission, became a private citizen, and made a private decision. When Virginia seceded, Lee took up arms to defend it. In Lexington, Lee did not "allow" students to engage in racist attacks. He publicly denounced such attacks, and enjoined students not to engage in "lawlessness." When shown

that students participated in violence, he expelled them. Lee's "sin" was that he placed loyalty to Virginia above loyalty to the Union. Still, he conducted his life according to a simple code — serve God, do one's duty, act honorably, and behave courteously. These values he brought to Washington College, where he did not merely "shore up" the school but saved it and transformed it into a modern college.

NEELY YOUNG '66

Lee accepted a commission in the Confederate States of America army before Virginian voters even ratified their ordinance of secession. Lee metamorphosed quickly from a USA colonel to a CSA brigadier general, from a Washingtonian unionist to a Confederate secessionist. Lee deserted Washington's and his own position on unionism-versus-sectionalism by sentimentally following a belligerent Virginia into war against the nation.

HALFORD RYAN, Professor of English and Speech Emeritus

Stay in Touch

Letters selected for publication should refer to material in the magazine. They may be edited for length, content and style. Letters reflect the views of their authors, not necessarily those of the magazine's editors or of the university.

CORRECTION

In the last issue, the photo on p. 16 of all the living W&L presidents is the work of University Photographer Patrick Hinely '73, who also tells us that his predecessor Mickey Philipps '64 took the photos on p. 15.

ON THE COVER: Illustration by Øivind Holland.

We have been watching Henry Louis Gates Jr.'s PBS program, "Finding Your Roots." If you watch, you see that if you are an American, your story is way more complicated than anybody appreciates or imagines. We are not a simple group of people with a simple backstory. We are an incredibly diverse bunch that often followed almost impossibly convoluted trails to get here. If you try to simplify a complex story to substantiate a simple proposition, what you produce will be a distortion at best and a lie at worst. We owe ourselves and those who came before us more than that.

W. STEVEN JONES '69

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Columns

NOTEWORTHY NEWS AND IDEAS



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A DECADE OF DONATING

Ten years ago, the W&L Community Grants Program sprang into action, formalizing the university's financial support for worthy local causes that benefit Lexington and Rockbridge County and their citizens.

"The Community Grants Program has proved to be a substantive addition in addressing the many needs of the local community," said Jim Farrar '74, senior assistant to the president, who chairs the Community Grants Committee. "Through the program, Washington and Lee has provided over \$500,000 in funding to local nonprofits in the last decade. While

W&L faculty, students and staff contribute significant time and resources to the local causes and agencies throughout the year, the Community Grants Program has been yet another way for the university to assist in addressing those needs."

Last November, during the first phase of its two rounds of grants for 2017-2018, the program awarded \$30,760 to 19 organizations. The money will, among other things, help individuals coping with house fires; feed horses in a therapeutic riding program; enable a local police officer to patrol on a bike; equip the girls' basketball and soccer teams at Buena Vista's Parry McCluer High School; provide equipment for a dental clinic; and promote youth literacy.

2 BY ALL ACCOUNTS

Beta Alpha Psi, the accounting honor society, hosted a school-supply drive for two school districts – in Houston, Texas, and Leesburg County, Florida – affected by last fall's hurricanes. The society solicited donations from all corners of campus and shipped everything with help from the Accounting Department.

Hermione Wang '18 snapped her fellow members of the society's executive committee (at left) as they hit Walmart to round up the supplies. L. to r.: Jack Lenz '18, Jane Chiavelli '18, Andrew Kim '18 and Claire Meyers '18.

3. MORE MINORS

The College added two new minors: one in archaeology, and another in Middle East and South Asia studies. The latter can include a language emphasis.

4 TRIO OF TRUSTEES

The W&L Board of Trustees has three new members: Ellen Fitzsimmons Rogowski P '17, executive vice president of law and public affairs at CSX Corp.; Brodie Gregory Riordan '03, manager of partner learning and development, McKinsey & Co.; and Cliff Holekamp '96, co-founder, Cultivation Capital, and academic director and senior lecturer for entrepreneurship, Olin Business School, Washington University.

5

LAUDED AT LEWIS HALL

Hernandez Stroud '15L, a visiting assistant professor at the W&L School of Law, landed on Forbes' 2018 list of the top 30 Under 30 in Law & Policy.

6. YAS, BRUH

W&L's Student Health 101 online magazine (wlu.readsh101.com) asked students what slang terms they would add to a dictionary, and why. A few responses:

BROMANCE: "It's a real thing. My boyfriend has one and so do my brothers and every other guy I know."

BRUH: "Girls are calling girls 'bruhs,' boys are calling boys 'bruhs.' My mom even calls me 'bruh' sometimes."

GOAT (GREATEST OF ALL TIME): "Although the phrase is often used in reference to athletes, one might find a GOAT pegged in all walks of life or as a member of every social group! To express gratitude for the legitimacy and importance of their existence, the word has goat to get there!"

HANGRY: "It's a real thing!"

LOW-KEY: "Once my . . . professor told us, 'Low-key I don't feel like grading your exams.' The entire class burst out laughing because it means that something fun is happening or going to happen."

WOKE: "It's important to stay informed and enlightened about the world around you. That is what this term embodies."

YAS: "Because yes just doesn't cut it when something is yas-worthy!"

YEET: "It's fun to say and means nothing bad."

8. CH-CH-CH-CHANGES

Scott Abell, head football coach, left in January to take the same job at (Division I) Davidson College. He led the Generals to three ODAC titles, the most of any coach in program history. Garrett LaRose '07 takes the reins as head coach.

Suzanne Keen, dean of the College and Thomas H. Broadus Professor of English, starts a new chapter on July 1: as vice president for academic affairs and dean of

faculty at Hamilton College, Clinton, New York.

Brian C. Murchison, the Charles S. Rowe Professor of Law, will be the Roger Mudd Professor of Ethics and director of the Mudd Center for Ethics. He succeeds Angela Smith, the Mudd Center's inaugural director, who is returning to her full-time faculty role as professor of philosophy.

7 SHOWING LOVELACE SOME LOVE

The University Library celebrated Ada Lovelace Day last fall with a two-hour Wikipedia Edit-A-Thon of entries about women and about STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) topics. The pioneering Lovelace (1815-1852), a mathematician and writer, envisioned the algorithmic possibilities of the so-called Analytical Engine, an early computer. Her namesake day celebrates women in STEM.

9. LAX PREZ

The United States Intercollegiate Lacrosse Association (USILA) appointed Gene McCabe, head men's lacrosse coach, as president for a two-year term.

10

FACULTY BOOKS



Jenefer Davies, associate professor of dance and theater, "Aerial Dance: A Guide to Dance with Rope and Harness" (Focal Press), an introduction for the beginning aerialist, with photos by **Kevin Remington**, university photographer.



Roger B. Jeans, Elizabeth Lewis Otey Professor of History Emeritus, "The CIA and Third Force Movements in China During the Early Cold War: The Great American Dream" (Lexington Books), which explores the dilemma of U.S. policymakers when the Chinese Communists defeated the Chinese Nationalists and occupied the mainland in 1949-1950.



Roberta Senechal de la Roche, professor of history, "Blind Flowers" (Arcadia Press), a poetry chapbook that expresses a rage against transience, a sense of alienation from nature, and a search for the lost supernatural in a secular age. It won the Arcadia Press Chapbook Prize in 2016.



Lesley Wheeler, Henry S. Fox Professor of English, "Propagation" (Dancing Girl Press & Studio), a poetry chapbook whose main character, a woman in crisis, walks away from her ordinary life on a looping trail — as time gets slippery.

ATHLETICS

Developing Mind, Body, Spirit

The Richard L. Duchossois Center for Athletics and Recreation

WASHINGTON AND LEE will name its new indoor athletics and recreation facility for Richard L. Duchossois '44, in recognition of his leadership support of the project.

The Richard L. Duchossois Center for Athletics and Recreation includes a restoration of the existing Doremus Gymnasium and a rebuild of what has been known as the Warner Center. The design phase of the facility, which was approved by the Board of Trustees in February 2017, is nearing completion. Pending the completion of fundraising by June 30, 2018, the construction, by the firm of Whiting-Turner, will begin this summer. Completion is expected by the summer of 2020.

President Will Dudley said that the name was a fitting tribute to a man who has been steadfast in his support of W&L's athletics programs, including leadership gifts to the Duchossois Tennis Center and the Wilson Field renovation.

"Dick Duchossois' support for W&L athletics has enabled us to provide top-notch facilities for our students," said Dudley. "But more importantly, Dick sets a personal standard to which we should all aspire. His leadership, humility, generosity and dedication to the service of others are an inspiration to all those who know him. We are indebted to him for his ongoing commitment to W&L."

"A W&L education provides all of the ingredients that produce leaders," said Duchossois, the founder of Duchossois Industries Inc. and chairman of Arlington Park Race Course. "W&L combines opportunities to develop the mind, body and spirit through an outstanding academic program, an athletic program focused on dedication and teamwork, and the



An artist's rendering provides a look at the new facility, which should be ready for action in two years.

finest honor system in the world. I am pleased to support programs that make that kind of education possible."

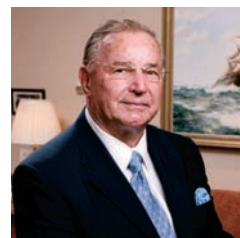
The restoration of Doremus will occur during the summer and will be scheduled around the university's academic calendar to allow for use of the fitness center, and Doremus gym will remain available for use by the varsity wrestling program. The former Warner Center will be demolished to its foundation, and the new facility built on the current site.

The entire project will encompass 165,489 square feet and will capture over 10,700 square feet of assignable space for new athletic and recreation programs. The new natatorium has allowed for additional space within the facility that will increase from two gyms to three gyms, including a new

gym devoted solely to intramural and recreational use.

The project will also increase the square footage for the fitness center by 32 percent and will relocate and expand the wrestling room by over 84 percent. It will also allow the racquetball and squash courts to become regulation size, while doubling the scope of the athletic training facilities.

Other key features are greater handicap accessibility, a showcase for the Athletic Hall of Fame, an increase in locker room amenities and features, expanded golf practice facilities, expanded multi-purpose facilities for group exercise, and improved offices for coaches and athletics staff.



In 1991, Dick Duchossois '44 received an honorary degree from W&L. In 2015, he became the fifth recipient of the Washington Award, which recognizes extraordinary acts of philanthropy in support of W&L and other institutions, and distinguished leadership and service to the nation. His daughter, Kimberly T. Duchossois, is a W&L trustee emeritus; his grandson is Tyler R. Lenczuk '08.

NOW HEAR THIS

“We can’t continue to let racism poison our civic and our national and our political life. We cannot, as a people, allow this to happen.”

Charles Dew, Ephraim Williams Professor of American History, Williams College, “The Making, and Unmaking, of a Racist,” Founders Day/Omicron Delta Kappa Convocation address, Jan. 18, 2018

“W&L is unique because it gives undergraduate students the chance to work directly with professors to conduct research, and the Geology Department takes it one step further by supplying us with funding to attend one geology conference a year. It was truly an invigorating feeling standing in front of my poster and sharing our results with other members who were intrigued with our work.”

Kameko Landry '19 to the Ring-tum Phi, Nov. 7, 2017, about her attendance at the Geological Society of America Conference

“No matter when and how long you choose to study abroad, the experience will be beneficial to you for your entire life. Let’s explore the world, expand our horizons and enjoy the adventures.”

Xiaoxia Yin '19, “Should I Stay or Should I Go?,” Ring-tum Phi, Jan. 20, 2018

“STUDENT ACTIVISM HAPPENS WHEN YOU START WITH ONE PERSON, ONE IDEA.”

Rossella Gabriele '19, Past, Present and Future: An Inquiry into Social Activism at W&L, panel discussion, Jan. 15, 2018

“It really does warm my heart to see so many people showing up to enjoy good soup, to enjoy good conversations, and to help those in need.”

Dannick Kenon '19, Campus Kitchen Leadership Team, to the Ring-tum Phi, Jan. 30, 2018, about the Souper Bowl fundraiser. (See the inside front cover for a photo of the event.)

“THE LEGACY OF DR. KING CALLS FOR US TO OPERATE FROM A HIGHER PLANE. . . . WE’VE GOT TO LEARN HOW TO CONDUCT OURSELVES AS BROTHERS AND SISTERS.”

Bernice A. King, civil rights activist, daughter of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and Coretta Scott King, CEO of the King Center, Celebrating the Life and Legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. keynote address, Jan. 21, 2018

“ARC has been successful beyond our wildest dreams. We’ve brought in two ARC cohorts now – fantastic students – and they’ve had a powerful summer experience that then carries over into their W&L experience as first-years and beyond.”

Provost Marc Conner, on the selection of the Advanced Research Cohort as W&L’s next Quality Enhancement Plan. It was submitted by Carrie Finch-Smith, associate professor of mathematics, and Kiki Speizio '18. ARC brings to campus 12 incoming first-year students with an interest in STEM; they spend five weeks doing research with existing faculty-student teams.

IN THE LEAD

So Much Good We Can Do

The president of the Panhellenic Council likes seeing sororities join together to help the local community



Anna Daccache '19

SERVING AS PANHELLENIC PRESIDENT for the past year has been a gratifying experience, as it has allowed me to see all the ways the different sorority chapters on the Washington and Lee campus give back. The Fall Term is always a busy time, with every chapter putting on a host of fundraisers and philanthropic events to benefit their respective charities. From ADPiHop to Tie Dye for Blue Sky, every year the chapters raise thousands of dollars for their national charities, and countless members get involved in various service projects.

One of the most profound ways that countless other Greek women and I have been able to serve the Lexington community is through Campus Kitchen. Six members of the leadership team are in sororities. I first got involved my sophomore year, and when I found out one of my sorority sisters led a shift, it motivated me to keep going. I know countless women in my sorority, and across all the sororities, commit time each week to volunteer in the kitchen, at a retirement home, or at an after-school program.

Seeing so many Greek women work side-by-side has been an incredible experience. One of my goals as president was to have a Panhellenic-wide philanthropy event. This term, I am excited about Panhellenic's co-hosting a build with Habitat for Humanity. I can only hope this will be the first of many Panhellenic partnerships with charities in the Rockbridge area. There is so much good we can do, and what better way to do it than together?

SALUTE



Larry Connolly '79



Harlan Beckley



FROM DIVINITY SCHOOL TO POVERTY STUDIES: HARLAN BECKLEY

In 1974, a young professor of religion made his way from Vanderbilt Divinity School to Lexington. Who knew then what a lasting impact Harlan Beckley would have on the university and on the town he still calls home more than 40 years later?

Dr. Beckley enjoyed a distinguished career on the faculty at W&L, being named Fletcher Otey Thomas Professor of Religion in 2002, the same year he received Virginia's Outstanding

Faculty Award from the State Council of Higher Education. Admired for his keen intellect and easy smile, Professor Beckley served as acting president of W&L 2005-2006.

But perhaps Harlan's most significant and lasting achievement was in poverty studies. In 1997, thanks to a gift from Nancy and Tom Shepherd '52, Harlan created what is now known as the Shepherd Program for the Interdisciplinary Study of Poverty and Human Capability. From humble and uncertain beginnings, the Shepherd Program is, 20 years later, one of W&L's signature academic programs.

Poverty studies is now the university's most popular minor, and more than a third of each class participates in the

Shepherd Program prior to graduation, whether in its poverty-related courses or community-service activities. The affiliated Campus Kitchen, staffed by W&L students, serves over 40,000 meals annually to residents of the Rockbridge area, and each summer, 40 Shepherd interns work full-time for anti-poverty agencies from Vermont to New Mexico and beyond. It's exciting to imagine the impact these W&L graduates will have through their professional and civic contributions.

As if that were not enough, Harlan has spent the years since his retirement from W&L spreading the Shepherd vision. In 2011, with the financial support of W&L and the partnership of 13 colleges and universities,

Harlan and Tom Shepherd formed the Shepherd Higher Education Consortium on Poverty (SHECP), a nonprofit that has helped create and support poverty studies programs at over 25 schools.

On the occasion of the 20th anniversary of the Shepherd Program and your retirement as executive director of SHECP, I salute you, Dr. Beckley, and all your accomplishments. I am gratified to be among your legions of mentees and friends.

BY LARRY CONNOLLY '79

Connolly serves on the SHECP governing board and is a generous supporter of the Shepherd Program and the Shepherd Alliance. See pp. 10-15 for more on the Shepherd milestone.

ASK PRESIDENT DUDLEY



Q. What is the impact on W&L of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act?



It imposes a new and unprecedented tax on private colleges and universities that have endowments worth \$500,000 or more per full-time student. Washington and Lee is one of fewer than 30 institutions subject to the tax, which we estimate will cost us \$1 million this year. Those dollars — the equivalent of 20 full-tuition scholarships, 150 internships, or nine faculty positions — will be unavailable to support our students. There will be a long-term, cumulative effect, gradually reducing the purchasing power of our endowment. The tax is counterproductive and based on a misunderstanding of how we

operate. The avowed goal of the tax is to force colleges and universities to use their endowments to lower the cost of education and to enroll more middle- and lower-income students. This is exactly what we already do: At W&L the endowment covers 40 percent of our annual budget, and fully half of it is dedicated to financial aid. Sending \$1 million to the federal government each year will force us to reduce educational quality or increase prices. We hope Congress will revisit and eliminate this misguided provision in 2018.

Please see the piece I published on this topic in The Washington Post on Jan. 17, 2018: go.wlu.edu/Dudleytaxop-ed.

WHAT'S YOUR W&L IQ?

STUDENTS SERVE IT UP

The Executive Committee recognizes 79 student organizations. As you would expect, a healthy proportion of them have a service or philanthropic component.



Do you know what groups these acronyms stand for, and what they promote?

1. SARAH
2. ESOL
3. MSA
4. AMEI
5. SEAL

ANSWERS:

1. In 1986, Jerry Darrell, then head of W&L Dining Services, founded the Students Against Multiple Sclerosis (SAMS) lip-sync contest (at left). In 1993, the group became Students Against Rockbridge Area Hunger. The lip-sync contest continues to raise money — now about \$9,000 a year — for local food banks.

2. English for Speakers of Other Languages facilitates communication for the increasingly diverse population in Rockbridge County. Although it has focused on the Latina/o community, the program works with speakers of all languages. Members offer formal ESOL classes and one-on-one tutoring, Spanish classes for adults, free translation of documents (Spanish-English/English-Spanish), and a hotline to provide immediate interpreting services

3. The Multicultural Student Association helps students develop an appreciation for and interaction with students of different social, ethnic and racial backgrounds. MSA promotes and

encourages diversity through social, recreational and educational programming designed to bridge the gap between diverse groups on campus. Members support the recruitment and retention of qualified students and foster their success and happiness.

4. Students interested in Middle Eastern culture, in encouraging intercultural understanding, and in promoting a positive dialogue about the Middle East belong to the Association for Middle Eastern Interests.

5. The Student Environmental Action League supports sustainability on campus and within the local community, increases student awareness of environmental issues, and strives to preserve, research and enjoy the natural environment. SEAL aims to create a better, healthier and more sustainable community at Washington and Lee and in the Rockbridge area, and to raise awareness about local, national and global problems.

DUBYUHNELL DAY

ANGEL VELA DE LA GARZA EVIA '18

The senior created STEMito, an educational summer program for children in his hometown of Monterrey, Mexico

BY ERICA TURMAN



PHOTO COURTESY OF ANGEL VELA

1. HANDS-ON

Vela (chemistry-engineering major, mathematics minor) grew up in a family of chemical engineers, which influenced his development of a STEM (science, technology, engineering, mathematics) program in Monterrey, Mexico, with a \$10,000 Davis Projects for Peace grant. He introduced 30 children to STEM through fun experiments and activities, and later transformed a classroom at Escuela Eduardo Caballero Escamilla into a STEM center. “My goal was for the students to get their hands on the experiments and to teach them the concepts,” said Vela (at right in the photo). “They may not remember the specifics, but they will remember the opportunity.”

2. GLASS HALF-FULL

At home, Vela, the youngest in the family, takes full advantage of hiking opportunities. At school, when he isn't busy with academic responsibilities, he hangs out with friends on his hall and plays basketball in the gym. Vela credits his girlfriend, Valeria Garcia, as his greatest influence. “She has always supported my decisions, believed in my ability to fulfill my goals, helped me found STEMito, and taught me to enjoy life.” Definitely a man who sees the glass as half-full, he draws inspiration from Abraham Lincoln's words: “A drop of honey catches more flies than a gallon of gall.”

3. A CALL TO SERVICE

A Bonner Scholar, Vela must complete 1,800 hours of service and leadership training during his time at W&L. Bonners also are encouraged to complete two summers of full-time service. He chose Campus Kitchen and English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL). “I am committed to giving back to others,” he said. “When I saw the Bonner program and its mission, I immediately applied.”

4. FAVORITE CLASS: SPECIAL EFFECTS

Vela enjoyed a Spring Term class, Special Effects for Theater. “I enjoy building and creating things,” he explained. “We also visited a company that makes the sets for many music artists that go on tour.”



The Head and the Heart

What are the root causes of poverty? And why can't we do something about them?

BY LOUISE UFFELMAN
ILLUSTRATION BY ØIVIND HOVLAND

TWENTY YEARS AGO, seven W&L professors created a new class to answer those questions. Today the Shepherd Poverty Program has blossomed into the biggest minor on campus. And with a legacy stretching from mobile food pantries to prison education programs, the program's 1,300 alumni have left an unmatched service footprint.

A MEETING OF MINDS

"We need to do something." That's what the late Tom Shepherd '52 told his wife, the Rev. Nancy Shepherd, in 1992, after the L.A. riots sparked by the acquittal of police officers in the beating of a black man, Rodney King.

The Shepherds approached the W&L Law School with the intention of supporting students who were interested in public interest law. "It was the first time in our lives we had given money for a specific cause," said Nancy.

In 1996, Tom joined the Board of Trustees and crossed paths with Harlan Beckley, professor of religion, who was teaching a

course and conducting research on social justice and economic issues. After a failed bid to secure money from the Luce Foundation to hire a visiting professor, the proposal landed in front of the Shepherds. "They agreed to fund a pilot program that was to last all of six years," said Beckley.

The Shepherd Program has lived well past its expiration date and has grown from a single class to one of the university's signature programs, with multiple introductory sections, interdisciplinary courses, a capstone course, off-campus internships and volunteer opportunities all leading to a minor in poverty studies.

As President Will Dudley summarized in the keynote address in November marking the program's milestone year: "The Shepherd program exemplifies what is so good and distinctive about W&L. It is educationally innovative. It has a practical application. It is dedicated to service. All of that is reflective of the unity of the head and the heart that I think are at the core of this

program and the way it incorporates rigorous, serious analytical thinking in the service of solving important problems.”

Here’s the Shepherd Program story — as told by those responsible for creating it, supporting it and nurturing it.

GRAND, INNOVATIVE IDEA

When Harlan [Beckley] first called Tom [Shepherd] to talk about his vision for the Shepherd Program, that led to many conversations and many meetings almost every time we came down to Lexington. They respected one another’s ideas. Sometimes they saw things just the same way, and other times saw things slightly different. Whenever there was a call from Harlan, I knew that Tom would be on the phone for quite awhile.

—*The Rev. Nancy Shepherd*

From its inception, the program was intended to weave together coursework and internships. It was not about creating a major. It was always about enriching majors in all fields and helping to prepare students headed into all sorts of professions where they might encounter poverty as part of their professional and civic lives.

—*Harlan Beckley, Executive Director Emeritus, Shepherd Consortium; Founding Director, Shepherd Program*

Everything Shepherd does is rejection of excessive individualism in pursuit of a more collaborative community. Getting there requires community engagement, participation in internships, working with community partners and examining a complex problem from different disciplines. The program is all about recognizing both our own limitations and the value of others.

—*Howard Pickett, director, Shepherd Program*

In my wildest dreams, I would never have imagined that a day would come when the Shepherd Program would be the largest minor on campus. When Harlan first brought a group of us together to talk about his grand, innovative idea for a program where we would study together — faculty, students and staff — about the causes and consequences of poverty, we just wanted to know how we could help.

—*Art Goldsmith, the Jackson T. Stephens Professor of Economics*

STUDENTS DRIVING THE ENGINE

Almost every new initiative in the Shepherd Program was first proposed and acted on by a student. Dan Birdwhistle ’01 recommended the Pov 102 course to expand community service. Stacy McLoughlin Taylor ’02 and Claiborne Taylor ’02 initiated the pre-orientation program, Project Outreach (now Volunteer Venture), and the Nabors Service Day (now the Nabors Service League). As an employee, Stacy

started the post-graduate program that became the Elrod Fellowship. Kelly Stewart Nichols ’00 initiated community-based research when she worked as an intern supervisor for the program. Ingrid Easton ’06 started the Campus Kitchen on her own — and Robbie Turner ’02 and Jenny Sproul Davidson ’08 were early directors.

—*Harlan Beckley*

When you’re working with students there’s a constant four-year turnover. As students graduate, we’re losing our most expert volunteers, but we’re also gaining new students who are eager and full of fresh new ideas. That’s really pushed us forward and helped us to grow and respond to community needs. It’s great for the program to constantly have new energy driving it.

—*Jenny Sproul Davidson ’08, co-curricular service coordinator*

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—*Howard Pickett, director, Shepherd Program*

SIGNATURE PROGRAM

As citizens, we want to understand challenges and questions our society faces. Certainly poverty is a big challenge in America — both rural and urban. For our students to be able to walk out of here with insights from an interdisciplinary perspective will make them better citizens, better able to serve their communities. Understanding society to a greater extent, especially those who are struggling or have challenges, always positions you to be a more empathetic, and informed, professional leader.

—*Art Goldsmith*

The Shepherd Program ties together all the best parts of the university. There’s the core curriculum aspect of it with its interdisciplinary approach. You can take classes in child psychology, economic development and literature that are all related in some way or another to poverty. Then there’s also the extracurricular component where you can take part in the Nabors Service League or the Bonner program. It’s a way to be engaged with your fellow students in learning about the community of Lexington and Rockbridge

County, which is such an amazing part of W&L.

—*Sonia Siu ’07, global strategy mergers and acquisition manager, Accenture*

Poverty is the social equivalent of cancer. What better program to equip our students with this intimate knowledge about poverty and its causes and ramifications. Not only is it good for the students, but I think it’s changed the whole landscape of the campus — from the faculty to the administration to the students, and to the agencies and the people they serve.

—*Richard “Duke” Cancelmo ’80, Shepherd Alumni Advisory Committee and Elrod Fellowship coordinator for Houston*

The program attracts a higher caliber of student to W&L. What was at one time a niche set of course offerings for a small group of students has evolved into a robust program and unique point of differentiation for my

alma mater. As I reflect, I am so grateful that when I began to grapple with one of life’s big questions — what is poverty and what is our responsibility to address it — I had a professor who guided me, an intellectual framework to support me, and an institution that championed asking these questions.

—*Victoria Kumpuris Brown ’98, senior program officer at The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation; member of the Shepherd Alumni Advisory Committee*

LIGHT BULB MOMENTS

I remember one case from my Shepherd internship — a young woman who had been arrested for violating the terms of her probation. To see that case from start to finish — a six-week process — was powerful. And I remember glancing at the manila folder that held her case file and seeing that she had been born four months before I had. I easily could have been that young woman. Here I was, this lucky kid who was going to this incredible university where I got to learn about cases like hers. When you get to know your client, it really gives you a different perspective that I had not appreciated.

—*Mason Grist ’18*



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< 1. Dinner at Harlan Beckley's house during the first Shepherd Alliance closing conference. From l. to r.: Roshni Nirody '00, Tom Shepherd '52, Harlan Beckley and Travis Winfrey '99.

< 2. Every November, the Campus Kitchens Project network serves a special holiday meal to celebrate Thanksgiving. From l. to r.: Caitlin Schopp, CK coordinator 2006-2007; Christopher Kramedjian, RUF intern; Alice Shih LaCour '08; and Jenny Sproul Davidson '08.

< 3. Stacy McLoughlin Taylor '02 (right) with Kelly Stewart Nichols '00 (left) and Lucy Baldwin Cavett '95, who both served as service learning coordinators.

< 4. Claiborne Taylor '02 helped initiate the pre-orientation program and the Nabors Service League.

< 5. Helping hands: A day of volunteering with Nabors Service League.

During my internship in the Dominican Republic, it wasn't about me teaching them how to succeed in a Westernized world. It was really a question of getting to know what kinds of assumptions I had come with from America. I ended up questioning everything I had known and thought to be true.

—Kiki Spiezio '18

LIKE A PUBLIC POLICY SCHOOL

When I teach a course that's cross-listed with the Shepherd Program, such as The Economics of Social Issues or Economics of Race and Ethnicity, I end up having students with every imaginable major in the classroom. So it gives me a chance to bring students together who are majoring in religion and sociology and biology and economics and psychology to have conversations about interesting papers and ask questions that I think are important and relevant to today's society. And that's thrilling.

—Art Goldsmith

Shepherd has always been committed to bringing different people with different voices together around the table — people with different experiences, different backgrounds, different disciplines, different career paths and

different political ideas. It's our hope that students will learn how to participate passionately and respectfully in conversations about these pressing moral and social problems related to poverty with people who don't always agree with them.

—Kate Donnelly '11, manager of accounting operations at Goodwill of Greater Washington, D.C.

HARLAN'S ARMY

I work closely with stakeholders in Connecticut on the improved marketing of local food products, and I have ongoing research projects that examine the safety of meat sold to the National School Lunch Program, the historical evolution of the food-waste problem and economic implications of pending federal regulation that will require disclosure of genetically engineered ingredients in many foods. All of these projects are, at least indirectly, inspired by my time at W&L and my experience in the Shepherd Program.

—John Bovay '07, assistant professor and extension economist for the Department of Agriculture and Resource Economics at the University of Connecticut

The Shepherd Program put me on a completely different trajectory. It gave me a new “why,” for all the striving. I consider alleviating others' suffering to be a core component of my life. It made me kinder, more nuanced in my thinking, and helped me to understand the overwhelming complexity of human capability.

—Brent Beshore '05, Alumni Advisory Committee, CEO of *adventur.es*

GET MORE INFORMATION

Watch the 20th anniversary video: go.wlu.edu/shepherd20video

View the timeline: go.wlu.edu/shepherd20slideshow



SHEPHERD PROGRAM HISTORY

BY WENDY LOVELL '90

1. THE BEGINNING

October 1996: Nancy and Tom Shepherd '52 make a gift to W&L to fund what became the Shepherd Program for the Interdisciplinary Study of Poverty and Human Capability.

> 2. **POV 101** September 1997: Professor Harlan Beckley teaches the first POV 101 class.

> 3. **SHEPHERD ALLIANCE INTERNSHIPS** June 1998: Students from W&L and Berea and Spelman colleges take part in the first Shepherd Alliance summer internship program. This group attended in 2003.



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< 6. SERVICE LEARNING

September 2000: Hannah Gilmore '16 tutors a student in the Elrod Commons as part of her POV 102 learning experience.

< 7. ALTERNATIVE BREAK TRIPS

February 2001: The first Alternative Break trips went to Nicaragua and to Charleston, South Carolina. These students served in Shreveport, Louisiana, in 2010.



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^ 4. THE NABORS SERVICE LEAGUE BEGINS

April 1999: The Freshman Leadership Council sponsors a day of service in memory of Jonathan Nabors '02.



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^ 5. **VOLUNTEER VENTURE** August 1999: A new pre-orientation trip engages students in poverty work before they start classes. Here's the 2010 Volunteer Venture Roanoke group.

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^ 8. **BONNER LEADERS** September 2002: The first W&L Bonner Leaders begin their work in the local community. Leah Gose '15 teaches a cooking class at the local YMCA.

> 9. **COMMUNITY-BASED RESEARCH** June 2004: Marisa Charley (right), coordinator of student service leadership and research, discusses a community-based project on housing assistance with Jen Handy, executive director at Rockbridge Area Relief Association, during a 2017 poster session.



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< 10. ELROD FELLOWS
June 2005: The John and Mimi Elrod Fellowship program connects recent graduates with non-profit jobs. John Nolan '70 meets with interested students.



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< 11. CAMPUS KITCHEN
May 2006: Ingrid Easton '06 lays the foundation for the Campus Kitchen at W&L, which begins providing meals to community members in September 2006.



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< 12. POVERTY AND HUMAN CAPABILITY
September 2006: The Registrar's Office adopts a Poverty and Human Capability course designation. Art Goldsmith, Jackson T. Stephens Professor of Economics, has been teaching courses and advising students from the program's inception.



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^ 16. GLOBAL SERVICE HOUSE
August 2012: The Campus Kitchen at W&L moves to its permanent home in the basement of the Global Service House, on Lee Avenue. David Hanson '00 (left) joins the Campus Kitchen crew while visiting campus.



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^ 17. NEW DIRECTOR
May 2013: Howard Pickett is named director of the Shepherd Program, succeeding founding director Harlan Beckley.



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^ 18. MOBILE FOOD PANTRY
June 2014: AmeriCorps VISTA member Paige Missel helps establish the mobile food pantry to serve Goshen, Buena Vista and Natural Bridge.

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< 13. CAMPUS GARDEN
May 2008: The Biology Department partners with the Campus Kitchen to propose a campus garden to support education, research and community involvement. Jonah MacKay '17 leads a YMCA summer program.

< 14. MINOR IN POVERTY STUDIES
June 2009: For the first time, 26 students graduate with minors in poverty studies. Alvin Thomas '14 is one of many Shepherd minors.



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< 15. AMERICORPS VISTA
November 2011: AmeriCorps VISTA Stephanie RiCharde (far left) and Kelly Brotzman '05 (second from left), visiting assistant professor, deliver books to the Rockbridge Regional Jail, one of many VISTA positions that have partnered with W&L.



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^ 19. INNOVATIVE LEARNING
April 2015: Visiting Assistant Professor Kelly Brotzman '05 developed a Spring Term course pairing undergraduates with incarcerated learning partners at the Augusta Correctional Center.



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< 20. SOCIAL IMPACT SUMMIT
November 2016: Jamie Goodin '12 (left) and Justine Sessions '05 (right) share professional pathways at W&L's first Social Impact Summit.



Upper right: Paul Knight '85. Lower right: A group of former Knight interns at a celebration of the program's 25th anniversary, in Idaho; Al Knight '51L is front row, center, with hands clasped. All other photos are of the Henry's Fork, in Idaho. Photos courtesy James Chandler/Henry's Fork Foundation, Al Knight, Chris Brand and Gary Franke.



INTO THE GREAT WIDE OPEN

The A. Paul Knight Internship Program in Conservation, named in memory of a late Washington and Lee student, turns 30 this year. It has provided internships to 132 students and is still going strong.

BY LINDSEY NAIR



LESS THAN TWO WEEKS after Liz Todd '19 returned to W&L from her 2016 summer internship with The Nature Conservancy in Idaho, she unequivocally declared her majors in geology and environmental studies. If it hadn't been for that opportunity through the A. Paul Knight Internship Program in Conservation, she might still be searching for her calling.

"As a freshman applying for the program, I never imagined it would have an impact of this scale on my academic path and my future aspirations," said Todd, who has since worked in the Brazilian Amazon, and plans to return to Idaho this summer. "I have found myself in places I never thought I would be and going in directions I never would have anticipated."

Al Knight '51L delights in such stories, because he helped establish the Knight program as a tribute to his late son, Paul Knight '85. In the past 30 years, 132 W&L undergraduate and law students have landed internships in environmental protection and conservation through the program, and many have gone on to work in those fields.

"It's better than I hoped it would be, and it's had a bigger impact on students than I anticipated," Al Knight said. "Paul would be very enthusiastic about it — there is no question in my mind about that."

CHANGING THE COURSE OF A LIFE

John McDaniel, professor emeritus of anthropology at W&L, first met Paul Knight during a lunch break on an archaeological dig. The men bonded over a mutual interest in fly-fishing, and during the summers of 1983, 1984 and 1985, Paul visited the McDaniel family at their summer home on the Henry's Fork of the Snake River, in Idaho, one of the premier fly-fishing spots in the world.

Then, in June 1985, Paul went missing during a backpacking trip at Yellowstone National Park. Two days later, rangers discovered that he had suffered a fatal fall. He was 22 years old.

In the months after his death, Paul's parents could think only of what they had lost: a gregarious, free-spirited and passionate young man who loved the outdoors and family traditions. It was, as Al Knight wrote in a 1988 article in this magazine, "a struggle . . . to put more meaning into a life suddenly sapped of most of its significance."

Together, the Knights and the McDaniels created the A. Paul Knight Internship Program at W&L. With generous contributions from Al Knight's own funds, along with matches from his then employer, Merck and Co., and modest donations from others, the program placed its first intern in 1988. The number of internships has varied over the years, but the program now accommodates two law students and five undergraduates each summer.

Law students secure their own positions, then apply for a Knight stipend. They have worked for a diverse array of organizations, including the Natural Resources Defense Council, the Southern Environmental Law Center, the U.S. Department of Justice, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Some still work in environmental law, such as Mary Cromer '06L, who represents coal miners and their families through the nonprofit Appalachian Citizens' Law Center, in Kentucky.

"Without exception, they come back having learned a lot and having obtained a lot of practical experience," said Brian Murchison, the Charles S. Rowe Professor of Law at W&L. "They also see firsthand that these are complex issues that need really dedicated and smart people working on them."

Undergraduates work for one of three organizations located within close proximity in eastern Idaho: the Henry's Fork Foundation (HFF), The Nature Conservancy's Flat Ranch, or the Friends of Harriman State Park. Tasks include everything from mending fences and planting water lilies to conducting extensive projects. In 2017, for example, Sam Cochran '18

created a comprehensive catalog of access points to the Henry's Fork for the HFF.

Outside the day-to-day work, most interns develop an appreciation for the outdoors, especially in that rugged and beautiful territory. "Part of Al's original intent was to give students the experience of being out West," said Rob Van Kirk, senior scientist at HFF. "That has really been a successful component of the program. I think all of the interns I have met are quite moved and influenced by that experience."

Jon Stiehl and Rich Paine, both Class of '93, were so enamored with the Henry's Fork that they built a business there, TroutHunter Lodge. It started as a small fly shop and guide service; today it is one of the world's foremost outfitters. Stiehl credits their internship at the HFF with setting them on that path.

"It was such a cool, eye-opening experience," he said. "It changed the course of my life in a really valuable way."

AN INTANGIBLE DIMENSION

The success of the Knight program over three decades can be measured by the number of young lives changed, and by the impact their work has had on the environment through those nonprofit organizations. None of that would have been possible, however, without the network of people who have lovingly shepherded it through the years.

McDaniel and Murchison have helped to administer the program from Lexington since its inception, as has W&L wrestling coach Gary Franke, who also owns a home on the Henry's Fork. In a twist, McDaniel now works every summer as a fly-fishing guide for TroutHunter Lodge. Kirk Follo, instructor emeritus of German and Italian, who served as Outing Club adviser during his time at W&L, was also involved.

Al Knight's involvement in and enthusiasm for the program has never flagged. He and his

“I think it sort of gives me a tie back to Paul, meeting people who are young and vibrant.”

—Al Knight '51L

wife, Gail (Paul's mother, Betsey, passed away a few years after his death), travel to their own summer place in Idaho every year to meet the interns and see what they are learning. When it became difficult to find summer housing in the area for the interns, the Knights bought a four-bedroom condo to accommodate them.

In 2009, when Al Knight decided to contact all of the alumni who had interned in the program thus far, he was showered with responses of deep gratitude.

“To me, one of the phenomenal things about the program was how important it was to the Knights, and the extent to which the W&L students seemed to instinctively know that,” McDaniel said. “They would extend their relationship with the Knights beyond their three months in Idaho, and I was always stunned by the long, thoughtful letters they would write about how important the program was to them.”

Liz Todd, who calls Al and Gail Knight “the most fantastic humans,” feels forever indebted to them. “To offer that scholarship at no cost, in addition to a quite generous stipend, means it is a financially plausible experience for almost any student,” she said.

For Knight, the benefit is clear: “I think it sort of gives me a tie back to Paul, meeting people who are young and vibrant,” he said.

On the 25th anniversary of the program, Chris Brand '89, a former Knight intern who serves on the HFF board of directors, organized a reunion of interns and their families. The crowd of more than 550 treated the Knights, McDaniels and Frankes to a standing ovation. In 2017, the Friends of Harriman State Park awarded the Turkey Feather Award to Al and Gail Knight for their impact on the organization.

“This is the most human and involved fellowship that I have seen at W&L,” said Murchison. “I'm sure there are others that are comparable, but Al Knight's level of personal engagement really adds this intangible dimension to the whole thing. So I think we should all be grateful to him for what he has done.”

For more information about the A. Paul Knight Internship Program in Conservation, see go.wlu.edu/Knight_Internship.



PAUL KNIGHT

MEANINGFUL INVESTMENT

Investing in faculty and students preserves W&L's quality education — and builds long-term value for alumni

BY STEVE MCALLISTER

In 2018, as we look to the next strategic plan, we do so while being mindful of what has worked so well over the years: investing meaningfully in the future of our faculty and students. This core objective has led us to understand our role and place in higher education and remain committed to providing long-term value to our students and alumni.

The result: an endowment per student that places W&L in the top 25 of all higher-education institutions in the U.S.; a financial aid program that has expanded the level of accessibility to deserving students of lesser means; an academic program that strives consistently to find greater opportunities to engage students; and an environment that prides itself on the traditions and values of the past, while being diligent to ensure an even brighter future.

We experienced a 3.7 percent increase in total assets over the past year, from \$1.947 billion to \$2.019 billion, and the aggregate endowment grew to a new high-water mark of \$1.547 billion.

LIABILITIES

We have liabilities totaling \$263.7 million. Three types comprise 93 percent of this total: debt, future annuity payments, and postretirement benefits. Our largest liability, long-term debt, supports capital building projects.

Total debt stands at \$190.8 million and comprises seven different tax-exempt issues through either the Virginia College Building Authority (VCBA) or the Lexington City Industrial Development Authority. Of the outstanding debt, 85 percent is fixed rate and 15 percent is variable rate. Maturities extend to 2043 with interest rates ranging from 2.25 percent to 5.75 percent. The 1998 and 2001 VCBA notes, totaling \$90.4 million, are non-callable.

Our debt is rated Aa2 and AA by Moody's and S&P, respectively; has a "Stable" outlook from the agencies; and reflects their evaluations of our financial health and our ability to repay our obligations. Debt will play a role with the next strategic plan; however, we will remain mindful of the limits created through our debt policy and current ratings.

OVERVIEW

TOP 25

In endowment per student among all U.S. universities

\$1.54 BILLION

Our endowment's high-water mark

3.7% ↑ Year-on-year increase in total assets

3.4% ↑ Year-on-year increase in net tuition revenues

39%

Portion of W&L operating expenses covered by endowment distributions

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For lowest percentage of expenditures that go toward administration, including fund-raising, among the nation's top 25 liberal arts institutions.

FOR W&L STUDENTS

\$63,136

Instructional and student-services cost per student

\$25,859

Average tuition and fees paid by families after financial aid

\$48.3 MILLION

STUDENT FINANCIAL AID AWARDED

THANKS TO YOU

\$10.55 MILLION

Annual Fund donations reached a record high

51%

Of undergraduate alumni donated



Highlights of this category are the completion or substantial completion of these integral elements of the last strategic plan:

- Tucker Hall, the last building of the Colonnade restoration.
- The natatorium.
- The Red House (now home to the LGBTQ Resource Center and the Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Program).
- The final phases of Stemmons Plaza.

NET ASSETS

Unrestricted net assets increased by \$25.3 million to \$358 million.

Temporarily restricted net assets increased sharply, from \$378.5 million to \$420.4 million, largely a result of the strong investment-return environment.

Permanently restricted net assets, where W&L invests the funds and benefits from the return, underpin the endowment and include many of the outside trusts managed in perpetuity for our benefit. The value of these endowments increased by \$11.9 million to \$976.9 million.

OPERATING RESULTS

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

In 2016-17, W&L incurred instructional and student-services costs on average of \$63,136 per student. The stated tuition and mandatory fees were \$48,267. The average tuition and fees paid by families after financial aid were just \$25,859. Every student received a subsidy toward their education of at least \$14,869, and for one-half of the population, the subsidy was expanded through financial aid. This is the financial-value proposition of a W&L education and will continue to be an area of focus as we expand accessibility to all qualified applicants.

Net tuition revenues increased by 3.4 percent to \$59.4 million, even as we reduced the undergraduate enrollment by 1.4 percent. In the Law School, the number of students increased by 3.8 percent, reflecting a steady in the volatile legal-education marketplace. Financial aid continues to be strongly supported through endowment and gifts (49.8 percent).

Within revenues, financial aid is shown as a reduction of tuition (\$41.54 million); this is also the case with auxiliary enterprise revenues (with aid reduction of \$2.41 million). Within expenses, a line item for financial aid (\$4.36 million) represents awards that exceed tuition, room and board. Combined, student financial aid that W&L awarded was \$48.3 million, reaching 51 percent of the undergraduate student population and 90 percent of law students.

Highlights in this area:

- We offered faculty 162 summer Lenfest Grants and 11 full-year Lenfest Sabbaticals.
- We offered students 102 Johnson Opportunity or Johnson Enhancement grants, and 226 additional grants for summer experiential, research or internship endeavors.
- We awarded grants and scholarships to 50.6 percent of the undergraduates; in 2008, the corresponding figure was 39.3 percent.

ENDOWMENT ALLOCATION

Endowment distributions accounted for 39 percent of the operating revenues, at \$63.8 million. This source has grown in importance as a portion of the revenue stream. As a result, diligence of management of the underlying assets and considerations of payout allocation models are as important, if not more important, than a decade ago. The university followed its normal spending formula of increasing endowment spending by inflation plus

- We received new gifts and pledges of \$37.2 million, with \$9.8 million of the total toward endowments and \$10.3 million to capital projects.

OPERATING EXPENSES

We use these resources to fulfill our core mission: education. Instruction and academic support (libraries, information technology services, etc.) compose nearly 60 percent of total expenses.

Only 12 percent of expenditures go toward administration, including fund-raising. We recently affirmed this figure with the methodology outlined by the American Council of Trustees and Alumni in "How Much is Too Much? Controlling Administrative Costs through Effective Oversight." For the year covered in the report (FY 2015), W&L posted a ratio of 0.20, the lowest among the top 25 liberal arts institutions, where the mean of the group was 0.35.

Compared to the top 25 liberal arts colleges, W&L consistently spends a higher percentage of its budget for educational expenses than the peer average (60.3 percent versus 52 percent).

1 percent. This yielded a payout rate of 4.83 percent. Law School endowments retained the supplemental increased payout adopted by the Board of Trustees for a second year and utilized a 7.5 percent payout rate.

Current gifts and grants also play a significant role in providing a robust and vibrant educational program. These unrestricted gifts underwrite all aspects of university life. W&L received \$18.9 million in expendable contributions and grants to underwrite operations. If we had to rely on our endowment to generate the same level of contribution, we would need an additional \$391 million.

Endowment highlights:

- The Annual Fund exceeded \$10.55 million, a new high-water mark, and we maintained a high undergraduate alumni participation rate of 51 percent.
- Endowment per student (including funds held in trust by others) increased to \$717,595. At June 30, 2007, this value was \$466,299. We captured this increase in value of 54 percent over the past decade even as the endowment distributed between 4 percent and 5 percent of its value annually.

Compared to the top 25 liberal arts colleges, W&L consistently spends a higher percentage of its budget for educational expenses than the peer average (60.3 percent versus 52.0 percent). However, our aggregate expenses per student fall below the average expense per student of the peers by nearly \$9,000.

IN SUMMARY

The W&L community can look to future opportunities from a perspective of success and financial strength. Following a year when investment markets were down, 2016-2017 saw the expected long-term growth rate of the endowment exceeded with the knowledge that, in its simplest form, it is the driver of a sustainable business model in higher education.

NOTE: This article is adapted from the financial report prepared for 2016-2017 by Steve McAllister, vice president and treasurer, which you may read at go.wlu.edu/financials-1617. Unless otherwise noted, beginning and ending dates mentioned throughout are June 30, 2016, and June 30, 2017.

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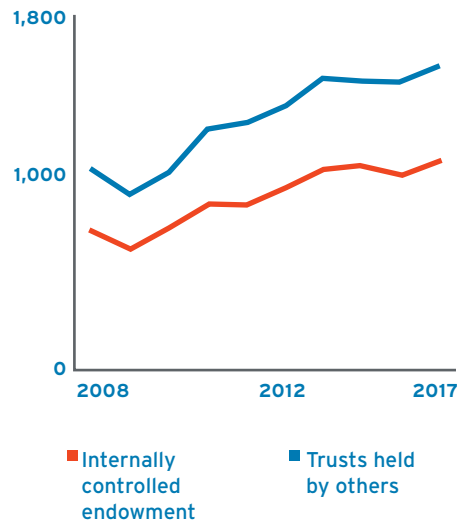
\$2.019 BILLION

- 77% Endowment
- 16% Plant, net of depreciation
- 3% Other investments
- 3% Contributions receivable
- 1% Other

We experienced a 3.7 percent increase in total assets over the past year, from \$1.947 billion to \$2.019 billion.

ENDOWMENT

ENDOWMENT VALUE (\$MILLIONS)
JUNE 30



The aggregate endowment grew to a new high-water mark of \$1.547 billion.

LIABILITIES

\$263.7 MILLION

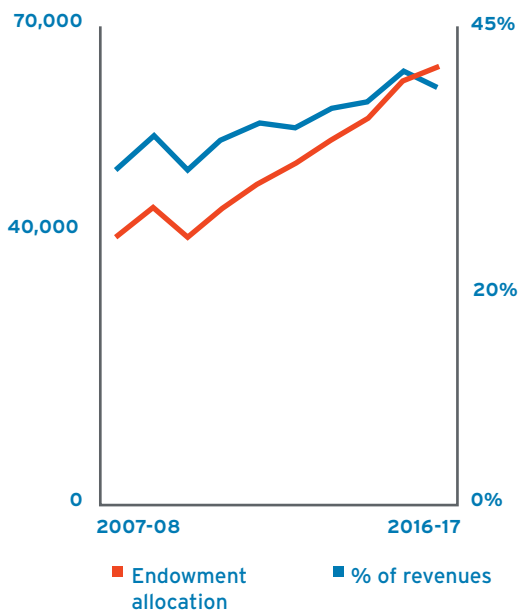
- 73% Debt
- 12% Annuity obligations
- 8% Post-retirement benefits
- 7% Other

UNIVERSITY OPERATING REVENUES

\$163.5 MILLION

- 39% Endowment allocation and distributions from trusts
- 36% Net tuition
- 12% Gifts and grants
- 12% Auxiliary enterprises
- 1% other

ENDOWMENT ALLOCATION

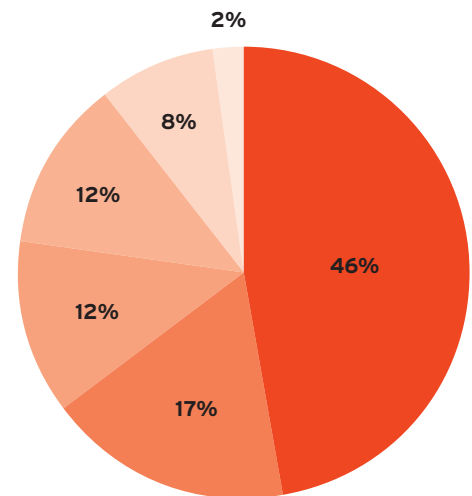


Endowment distributions accounted for 39 percent of the operating revenues.

UNIVERSITY OPERATING EXPENSES

\$160.9 MILLION

- 46% Instruction
- 17% Auxiliary enterprises
- 12% Institutional support
- 12% Academic support
- 8% Student services
- 2% Other



All figures as of June 30, 2017, for the 2016-2017 fiscal year.

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THEIR

HONOR

**Owings Fellows Take the
Honor System on the Road**

BY JULIE CAMPBELL

ELIZABETH MUGO '19, WILL SHANNON '19 AND BOWEN SPOTTSWOOD '18 love the Honor System so much that they're spreading the gospel of academic integrity through in-person testimonials at high schools and middle schools across the country.

Last September, these current holders of the S. Cullum Owings Jr. Fellowship made their first foray, to Spottswood's alma mater, Bayside Academy, in Daphne, Alabama. "Before we go to each school, we try to gauge the atmosphere," she says. "Some campuses already have strong honor codes or systems in place, and some do not yet have an honor code or system at all."

At the presentation, the three start by talking a bit about themselves. ("I felt like I was giving a TED talk," says Shannon of his debut.) They also show a PowerPoint that includes a good example of bad behavior: swimmer Ryan Lochte, who told a whopper about a nonexistent robbery during the 2016 Olympics.

Having Mugo on board — she's the vice president of the Executive Committee — is especially helpful when the high schoolers want to know about the nitty-gritty of W&L's Honor System. The Bayside students, for example, pricked up their ears at the mention of W&L's single sanction. When they break into smaller groups, the Fellows have frank conversations with the younger students about how they deal with issues of honor, and about what to do in hypothetical situations.

"The students at W&L talk about or think about the Honor System often," says Mugo. "At these high schools, they may not talk about it the same way." Accordingly, the Fellows stress that each school needs to decide what works best for its community. They send a post-visit report to the school containing its pupils' general concerns on the topic, while keeping confidential the names of the students they've talked with.

"The feedback that we hear from the visited schools is always positive," reports the family of the late Cullum Owings '03, whose name graces the fellowship (see sidebar). "These young people can relate to and communicate with middle and secondary students to address the current issues in their school in a way that adults with the same message cannot. We are convinced that these school visits have lasting impact."

W&L students can make their own impact by applying for the fellowship. "It's an opportunity to take part in the Honor System," promises Mugo, "in an unconventional way."

MEET THE 2017-2018 OWINGS FELLOWS



BOWEN SPOTTSWOOD '18

Major: Religion

Minor: Poverty and human capability studies

Activities past and present: Key Staff, Outing Club; Peer Counselor; trip leader, Appalachian Adventure; member, Reformed University Fellowship; leader, Young Life; tutor, English for Speakers of Other Languages; mentor to local eighth-grader.

Why it's an honor: "It's a really incredible way to get involved with the Honor System and promote what it does even outside of W&L."



ELIZABETH MUGO '19

Major: Sociology and anthropology

Double minor: Africana studies and poverty and human capability studies

Activities past and present: Vice president, Executive Committee; member, University Committee for Inclusiveness and Campus Climate; co-president, Student Association for Black Unity; trip leader, Volunteer Venture Program; senior intern, Bonner Program; student representative, Commission on Institutional History and Community.

How it matters: "We all love the Honor System. It's something that we all cherish and see in different ways."



WILL SHANNON '19

Double major: Politics and history

Activities past and present: Member, White Book Review Committee; assistant head Peer Counselor; member, Kathekon; campus tour guide; coach for local soccer team of 10- to 12-year-olds.

How to get ready: "I usually give the presentation to myself in my hotel room the night before, and in the shower the day of. As cliché as that sounds, it works for me."

ABOUT THE OWINGS FELLOWSHIP

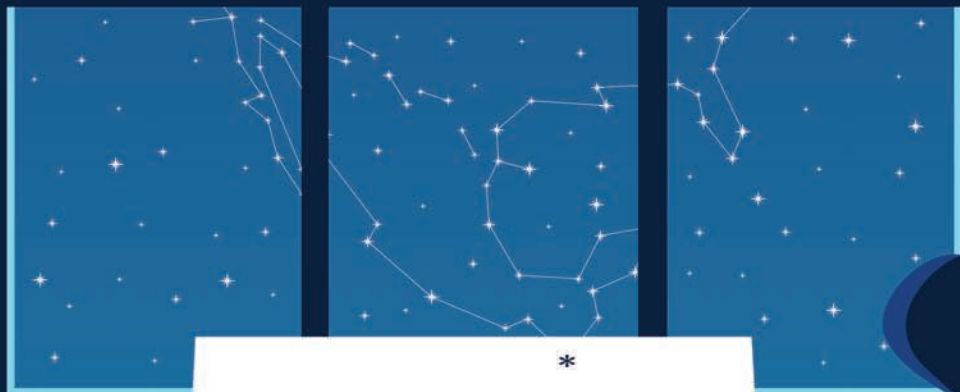
The fellowship honors the late Cullum Owings '03. His parents, Susan and Steve, and his brother, Pierce '06, find it rewarding that the Honor System is being shared with younger audiences. "It is also an area of general behavior which can use some extra emphasis today," they note.

The fellowship's origins stretch back to 2000. That year, at its 40th reunion, the Class of 1960 endowed the W&L Institute for Honor, which gave rise to the Initiative for Academic Integrity in Secondary Schools. The Owings Fellowship carries out that initiative and provides partial tuition grants for the Fellows.

Cullum Owings' classmates remembered him after his 2002 death and at their 10th reunion with contributions that, along with support from his family, have increased the number of Fellows from two to three and expanded the geographic reach. "We are delighted to see the evolution and growth," say the Owingses.

Beau Dudley '74, '79L, W&L's executive director of Alumni Affairs, coordinates the program, building on a foundation laid by professors emeritus John Gunn '45 and the late Law John '58. "Our Fellows are very effective ambassadors for W&L," he says.

"The fact that they applied for this fellowship assures us they feel strongly about the Honor System," says the Owings family of the Fellows, "and are excited about the opportunity to share how it impacts their lives in the classroom, in their choices, and in their behavior outside life at W&L."



OFFICE HOURS



Seth Michelson

The assistant professor of Spanish, who devotes time both inside and outside the classroom to writing and translating poetry, recently compiled a book of poems written by incarcerated undocumented teens.

BY LINDSEY NAIR • PHOTO BY KEVIN REMINGTON • ILLUSTRATION BY FEDERICO GASTALDI



WHAT SPARKED YOUR INTEREST IN LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES?

I grew up on the U.S.-Mexico border and lived in San Diego, and my father worked in Tijuana, Mexico. I was always fascinated by the overlapping cultures, languages and identities comprising the 500-year-old San Diego-Tijuana conurbation, not to mention the rhetoric and legislation used variously to separate and connect the communities. I loved each side, as well as their entanglements, and it seemed both amazing and commonplace to me that we lived these transnational lives in constant motion, with friends, neighbors, classmates, coworkers and family members continuously migrating back and forth across the construct of the

international border, both with and without documentation, and for a diversity of reasons. And I couldn't help but notice, even as a child, the seeming caprice, cruelty and injustice of many of the impediments to and permissions for crossing.

WHY DOES POETRY TRANSLATION MATTER TO YOU?

It's important to me that I use my linguistic and literary skills and privileges in the service of helping others to share their voices and diversify the literary landscape. For this reason, I'm specifically committed to translating feminist poetry into English. Also, in the U.S., literature in translation composes a mere 3 percent of the literature being read, so I'm concerned that we're unintentionally pre-selecting, endorsing and perpetuating an isolationist worldview via our national literary culture. As a translator, I can work actively against this.

I also find the process of translating to be a deep pleasure. As a poet myself,

I enjoy working intimately with and learning from the original texts of other writers. Less selfishly, I take pleasure, too, in helping monolingual-Spanish poets, for example, to reach previously inaccessible readers, such as my non-Spanish-speaking friends, whom I often know would love the work of certain poets if only able to read it. So I'm motivated by a desire to connect writers and readers, which also happens to motivate my teaching and writing, meaning those three interests nourish one another.

WHAT IS THE MOST IMPORTANT LESSON YOU WANT TO TEACH YOUR W&L STUDENTS?

One of my most important aims in the classroom is to encourage each student's intellectual passions. To that end, I try to help them to learn to read more slowly, broadly and rigorously; to listen more attentively, critically and generously; and to cultivate the courage to raise their voices whenever necessary.

WHAT HAVE YOU LEARNED IN YOUR WORK WITH UNDOCUMENTED TEENS THAT YOU WISH YOU COULD SHARE WITH EVERYONE IN AMERICA?

Among other things, I'd try to emphasize the power of a bureaucratic adjective like "undocumented" to influence individual and collective life. For example, the ascription of the adjective to a child can drive her to suicide, and the ascription of the adjective to communities can mobilize racism in all of our lives. So perhaps it's a crucial misstep to begin conversations today about the 17,000-year-old story of human migration up and down the hemispheric Americas with adjectives like "illegal," "alien" and "undocumented." Perhaps they toxify the waters before we can even enter them to try to swim? Against such nullity, we need language helping us to conceive of alternative ways of living well together, and the beautiful poetry of the incarcerated teens with whom I've worked might exemplify this.

OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM

WHEN I'M NOT WORKING: I enjoy cooking, traveling and camping with my sons.

IF I HADN'T BECOME A SPANISH PROFESSOR: I might have become an immigration lawyer, an astrophysicist or a chef.

MY FAVORITE PLACE: Is impossible to choose. I've loved living in and visiting many different places. Recently, I've enjoyed my time in Mexico, Germany, Kenya and India.

To read more about Michelson's book, "Dreaming America: Voices of Undocumented Youth in Maximum-Security Detention," see columns.wlu.edu/dreaming-of-freedom.





Greg Hunt '97

An FBI agent credits his father, the Honor System and his W&L education with shaping his career.

BY LINDSEY NAIR • PHOTO BY KEVIN REMINGTON

As a kid, Greg Hunt '97 was intrigued by the professional adventures of his dad, an FBI agent who worked several high-profile investigations in New York during the '80s and '90s. But Hunt wanted to carve his own career path, so he followed up his W&L history degree with a J.D. from the University of Richmond, then took a job with a Roanoke law firm.

In 2006, two events caused Hunt to reconsider: His first child, a son, was born, and his father, Paul, who had recently retired from the FBI, suffered a fatal heart attack after running a 5K. "My dad was one of the hardest-working people I have ever known, and, as an agent, he worked tirelessly to protect others," Hunt said. "I don't think I appreciated what motivated him until I had children of my own."

Today, Hunt is the Joint Terrorism Task Force coordinator for 24 counties in Southwest Virginia, including Rockbridge. He is based out of the Roanoke Resident Agency. His work is mostly classified, but a 2016 case grabbed international headlines.

DISASTER AVERTED

On Aug. 10, 2016, Hunt provided Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) with intelligence about an impending terrorist attack. The RCMP intercepted Canadian Aaron Driver, 24, who had just left his home with a homemade explosive device. According to Canadian newspaper *The Globe and Mail*, Driver was about to leave in a taxi, and had just requested a ride to a popular shopping and recreation area. When confronted by authorities, Driver detonated his device. He was killed by the RCMP during the encounter.

"He wanted to detonate an IED and kill as many Canadians as he could," Hunt said. "Fortunately, the Canadians were able to act on the information quickly."

'EVERYBODY WORKS TOGETHER'

In October 2017, Hunt and his family, including his wife, Cassie Ritter Hunt '01, director of development operations for W&L, traveled to FBI Headquarters in

Washington, D.C. There, Hunt, along with others who had worked the case, received the 2017 Director's Award for Excellence in Counterterrorism. They have since received a SHIELD Award from the Anti-Defamation League, as well.

"They've given me entirely too much credit, if you ask me, but it was an interesting case to work on, and I was glad I was in a position to make a positive contribution," Hunt said. "Everybody works together. I was the case agent, but it took a village, as they say, including personnel from FBI Headquarters, FBI offices around the world, and our Canadian counterparts."

"I do this work because once you are exposed to it and see the threat that is out there, you can't ignore it," Hunt said. "It would haunt me if I didn't do something about it. If I could unlearn what I know about the counterterrorism threat, I would — and I would probably sleep better at night."

VALUES FOR LIFE

As he looks back on his education, Hunt can see parallels between the W&L Honor System and the FBI's core values of respect, fairness, compassion, accountability, integrity, leadership and diversity. "Those seven words capture the Honor System," he said. "We kind of get those values from our parents, but it was at W&L that I first chose those as my own values and owned them."

The small classroom setting at W&L pushed Hunt to hone the communication skills he calls on every day at work. "You can't hide in a W&L classroom. Everyone is challenged to think critically, and encouraged to express his or her thoughts. Critical thinking and the ability to communicate, both orally and in writing, are essential skills for any investigator."

MORE ABOUT GREG

JOB: Coordinator, Joint Terrorism Task Force, FBI Roanoke

MAJOR: History; J.D., University of Richmond

FAVORITE TEACHER: Too many to name! Jefferson Davis Futch, Marshall Jarrett, Taylor Sanders, Henry Porter, Roger Jeans and more

MOST MEMORABLE CLASS: History of Venice (Futch)

FAVORITE PASTIME: Spending time with the kids



Alison Krentel Wheatley-Price (pink scarf), in Yadgir District, India, with community leaders and researchers from the Vector Control Research Centre (Indian Council of Medical Research) and the Bruyère Research Institute.



Alison Krentel Wheatley-Price '94

The medical researcher travels, teaches and conducts research to eliminate neglected tropical diseases.

BY LINDA EVANS • PHOTO COURTESY OF ALISON KRENTEL WHEATLEY-PRICE '94

GLOBAL REACH

Alison Krentel Wheatley-Price's classroom is the world. She not only teaches a master's-level class to 300 students worldwide, but she also travels the globe seeking the elimination and control of tropical diseases.

She focuses on some of the 20 diseases known as neglected tropical diseases. "These are diseases that have been neglected and that affect neglected people," she said. Most maim or disable their victims, and some cause blindness.

A former Peace Corps volunteer, Krentel worked in Gabon, in central Africa, during the height of the HIV-AIDS crisis in the 1990s, spearheading a communications campaign to help people understand the disease. A stint with Doctors Without Borders in Indonesia taught her the business side of humanitarian work and what issues needed attention.

TACKLING LF

Currently, she's focused on lymphatic filariasis (LF), a disease spread by mosquitoes that deposit a parasite when they bite. Subsequent damage to the lymph system can cause serious swelling of limbs and frequent bacterial infections. In the past year, this project has taken her to Indonesia, Haiti, Papua New Guinea, India and Ivory Coast.

Funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, Krentel's work on LF focuses on tracking how people in the affected regions accept the drugs to treat LF, even if they lack symptoms of the disease. In order to completely eliminate LF, everyone needs to take the medication each year for four to six years.

"In the field, we can work under difficult circumstances sometimes — no electricity or running water," she said. One night her team killed 10 scorpions in their room before going to bed.

A HIGHER GOAL

Krentel entered global health because of her desire to travel and because of family members who devoted their lives to helping others. Her grandfather, in particular, was a model for compassion; a doctor in rural Quebec, "he had a heart for helping people." Her minister father and mother invited "stray people" to join the family for Sunday dinner, so "for our family, this was normal."

Krentel lives in Ottawa, Canada. Work-related travel might seem glamorous, but "it can be a hard job with a lot of sacrifices." She needs a reason "outside myself" to leave her husband, Paul Wheatley-Price, a physician, and two children, Thomas, 9, and Charlotte, 7, to work in sometimes challenging conditions.

"I try to remember a higher goal and the people I'm trying to help," she said. "I need to see them and hear their stories."

MORE ABOUT ALISON:

WORK: Researcher, Bruyère Research Institute; Senior Research Fellow, WHO Collaborating Center for Knowledge Translation and Health Technology Assessment in Health Equity, Centre for Global Health, University of Ottawa; Honorary Fellow and External Faculty, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. She also collaborates with researchers at Washington University, in St. Louis, and the Task Force for Global Health, and is a founding member of the Canadian Steering Committee for Neglected Tropical Diseases.

MAJOR: English and art history, with a focus on 17th-century Dutch painting. She uses the French required by the art history major in her medical profession.

FAVORITE TEACHER: J. Holt Merchant Jr. '61, Professor of History Emeritus

GRADUATE EDUCATION: M.S., Ph.D., London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine

MEMORABLE PROF AND COURSE: As a confident first-year taking Sidney M.B. Coulling '46's English course, she was surprised to receive a D on her first paper, with a "see me" written in red across the top. Under his and others' guidance, "I learned to write. It was a great foundation for my education."

GREEK LIFE: A member of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority, she noted that hers was one of the first classes with female students in all four levels.

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A few months before welcoming the University Singers for Presidents Day, the Philadelphia Chapter took to the ice.

CHAPTER CORNER

CHAPTERS TAKE NOTE OF PRESIDENTS DAY

BY TOM LOVELL '91, SENIOR ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF ALUMNI AFFAIRS

W&L's 77 alumni chapters engage alumni in the life of our alma mater. These Presidents Day gatherings, just like our chapters, came in all shapes and sizes:

- Philadelphia hosted the University Singers over Washington Break.
- Dallas and Fort Worth learned, and tasted, the science of chocolate thanks to Associate Provost Marcia France, who also is the John T. Herwick, M.D. Professor of Chemistry.
- Oklahoma City and Tulsa heard from Bob Strong, the William Lyne Wilson Professor of Politics, about "The Presidency through Twitter."
- In Seattle and Portland, Jeff Shay, the Rupert H. Johnson Jr. Professor in Entrepreneurship, highlighted the Connolly Center for Entrepreneurship.
- The Peninsula Chapter heard from Bill Hamilton, professor of biology, about positive student-faculty relationships.
- In Charlottesville, Tom Camden '76, head of Special Collections and Archives, showcased some of W&L's historic treasures.
- New York City received a State of the Generals report from Director of Athletics Jan Hathorn.
- In the U.K., Rob Straughan, Crawford Family Dean of the Williams School, and Suzanne Keen, dean of the College and the Thomas Broadus Professor of English, updated alumni.



OLIVER COOK '60

A Leap of Faith

BY BARBARA ELLIOTT

MAYBE YOU CAN'T TEACH AN OLD DOG NEW TRICKS, but you can certainly give it a wonderful new life. Even better, an old dog can contribute much to your happiness. Just ask Ollie Cook '60.

Cook is an attorney in Beverly Farms, Massachusetts. He grew up in Ohio in an animal-loving household, and he and his wife, Sharon, an author of mystery novels, have adopted many pets over the years. However, after their black Labs, Chester and Tubbs, died, six years elapsed before they realized how much they missed canine companionship and began to look for another dog.

"We started looking around for a replacement, experiencing a few false starts, such as the Border collie who dug under our fence and ran away twice in one afternoon," Cook said. "However, things turned when I attended a memorial service in Ipswich for Elaine, a long-time friend and client. At one point the minister asked if anyone was willing to give her 10-year-old dog a home. I raised my hand." Two days later, Cook brought home Samson,

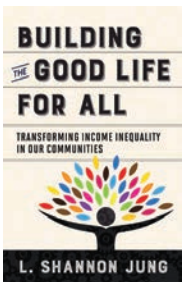
a Lab/Chow mix, as a surprise for Sharon. "She was speechless," he laughed. "Eventually she and Samson became BFFs. And though he likes our two cats, Mr. Black and Chiquita, they, in turn, ignore him."

Samson is indeed one lucky dog. He lived with his first family for eight years until they moved into a rental property that did not allow pets. He was surrendered to a local shelter, where Elaine adopted him when she was 91 and loved him for two years. He is now the light of the Cooks' lives, getting "three walks and two squares a day," celebrating his birthday with his favorite snack of baby carrots, and sleeping with his eyes open, which Cook admits is a little disconcerting, especially when the dog snores.

Cook recalls that a former rector at his church claimed that adopting a dog was a leap of faith. "He said that most likely we'd outlive our pets, yet we don't let that fact stop us. Adopting an older dog is a huge leap of faith. For those who are on the fence, I encourage you to make that leap."



Dr. James L. McLeod '59
FLANNERY O'CONNOR AND ME, Xlibris



Shannon Jung '65
BUILDING THE GOOD LIFE FOR ALL: TRANSFORMING INCOME INEQUALITY IN OUR COMMUNITIES, Westminster John Knox Press

50s

1959

Dr. James L. McLeod wrote "Flannery O'Connor and Me" (Xlibris) about his acquaintance with the late author. "By sharing some of these memories of her, I am very imperfectly trying to pass on some of the knowledge and humor she shared with me."

to encourage the social ministry of churches and the community development of neighborhoods.

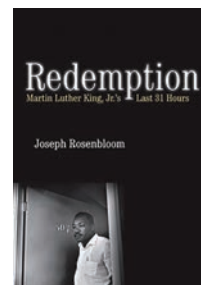
1966

Joseph Rosenbloom wrote "Redemption: Martin Luther King Jr.'s Last 31 Hours" (Beacon Press) after interviewing people immersed in the Memphis events and reading recently released documents from Atlanta archives.

70s

1971

Robert R. Jensen retired as dean of fine arts of Fullerton College in June 2015. He received the Above and Beyond award for his work on the Fullerton College Centennial. He finished a rim-to-rim hike in the Grand Canyon.



Joseph Rosenbloom '66 REDEMPTION: MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.'S LAST 31 HOURS, Beacon Press

60s

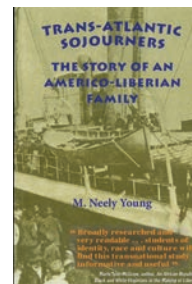
1965

L. Shannon Jung wrote "Building the Good Life for All: Transforming Income Inequality in Our Communities" (Westminster John Knox Press)

M. Neely Young II wrote "Trans-Atlantic Sojourners: The Story of an Americo-Liberian Family" (University of Virginia Press), which begins in the 1850s with the formerly enslaved patriarchs, Othello Richards, of Rockbridge County, and William Coleman, of Kentucky, and traces their journeys to the African republic.

1972

John Mello completed service as immediate past president and board member of the Appraisal Institute Massachusetts/Rhode Island Chapter. He is a professionally designated SRA member of the Chicago-based Appraisal Institute. In 2015, Mello



M. Neely Young II '66 TRANS-ATLANTIC SOJOURNERS, University of Virginia Press

(cont.)



REFLECTING FORWARD

It's Personal

BY MIKE MCGARRY '87
PRESIDENT, ALUMNI BOARD OF DIRECTORS

ON AUGUST 27, 1983, I stepped onto the Washington and Lee campus for the first time. I had never visited Lexington or met a W&L student or alum. I was 950 miles away from my home, family and friends. Without a cell phone, the internet or a car, I was cut off from everyone and everything I had known. Before long, I learned that sweaters and coats purchased in Louisiana offered little resistance to Shenandoah Valley winters.

I also learned the hard way that college professors were much more demanding than high school teachers. The scholarship that allowed me to attend W&L required me to keep a 3.0 GPA. After just one semester, I found myself meeting with financial aid director John DeCourcy, discussing whether and how I might stay at W&L. He asked me for the names of my professors and disappeared. Thirty minutes later, he returned, presumably having talked with some of those professors, and told me to come see him every semester, and that "we would work something out."

Mr. DeCourcy took a chance on me, and because of him, I was able to stay at Washington and Lee, where I met my wife, graduated, and got my first job, in Charlotte, North Carolina,

following a campus interview. We still live in Charlotte, and both of our children (one of whom is recently engaged to a fellow General) graduated from W&L. Attending W&L turned out to be the most influential decision of my life.

The W&L experience is personal. When alumni talk about the university, the conversation quickly turns to the individuals who shaped us. Perhaps it was a professor who captured your imagination and challenged your intellect. For those of us far from home, it was people like Wilson, who took care of Gilliam dorm and always had a kind word. Evan and Buddy Atkins '68 welcomed me into their home and continue to do so today. Ms. Vera in the old Co-op took time to get to know and help me, and did it again with my daughters 25 years later in the new D-Hall. Murph, Baner, James Dick, Ms. Isca in the D-Hall, Traveller John; I could go on and on.

As Alumni Board president, on behalf of all alumni, THANK YOU to the hundreds of the devoted and talented staff at Washington and Lee. They keep the university running, give it heart and soul, and even made an out-of-place kid from Louisiana feel at home.

retired, after serving for 22 years as a seven-term elected assessor and chairman of the Rochester, Massachusetts, board of assessors. During that time, he also served as president and board member of the Plymouth County Assessors Association. He continues his professionally designated activities with the Massachusetts Board of Real Estate Appraisers and the Massachusetts Association of Assessing Officers. Prior to beginning a private appraisal practice in 1990, Mello pursued a 15-year career in international financial and capital projects management, which began with serving in the U.S. Peace Corps (Mali, West Africa, 1974-76). Mello continues his appraisal practice in southeastern Massachusetts and Cape Cod and resides with his wife, Margo, in Rochester.

Donald W. Weir Jr. received the professionalism award of the year for his tireless and unselfish contributions in representing indigent minors in Juvenile Court by the Shreveport Bar Association.

1975

Lawrence B. Cahoon received the UNCW Distinguished Teaching Professorship for 2017.

Guy H. Kerr was been named president of the Salesmanship Club of Dallas, a 97-year-old non-profit organization that owns and operates Momentous Institute and hosts the AT&T Byron Nelson Championship. His classmates Steve Van Amburgh and Bowman Williams are also involved.

1976

Joseph M. Finnerty, chair of Barclay Damon's media and first amendment law practice area, has been honored by the Investigative Post for his contributions to journalism and his support for the publication.

1977

Joel W. Mohrman was recognized in the September 2017 edition of Managing Intellectual Property magazine's IP Stars ranking as both a Patent Star and Trademark Star.

1978

William G. Turner noted, "The distinguished gentleman from

Baltimore, Charlie Stieff '78, and I were pleased to see an update to the Sigma Society listing in Wikipedia. This well-known news site added another General to its list of Sigmas. This will surely give positive exposure to this often-overlooked organization that has a long list of Generals still out there wearing their rings and telling stories of the famed cabin."

80s

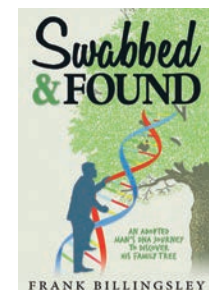
1982

Franklin P. Billingsley wrote "Swabbed and Found: An Adopted Man's DNA Journey to Discover His Family Tree" (Bright Sky Press) about his

genealogical research. He is a long-time weatherman on Houston's KPRC-TV station.

1983

Jackson R. Sharman III has been recognized as a Litigation Star in the 2018 Edition of Benchmark Litigation.



Franklin P. Billingsley **SWABBED AND FOUND: AN ADOPTED MAN'S DNA JOURNEY TO DISCOVER HIS FAMILY TREE**, Bright Sky Press



GERRY BAROUSSE '80

A Powerful Connection

BY BARBARA ELLIOTT

A PHONE CALL from a fellow W&L alum launched Gerry Barousse '80 into a venture that has transformed a once-blighted area of New Orleans into a model purpose-built community.

After Hurricane Katrina ravaged his home city in 2005, Barousse received a call from Charles Yates '70, who had coached and taught him in middle school, and with whom he had stayed in touch through his real estate development business. Yates had since moved back to Atlanta, where he invited Barousse to tour East Lake, a mixed-income community that replaced a crime-ridden housing development bordering the East Lake golf course.

Inspired, Barousse returned home and helped found the Bayou District Foundation (BDF), which he serves as chairman. Since its inception in 2006, the foundation has been developing Columbia Parc, a community that replaced the flooded St. Bernard Housing Project in the Gentilly neighborhood.

"That visit got us off and running," Barousse said. "Here we are 12 years later, still working to finish. Our partners included the city, state, school district, and the City Park." (He's on the right in the photo, showing off the project to none other than Warren Buffett.)

The scope of the 18-block project is enormous. The foundation's philosophy is to

build luxury apartments for citizens of all incomes. The first residents arrived in March 2010. Of the 685 households in Columbia Parc, 493 receive public housing or reduced rent. The positive impact is already evident, with crime reduced by nearly 100 percent from the pre-Katrina years.

BDF has also initiated what it calls a cradle-to-college-education pipeline, with an early-childhood education center already open and a K-8 charter school scheduled to open next year. A permanent on-site health clinic opened in September 2017, and a grocery store and a pharmacy will begin this year.

BDF and City Park New Orleans have partnered to build a world-class, Rees Jones-designed, 18-hole golf course that replaces two damaged former golf courses. Through this partnership with the park, BDF will share net income from golf operations (approximating \$500,000 annually for BDF), which will support BDF's community programs.

Barousse jokes that his wife, Jeanne, is ready for him to divert some of his formidable energy back into non-volunteer activities. Don't count on it. He is eager to share the success of Columbia Park with other communities, just as Charlie Yates shared East Lake with him in that fateful call.

1985

R. Temple C. Cone Jr. published his fourth collection of poetry, "Guzzle" (FutureCycle 2016), which was nominated for a Pulitzer Prize.



Temple Cone '85
GUZZLE, FutureCycle Press

1986

Lee M. Hollis has been recognized as a Litigation Star in the 2018 Edition of Benchmark Litigation.

00s

2001

Frederick M. Heiser ('04L) joined Klinedinst PC in its Los Angeles and Orange County offices as counsel and is a member of the firm's business and commercial litigation, commercial general liability, and employment practice groups.

Stephen L. Philipson was promoted to head of fixed income and capital markets by U.S. Bank.

2006

Allan C. Galis became a partner at HunterMaclean.

2008

Mary Catherine Burdine was named The 2018 Outstanding Volunteer in 2018 by the New York Junior League (NYJL) for exemplifying "the highest qualities of leadership, commitment to volunteerism, and service to the New York City community."

William B. Larson ('11L) joined the administration of Wilmington, Delaware's mayor, Mike Purzycki, in January 2017 as an assistant city solicitor. In November, he was promoted to senior city solicitor. He represents the City of Wilmington in litigation and advises the mayor and other administration officials on strategic initiatives.

2009

Dr. Ashley Wohler Gerrish was appointed to the Dean's Council on Advancement for the Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine. The committee of volunteers provides guidance, assistance, advocacy and philanthropic investment in support of the school's strategic objectives.

10s

2010

Thomas D. Frith IV ('15L) joined Frith and Ellerman Law Firm PC as an associate. He resides in Roanoke.

2011

Joseph A. Stusek received his J.D. from UNC-Chapel Hill and his LL.M. from the University of Florida. He is an associate in the Naples, Florida, office of Cummings & Lockwood and a member of the firm's tax, estate planning and business associations group.

2013

Madeleine S. Greskovich joined Starnes Davis Florie LLP as an associate. She focuses on medical malpractice defense.

2014

Lauren Michnick ('17L) joined Seward & Kissel LLP as a law clerk.



CHRISTINE STARER-SMITH '99

She Talks to the Animals

BY LINDA EVANS

CHRISTINE STARER-SMITH'S LOVE OF ANIMALS developed early, when she saved baby rabbits as a child. Later, she brought her horse to Washington and Lee and started the riding team.

Now a veterinarian at Banfield Pet Hospital, in Virginia Beach, Virginia, Starer-Smith says she had to succeed at University of Pennsylvania's vet school — "I had no Plan B," she laughed.

"Veterinary medicine is a wonderful career for women," she said. It provides a better work-life balance, which the mother of two young daughters appreciates. "Your career inevitably takes turns that you can't predict," so she advises that women get a broad liberal-arts education, and if they go to vet school, to also study widely there.

Because of her love of horses, Starer-Smith joined an equine practice out of vet school and worked with the large animals for nine years. But after being trampled by a horse and spending 23 days in the hospital with several surgeries, she turned to relief work for Banfield while recuperating. For the past two years, she has worked there part-time, caring for dogs and cats, and she loves her flexible schedule.

While in vet school, Starer-Smith took two trips with Rural Area Veterinary Services (RAVS), a program that combines community service and veterinary education to bring free vet services to underserved rural areas.

Recently, she traveled again with RAVS, now affiliated with The Humane Society, to two communities on the Standing Rock Reservation in North and South Dakota. "We provided spay, neuter and preventative care

services to more than 500 animals," she said.

The group of 50, including 10 vets, three vet technicians, 30 vet students, and support staff, transported everything they needed to set up a full veterinary hospital, including five surgical tables, anesthesia machines, recovery tables, and supplies. "We set up in gyms and had primitive living conditions," she said. Although they came from all backgrounds and geographic areas, "we worked together as a team."

In a Facebook post, Starer-Smith noted that they had no running water, no showers, and no flush toilets. "I feel like I am on an un-filmed reality TV show," she commented.

Working in such isolated conditions gave Starer-Smith an opportunity to use some skills she doesn't use in her day-to-day practice in Virginia Beach. Many of the animals weren't vaccinated, and "we saw more contagious diseases, such as parvovirus, in some dogs."

At home, she has the luxury of performing surgery on animals at the optimal time. In the Dakotas, however, animals needed surgery in less-than-ideal conditions. She also spayed older animals and performed risky surgery on a dog with new puppies.

She said the communities appreciated their work. Many days, people lined up at 5:30 a.m. for the 8 a.m. opening.

On top of traveling to remote areas to provide pet care, treating animals at Banfield, and raising two daughters and two dogs, Starer-Smith recently fostered a kitten that needed feeding every two hours. The little girl who wanted to save baby rabbits is grown up, but still can't resist an animal in need.

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HARRY PEMBERTON, PROFESSOR OF PHILOSOPHY EMERITUS

HARRISON J. PEMBERTON JR., professor of philosophy emeritus, died on Nov. 16, 2017, in Lexington, at age 92. He taught at W&L for 42 years, from 1962 until 2004.

“For over four decades, he inspired students with his love of philosophy and of international study,” said President Will Dudley. “His dedication called him to continue teaching well after his official retirement. Professor Pemberton exemplified the best of what we

seek in our teacher-scholars.”

Pemberton was born on March 3, 1925, in Orlando, Florida. He obtained his B.A. in philosophy (1949) from Rollins College, and his M.A. (1951) and Ph.D. (1953) from Yale University.

He attended Georgia Tech in 1943, before serving in the Army during World War II in New Guinea, the Philippines and with the occupation forces of Japan.

Pemberton worked as an instructor at Yale from 1951 to 1954; an assistant professor at the University of Virginia from 1954 to 1962; and a visiting associate professor at the University of Texas in 1962. In 1972, he taught western philosophy at Chung Chi College of the Chinese University of Hong Kong, and in 1976, he served as a visiting philosopher at Lebanon Valley College. His professional affiliations included the American Philosophical Association, and he was a member of Phi Beta Kappa.

At W&L, he taught the history of philosophy, Plato and existentialism, and a popular seminar on Martin Heidegger’s book “Being and Time.” His wartime travels in Asia kindled an interest in Eastern thought. Even after his retirement, he taught occasional classes at W&L and at VMI.

Pemberton established the Harrison J. Pemberton Fund for International Study at W&L, saying, “When you travel abroad, you have to adjust to another culture. You learn so much about other countries and their cultures, and you often find out just how strong you are. It is an incredible learning experience for our students and one I have supported throughout my career.”

In 2015, a former student of Pemberton’s, Tony Walker ’64, donated a painting to the university, by artist David Brewster, in Pemberton’s honor.

Pemberton wrote an acclaimed book, “Plato’s Parmenides: The Critical Moment for Socrates” (1984), with several W&L undergraduates helping him with research.

Another book, “The Buddha Meets Socrates: A Philosophical Journal” (2008), detailed the five weeks in 2004 that Pemberton spent teaching Western philosophy to young Buddhist monks at the Shri Diwakar Vihara Buddhist Research and Educational Institute in Kalimpong, India. Pemberton also tutored privately one of the students, His Holiness the Karmapa, the head of the Karma Kagyu school.

CAPTAIN’S LOG

New Name, Same Mission: Lifelong Learning



THE OFFICE OF SPECIAL PROGRAMS, which provides world-spanning trips through W&L Traveller as well as intellectually enriching events on campus with Alumni College, now goes by the name of Office of Lifelong Learning. The new appellation reflects the office’s mission and importance in keeping all of you — alumni, current and past parents, friends — connected to W&L through learning opportunities that draw upon our academic resources.

That’s not the only change to the office, for Susie Thompson, associate director, has retired. Along with her husband, Wayne Thompson (both at left), she provided travelers with unforgettable experiences.

Rob Fure, director, and Tracey Riley, senior programming assistant, continue to offer a full slate of programs. And congratulations on the Education Award they recently received as part of the Educational Travel Consortium’s 2018 Community Distinction Awards.

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1. Noble Stafford '05 to Ryan Coventry on July 16, 2017, in Charleston, S.C.

The two were featured in an episode of The Cooking Channel's "Cake Hunters." Alumni in attendance included Lyndsay Polloway '06, Sarah Strassel Robertson '06, Sarah Murray '06 and Jordan Anderson '07.

2. E. Cole Boyle '06 to Richard Reutter on April 1, 2017, in Campobello, South Carolina. Over 40 Generals attended the wedding, and the bridal party included

Carrie Lee '06, Hattie Gruber '04, Caroline Osborne '06, Caitlin Williams '06, Emily Haight '06, Susanna Shannon '06 and SB Baldock '06. The Reutters reside in Spartanburg, South Carolina, where Cole is the executive director of sales, southeast, for Dstillery, an advertising technology company based in New York City. Richard runs his family's mail-order bakery business, Caroline's Cakes.

3. Dr. Ashlee Metcalf '06 to Derrick Williams on

May 20, 2017, in Louisville, Kentucky. She is an internal medicine physician for Kaiser Permanente in Washington, D.C. Derrick is an assistant U.S. attorney. Front row, l. to r.: Keturah Akida Henderson '06, Kynai Johnson '06, Christina Snowden Thomas '06, Bethlehem Dammlash '06, the bride, Cami Morrison '07, Jessica Taylor White '04, Kristen Youngblood Archer '06, Ted Archer '06 and Hajrah Ahmad '06. Back row, l. r:

Calvin Awkward '06, '09L, Julian Ledford '06 and Alex White '07.

4. R. Walker Humphrey II '07 to Tricia Dudek on Oct. 28, 2017, in Charleston, South Carolina. The couple live in Mount Pleasant, South Carolina. Walker is an attorney with Willoughby & Hoefler PA, and Tricia is a pediatrician with Coastal Pediatric Associates.

5. Anthony Boniello '08 to Leigh Meeker on Sept. 16, 2017, in Tuckahoe, New Jersey. In attendance were

alumni Peter Lawrence '08, Kendell Massengill '10, Maxwell Courtney '07, Courtney Nelson, Britt Jamison '08, John Christopher '09, Rob Terrin '09, Erick Gagne '08, Ashley Gagne '08, Jeffrey Muenzer '08 and Jesse Sataloff '08. Leigh is an ICU nurse at UPenn, and Anthony is completing his orthopedic residency at Drexel.

6. Allison Rogers '08 to Michael Marsocci at Woodlawn in Alexandria, Virginia, on May 6, 2017.



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Allison and Michael were thrilled to celebrate with classmates Jessica Cobb Dowling, Audrey Horn, Rachel Hull, Christine Flood Jones, Jillian Roper Kyle and Kate Shellnutt Minnicks.
7. Abigail A. Steinbock '08 to Dan O'Shea '08 on Oct. 22, 2016, in Boston. Bridesmaids included Sally Bittinger McGrath '08, Kim Alfery Tingey '08, Jackie Neilson Coleman '08, Kat Allen Crowe '08 and Madeline Mayer Gil '08. Other Generals in

attendance included Joey Converse '08 and Taylor Rains '08. The couple reside in Washington, D.C., where Abby manages public relations in the restaurant industry, and Dan is a regional vice president for Columbia-Threadneedle Investments.
8. Alexandra Utsey '09 to Christopher Jones on April 8, 2017, in Charleston, South Carolina. Generals in attendance included Lloyd Sams '78, Jennifer Sutton '08, Natalie Murphy Biondi '08, Yuji Huang Newby '09,

Jill Morris Bustamante '09, Chris Martin '09, Sarah Atkinson Ball '09, Erik Ball '09, Michael Tyler '09, Jennifer Nunes Elium '10, Sarah Catherine Welch '11, SoRelle Peat '12, Jacob Elium '12 and Camie Carlock '13. The couple reside in Washington, D.C., where Alex is a policy advisor in the Department of Defense, and Chris is a vice president and counsel at a trade association.
9. Sarah Engrstrom '10 to Andrew Coulson on Sept. 3, 2017, in Palmer, Alaska.

From l. to r: Taylor Maxey '12, Dwyn Jolly '09, Christian Roden '11, Sharon Chu '10, the bride, the groom, Queenie Wong '10, Aparajita Singh '10 and Lauren Sturdy '11. Pioneer Peak is in the background.
10. Caroline Head '10 to Kyle Garcia '07, October 2017, in Rosemary Beach, Florida. The couple met on a beach weekend in Fenwick Island, Delaware, through mutual friends
11. Jessica Jones '10

married **Palmer Simpson** in Charleston, South Carolina, on June 17, 2017. The wedding party included maid of honor Rachael Langdon '10 and bridesmaids Caroline Haerberle Tiller '10, Samantha Hogans '10 and Lissie Cain '09. Other alumni in attendance were the groom's father, Kennedy Simpson '75, along with Patrick Clossin '14, Preston Cory '14, Will Moore '09, Bill Rust '97, Bill Crawford '76, Edmund Seibels '75,
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Barry Barlow '77, Neal Cory '77, Tim Chriss '72, Harry Wall '75, Mac Cushing '75, Terry Tyler '72 and Robbie Grey '75. Jessica and Palmer live in Charleston with their dog, Teddy, where Jessica is an attorney at Moore & Van Allen and Palmer works at tech startup Launchpeer.

12. Graham Sheridan '11 to Victoria Ball on Oct. 21, 2017. Groomsmen included Alex Newell '11 and Brian Cherry '11. Also attending were Charlotte Cornbrooks '11, Jerzy Kessler '11, Colin Neal '11, Abhishek Bhatt '11, Alex Uhlir '11, Henry Benedict '11, Adrian Tapia '11 and Jed Dunn '82.

13. Sarah Catherine Welch '11 to James Roberts, on Nov. 18, 2017, in Atlanta. Alumni in attendance included the bride's father, Richard Welch '88L, and bridesmaids Jennifer Nunes Elium '10, Sarah Hagan Issner '11, Ellen Stauffer Hatcher '13, and Rachael Petry '13. Professor Haley Sigler and Professor Emeritus Harlan Beckley also attended.

14. Annie Bernacchi '12 to Will Smith '12 on Sept. 9, 2017, in Three Oaks,

Michigan. Generals in the wedding party included Katie Salvati '12, Lauren Warkentin Laskowski '12, Summer Gabriel Goldberg '11, Jon Guest '12, Kyle Bond '12, Stockton Bullitt '12 and Zac Burke '12. The couple live in Charlottesville, Virginia, where they run the W&L Blue Ridge Alumni Chapter. Annie is a neurosciences clinical pharmacist at the University of Virginia Medical Center, and Will is a senior associate at Harren Equity Partners.

15. Dana Fredericks '12 to Stewart Hargrove on Aug. 19, 2017, in Richmond.

16. Amy Clayton '13 to Ryan Parrish on May 27, 2017, in San Antonio, Texas. Alumni in attendance included Liz Bell '12, Tilden Bowditch '13, Emmie Curry '13, Christina Douglas '14, Joseph Doyle '12, Sarah Foster '13, Susan Haysom '13, Collier McLeod '13 and Sarah Stiefvater '13.

ALUMNI NEWS



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1. A few members of the Class of 1954 gathered for lunch in December 2017 with their wives and guests at Westminster Canterbury, Richmond. L. to r.: **Gordon Leggett, Stan Flinn, Tink Williams, Larry Palmer, Jim Trimm, Bob Cross, Reno Harp, Roy Matthews, Opie Pollard, Dave Drum and Fletcher Lowe.**

2. On Sept. 6, 2017, David W. Benn '62 (at left in photo) received an Order of Australia Medal for "service to the Community through Church, social welfare and educational foundations," including national chairmanships of Habitat for Humanity and the Fulbright Commission, as president of the American Club, Sydney, as director and senior vice president of the Australian-American Chamber of Commerce, and service to the Uniting Church. Benn, an international banker for 25 years, subsequently headed the Australasian operations for Korn/Ferry. He and his wife, Carolyn, have lived in Australia for over 43 years; they have three children and nine grandchildren. His continued love of mountains has taken him to Kilimanjaro and Everest Base Camp.

3. A group of 1978 graduates and significant others met for their annual Pawleys Island beach weekend conversation, consumption and camaraderie. Perhaps the separation of these years sharpens one's understanding of how special that time, at that place, with these men was for all of us. The bonds grow stronger, and the losses are felt more keenly, every year. And the need to honor the past while not being unmindful of the future is a common belief. L. to r.: **Tommy Tift '78, John Martin '78, Rob Sult '78, Matthew Hampton '06, Mark Putney '78, Mark Hampton '78, Erik Greenbaum '78, Mike Cleary '78, John Hill '78 and Travis Bass '78.** We hope to see the event and the group grow every year!

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4. Hunt Russell '11 reset the South Carolina swordfish state record at 532 lbs. The last time this record was set was in 1978, at 500 lbs. Go, Generals!

5. Dick Szlasa, former lacrosse coach at W&L, was inducted into the Intercollegiate Men's Lacrosse Coaches Association Hall of Fame on Dec. 8, 2017, with many W&L folks in attendance. Front row, l. to r.: **Dick Szlasa**, **Roy Skinner** (former W&L assistant lacrosse coach). Second row, l. to r.: **Bryan Chasney '74**, **Whitney Morrill '71**, **Chip Tompkins '73**, **Skeet Chadwick '74**, **Scott Neese '72**, **Butch West '65**, **'70L**, **Ed McLaughlin '73** and **Don Eavenson '73**. Third row, l. to r.: **John Rogers '73**, **Sam Englehart '73**, **Skip Lichtfuss '74** and **Jim Farrar '74**.

6. The Rev. Lauren R. Holder '03 visited the **Rev. C. Scott May '53** at his home in Atlanta. She said, "Scott's room is covered with mementos of WLU, as is his wardrobe. It's always a treat to visit a fellow Episcopal priest and General."

7. There's a new podcast in the world, and it's hosted by **Graham Frankel Smith '02** (right) and **Kirsten Gladding Dunlap '02** (left). The pair, both broadcast journalism majors and best friends since 1998, took over an existing podcast called "The Home Hour," sponsored by the Life Listened Network. The show covers all matters of home, design, entertaining and lifestyle elements and features interviews with a variety of current tastemakers. "Very fluffy," they say – but hopefully good for a laugh. "The Home Hour" is ranked among the top design podcasts on iTunes, and Kirsten and Graham are enjoying their new venture. They've snagged some interviews with a few classmates, including **Kathleen Baird Jennings '02** and **Caroline Dumas Malatesta '02**. Check it out at lifelistened.com/category/home-hour.

Dr. Scott Anderson '98 and his wife, **Chelsea**, a son, **Williams**, on May 22, 2017. **Williams** joins his brother **Sutton**, braving the hurricanes in Tampa, Florida.

Tarik Bateh '02 and his wife, **Melissa**, a daughter, **Genevieve Janan**, on March 1, 2017. The family reside in Jacksonville, Florida.

Sarah Stanton Craft '04, and husband **George Craft '05**, a son, **Peter Henderson "Pete,"** on June 23, 2017. He joins brothers **James**, 4, and **Tommy**, 1, and sister **Mary**, 3.

Romney Willson Beebe '05 and **L. Courtenay Beebe '06**, a daughter and son, **Miller Lee** and **Clark William**, on May 15. The twins join brother **Luke**, and the family reside in Richmond.

Susan C. Somers '05 and her husband, **Jason Briggeman**, a daughter, **Opal Vincenzina**, on April 13, 2017. She joins sister **Lena**, 8.

Celia Landgren Van Lenten '05 and her husband, **Graig**, a son, **John Francis**, on June 7, 2017. They live in Baltimore.

Hayley Skinner Brown '06 and **Christopher James Brown '06**, a son, **Elliott Richard**, on Feb. 17, 2017. The family live in Boise, Idaho.

Brooke Sanden Miller '06 and her husband, **Chris**, a daughter, **Addalee Marigold**, on Oct. 22, 2017. She joins siblings **Tracey**, **Howard** and **Caroline** in Rifle, Colorado. **Dr. Howard V. Sanden '54** is their grandfather.

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Lilla Theus Colpini '08 and her husband, Ty, a daughter, Laura McCants "Lolly," on July 24, 2017. She joins brother William, 2. They live in Columbia, South Carolina.

Tess Hayden Frenchik '11 and her husband, Ryan, a daughter, Findley Rae, on April 29, 2017. The family live in Anchorage, Alaska.

Schereeya Taylor Reed '14 and **Anton Reed '14**, a son, Nelson David Lee Reed III, on Nov. 24, 2017.

OBITS

1940s

Hamilton Hertz '40 of Allentown, Pennsylvania, died on Oct. 2, 2017. He was the uncle of Dr. Edward Brown '62, Dr. Douglas Brown '92 and Laurence Brown '94. He belonged to Zeta Beta Tau.

Louis F. Plummer '40 of Alamo, California, died on Aug. 27, 2017. He served in the Army during World War II.

Howard W. Dobbins '41, '42L, of Richmond, died on Dec. 25, 2017. He served in the Navy during

World War II. He was the grandfather of Elizabeth Crenshaw '14, uncle of Charles Dobbins Jr. '70 and Luther Jones III '70, and great-uncle of Charles Dobbins III '96. He belonged to Alpha Tau Omega.

E. Austin McCaskill Jr. '41, '42L, of Little Rock, Arkansas, died on Dec. 15, 2017. He served in the Army. He was the father of Roddy McCaskill '75 and the Rev. Elmer McCaskill III '73. He belonged to Sigma Chi.

Russell G. Browning '42, of Beaufort, South Carolina, died on Aug. 28, 2017. He served in the Army. He belonged to Sigma Chi.

Leonard P. Eager Jr. '43, of Evansville, Wisconsin, died on Oct. 29, 2017. He served in the military during World War II. He was the father of Prentice Eager III '74 and belonged to Pi Kappa Phi.

Thomas O. Davis Jr. '44, of Center, Texas, died on Dec. 30, 2017. He belonged to Kappa Alpha.

John H. Sherman '44, of Wilmington, North Carolina, died on Nov. 8, 2017. He served in the Air Force during World War II. He belonged to Phi Gamma Delta.

Dr. Herbert L. Cover '45, of Harrisonburg, Virginia, died on Dec. 5, 2016. He belonged to Sigma Nu.

Austin S. Callaway '46, of Greenville, South Carolina, died on Sept. 2, 2017. He served in the Navy during the Korean War and World War II. He belonged to Pi Kappa Alpha.

Russell M. Drake '47, of Miles, Texas, died on Oct. 25, 2017. He served in the Army during the Korean War. He was a cousin of Drake Leddy '71 and belonged to Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

Mitchell L. Harris '47, of Scottsboro, Alabama, died on Aug. 26, 2017. He served in the Marines during World War II.

The Rev. Canon L. Roper Shamhart '47, of New York City, died on July 30, 2017. He belonged to Phi Gamma Delta.

J. Coleman Bean '48, of Falls Church, Virginia, died on Dec. 17, 2017. He served in the Air Force. He was a brother of William Bean Jr. '51.

J. Willard Greer '49L, of South Boston, Virginia, died on Sept. 3, 2017. He

served in the Army. He belonged to Phi Alpha Delta.

Frank E. Tercek '49, of Mentor, Ohio died on Nov. 1, 2015. He was a World War II veteran.

C. Tait Trussell '49, of Manistee, Michigan, died on Oct. 4, 2017. He served in the Navy during World War II. He was the father of Galen Trussell '78 and belonged to Beta Theta Pi.

1950s

Richard F. Bidwell '50, of Roanoke, died on Sept. 14, 2017. He served in the Navy during World War II and the Korean War. He was the father of Amy Bidwell Reding '90 and belonged to Kappa Alpha.

Edward A. Goodrich '50, of Bakersfield, California, died on Aug. 27, 2017. He served in the Air Force. He belonged to Sigma Nu.

Frederick H. Klostermeyer '50, of Richmond, died on Aug. 21, 2017. He served in the Air Force during the Korean War. He belonged to Delta Upsilon.

The Hon. John S. Lane II '50L, of Long Beach, California, died on Dec. 21, 2016. He served in the Navy during World War II, Korea and Vietnam. He belonged to Phi Delta Theta.

Christopher S. Moore '50, of Williamsburg, Virginia, died on Oct. 4, 2017. He was the uncle of Timothy Moore '76 and Freddy Moore '80. He belonged to Phi Delta Theta.

James N. Paradis '51, of Atlanta, died on Dec. 22, 2017. He served in the Navy. He belonged to Zeta Beta Tau.



BILL FISHBACK '56, TRUSTEE EMERITUS

William H. Fishback Jr. '56, a member of the W&L Board of Trustees from 2000 to 2010, died on Dec. 15, 2017, in Charlottesville. He was 83.

Fishback held a B.A. in journalism from W&L. He was a reporter and editor with the Richmond Times-Dispatch from 1956 to 1966, when he joined the administration of President Edgar F. Shannon Jr. '39 at the University of Virginia and embarked upon a distinguished career there. He served as UVA's chief public relations officer for

25 years, becoming associate vice president of University Relations; a special adviser to President John T. Casteen III; and a special consultant to the university's first billion-dollar campaign. He retired from the administration in 1995 but continued as a senior lecturer, teaching newswriting and advising student publications. He retired from the faculty in 2008.

Also at UVA, Fishback served on the founding boards of the Center for Politics and the Sorensen Institute for Political Leadership. He belonged to the Raven Society, the oldest and most prestigious honorary society at UVA, and received its Raven Award in 2004 for his scholarly pursuits and his dedication to the ideals of UVA. He also belonged to Omicron Delta Kappa.

While a student at W&L, Fishback was a dormitory counselor, the president of Pi Kappa Phi, a member of Sigma Delta Chi (Society of Professional Journalists), a member of the Ring-tum Phi staff, and senior class secretary.

Fishback served W&L as a trustee, as a class agent, as chairman of the Communications Advisory Board, and as a member of the 250th Anniversary Commission. In 1993, he and his wife, Sara, established the Fishback Program for Visiting Writers in memory of his parents, Margaret Haggin Haupt Fishback and William Hunter Fishback. The program brings outstanding writers to W&L to meet students and give lectures.

Among his survivors are his wife, Sara, and son William Fishback '82.



JEFFERSON DAVIS FUTCH III, PROFESSOR OF HISTORY EMERITUS

Photo by Patrick Hinely '73

Jefferson Davis Futch III, professor of history emeritus, who taught at Washington and Lee for 46 years until his retirement in 2008, died on Sept. 21, 2017, in Lexington. He was 85.

“Though I’ve been here only a short time, I have learned about Professor Futch’s enduring commitment to his profession and his students,” said President Will Dudley. “My thoughts are with his friends, his former colleagues in the History Department,

and the rest of the Washington and Lee community as we reflect on his life and his contributions to the university.”

Futch was born on April 16, 1932, in Baltimore, Maryland, to J.D. Futch Jr. and Mildred Hopkins Futch. He held an A.B. (1955) in humanities and a Ph.D. (1962) in history from Johns Hopkins University. He titled his dissertation “U.S.-German Diplomatic Relations, 1929–1933.” He served as an instructor in history at Johns Hopkins (1956–1957), held a Woodrow Wilson Fellowship (1955–1956), and studied in Italy (1958).

Futch served in the U.S. Army, in Italy, from 1957 to 1960, which he called “a perfectly mad, simply wild experience.”

He joined the W&L faculty in 1962. He became an associate professor in 1966 and a full professor in 1970. He taught the history of Europe since 1815, of Venice and of the papacy. Futch served on W&L’s admissions committee from 1966 to 1969. He belonged to Phi Beta Kappa and the German Honor Society.

“Dave was revered by generations of W&L history students,” said his longtime colleague David S. Peterson, professor of history. “His lectures, delivered without the aid of notes, are legendary. He was a master of detailed, witty, enthralling historical narration. He will be deeply missed and fondly remembered.”

“He was a renowned teacher, very popular with students and a mainstay in the History Department,” said Provost Marc Conner. “His lectures on 20th-century German history were famous, as was his Spring Term course on the Papacy. He was a champion of traditional conservative thought, and scores of alumni remember him with great affection.”

Futch was honored by students at a 1973 testimonial dinner, and in 1987 he received the William Webb Pusey Award III for outstanding service and dedication to the university. His retirement in 2008 was even noted in the Congressional Record.

William A. G. Boyle '57, of Bermuda, died on Sept. 14, 2017. He belonged to Delta Tau Delta.

H. Alfred Tarrant Jr. '57, '59L, of Newark, Delaware, died on Dec. 17, 2017. He was a cousin of John Cover '63.

Charles J. Cella '58, of Saint Louis, Missouri, died on Dec. 6, 2017. He was the father of Louis Cella '87 and belonged to Sigma Nu.

Rodger P. Doyle '58, of Pensacola, Florida, died on Nov. 9, 2017. He served in the Marine Corps. He was a brother of Rev. Peter Doyle '54 and belonged to Delta Tau Delta.

John H. Esperian '59, of Las Vegas, Nevada, died on June 25, 2017. He served in the Marine Corps Reserves. He belonged to Phi Kappa Psi.

1960s

Dr. R. Franklin Adams '60, of Memphis, Tennessee, died on Sept. 20, 2017. He served in the Navy. He was the father of Dr. Lee Nichols Jr. '83 and Meriwether Nichols '93, and a brother of Dr. William Adams Jr. '57. He belonged to Sigma Chi.

Rardon D. Bevill III '60, of Ft. Collins, Colorado, died on Oct. 5, 2017. He served in the Army. He was the father of Emily Bevill Lordi '89 and Daniel Bevill '91. He belonged to Kappa Sigma.

John K. Kane II '56, of Yorktown, Virginia, died on Dec. 16, 2017. He served in the Marine Corps. He belonged to Phi Kappa Psi. **Raymond Stults Jr. '56**, of Moscow, Russia, died on Nov. 10, 2016. He belonged to Beta Theta Pi.

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J. Hugh Gordon Jr. '52, of DeLand, Florida, died on July 27, 2017. He served in the Navy. He was the father of James Gordon III '81 and belonged to Kappa Alpha.

John C. Heslep '52, of Richmond, died on Sept. 21, 2017. He served in the Korean War and received the Bronze Star.

Richard Owen Jr. '52, of Aiken, South Carolina, died on Sept. 3, 2017. He served in the Navy during the Korean War.

Albert W. Daub '53, of The Villages, Florida, died on Aug. 16, 2017. He served in the Army during the Korean War. He was the father of Steven Daub '83 and David Daub '87. He belonged to Phi Gamma Delta.

The Rev. J. Jacob Schilthuis Jr. '53, of Richmond, died on Oct. 4, 2017. He belonged to Pi Kappa Phi.

Earle S. Bates Jr. '54, of Lexington, died on Aug. 29, 2017. He served in the Navy. He belonged to Phi Gamma Delta.

Dr. Ronald S. Deitch '54, of Washington, D.C., died on Nov. 8, 2017. He belonged to Phi Epsilon Pi.

Jacob A. Sites '54, of Germany, Ohio, died on Dec. 4, 2017. He served in the Army Counter-intelligence Corps in Germany, and retired as a lieutenant colonel in the Army Reserves. He belonged to Delta Upsilon.

Robert L. Matthews '55, of Clayton, New York, died on Oct. 1, 2017. He served in the Navy. He belonged to Phi Kappa Sigma.

Walter J. McGraw '55L, of Richmond, died on Sept. 13, 2017. He served in the Navy.

Joseph F. Rowe Jr. '55, '58L, of Hampton, Virginia, died on Dec. 21, 2017. He served in the Army. He was the father of Dr. Joseph Rowe III '89 and belonged to Pi Kappa Alpha.

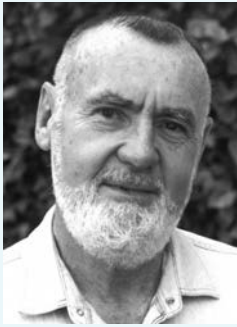
Gene L. Bennett '56, of Thurmont, Maryland, died on Nov. 25, 2017. He served in the Air Force during the Korean War. **The Hon. Ellis B. Drew Jr. '56, '58L**, of Anderson, South Carolina, died on Oct. 21, 2017. He served in

the Army. He was the father of Ellis Drew III '84L and belonged to Kappa Sigma.

The Hon. James H. Harvell III '56, of Newport News, Virginia, died on Oct. 8, 2017. He served in the Army. He belonged to Phi Kappa Psi.

The Hon. William H. Hodges '56L, of Norfolk, Virginia, died on Sept. 14, 2017. He served in the Coast Guard. He belonged to Phi Kappa Sigma.

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ROBERT HUNTLEY, PROFESSOR OF ENGLISH EMERITUS

Robert Huntley, professor of English emeritus and former dean of freshmen, who taught at Washington and Lee for 32 years until his retirement in 1994, died on Oct. 6, 2017, in Lexington. He was 89.

“The W&L community will remember Bob Huntley with gratitude,” said President Will Dudley. “Not only was he a

dedicated professor of English, but he also served as a caring dean of freshmen. He supported our first African-American students and advocated for coeducation. Clearly, his legacy is one to cherish and to emulate.”

Huntley was born on Sept. 13, 1928, in Virginia, Minnesota, and grew up in Black River Falls, Wisconsin. He held a B.A. in English and history from Wisconsin State University (1953), and an M.A. in English (1956) and a Ph.D. in English and history (1965) from the University of Wisconsin. He worked as an instructor at Northern Illinois University from 1956 to 1958.

Huntley joined the W&L English faculty in 1962, and taught courses in composition, English literature, and Soviet literature. He also served as the dean of freshmen and associate dean of students, helped recruit the university’s first African-American students, and

led the task force responsible for the school’s transition to coeducation. He said, “You cannot effectively or accurately teach literature to men in the absence of the female perspective.”

In addition to a definitive book, “The Alien Protagonist of Ford Madox Ford,” Huntley published many articles about Ford, Flaubert and Henry James.

At his farm in Rockbridge County, called Upper Meadow, Huntley kept bees, played with his dogs, and brewed beer. A world traveler, he visited and studied all over the globe, and he served as faculty adviser to the international club at W&L.

The avid outdoorsman also supported W&L’s Outing Club. Nicknamed “English Bob” to distinguish him from Robert E.R. Huntley ’50, ’57L (W&L’s president from 1968 to 1983), he served as faculty adviser to Phi Eta Sigma and belonged to Phi Beta Kappa. In 1981, he received the Ring-tum Phi Award for exceptional service to the university as dean of freshmen.

“The very qualities which endeared him to his freshmen have endeared him to his colleagues and his students for over three decades,” noted his colleagues upon his 1994 retirement. “As genuinely interested in students’ overall welfare as in their growth as readers and writers, Bob has always given them the sense that their academic work is a team effort in which he shares.”

1970s

James N. Dazey Jr. '60, of Ojai, California, died on Oct. 1, 2017. He served in the Marine Corps Reserves. He belonged to Sigma Chi.

Fred L. Fox II '60, of Fairmont, West Virginia, died on Nov. 27, 2017. He served in the Marine Corps and received two Bronze Stars, the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry and a Purple Heart. He belonged to Delta Upsilon.

Dr. Robert M. Bourdeaux '61, of Pittsboro, North Carolina, died on Aug. 16, 2017. He belonged to Pi Kappa Alpha.

Robert M. Hall '61, of Valdosta, Georgia, died on Nov. 12, 2017. He belonged to Pi Kappa Phi.

Col. J. Walter Shugart III '61, of Midlothian, Virginia, died on Oct. 26, 2017. He served in the Army. He was the father of Dave

Shugart '87 and belonged to Phi Kappa Sigma.

Dr. Firth S. Spiegel '61, of Cutler Bay, Florida, died on Oct. 11, 2017. He served in the Air Force. He belonged to Zeta Beta Tau.

Harry G. Farrow Jr. '62L, of Harrington, Delaware, died on Nov. 2, 2017. He served in the Army during the Korean War.

Hiram S. Mersereau Jr. '62, of Newberry, South Carolina, died on Aug. 20, 2017. He served in the Army. He belonged to Kappa Alpha.

The Rev. Mark A. Sellers Jr. '62, of Grand Rapids, Michigan, died on Oct. 21, 2017. He belonged to Sigma Chi.

Keith A. Carr '63, of Washington, D.C., died on Oct. 28, 2017. He belonged to Beta Theta Pi.

James W. Reynolds '63, of Morrisville, Pennsylvania, died on Aug. 23, 2017.

Joseph L. Dennison Jr. '66, of Richmond, died on Nov. 18, 2017. He belonged to Delta Tau Delta.

Charles E. Hubbard '66L, of Roxboro, North Carolina, died on Nov. 24, 2017. He served in the Navy. He belonged to Pi Kappa Alpha.

The Rev. Paul E. Quante '66, of San Diego, died on Dec. 9, 2017. He belonged to Sigma Phi Epsilon.

Robert A. Bolen '67L, of Blairsville, Georgia, died on April 1, 2016. He was the brother of Richard Bolen '65.

Dr. Jeffrey Kugel '67, of Berkeley, California, died on Dec. 25, 2017. He served in the Army. He belonged to Lambda Chi Alpha.

John A. Stewart '67L, of Woodbridge, Connecticut, died on April 12, 2017.

John A. Cliett '68, of Tivoli, New York, died on Nov. 24, 2016. He was a brother of Matthew Cliett '71.

R. Bruce Commander '68, of Lady Lake, Florida, died on Aug. 17, 2017. He served in the Army. He was a brother of Charles Commander III '62 and belonged to Phi Delta Theta.

Richard T. Zacharias '68, of Deposit, New York, died on Oct. 16, 2017. He belonged to Delta Upsilon.

Christopher H. Mills '69, of Chatham, New Jersey, died on Sept. 6, 2017. He served in the Navy during the Vietnam War. He belonged to Sigma Chi.

Mark G. Schuster '69, died on Nov. 10, 2017. He served in the Navy. He belonged to Pi Kappa Phi.

Hartley E. Roush '71, of Chesterfield, Virginia, died on April 15, 2017. He belonged to Phi Kappa Psi.

Robert L. Hillman '73, '76L, of Raleigh, North Carolina, died on Dec. 30, 2017. He was the father of David Hillman '08L and belonged to Phi Delta Theta.

John H. Curtis Jr. '74, of Memphis, Tennessee, died on Oct. 18, 2017. He was a brother-in-law of John Watlington III '72 and uncle of Chandler Watlington '13. He belonged to Pi Kappa Alpha.

James M. Eastham '74, of Front Royal, Virginia, died on Nov. 17, 2017. He belonged to Pi Kappa Alpha.

Killis T. Howard '76L, of Lynchburg, Virginia, died on Nov. 15, 2017.

Thomas N. Keigler '77, of Baltimore, Maryland, died on Oct. 11, 2017. He was the father of Will Keigler '10 and belonged to Delta Tau Delta.

James H. Penick III '77, of Little Rock, Arkansas, died on Nov. 10, 2017. He belonged to Beta Theta Pi.

J. Clayton Crouch '78, of Lookout Mountain, Tennessee, died on Nov. 17, 2017.

David G. McDonald '78, of Memphis, Tennessee, died on Nov. 1, 2017. He belonged to Sigma Chi.

1980s

Rickey C. New '82, of Charlottesville, Virginia, died on Nov. 24, 2017.

Daniel E. Schott-Bardol '82, of Hickory, North Carolina, died on Dec. 26, 2017. He was the brother of Dr. Peter Schott '80.

Robert M. Nash Jr. '83L, of North Chesterfield, Virginia, died on Oct. 17, 2017.

Susan DeVine Baglien '85L, of Potomac, Maryland, died on Oct. 31, 2017. She was a cousin of Liz Wiseman '81L.

Eric P. Holtry '85, of Elgin, Texas, died on Aug. 22, 2017.

Dr. Robert D. Brickman '89L, of Charlottesville, Virginia, died on Nov. 19, 2017.

1990s

Seth R. McKinley '98, of Beaufort, South Carolina, died on Nov. 1, 2017. He belonged to Phi Kappa Psi.



LEW JOHN '58, PROFESSOR OF POLITICS EMERITUS

Lewis George John '58, professor of politics emeritus, died on Nov. 6, 2017, in Lexington. He was 80.

"Lew John served generations of W&L students in two capacities — as a caring dean of students and as a respected professor of politics," said President Will Dudley. "His devotion to the university was unmistakable. How fortunate we are that we can also claim him as an alumnus."

John was born on Nov. 25, 1936, in Waco, Texas, and grew up in Olean, New York. He held a B.A. in economics from W&L (1958), an M.P.A. from Princeton University (1961), and a Ph.D. in social science from Syracuse University (1973).

He studied at Syracuse under a Lehman Graduate Fellowship for outstanding graduate students. He studied political economy at the University of Edinburgh as a Fulbright Scholar, and was a Woodrow Wilson Fellow at Princeton.

During his Princeton year, he worked as an executive trainee in the Office of the Secretary of the Defense in Washington, D.C. A graduate of ROTC, he served as a first lieutenant in the U.S. Army from 1961 to 1963, commanding the Nike Hercules Battery in Edgemont, Pennsylvania.

John returned to his alma mater in 1963 as the assistant dean of students and director of financial aid. He served as dean of students from 1969 to 1990, when he turned to full-time teaching in the Williams School. He taught American government and public administration, and researched consumer protection for students.

"We have tried to build on some of the academic initiatives that he helped cultivate, not the least of which is our British politics program," said Rob Straughan, Crawford Family Dean of the Williams School. "It has since inspired a similar program in South Africa. We hope to have additional programs in Latin America and Asia. We have Lew to thank for paving the way."

John's publications included contributions to two books, "The Fall of the Iron Lady, 1990" and "Legal Deskbook for College Administrators," and to several journals.

In 1985, John received the William Webb Pusey III Award from the Executive Committee of the Student Body for his outstanding service and dedication to the university. His classmates honored him with the Class of 1958 Lew & Annette John Honor Scholarship. In 2013, he received the Distinguished Alumnus Award from W&L, and in 2016, the university unveiled Lewis John Avenue in the new Village for third-year housing.

Among his survivors are his wife of 56 years, Annette Church John, a former W&L librarian, and his son Christopher John '86.

Retirees and Other Friends

Ronald Blake Irvine, who worked at W&L for 29 years, from 1986 to 2015, as a custodian, died on Sept. 1, 2017.

Robert G. "Bobby" Henderson, who worked at W&L for 25 years, from 1978 to 2003, in Dining Services and as a chef, died on Sept. 6, 2017. His wife, Mamie Jefferson Henderson, worked at W&L as a custodian from 1986 to 2007.

Helen V. Starrett, the house director of Delta Tau Delta and Sigma Alpha Epsilon in the early 1990s, died on Oct. 10, 2017.

Leonard Joseph Reiss, who worked at W&L for 25 years, from 1985 until his retirement in 2010, died on Oct. 31, 2017. He worked in Information Technology Services as an electrical technician and as a technical services specialist.

Mildred Kessinger Hatcher, who served as the house director of

Alpha Delta Pi sorority from 2011 to 2017, died on Nov. 14, 2017. Before coming to Alpha Delta Pi, she was the house director of Phi Kappa Psi fraternity.

Jane Butterworth Riegel died on Jan. 24. She was 108 and had lived in Lexington and Rockbridge County since 1930. The widow of O.W. "Tom" Riegel, professor of journalism, she was well known in the W&L community. Among her survivors are her son, Mark Riegel '75L.

This list contains notices about deaths that we received before our deadline, which is about three months before an issue lands in your mailbox. If you have any questions about our revised format for obituaries, please email us at magazine@wlu.edu.

Alumni, Athletes, Accolades

Five-Stars returned to campus last fall, as did top athletes and geology majors. And in January, on Founders Day, ODK welcomed new initiates.

1. At the Geology Reunion on Sept. 23-24, 2017, Ed Spencer '53, the Ruth Parmly Professor of Geology Emeritus, signed his recent book, "Guide to the Geology and History of the Blue Ridge Mountains," for a fan.

2. On Founders Day, Jan. 18, these four worthy recipients became honorary members of Omicron Delta Kappa. L. to r.: Marcia France, the John T. Herwick, M.D. Professor of Chemistry and associate provost at W&L; Colonel James T. (Ty) Seidule '84, professor of history and chair of the history department at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point; the Rev. Dr. John M. Cleghorn '84, pastor of the Caldwell Presbyterian Church, in Charlotte, North Carolina; and Joan Manley, advocate for the safety, opportunity and access of the Lexington and Rockbridge County community. Read more about them and the student inductees at go.wlu.edu/ODK2018.

3. The 2017 inductees into the W&L Athletic Hall of Fame took a bow on Oct. 14, joined by Jan Hathorn, director of athletics. L. to r.: Amanda Haines Ritter '07, Meg Spalitta Holliday '09, Katie Kingsbury Gritter '07, Dr. Wiemi Douoguih '92, Jan Hathorn, Cinda Rankin, Rebecca Timmis Russell '08, Kristen McClung Payne '07, Lauren Caire '10, Emily Applegate '07, Ginny Wortham '07, Katie Bouret Laurens '10, Megan Babst Lange '02, Kelly Will Sheppard '08, Mike Ginder '07, Leah Weston Carmalt '08, Blair Brzeski '10.

4. The Geology Reunion "was a tremendous success, and everyone had a really great time," reports Lisa Greer, professor of geology and head of the department.

5. Former U.S. Sen. John Warner '49 caught up with friends during the Five-Star Festival, Nov. 2-4, 2017.

6. Five-Star Generals graced the campus for their festival.

7. During the Five-Star Festival, we honored five winners of the Distinguished Five-Star Alumni Award: L. to r.: Warren Welsh '57, '61L; Beau Dudley '74, '79L, executive director of Alumni Affairs; John Alford '57, '59L; Peter Agelasto III '62; President Will Dudley; Jim Sagner '62. **Not pictured:** Dr. John Poynor '62. Read about their accomplished lives and careers at go.wlu.edu/DDA2018.





CHRONICLES



One imagines Dean Leyburn (left) would approve of the dazzling renovation that Leyburn Library's Northern Lobby (above) recently underwent thanks to the Friends of the Library's Light It Up fundraiser. The popular study space outside Special Collections is now bright and even more welcoming. W. Franklin Barron '52 made the generous challenge gift, and the Friends of the Library brought it on home.

Leyburn Mattered

BY JULIE CAMPBELL

Brushing up against a James Graham Leyburn is the reason for going to a liberal arts college," wrote Joe Slay '72 last fall in an op-ed in the Richmond Times-Dispatch. "His nickname (behind his back and only whispered) was 'Zeus.'"

The man with the catchy (yet respectful) nickname, Leyburn (1902–1993) served as dean of the university from 1947 to 1956, and taught history, sociology and anthropology from 1947 until 1972.

While his own education encompassed Duke (then called Trinity College), Princeton and Yale, he had W&L roots, for his great-grandfather had been a trustee and rector; his grandfather and father earned their diplomas from W&L in the nineteenth century. After he came along, Dean Leyburn made an indelible mark on the university during his quarter century in Lexington.

Why "Zeus"? Slay continued: "He was approachable. At the same time, he was on a different plane, seeming to breathe air and

ideas that were, well, Olympian. . . . Every year, students, alumni, and parents packed his classroom and gave him a standing ovation for his emotional lecture, 'The Death of Socrates.' For Dr. Leyburn, the figures of antiquity, both historical and mythological, were not just statues. They mattered."

When the building that bears Leyburn's name opened in 1979, folks called it simply the University Library. In 1994, however, the university named it after the legendary dean.



A Lasting Impact:

The Susan and Roper Vaughan '67 Endowment for Business Ethics

W.A. ROPER VAUGHAN '67 HAS BEEN AN ENTREPRENEUR since his undergraduate days. As a junior, he began his career with buying and building coin-operated car washes. Since then, he has engaged in a variety of ventures ranging from the food service industry and furniture manufacturing and retailing, to a payroll business and a flight-training academy. While some of his ventures were more successful than others — he describes his stint in the food industry as “a wash” — W&L’s Honor System has always guided him.

“W&L has been a sustaining force and continues to have a huge impact on how I behave in my life and business,” said Vaughan, who now serves as a consultant to a younger generation of entrepreneurs. “I try to convey that the process of developing a business requires you to embrace certain principles and behave accordingly. I wasn’t born with these principles. I learned them first from my parents, and they were reinforced by my time at W&L.”

To promote these principles and to honor his 50th reunion, Vaughan and his wife of 35 years, Susan, have made an estate provision for the Susan and Roper Vaughan '67 Endowment for Business Ethics. The 50th reunion is the occasion when a planned gift counts in overall reunion giving totals. “The Vaughan Endowment for Business Ethics speaks to exactly

what is unique about the W&L experience: a world-class liberal arts education and a top undergraduate business program, all of which feature ethics, morality and character as defining features,” affirmed Provost Marc Connor. “It’s a huge contribution to the university.”

“Susan and I have a strong commitment to the university and to the 50th reunion, which was a significant milestone,” Vaughan reflected. “It was important to both of us to participate in all aspects of it, including supporting the class gift, which was our strongest gift to date.” The couple made their gift to the reunion project and to the Annual Fund with a credit card. “Just a couple of clicks online and the job’s done,” noted Vaughan. “We got the added benefit of getting points on our credit card that we’ll be able to use toward travel or other awards. It was a win-win situation.

“We’ve had five decades of living life since graduating,” he continued. “As I’m not sure how many decades I have left, a legacy gift is a strong way to promote the survival and continuation of the university. It is truly satisfying to know that my wife and I will be able to have a lasting impact on promoting the progression and continued growth of the school. With good fortune comes the incumbency to do all possible to ensure that the university retains the personality of its original benefactors.”

SCENE ON CAMPUS



1. Multimedia artist **Gonkar Gyatso** sets up his exhibition, "Buddha's Picnic," in Staniar Gallery.

2. As well as participating in the national walkout to protest

gun violence, W&L students penned notes of support to Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School students.

3. **Ryan Brink '18** and **Iman Messado '19** create a mural

in Wilson Hall for Professor Kathleen Olson-Janjic's painting class. Photo by Ellen Kanzinger '18

4. Swimming vs. Randolph on Jan. 20.

5. Basketball vs. Roanoke on Jan. 16.

6. A scene from "James and the Giant Peach," an adaptation of the classic Roald Dahl children's book, with an all-student cast. **Arthur Love '18** (left) starred as James.