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FROM THE EDITOR

My annual morning-after-Commencement walk along the Colonnade felt bittersweet. Like the graduates the day before, it was my last one as a member of the W&L community, for on June 30 I retired after 15 years as the editor of this magazine. I arrived in 2003 thanks to the late Andy McCutcheon '48, who tipped me off to the job opening. He was my introduction to the best of W&L. Since then, dozens of alumni and other readers have befriended me through these pages. Space won't permit me to list names, but I am especially grateful to the Vietnam vet who sent thoughtful letters; the Arizona writer with whom I share a love of that state; and the expert maker of gingerbread houses who was so proud of her late son. All of them, and all of you — yes, even those who began their letters to the editor with "Dear Sir" — have enriched my life. It's been a pleasure.

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

WE RECEIVED THREE LETTERS WITH WARM REMEMBRANCES OF PROFESSORS WE'VE RECENTLY LOST. HERE ARE EXCERPTS.

I have had great respect and warm feelings for Dr. Robert Huntley ever since having been one of his worst students. I couldn't read much of anything with noticeable comprehension. Dr. Huntley not only fully understood my plight but actually helped by starting me on the road to overcoming my limitation. By removing my fear of exposure and embarrassment

while building my desire to read, he enabled me to focus better. His nurturing enabled me to read, for the first time, with more than a modicum of comprehension. Dr. Huntley would be pleased to know that since having retired, I have chosen to read and enjoy many books and even have begun to write for pleasure. He helped the worst as well as the best.
ROY T. DUGGAN '67

Turned a page in your beautiful Winter/Spring edition and discovered, to my horror, that Professor Jefferson Davis Futch III had died. Turned another and found Professor Harry Pemberton had also passed away. Yet another, and Professor Robert Huntley joined the silent chorus. Surely by now I had reached the crest of this awful wave, but one more page and now Dean Lew John shuffled off his mortal coil. You have to understand that these four were among the giants that lived on W&L's Olympus in my day. I may not have thought of them often, but when I did, I liked to think of them there still — inspiring, stimulating and occasionally infuriating young minds. I pray W&L remains the sort of place that attracts and supports such teachers. And I thank the good Lord for having let me learn from them.
WILLIAM PEAK '73

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Columns

NOTEWORTHY NEWS AND IDEAS



441 STUDENTS CROSS THE STAGE ON MAY 24

At W&L's 231st commencement, the graduating seniors were reminded of the institution's long history, and in particular the history of Lee Chapel on the very day of its 150th anniversary, as President Will Dudley used the chapel as a symbol for the need to create genuine community.

Noting that we live in a world in which "distrust has gone viral," he encouraged the graduates to lean on the habits they developed at W&L — with the Honor System and the Speaking Tradition — to change the world, one small encounter at a time.

Dudley reminded the 441 members of the Class of 2018 that

Lee had the chapel built as "a simple undecorated space that would bring the university together" to enhance both the spiritual and academic life of the college, while also providing additional lecture and meeting space.

"The need that Lee sought to address when he accepted the presidency of Washington College and built this chapel remains with us today," Dudley said in his address. "In all of our differences we need to find and forge enough in common to constitute a genuine community. This project is critical not only at W&L, but to every town and state in the country, and to the nation itself"

Mason Grist spoke on behalf of the Class of 2018. A member of the Executive Committee for three

years, serving twice as president, Grist asked his classmates to take care of their alma mater as they transition from students to stewards.

"Stewardship is an odd, yet fitting, word to describe our relationship with W&L after today," he said. "It references the care of both people and place, and when I think about the responsibility we have to W&L moving forward, it is to the people and the place."

Among the graduates were 22 who earned both a B.A. and a B.S. Altogether, the Class of 2018 earned degrees in 38 majors. More than one third of the class completed more than one major, with two students completing three majors, and 37 percent of the class completing at least one minor.

Mallory Ellen Stephenson was the valedictorian. She achieved a perfect 4.0 grade-point average while earning a B.S. in biology and a B.A. in psychology.

The university also awarded honorary degrees to Marjorie Agosin, the Luella LaMer Slaner Professor in Latin American Studies and a professor of Spanish at Wellesley College, and Harlan Beckley, the Fletcher Otey Thomas Professor of Religion Emeritus at Washington and Lee.

Beckley, who is also the founder and first director of the Shepherd Poverty Program, played another role the day before, at Baccalaureate, as the keynote speaker. The Baccalaureate audience heard as well from Hannah Falchuk and Ángel Vela de la Garza Evia, the recipients of the Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award; the faculty bestows it on the two seniors who best demonstrate high ideals of living, spiritual qualities, and generous service to others.

2

500 SEATS

W&L donated bleachers from the Warner Center to Parry McCluer High School, in Buena Vista; Dominion Power handled the delivery. The donation occurred as the Warner Center began its extensive transformation into the Richard L. Duchossois Center for Athletics and Recreation.

3. A WINNING FORMULA

These seniors won Fulbright grants to serve as foreign-language teaching assistants:

- Carson Bryant, Germany
- Hannah Falchuk, Slovak Republic
- Jeremy Friedlander, Romania
- Jared Shely, Colombia

And these seniors scored postgraduate scholarships:

- Kiki Spiezio, the William Jefferson Clinton Scholarship at the American University in Dubai and the College to Congress Internship
- Elizabeth McDonald, a Critical Language Scholarship to Japan, from the U.S. Department of State
- Emily Austin, a Critical Language Scholarship to Indonesia, from the U.S. Department of State
- Emily Perszyk, a National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship for study at Yale University
- Faith Pinho, an ODK Leader of the Year scholarship for post-graduate study in journalism
- Tara Loughery, a U.S. Department of Energy Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education fellowship
- Gillen Beck, an NCAA postgraduate scholarship

4 || POWER UP THAT NETWORK

When Thomas Joyner '18 visited his family in Atlanta a few months ago, he accidentally left his laptop in Delta's Sky Club. When he tried to read notes off his smartphone for his presentation to Professor Alecia Swasy's journalism class, a classmate used her investigative skills to see if W&L's Colonnade Connections could turn up any alumni at Delta. Guess what? Charles Gay '89, senior manager, news strategy, and a longtime friend of Swasy, got the errant laptop back to Joyner by the next day.

5. ADIOS

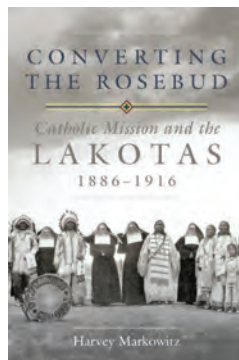
Four members of the faculty have graded their last exams:

- Elizabeth Cumming, Instructor of Physics
- David Novack, Professor of Sociology and Anthropology
- Rolf Piranian, Associate Professor of Physical Education
- James Warren, Professor of English

6. LINES OF SUCCESSION

The Williams School said goodbye to Tim Diette, associate dean and the Redenbaugh Term Associate Professor of Economics, who is now W&L's senior advisor for strategic analysis to President Will Dudley. Elizabeth Oliver, the Adams Professor of Accounting, succeeds him as associate dean.

Paul Youngman '87, the Redenbaugh Professor of German, is now the associate provost. He succeeds Marcia France, who left to become the inaugural dean of undergraduate studies at Duke Kunshan University, in China.



7 FACULTY BOOK

Harvey Markowitz, associate professor of anthropology. In "Converting the Rosebud: Catholic Mission and the Lakotas, 1886-1916" (University of Oklahoma Press), Markowitz tells the complex story of federal Indian reform, Catholic mission policy, and Lakota culture as it played out on the Sicangu Lakota Rosebud Reservation, in South Dakota.

NEWS

Welcome Lena Hill, Dean of the College

LENA HILL, formerly of the University of Iowa, is the new dean of the College at Washington and Lee.

“Lena brings impressive administrative and leadership experience from a major national university,” said Provost Marc Conner. “She is an accomplished scholar and dedicated teacher who understands what a great liberal arts college is all about. She knows W&L well and appreciates what makes us distinctive. Her perspective and skill set will be of great benefit to our community.”

Hill, who succeeded Suzanne Keen, now the vice president for academic affairs and dean of the faculty at Hamilton College, is responsible for 21 departments, four interdepartmental majors, and seven interdepartmental programs; serves as chair of the Committee on Courses and Degrees; belongs to the Faculty Executive Committee; reports to the provost; and serves on the Provost’s Academic Council.

“What distinguishes W&L are the talented students and exceptional faculty and staff who form the lifeblood of this institution,” said Hill. “Coming here, meeting them, and understanding the amazing intellectual energy around the creative work and intellectual enterprise taking place here has been very impactful for me.”

Hill, formerly the senior associate to the president, interim chief diversity officer, and associate vice president at the University of Iowa, had been a professor of English and African-American studies at Iowa since 2006, receiving tenure in 2013. She served as director of undergraduate studies for the English department. As associate vice president, she led three major



PHOTO BY KEVIN REMINGTON

units of the university, supervised 35 staff members, and oversaw a budget of \$3 million.

She holds a B.A. from Howard University, with additional study at Williams College and at Richmond College in Florence, Italy, and a Ph.D. in English from Yale University. After teaching at Yale and the North Carolina School of the Arts, she held a post-doctoral fellowship at Duke University before taking her position at Iowa. There she received the James N. Murray Faculty Award for excellence in undergraduate teaching from the Beta Iota Circle of Omicron Delta Kappa.

Hill studies African-American literature, primarily of the 20th century. Her book “Visualizing Blackness and the Creation of the African American Literary

Tradition” examines visual art and narrative art. She and her husband, Michael Hill, co-wrote “Invisible Hawkeyes: African Americans at the University of Iowa during the Long Civil Rights Era” and “Ralph Ellison’s ‘Invisible Man’: A Reference Guide.” (Michael Hill, a prominent scholar of African-American and American literature and culture, will join the W&L faculty as a professor of Africana studies.)

“At this moment in history, I believe more firmly than ever in the mission of the liberal arts,” she said. “The College stands at a really interesting place in terms of the next steps in strengthening its core majors and expanding exciting new interdisciplinary opportunities. Having the opportunity to work with faculty who are on the ground making

that happen, whose own scholarly passions inform what happens in their classrooms and the other spaces where they meet students is, in my mind, one of the most satisfying things that one can do in academia.”

“I am pleased to welcome Lena to W&L,” said President Will Dudley. “The dean of the College is a critical position, demanding a rare blend of administrative experience, scholarly achievement, and a dedicated commitment to teaching and learning. Lena impressed me on all fronts, and I am confident that she will be an excellent fit for the university. She will arrive at an exciting moment in the life of the university as we begin to work together on bringing a new strategic plan to life, and I look forward to working with her.”

NOW HEAR THIS

“Tom Wolfe was certainly one of the people that I read coming up through the ranks . . . one of the great practitioners of this thing that we call ‘the new journalism.’”

Hampton Sides, keynote address, Tom Wolfe Weekend Seminar, April 20, 2018

“It’s like a miracle . . . if you can actually be present in your life at any moment, and to feel that sense of really being alive right now. And . . . that’s also the greatest gift you can give to another person – that you can simply be there.”

Stephen Murphy-Shigematsu, Stanford University, Program of Health and Human Performance, School of Medicine, Phi Beta Kappa convocation address, March 18, 2018

“The food pantry idea came about because we realized hunger at [Washington and Lee] is not something that’s quite talked about very often, and people are under the impression that it doesn’t exist, which of course it does. Hunger is everywhere.”

Taylor Reese ’19, co-founder of W&L’s First-Generation Low-Income Partnership (FLIP), about the campus food pantry, to the Ring-tum Phi, May 18, 2018

“INTEND THAT YOUR JUDGMENTS, NO MATTER HOW HARSH THEY NEED TO BE, AIM TO REDEEM, NOT TO DESTROY OR TO ADVANCE SELFISH GOALS. PUBLIC JUDGMENT IS NOT A ZERO-SUM GAME.”

Harlan Beckley, W&L’s Fletcher Otey Thomas Professor of Religion Emeritus, Baccalaureate address, May 23, 2018

“I know there is always talk that the administration is trying to make Greek life go away, and that’s just not true from what I’ve seen and heard.”

Anna Daccache ’19, past president, Panhellenic Council, and Class of 2019 representative to the Executive Committee, to the Ring-tum Phi, April 9, 2018

IN THE LEAD

Take the Plunge

Sasha Edwards '20, the new president of the Student Association for Black Unity (SABU), doesn't just offer words of wisdom to other students seeking to lead — she dares them.



Sasha Edwards '20

LIKE MANY STUDENTS AT Washington and Lee, I was a high-achieving high-schooler. Academically advanced. Hall of Famer. Athlete. You name it, I did it, and I wanted to continue that spunky, go-getter spirit in college. To do that, I needed to start with a single step. That step was the Advanced Research Cohort Program (ARC). It took place the summer before my first year. When I wasn't in the lab developing my research knowledge, I spent my time in leadership workshops with Megan Hobbs,

associate dean of students, and my ARC peers. Those skills improved through my involvement in the Bonner Program and the Student Association for Black Unity (SABU).

My advice for anyone wanting to take a leadership position on this campus is this: Take risks. Dare to be different. Dare to be you. In a place filled with high-achieving, amazing students, you must be true to yourself and take the plunge.

As a first-year student, I was able to lead a program and represent

SABU to the administration on several occasions. These roles grew this past year as I served as secretary. SABU gave me a space to explore all aspects of myself and what that means at W&L. I ran for president of this organization because of the opportunities and voice SABU gave me. I want others to share in this gift.

I am excited to see where my path through my junior year takes me. SABU has been a large part of my success story at W&L, and I cannot wait to be the one who writes its next chapter.

SALUTE



John Rutherford '66



Lisa McCown



A MAINSTAY OF SPECIAL COLLECTIONS: LISA MCCOWN

I would like to give some well-deserved praise to Lisa McCown, senior library assistant in W&L's Special Collections and Archives. Lisa helped me research and write about the 203 men whose names are on W&L's War Memorial, which is located at the visitors' parking lot on Jefferson Street, across from Red Square.

I first became interested in undertaking this project for W&L after reading "What We Lost," Lindsey Nair's excellent article about Vietnam in

the fall 2017 edition of this magazine. I served in Vietnam and knew some of the men from W&L who were killed in the war.

I initially offered to tell the stories of the 18 men whose names are on the War Memorial's Vietnam plaque. I later expanded my effort to all the names on the memorial. I wanted to know where they were from, what they did at W&L, how they died, and any other information I could find about them.

Tom Camden '76, head of Special Collections and Archives, put me in contact with Lisa, who turned out to be a godsend. While I surfed the Internet and visited the Library of Congress, Lisa dug up arcane information for me from W&L's archives, such as

how many semesters a certain student attended the university. She was always exceedingly pleasant, helpful, knowledgeable and quick to respond to my constant emails.

Once I finished writing about Vietnam, I decided to write about all the men whose names are on the memorial, from World War I to Afghanistan. Lisa and I discovered that two of the men on the World War I plaque (James Franklin Clemmons Jr., Class of 1914, and Aud Edward Lusk, Class of 1918) actually survived the war and lived to ripe old ages. I wonder if they knew they had been prematurely memorialized.

We added a name to the World War II list (Gustavus Delana Funk

'27) and to the Vietnam list (Lewis Burwell Puller Jr. '67). Funk died of a heart attack while on active duty, and Puller's death was a direct result of his war wounds.

It took a lot of effort by both of us, but I thoroughly enjoyed working on this project with Lisa. I could not have done it without her able assistance. She is one of the many reasons why W&L is such a terrific educational institution.

BY JOHN RUTHERFORD '66

Rutherford generously gave his time and expertise to research the wartime service of W&L alumni. See go.wlu.edu/Vietnam to read his pieces on the men who served in the Vietnam War.

ASK PRESIDENT DUDLEY



Q. Why is sustainability an important focus for W&L, and for you?



Washington and Lee is not unmindful of the future, which means being conscientious stewards of our resources today. The university has made impressive commitments to such stewardship over the past decade. Thoughtful planning and determined execution have led to significant reductions in our consumption of electricity, natural gas and water, along with growth in campus recycling and composting. These initiatives have had a positive impact on our financial bottom line while also exemplifying the tradition of institutional

citizenship that is a W&L hallmark. Our alumni carry on that tradition by demonstrating in their own lives, in ways large and small, their dedication to environmental stewardship. These women and men are models for our current students, many of whom arrived on W&L's campus with keen interest in environmental issues. Our students have the opportunity to learn not only from W&L's institutional practices but also by participating in our interdisciplinary program in environmental studies. I am confident our graduates will follow in the footsteps of our alumni and make positive differences in their future communities.

WHAT'S YOUR W&L IQ?

A CLOCKWORK COMMENCEMENT



You might say Commencement at W&L resembles a swan: elegant, serene, gliding across a peaceful pond. Underneath, however, that bird is paddling like crazy. So it is on campus each May, when W&L staff members work behind the scenes with efficiency, speed and expertise to create a meaningful ceremony.

What aspects of Commencement do these clues refer to?

1. WeatherBug
2. At 1 p.m. the day before, and at 7 a.m. the day of
3. A 150-year-old walnut beam taken from the old Lexington firehouse
4. 32 hours, and 1.5 hours

ANSWERS:

1. WeatherBug is the app that Scott Dittman (registrar) and Barbara Rowe (associate registrar) use to monitor the weather. If a threatening storm moved in and the ceremony needed to end, Rowe would use a low-tech way to get the attention of Dittman, who is on the platform: Tap him on the shoulder.

2. Denise Watts, the graphic designer who's been doing the Commencement program for more than 20 years, sends the final version to the off-campus printer at 1 p.m. the day before. At 7 a.m.

the next day, the printer delivers the finished copies to campus. Facilities Management staffers then place a copy on each of the 4,200 seats.

3. That chunk of wood was transformed into the university mace, which Maryanne Simurda, university marshal (above), carries at the head of the procession during Commencement and other university events. It was designed in 1951 by Marion Junkin, a member of the Class of 1927, who headed the Department of Fine Arts, and carved by Mary Barclay, who worked in the Alumni Office. It is

adorned with W&L's coat of arms, scroll and motto, plus the coronet and raven from the university crest.

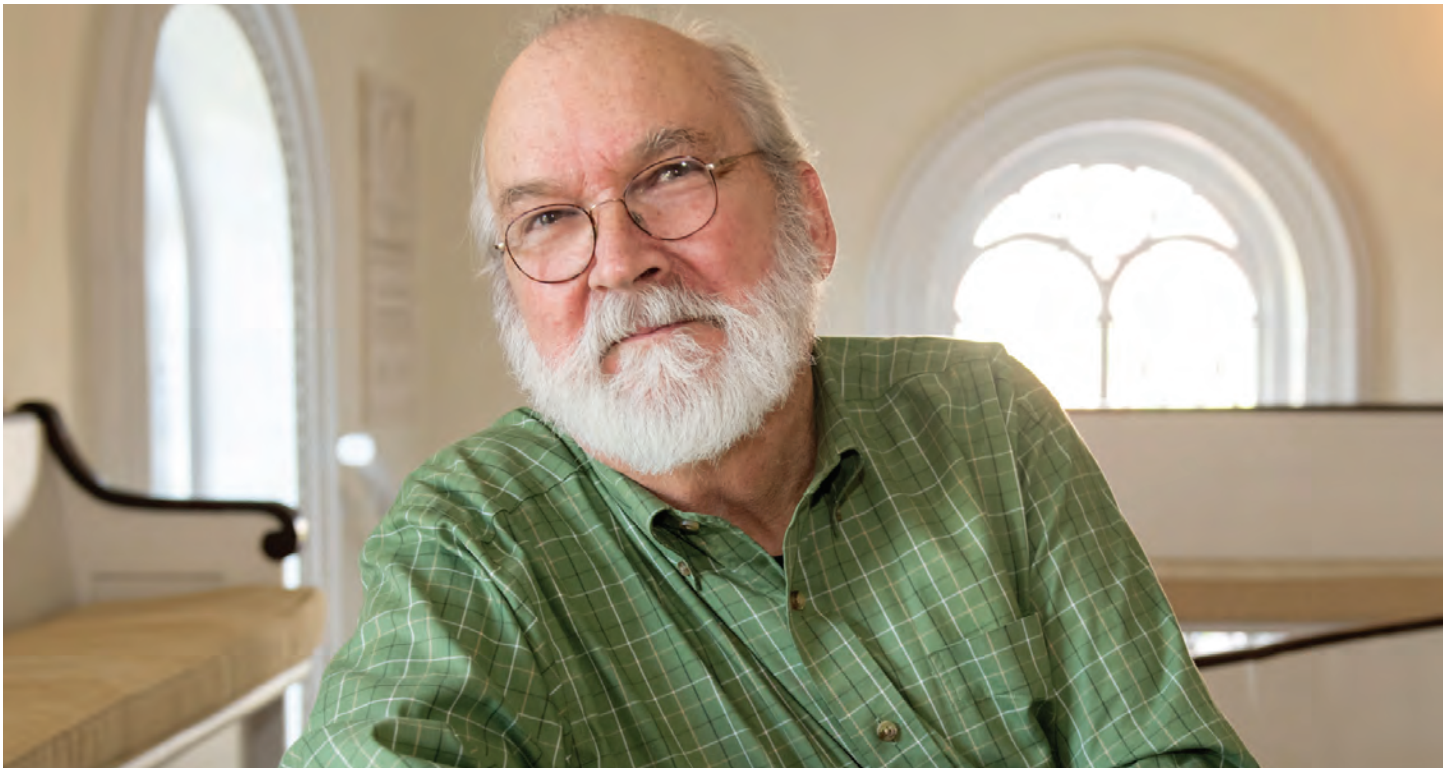
4. Facilities Management sets up everything for Commencement over a 32-hour period preceding the event, says Randolph Hare, executive director of University Facilities. After the last proud family and their graduate have departed the front campus, those same pros break it all down – in about 90 minutes.

DUBYUHNELL DAY

PATRICK HINELY '73

The alumnus and university photographer, who's retired after 38 years of documenting the campus he loves, reflects on his academic and professional careers at W&L.

INTERVIEW AND PHOTO BY KEVIN REMINGTON



1. CHANGE

The greatest changes he's witnessed in his career at W&L: "Institutionally, undergraduate coeducation. Professionally, making the change from film to digital. Personally, having a family."

2. DISCOVERY

"It's actually going on 49 years (since the fall of 1969) that I've been exploring this campus of stately beauty," says Hinely, who arrived in Lexington as a freshman that year. "I've shot a lot of bad photos to get a

relatively few good ones, and I've done a lot more looking than seeing. I'll take discovery over invention any day. It's more real."

3. MEMORIES

Rather than list memorable events he's documented, Hinely reports: "I won't name a single event but, instead, a list of visitors, which would include Jane Goodall, Ken Kesey, George McGovern, Jimmy Carter and Oscar Arias. Among alumni: Roger Mudd '50, Tom Wolfe '51 and Alex Jones '68."

4. PRIDE

If there's one image of which he is most proud, "that would have to be my very first front cover for the alumni magazine (right), the November 1973 issue, a view of the Colonnade on a misty morning, which I shot on my 22nd birthday. It came out much more nicely than such a clueless if well-meaning kid had any right to expect."



STRENGTH

AND

ASPIRATION

**The Commission on Institutional History and Community
presented its report to President Dudley on May 7.**



◀ THE COMMISSION MET WITH President Dudley on May 7. Seated, l. to r.: Thomas Camden '76, head, Special Collections & Archives; Cynthia Cheatham '07, past member, Alumni Board; Elizabeth Mugo '19, president, Executive Committee; Phil Norwood '69, rector emeritus. Standing, l. to r.: Brian Murchison, Charles S. Rowe Professor of Law, commission chair; Daniele San Roman '19L, member, Law Strategic Planning Task Force; Trenya Mason '05L, assistant dean, Law Student Affairs; Heath Varnedoe '19, past class representative, Executive Committee; Mike McGarry '87, immediate past president, Alumni Board; Melissa R. Kerin, associate professor, art history; Ted DeLaney '85, associate professor, history; President Will Dudley; Mary Main, executive director, Human Resources.

IN AUGUST 2017, I appointed the Commission on Institutional History and Community and charged it with examining how the ways that we teach, discuss and represent our history shape our community. I asked the commission to make recommendations about how we can best present our physical campus to take full advantage of its educational potential in a manner that is consistent with our core values.

I would like to express my profound thanks to the 12 members of the commission for their exceptional service on behalf of the university. They embraced their daunting task with enthusiasm and performed admirably under the leadership of the chair, Brian Murchison, the Charles S. Rowe Professor of Law. I met with them shortly after they submitted their report to me. It is clear that throughout this substantial undertaking, they were remarkably persistent in talking through their differences and, in the process, developed deep and abiding respect for one another. This is just as I would have expected and should serve as a model for all of us. We owe them our gratitude for the thoughtful-

ness of their work and the manner in which they conducted it.

The commission did extensive research and heard from more than 1,000 alumni, students, faculty, staff members and friends over the past nine months. They read the hundreds of emails that were sent, conducted on-campus listening sessions with faculty, students and staff, and held four telephone conferences for alumni. The resulting report reflects deliberation informed by both historical scholarship and a diversity of viewpoints from all corners of our community.

The commission's report is expansive in scope and rich in detail. It encompasses 118 pages, contains 31 distinct recommendations, and demands and deserves a careful reading. The commission explored our history, as I hoped it would, directly and honestly. As the ninth-oldest institution of higher education in the country, Washington and Lee is a justifiably proud university that can withstand careful scrutiny. Indeed, we should welcome it, and the educational opportunities that it presents.

I want to emphasize that all of the commission's recommendations are just that — recommendations. Thus far, I have acted on only one, by

publishing the entire document as requested. Over the coming months, I will consider the remaining recommendations in consultation, as appropriate, with W&L's Board of Trustees, faculty, staff, students and alumni.

Those of you who have read our recently approved Strategic Plan (go.wlu.edu/strategic_plan) will note that some of the initiatives it contains harmonize with recommendations made by the commission. While the two processes were conducted independently of each other, it is heartening to see a shared appreciation for our institutional strengths and an affirmation of our aspirations in both documents. All of the commission's recommendations will be considered in relation to the priorities established in the strategic plan. I promise our community that we will preserve and build upon our distinctive strengths as we pursue our aspirations.

PRESIDENT WILLIAM C. DUDLEY



WHERE YOU CAN READ THE REPORT

Having received the commission's report, I have shared it with the university community in its entirety: go.wlu.edu/commission.

I encourage you to read the entire report online, as well as the four excerpts presented on the next page. I will be in touch again at the end of the summer to share an update on our progress.

– President Dudley

If you would like to provide feedback, please write CommissionReport@wlu.edu.

4 EXCERPTS FROM THE REPORT

THE MODERN HISTORY

The complexities of the university's 19th-century story have tended to crowd out the modern story of Washington and Lee. Although the contributions of [William] Graham, [John] Chavis, [Henry] Ruffner, [Robert E.] Lee and others are significant, and although it is necessary to examine and explore what they said and did, they do not compose the university's entire story. Far from it. The school's 20th-century experience — of challenge, struggle and gradual but steady progress as an academic institution and community — is also rich and essential information. Even more directly than the 19th-century story, the modern history of W&L relates to the institution we are today and points to where we may want to go next.

— *From Appendix C, Part IV*

TELLING THE W&L STORY

From its contacts with the various constituencies during the outreach phase, the Commission on Institutional History and Community learned that faculty, students, staff and alumni recognize the value of truthfully telling and learning from all aspects of the school's history. The demand for more awareness was most often heard from current students. Many said that they were not prepared to account for the university's ownership of slaves; to explain why the university is named for a Confederate general; or to trace the eventual emergence of a more racially and economically diverse student body of men and women. They noted too that the lack of historical instruction allows for groups outside of the W&L community to impose their own narratives on the university and its key spaces, such as Lee Chapel and Museum. Students felt strongly that they should not graduate from one of the oldest institutions in the country without ever having seriously engaged its history and the lessons that can be drawn from it. Furthermore, the lack of formal historical instruction makes it difficult for students to distinguish fact from fiction in the telling of the W&L story.

— *From Part II*

TRADITION AND PROGRESS

The university's history is, in important respects, the story of a community — one with a strong sense of the past but a continuing (although not always consistent) desire not to be left behind, not to stop evolving, not to stop opening its doors to new ideas and new members. It has been said that the history of Washington and Lee University parallels the history of the country itself. And so it does. Both were products of Enlightenment beliefs in free inquiry and self-governance. Both esteemed charismatic leaders, yet both valued even more the intellectually and morally striving individual. Both survived a cataclysmic Civil War that left nothing untouched: social structure, politics, economics, the legal system and human relations, those between men and women, and those between persons of different races. In the 20th and 21st centuries, in times of war and peace, as the country sought cultural unity amidst profound political differences, the university sought a balance between tradition and progress. Both have been tested in their deepest commitments, both have made mistakes, and both have found strength in dialogue and reform. None of it has been easy, but some of it has borne fruit.

— *From Appendix C, Part V*

THE REPORT'S CONCLUSION

When the commission was formed, its first task was to lead the W&L community in an examination of its history. Commission members have spent the past nine months engaged in research and extensive conversations with members of our community and with each other. It has been a privilege to study W&L intensively and to get to know the university in a deeper way. We have gained a better understanding of the university's past; its role in education in the United States; and the progression of the institution from a modest grammar school that pre-dates the history of the nation to a 21st-century leader in liberal arts education. There is much cause for institutional pride.

But our assignment was not to catalog the university's many accomplishments or its positive attributes. We were asked to examine the university critically, and to propose how the university might teach and present its history more truthfully and effectively. This report has focused on areas where the university can improve. As such, it is necessarily critical.

One of the lessons learned was that 12 people could come together from different backgrounds, professions and perspectives, converse honestly and openly for months, and produce a report of this kind.

Another lesson was that the one thing that is constant is the need for change. During our 269-year history, the school has never been satisfied or complacent. That being said, W&L is generally cautious in the way it responds to societal change and acts only after considerable debate and consideration. The issues included in this report have all been raised and discussed by our community for some time. We think now is the time for Washington and Lee to take action.

Martin Luther King Jr. often stated in public addresses, "The arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends towards justice." He also spoke eloquently about "the Beloved Community," which he considered "the end goal" of all the great modern movements for justice. These statements reflected a belief in the possibility of progress — as long as people work for it, sacrifice for it, and make it happen. Guided by the mission of developing every student's "capacity to think freely, critically, and humanely," W&L is poised to take important new steps and should embrace that opportunity.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

While letters usually appear in “Speak” on p. 2, we present here — as we did with the article about the commission’s appointment in the Fall 2017 issue — the only letters about the report that the magazine had received as we went to press. Following our letters policy, they have been edited for length and/or style.

CommissionReport@wlu.edu has received a wide range of responses and continues to welcome your thoughts.

“Some of these recommendations are positive and commendable. Others represent an unnecessary threat to the storied history and traditions that make Washington and Lee University a unique and venerable institution. The recommendations overall are intended to marginalize Lee’s stature within the current and future university community and are disingenuous and mendacious. He is the most prominent individual ever associated with W&L and almost single-handedly saved the university from ceasing to exist after the Civil War. Lee’s type of greatness has seldom been equaled, and his life should be celebrated, not marginalized, and serve as a light for which W&L can be proud through its close association and which future students can follow.”

JEFFERY D. SOUTHMAYD ’73

“It is ironic that those that preach tolerance the loudest are the least tolerant of opinions other than their own. In the apparent name of greater tolerance, the commission recommends offering greater context and a more thorough story, but then, in a fit of intolerance, recommends cleansing the story by wiping the name of Lee from most all but our school’s name (and, even that, merely ‘at this time’). Let he or she without sin change the name of the first building. The commission is quick to judge, but are they prepared to be judged themselves? If perfection is what we must seek, who among us can meet that standard? Must all of our buildings and our school bear the name of none other than Jesus Christ himself?”

ROB BURGER ’93

“I am happy about some of the recommendations issued by the commission. More diversity and less Confederacy might bring me back into support of my alma mater.”

MAX BRANTLEY ’72



▼ Eco-aware outdoorsfolk like these mountain climbers rely on sustainably produced gear from the company owned by Gonz Ferrero '04.

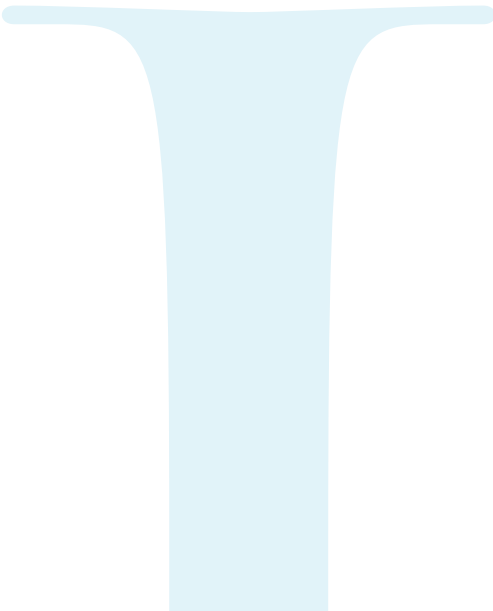
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GEAR —UP—

Two friends blend their shared concern for the environment with a dash of business savvy to promote eco-friendly outdoor wear.

BY BETH JOJACK



IN ABOUT HALF THE PICTURES Gonz Ferrero '04 posts on Instagram, the entire frame is filled with dazzling white, snow-covered peaks. It's a good thing that the avid mountaineer and splitboarder loves winter, because he now lives in Åre, Sweden, where temperatures routinely drop to 22 degrees below zero. It's also lucky that Ferrero's wardrobe is stocked with staples from his company, Klättermusen, a Swedish business that sells what it touts as "the world's most refined mountaineering equipment."

As the new owner and chief executive officer, Ferrero set out to introduce Klättermusen to a "younger, more modern consumer" and to increase sales in Asia and Europe. But he has no intention of changing Klättermusen's longtime mission: producing the highest-quality outdoor clothing and backpacks, capable of withstanding the world's harshest climates, with the smallest possible impact on the natural world. It's a philosophy that Ferrero says is even more essential today — in a world where dead whales wash up on shore after consuming pounds of the plastic trash that's entered the ocean — than when Klättermusen first launched.

"I think there are massive opportunities for a brand like ours to be specialized, to be niche, and still do things slowly and carefully; to find the right message and right way to package that to attract a global customer; to experience the outdoors the same way we are able to do in Lexington or Sweden," explains Ferrero, who majored in business administration at W&L.

From the day Ferrero bought Klättermusen, he knew he would be partnering with Washington and Lee one way or another. "It's a special place for me."

In March 2017, Ferrero contacted James Dick, W&L's director of outdoor education, asking for advice on introducing Klättermusen gear to members of the Outing Club. Through that correspondence, Ferrero met Lenny Enkhbold

'17, a member of the Outing Club Key Staff. They felt an instant connection.

"He was probably the most energetic and passionate person I'd spoken to in a long time," Ferrero says of Enkhbold. "Full of energy and full of great ideas about what he wanted to do. He was just about to graduate. He was a computer science major, and he had one thing clear in his mind: He didn't want to go into computer science. He wanted to work in the outdoors."

Ferrero came to the United States for business a few days after Enkhbold's graduation. The pair met in Utah for a weekend camping trip at the Little Grand Canyon. "We saw some buffalo," Enkhbold says. "We saw some bighorn sheep. We saw some canyons."

They also decided to work together. Enkhbold became the U.S. engagement coordinator for Klättermusen. His job was to work on product seeding, getting influential people in the outdoors to wear the company's clothing and carry its backpacks.

"Really go-push-the-word-of-mouth angle," Enkhbold says. "We think that if we make the proper clothing, proper gear, then the right people will find us."

TWO PEAS IN A POD

It only makes sense that Ferrero and Enkhbold became fast friends, for they have many things in common. Both were born outside the United States. Ferrero's family moved from Spain to Buenos Aires, Argentina, when he was 10 years old. Enkhbold was born in Mongolia, where as a child he rode on horseback to help his grandfather tend sheep and goats. His family moved to Roanoke, Virginia, when he was 7.

As W&L students, both men were lured by the siren song of the surrounding Shenandoah Valley. Getting out into nature wasn't a new thing for Enkhbold. "I'm shamanist, you know," he says. "The outdoors have always been very precious for me."

Enkhbold, who also majored in German, did discover at W&L that he liked getting other people hooked on the outdoors. Through the Outing Club, he organized everything from horseback riding to hang-gliding trips for other students. His first year at W&L, he participated in the pre-orientation Appalachian Adventure trip, where dozens of new students spend a week navigating the famed trail. For the next three years, he led the trip.

During his junior year, Enkhbold was one of 13 students selected for the Merrell College Ambassadors program, where he worked with representatives from Merrell, an outdoor footwear and clothing company, to get his fellow students outdoors. The next year, he was named an Outdoor Nation/National Park Service Ambassador.

Little by little, Enkhbold says, he grew into a micro-influencer. While that term usually means someone with a dedicated following on social media, he prefers to do his influencing face-to-face. "I didn't have the largest following or anything like that, but I was constantly leading trips," he says. "I was getting people outdoors and sharing this passion I have."

Ferrero, unlike Enkhbold, had always lived in cities. He came to W&L with zero experience in outdoor recreation. Once in Lexington, though, he quickly discovered he loved hiking, rafting and camping. "You get to college and you start trying things out," Ferrero says. "You come with all your senses open, right? Everything is interesting. Everything is exciting."

GEAR NERD

Ferrero, like a lot of recent college graduates, found it hard to make time for his outdoor pursuits once he began adulting. He moved to London, where he worked in finance, and later launched technology and entertainment start-ups before earning his M.B.A. in business administration from INSEAD. After that, Ferrero found himself in Shanghai, China,



▼ GONZ FERRERO '04, avid mountaineer and splitboarder, advocates for sustainability through his mountaineering-equipment company.



▲ LENNY ENKHBOLD '17 (second from right) drinks in the outdoors with, l. to r., Chris Anderson '20, Tommy Bishop '18L and Matt Villante '20. Patrick Robertson '17 snapped the photo.

“He’s an alumnus, and we share that connection, but we also have the passion for the outdoors, have the passion for quality clothing, and we have the passion for sustainability.”

–Lenny Enkbold '17

where he worked as the chief financial officer and venture partner for Designed for Revolution (DFR Asia), a media and entertainment group specializing in Asian markets.

“It’s a fantastic party for everyone to see and to live at some stage in their lives,” Ferrero says of China. “But it’s also hugely overwhelming. It’s never stopping. Always running. Always racing. Seven days a week. Twenty-four hours a day.”

In 2014, Ferrero decided he’d had enough. He missed being outdoors. Hand-in-hand with Merve Arslan, the woman who would become his wife, he took off. “We traveled for a year around the world as kind of a big trip to reconnect with ourselves,” he says. “We had a fun time hiking and climbing in Nepal. We were skiing in the Alps. We were running around deserts in Bolivia.”

For Nepal, Ferrero had purchased an inexpensive down coat. Once he got there, he discovered it didn’t keep him adequately warm or dry. “Then you realize, this isn’t just a piece of clothing. It’s equipment, right? It’s gear.”

After that, Ferrero became “very nerdy” about his outfitting on outdoor adventures. As he researched the outdoor clothing industry,

he also worried about the impact manufacturing had on the environment. “All these products, all this gear, are supposed to get you close to nature and more connected with the outdoors, but they’re all using very poor practices of production and poor fabrics.”

Through his studies, Ferrero learned about Klättermusen and its dedication to making the highest-quality gear with a minimum impact on the planet. He contacted Peter Askuly, the biologist and climber who founded the company in 1975, hoping to talk him into working together. Instead, he found that Askuly was ready to retire and sell the company. “I said, ‘Great! I will take it off your hands.’” Ferrero purchased the business, with help from investors, in 2015.

MAINTAINING RELATIONSHIPS

Enkbold never tires of talking to other outdoor enthusiasts about Klättermusen gear. “It’s nice to be able to introduce something that is kind of like a secret to people within the industry here,” he says. At the same time, he discovered that being the only U.S. employee of Klättermusen could get a little lonely. Working remotely was not a good fit for his gregarious personality.

Reluctantly, he has begun hunting for another full-time job, possibly in the outdoors industry. Even so, he plans to continue spreading the word about the Klättermusen brand. “I’m trying to maintain the relationships I’ve built,” Enkbold says. “The long-term goal is to bring the company into America. Both Gonz and I are keen on that.”

Both men feel their friendship is the lifelong variety. “Lenny for me is a very special person,” Ferrero says. “He does things from the heart and always coming from the right place. Sometimes you just click with people. He’s that case.”

A 20-minute phone conversation with Ferrero, Enkbold says, never fails to brighten up his day. “I feel amazing afterward,” he says. “It’s just nice to have some direction and some guidance.”

“He’s an alumnus, and we share that connection,” continues Enkbold, “but we also have the passion for the outdoors, have the passion for quality clothing, and we have the passion for sustainability, and we have a very similar lifestyle. Where I am right now was where he was with his life at my age.”



^ CABIN FEVER
Lundberg and his wife, Mary
Breuer, converted this cabin in
Sonoma County into a dream
getaway.

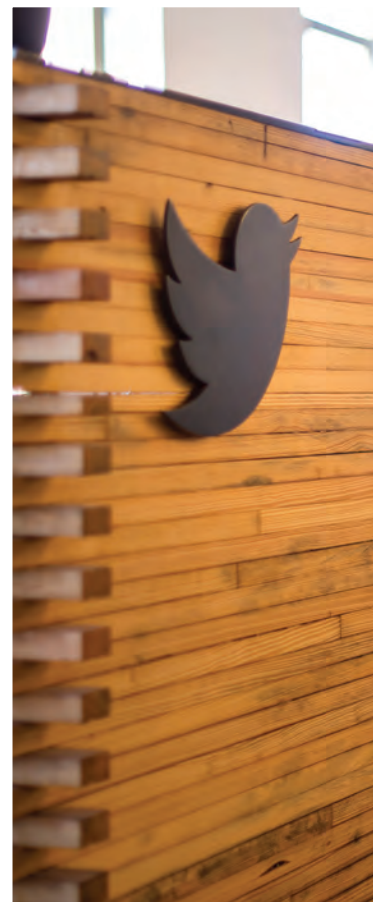
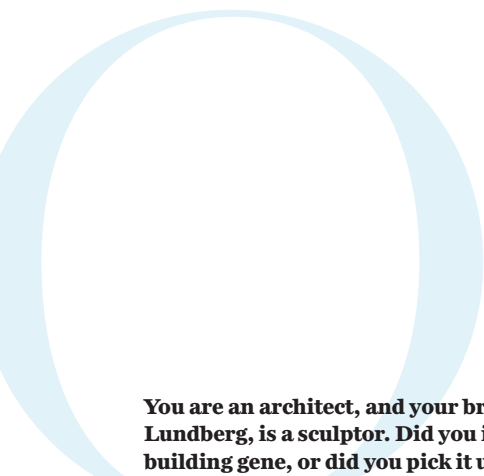


DESIGNING FOR THE FUTURE

For award-winning San Francisco architect Olle Lundberg '75, sustainability is no trend — it is intrinsic to his profession.

BY LINDSEY NAIR

PHOTOS COURTESY OF LUNDBERG DESIGN



You are an architect, and your brother, Peter Lundberg, is a sculptor. Did you inherit that building gene, or did you pick it up through childhood experiences?

A: I think being what I call “handy” alternates generations, because our father was so bad at it that my brother and I always had to fix things. My father was a chemical engineer, so certainly there is an engineering background, but it was definitely not something we inherited from him. My grandmother was a painter and sculptor, so there was a history of art in our family. As a kid, I worked as a carpenter’s helper and on road crews. Those were good summer jobs — they kept me outside and in shape, and the money was better than working in a fast food restaurant, so I enjoyed it. I have always enjoyed building things, and seeing things going from idea to reality.

Q: What is your philosophy in terms of sustainability in architecture?

A: We have always had sustainability at the heart of our practice. We don’t make a big deal out of it, because we kind of take it for granted. As architects, I think we have an enormous responsibility to build with care, and that extends to the sites and lands that we deal with. We have a metal fabrication shop that’s part of our process, and we’ve always incorporated recycled materials and found objects into our work. I like to use them not only as a statement of sustainability, but also because I just find



✓ DEEP SEA DINING
A repurposed buoy makes a dramatic light fixture for Hard Water restaurant.

< ANOTHER KIND OF LEFTOVERS

Lundberg has designed multiple restaurants for restaurateur Charles Phan. This one, Hard Water, is a partnership between the two men. The bar's decor is dominated by Lundberg's signature reused materials.



> **BOWLED OVER**
The front desk at Twitter headquarters was made with lanes from a bowling alley.



^ MAKING WAVES

Lundberg and Breuer turned this retired Icelandic car ferry, the Maritol, into a floating home and office.

them really beautiful. Sustainability has become more and more important in the world, but it has always been something we've done.

Q: How does your firm incorporate sustainability into architectural designs?

A: The goal, generally, of our buildings these days is to have them produce as much energy as they use. We aim for net zero on almost all of our projects using a variety of methods, including solar and geothermal. We try to go net zero on water wherever possible, as well, so we reclaim and treat gray and black water on some of our commercial projects that we are involved in now. We are also involved in a rating system called the Living Building Challenge to try and make a building completely sustainable on its own. I think that is the future, and it's where we need to go on this, so we are heavily involved in it and excited about it.

Q: Has sustainability become more of a concern to your clients over the years?

A: Yes, it is becoming more and more a part of the discussion. We've seen it for a long time with our residential clients, but it is new on the corporate level, and it's really great to see, because that's a fundamental change in building philosophy.

Q: What is their motivation for doing it?

It is not cost savings, because a lot of this is a long-term payback, so it's still a big investment initially. We are not at a point in the economics of sustainability that all of these systems pay for themselves quickly. Unfortunately, with the current administration in Washington, there are fewer incentives, which is too bad, because one of the ways we get corporate clients to embrace it is because there are incentives. It requires more of an ethical stance, which happily some of them do have.

Q: What are some of the most unusual found objects you've incorporated into your designs?

A: We've done a series of light fixtures called buoy lights, made from old, abandoned steel ship buoys. At the San Francisco restaurant Mourad, we used a root ball from a tree to create a screen wall between a staircase and the main entry. It's kind of a sculpture, but it also functions as a handrail and separation wall. I bought a whole bowling alley's worth of lanes on Craigslist and did all the tables at a restaurant with that, as well as the reception desk at Twitter's headquarters.

Q: How do you feel about your work?

I'm very fortunate. I get to design these really beautiful buildings for people who love them, and I happen to be good at it. I also have a 20-person firm, and it is very much a large family. I love the people I work with; they are enormously talented. It's what I always wanted — to have my own practice, do my own designs, and work with talented people who could help me do that and have the same passion for the work I do. It's very rewarding to provide employment for those people and see their lives mature.



CLOSE-UP

B.A., English, Washington and Lee

M.A., architecture, University of Virginia

Owner, Lundberg Designs, San Francisco, founded in 1987

Projects: Residences, bars, restaurants, hotels, corporate headquarters and more

Family: Wife, Mary Breuer, president of Breuer Consulting Group; their dogs, Carney and Curly, appear on the Lundberg Design staff webpage

Quirky W&L fact: As a sophomore, Lundberg and a friend, William Smith '75, invested in a deserted, deconsecrated chapel 10 miles north of Lexington. They fixed it up and rented out the extra rooms to other students. Profits from the sale of the chapel paid for Lundberg's graduate school. Smith is now a real estate attorney.

To see more photos of the company's projects, go to lundbergdesign.com.



HIDDEN FIGURES

The surprising results of W&L's sustainability efforts

ENERGY EDUCATION PROGRAM SAVINGS

\$4.5 MIL

of utility costs avoided

19,357

Metric tons of CO₂ reduced

37%

Decrease in natural gas consumption

19%

Decrease in campus electricity consumption

CAMPUS GARDEN YIELDS

1,826

Pounds of produce
in 2017 growing year

\$4,654

in revenue

\$991

Value of food donations to the W&L Campus Kitchen

BY ERICA TURMAN



How many W&L people does it take to create a sustainable campus? All 3,000-plus students, staff and faculty.

So says Kimberly Hodge, the university's director of sustainability initiatives and education.

She and her colleagues Nicole Poulin (manager of the Campus Garden), Jane Stewart (energy specialist) and Morris Trimmer (energy specialist) take aim at a constellation of targets, including the university goal of carbon neutrality by 2050. In the more foreseeable future, their mission is to spread the word about sustainability and to reduce environmental impact.

The Office of Sustainability (Hodge and Poulin) monitors food waste and campus recycling, and maintains the Campus Garden. The Energy Education Program (Stewart and Trimmer) partners with all university constituents to change personal and institutional habits in order to improve energy efficiency and eliminate waste.

Students play a large role in these efforts. The Energy Education Program provides data and support to students who use the campus as a living laboratory for class projects. For example, engineering students Bobby Doyle '18, Zach Papin '18 and Risher Randall '19 experimented with a switch to monitor windows in The Village that would alert students when an open window was throwing the HVAC system out of whack. The Office of Sustainability has 14 interns, as well as 18 Compost Crew members who pick up food waste around campus, including at the Marketplace, the main student dining area.

The Energy Education Program was established in 2011. Stewart and Trimmer promote projects like the Energy Challenge and provide "A General's Guide to Easy Energy Efficiency & Sustainable Living." They are focused on two new initiatives: launching a public energy dashboard, which will allow members of the W&L community to view energy consumption across campus in real time, and pursuing options for renewable energy.

"Although we have made good progress in our energy reduction efforts," said Stewart, "there is still a sense of the urgency on issues we have not yet adequately addressed — renewables, for example."

In the Office of Sustainability, Hodge and Poulin enjoyed a productive growing season in 2017. The Campus Garden not only increased total revenue from previous years but also exceeded its highest total revenue year.

New programs for the garden this spring have included the first-ever plant sale, which raised money for a project for Hoofbeats Therapeutic Riding Center, at the Virginia Horse Center, where students worked on a therapeutic riding trail for the nonprofit. On campus, they've planted more flowers to provide fresh, local blooms for small university events over the summer and in the early fall.

"Another new program we are collaborating with is the Student Food Pantry," Poulin said. "It's currently filled with non-perishable items, but we wanted to give the option for healthy, fresh, sustainably grown produce, as well. The Campus Garden will be filling this void."

No matter the program, the initiative, the time spent or the energy saved, when it comes to sustainability, Hodge believes the results speak for themselves.

"We collect the food waste from the dining facilities to make compost, the compost is used in the garden, the vegetables from the garden are used in the dining hall, and then the cycle repeats itself," said Hodge. "It is this beautiful circle."

On Twitter: [@wluenergy](#) [@wlu_green](#)
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OFFICE HOURS



Sandra L. Reiter

The Darrold and Kay Cannan Associate Term Professor of Business Administration studies what she calls “the intersection of business and the natural environment.” She arrived at that spot after studying engineering, management, business — and philosophy.

BY JULIE CAMPBELL • PHOTO BY KEVIN REMINGTON

“While I was naturally interested in the moral responsibility of corporations, some of my early opportunities focused on the environment.”

WHAT LED TO YOUR AFFILIATION WITH W&L'S ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES PROGRAM?

My interest has always been in business ethics or business justice, but some of my early opportunities have been at the intersection of business and the natural environment. In my very first term at W&L, I spent a week in the Guajira Peninsula of Colombia with a delegation to visit one of the largest open-pit coal mines in the world. We interviewed the indigenous people who lived on the perimeter of the mine and claimed that their health and environment had been harmed, and the management of the company that operated the mine. While I was naturally interested in the moral responsibility of corporations, some of my early opportunities focused on the environment. In my course Business and the Natural Environment, students analyzed a Lexington business's environmental footprint and recommended ways to reduce that footprint.

WHAT DREW YOU TO ENGINEERING?

Neither of my parents went to a four-year college, and so I was not real savvy about college life and the kinds of things one could study. I knew that my strengths were in the quantitative skills, and so I thought that meant I had to major in math. But after studying math for a year or so, I worried that the only thing I could do with a math major was to teach school, and I didn't want to do that! A friend said, “Why don't you major in civil engineering?” (That was her major.) I said, “What's that?” She said, “It is just applied math.” Well, that sounded good to me, so that is what I did.

WHAT PROMPTED YOUR SHIFT FROM CORPORATIONS AND ENGINEERING TO ACADEMIA AND BUSINESS ETHICS?

I hated my corporate life, and I enjoyed philosophy. I worked for an aerospace company that promoted from within, and many of the management positions were filled with engineers. This is how I moved up the corporate ladder. After being promoted a few times, I decided to pursue my M.B.A. I enjoyed being back in school so much, I seriously considered going on to a Ph.D. then, but I didn't think I could swing it financially. I got promoted again and ended up in the company's headquarters. While it was a great experience and gave me the opportunity to travel around the world, this environment was not for me. If it hadn't been

for the influence of a friend and tennis partner, I probably would have endured the corporate world and retired early.

HOW ABOUT THAT MINOR IN PHILOSOPHY YOU EARNED ALONG WITH YOUR PH.D.?

One of my tennis partners was a University of Notre Dame philosophy professor. We would go out for beers afterwards and talk a lot about philosophy. He made many reading recommendations; one was the writings of philosopher John Rawls. Because of this influence, I took the great leap back to school full-time. Between my experience in the corporate world and my introduction to moral philosophy, it is not hard to imagine why I wanted to study business ethics. And I have never looked back.

INSIDE AND OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM

ON THE WALL: Diplomas for a B.S. in civil engineering, an M.S. in electrical engineering, an M.B.A. in management, and a Ph.D. in business with a minor in philosophy. Reiter came to W&L in 2006 following two decades of corporate engineering and management positions. She also heads the Business Administration Department in the Williams School.

ON THE COURT: “I have played tennis ever since I was 10 years old. I competed in local, state and regional tournaments from that age until I was in my 40s. I don't play as much anymore, not because I don't want to but rather because life is busy, and it takes planning and a partner to play with.”

ON THE RUN: “I switched to running in my 40s because it is just much easier to go do on my own and in my own time. I do like to run races of all distances (5K, 10K, half marathons and one marathon). I ran the San Diego Rock 'n' Roll Marathon and thought I would run more, but it takes a lot of time to train.”



Nova Clarke '96

Studying the unlikely combination of geology and politics prepared this alumna for a career as an award-winning environmental educator.

BY JOAN TUPPONCE • PHOTO BY MIKE COLVIN

“I’ve learned to listen to other people and realize that everyone has their own valid opinion and that you treat everybody as an equal. You don’t judge. Those lessons make it easier for me to do my job now.”

MIAMI NATIVE NOVA CLARKE '96 and her parents appreciate the irony of this city girl becoming a refuge ranger. “My parents really don’t know how I became a ranger,” Clarke says, laughing. “I am much more of an outdoors person than when I was growing up. I’ve discovered I prefer more rural areas with less people and more nature. That’s a big change from growing up in Miami.”

Clarke serves as education specialist and refuge ranger at Black Bayou Lake National Wildlife Refuge, in Monroe, Louisiana. In February, the Louisiana Wildlife Federation named her Conservation Educator of the Year for her environmental education programming at Black Bayou as well as for her outreach work in the community.

Growing up, Clarke was set on becoming a lawyer.

But that idea started fading at W&L when she took David Harbor’s introduction to geology. “I ended up taking more geology classes and did a Spring Term field-mapping class out West, and fell in love with the West,” she says.

Clarke double-majored in politics and geology and environmental studies and became involved with the Outing Club. “That got me outside and exposed to nature,” she says.

FROM POLITICS TO PARK SERVICE

On the political side, she took part in two Washington Term experiences, one with the AFL/CIO and the other with the White House. “From that internship, I flew to Alaska and did an internship in the summer with the University of Alaska,” she says. “It was around then I realized I didn’t want to go to law school.”

She landed her first job with the National Park Service in 1998 as a seasonal ranger in Colorado and stayed with that organization until 2012. During that time, she worked at a variety of sites, including Utah’s Canyonlands National Park, Arizona’s Rainbow Bridge National Monument, and the Tuskegee (Alabama) Institute National Historic Site.

She began working as an interpretive ranger at Black Bayou, part of the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, five and a half years ago. “A big part of my job is education,” she

says, adding she often works with schoolchildren on field trips. “It’s important to get kids outside and connected to the environment.”

Many of her interactions include two non-venomous Louisiana pine snakes. “They do road trips with me to meet all the kids,” she says. “We also have a small exhibit with animals that includes three little alligators.”

One of her biggest passions is getting people outside at night to explore the dark “so they can realize the dark is not scary. There are lots of stars,” she says. “I do a lot of night programs like frog walks, monthly full-moon walks, and a haunted nature trail at Halloween.”

SELF-RELIANCE

Through her work as a ranger, she’s discovered she’s much more independent than she thought. “I have a lot of self-reliance now,” she says. “I’ve figured out who I am.” During her time at W&L, she was an outspoken liberal. “I was always the weirdo,” she says. “I keep in touch with Professor William F. Connelly Jr., in the Politics Department, who was my Washington Term advisor. Politically, we butted heads a lot.”

Her experiences at W&L have been invaluable in her life and work. “I’ve learned to listen to other people and realize that everyone has their own valid opinion and that you treat everybody as an equal. You don’t judge,” she says. “Those lessons make it easier for me to do my job now.”

MORE ABOUT NOVA

FAVORITE PROFESSORS:

William F. Connelly Jr., the John K. Boardman Jr. Professor of Politics; Edgar Spencer '53, Ruth Parmlly Professor of Geology Emeritus; and David Harbor, professor of geology. “All three had a huge role in how I ended up doing what I do.”

FAVORITE CLASS: Geology classes, “because they got me outside.”

ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

She was one of the founding members of the Habitat for Humanity chapter at W&L. She also was president of the College Democrats her senior year.



Lewis Perkins '93

The self-described “liberal arts kid,” who received the Distinguished Alumnus Award at his 25th reunion in April, nurtured his creative spirit at W&L. Now he brings that spirit to a nonprofit that encourages sustainability.

BY JOAN TUPPONCE • PHOTO BY KEVIN REMINGTON

“There was a sense of duty and honor that came from W&L. One of the reasons I got into this job was because I saw injustice. W&L instilled principles, honor and values in all of us.”

A MINDFUL CAREER

“It was like reading the gospel,” says Lewis Perkins of the moment he learned how Cradle to Cradle Products Innovation Institute helps companies rethink design and manufacture to make a positive impact on the environment.

Perkins joined the institute in 2012 as senior vice president and took over as president in 2015. “I thought this was the answer,” he says of that realization. “This was giving back to society. It was a whole system plan for the planet. We have known all along that everything needs to be made with mindfulness. It made sense.”

Perkins had long wanted to help companies “find their soul.” He had that epiphany after seeing how some institutions practiced philanthropy to counteract a problem they were causing. “They were saying,

OK, we are creating unintentional negative impacts, but our goodwill will override that,” he says.

Cradle to Cradle boasts about 300 companies and over 6,000 product types. “We believe in investing in people and in local communities where the product is made,” Perkins says. “We are like the LEED certificate program for products. We provide the framework and train consultants to do the work.”

A CREATIVE SPIRIT

His work involves a great deal of creativity. “I was a high-energy, creative kid that didn’t want to sit still,” he says. Perkins cultivated that spirit at W&L. He’s a proud son of the South, born in Tallahassee, Florida. Along with his brother, John Perkins ’90, he knew about the university because of two Tallahassee alumni, Judge Robert P. Smith Jr. ’54 and his son, Todd Smith ’83. When Perkins visited John on Parents and Family Weekends, the university felt like home.

As a first-year, he took studio art and psychology. “I was always interested in human nature,” he says. “I was totally the liberal arts kid, and that was a reflection of the kid I was when I was growing up. I like art, theater and music. I enjoyed being creative, and now I do that with business strategy.”

After graduating with a B.A. in art, he became interested in philanthropy, and worked for Atlanta’s High Museum of Art, and for W&L, on a capital

campaign. Perkins, who holds an M.B.A. with a focus on social responsibility from Emory University’s Goizueta Business School, also logged several years with Mohawk Industries as director of sustainable strategies.

‘A BIG OPTIMIST’

Today he travels the world nonstop. “I spend as much time at our office in Amsterdam as I do at our headquarters in San Francisco,” he says. “For me, it’s about being around a diverse set of people, thinking about solutions at the larger level for the planet. It’s talking about a world where all systems are connected, and there is no isolation. I love being with people who think like I do and are optimistic. I’m a big optimist.”

One of the things he loves about W&L is the broad worldview he experienced in classes and with peers and friends. “It was a like-minded community, and it’s been fun to stay in touch, to see how we have all expanded,” he says. “There was a sense of duty and honor that came from W&L. One of the reasons I got into this job was because I saw injustice. W&L instilled principles, honor and values in all of us.”

MORE ABOUT LEWIS

FAVORITE PROFESSOR:

The late Sidney M.B. Coulling III ’46, the S. Blount Mason Jr. Professor of English Emeritus. “He was amazing. Even though he didn’t always give me a good grade on papers, he taught me how to write. Between him and Pam Hemenway Simpson, my adviser and head of the Art Department, I learned a lot.”

MEMORABLE CLASS:

Chaos Theory. “I remember writing my paper on Jackson Pollock because of the random way he chose to create. That left an impression on me.”

FUN ACTIVITY: Southern Comfort, the a cappella group. “Some of my best friends were in Southern Comfort.”

Alumni

CLASS UPDATES AND SUCCESS STORIES



Happy revelers at the March 3 Alumni Fancy Dress in Washington, D.C.

photo by Kevin Remington

CHAPTER CORNER

FANCY DRESS? IT'S NOT JUST ON CAMPUS ANYMORE

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

A wonderful thing about W&L is the memories you create as a student. Yours may include the Freshmen (First-Year) BBQ, a meeting with a favorite professor, an A on that final exam (or the gentleman's C just to pass), a victory on the athletic field, a quiet stroll across the footbridge, or a late-night dash along the Colonnade. One memory, Fancy Dress, we are able to relive each year through the efforts of our alumni chapters. What better way to celebrate W&L than getting all dressed up, securing a date or your BFF group, having a nice dinner, and dancing the night away with a couple hundred of your fellow alumni? New York City began the tradition more than 15 years ago, with Richmond, Washington, D.C., Philadelphia and Dallas quickly hosting Alumni Fancy Dress events. When is the next one, you ask? That would be Nashville in late October 2018. So dust off your dancing shoes! We hope to see you there.



EVENTS

YOUNG ALUMNI WEEKEND SEPT. 14-16, 2018

Join your classmates, meet new friends, and enjoy the fall splendor of our beautiful campus. All alumni from 2008 to 2018 are most cordially invited.

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TAYLOR COLE '75

Championing Land Conservation

BY BARBARA ELLIOTT

Photo by Kevin Remington

GROWING UP IN LEXINGTON, Taylor Cole '75 spent many hours exploring the wilds beyond Woods Creek and the W&L football stadium. (His father, Fred Carrington Cole, was president of the university from 1959 to 1967.) In those days, that area was open space, woods and natural habitat all the way to the river. Through those adventures, Cole developed a passion for the outdoors that has translated into a second career as a co-founder of Conservation Partners, a Lexington-based consulting firm that guides landowners through the complex process of protecting their property through conservation easements or land gifts.

Cole spent the first part of his career as a banker. During that time, he served on the board of a land trust and developed an understanding of how to stem the tide of development that is encroaching on farmland and natural spaces.

In 2001, he left banking to establish Conservation Partners L.L.C. with attorney Jim McLaughlin '86, son of former W&L football coach Lee M. McLaughlin. Their

mission is to help clients permanently protect the scenic beauty, wildlife habitat, or historic integrity of their land and preserve its ability to provide a farming or forestry livelihood.

"When we started Conservation Partners, Virginia ranked 50th out of 50 states per capita on expenditures by state on protecting open spaces. Around that time, the state came up with the Virginia Land Preservation Tax Credit," he says. "In very short order, Virginia began to significantly increase land protected by conservation easements, so it was a great time for us to get involved."

Although Conservation Partners has helped save many thousands of acres in the Old Dominion, Cole says much work remains.

"We are still losing 100,000 or more acres a year to development. As a state, we have protected about 7 percent of the land eligible for easements," he says. "We are so fortunate as Americans to have these extraordinary open spaces. It is important we do this so kids growing up now will have the experience we had."



Jeb Rosebrock '57 and Stuart Rosebrock
JUNIOR BONNER: THE MAKING OF A CLASSIC WITH STEVE McQUEEN AND SAM PECKINPAH IN THE SUMMER OF 1971



Todd Crowell '66
THE DICTIONARY OF THE ASIAN LANGUAGE

50s 60s

1957

Jeb Rosebrock and his son, Stuart Rosebrock, collaborated on Jeb's memoir "Junior Bonner: The Making of a Classic with Steve McQueen and Sam Peckinpah in the Summer of 1971" (BearManor Media). Rosebrock, who wrote the screenplay for the 1972 movie, not only reminisces about the filming in Prescott, Arizona, but also reveals how he earned honorary membership in a stuntman's association.

1966

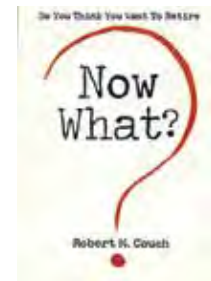
The latest book by Todd Crowell is "The Dictionary of the Asian Language" (Blacksmith Books). His earlier books include "Farewell, My Colony: Last Days in the Life of British Hong Kong," "Tales from Victoria Park: Short Stories of Indonesian Women in Hong Kong" and "Explore Macau: A Walking Guide and History."

1968

Robert M. Couch '68 wrote and self-published "Now What? So You Think You Want to Retire." On April 28, he signed copies on campus during his 50th reunion.

1969

Jay Clarke wrote "Fifty Years of Begging: Dr. J. Calvitt Clarke and Christian Children's Fund" (Archway Publishing), a biography of his grandfather, who founded the Christian Children's Fund (now ChildFund International) and Children Inc.



Robert M. Couch '68
NOW WHAT? SO YOU THINK YOU WANT TO RETIRE

70s

1978

Ron Spain was promoted to sales and operations manager at B&D Sales Corp., a recently acquired Stuller Company that provides laser welders, engravers and cutting machines to the jewelry industry.



Jay Clarke '69
FIFTY YEARS OF BEGGING: DR. J. CALVITT CLARKE AND CHRISTIAN CHILDREN'S FUND



REFLECTING FORWARD

W&L Students

BY BEAU DUDLEY '74, '79L
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF ALUMNI AFFAIRS

I am writing just after our second undergraduate admitted students' day. We congratulated those who will start this September and tried to persuade those on the fence to jump to the W&L side. I met two women swimmers who chose W&L because of the quality teammates they know they will have. I asked a young African-American man if he had decided yet. He replied: "Absolutely, this is the place for me to do everything I want to do." Another student told me that she wants to dance, be a pre-med major and join a sorority. I exchanged high fives with legacy families. These eager young people are exciting, and excited about W&L. Their energy will translate into positive impacts across campus.

It is gratifying to watch them. Rooted in deep and rewarding academic experiences, they are all in. They populate our broad collection of community service activities. They excel in national moot court competitions. They display serious and joyful talent in music, singing, theater and dance.

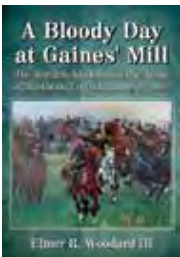
Our athletic teams might be termed the Miracle on the Maury. They set records, win titles, compete in post-season NCAA tournaments, produce all-Americans, and continue the proud

legacy of the blue Trident. There is no subculture of athletes; when I see them perform, I know they are among the best in Division III.

We have devoted student leaders. One of them just left my office, and I am so proud of him. He handles the work with dignity, purpose and great respect for the trust he has been given.

Did I mention fun? On all but the dreariest winter days, our students are visibly happy to be here. Visitors mention this vibe as a real selling point. Student social life has many more components than in the past, and it is vibrant at a game, The Village, Windfall Hill, Friday Underground, the Black and White Ball, Red Square . . . and when their parents are in town!

If you have doubts about the institution or the value of a W&L education, Commencement is the best antidote. Thanks to our faculty and staff, the undergraduate and law students end on a high note, with the firm conviction that the value proposition is outstanding. The students and families say so when the experience has wound down, a big reason why so many of you stay connected for life.



Elmer R. Woodard III '83
A BLOODY DAY AT GAINES' MILL: THE BATTLEFIELD DEBUT OF THE ARMY OF NORTHERN VIRGINIA, JUNE 27, 1862

80s

1982

Benjamin F. Jarratt II was elected to the board of directors of the Bank of Southside Virginia. His great-grandfather and both grandfathers were among the bank's original founders.

1983

Elmer R. Woodard III wrote "A Bloody Day at Gaines' Mill: The Battlefield Debut of the Army of Northern Virginia, June 27, 1862" (McFarland Publishing), about a pivotal battle of the Civil War.

Bert Ponder III received the 2018 Georgia Planned

Giving Council's Greater Good Award from The GPGC Greater Good Award Nominating Committee.

1985

Dr. Jeffrey P. Blount is professor and chair of pediatric neurosurgery at the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB) and Children's of Alabama. His practice focuses primarily on children with medically resistant epilepsy and those who suffer from spina bifida. He keeps in regular contact with many classmates for fishing trips and general good-time get togethers.

1987

Charles M. Elmer has been elevated to principal at the national law firm Jackson Lewis P.C., in its

Washington, D.C., region office. He has extensive experience litigating all forms of labor and employment matters throughout the Southeast.

90s

1990

In "Endless Caverns: An Underground Journey into the Show Caves of Appalachia" (University of North Carolina Press), **Douglas Reichert Powell** outlines the history of Appalachia's show caves, including the owners, the changes and the enduring popularity.

Ann Stewart Fuller is running for state representative in Florida House District 52, with

the general election on Nov. 6.

1991

Mark Monahan, Tom Costello, Andy Guida and Matt Malloy had a mini-reunion on the icy slopes of southern Vermont. The four classmates and their families enjoyed a long weekend at the SkyLight Ski Lodge near Bromley Mountain, and are happy to report no major injuries other than mildly bruised egos.

1992

Emily Ecton has another kids' book up her sleeve: "The Ambrose Deception" (Disney-Hyperion). Three students in Chicago compete for a scholarship, and discover a mystery.



JANA HEISLER WHITE '98

A Natural Inclination

BY BARBARA ELLIOTT

Photo by Jennifer Strickland, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

JANA HEISLER WHITE '98 ENTERED W&L as a pre-med student. But about halfway through her undergraduate years, she discovered her interests lay more in the natural world than human anatomy. She did become a healer, but of the environment rather than people.

“At W&L, I discovered that botany and entomology were what I was enjoying, so I decided this is what I should do,” she says.

After graduating with dual degrees in biology and geology and working a brief stint as a teacher, she decided to continue her studies of the natural world.

At the same time, she felt an urge to go west, so she pursued a master’s in plant biology at Arizona State University and a doctorate in ecology from Colorado State University. After conducting postgraduate work on the effect of climate change on rangeland ecosystems in the West, she settled in Laramie, Wyoming, where she is a senior ecologist with Trihydro Corp., an engineering and environmental consulting firm.

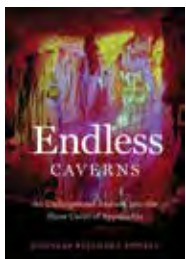
“I work on environmental protection and remediation, doing everything from habitat restoration to endangered species

protection,” she explains. “I help clients make sure they are in compliance with regulations and advise them on incentives for protecting the environment.”

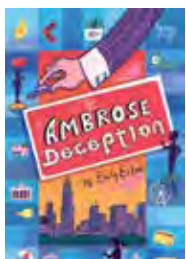
Although she spends a lot of time in her office staying current on natural resource policy and reviewing reports, she enjoys fieldwork at sites across the West. She has spent four and a half years working on conservation and habitat enhancement for greater sage-grouse, a species that was historically found throughout the western U.S., but has seen a large decline over the past 40 years.

“Greater sage-grouse have high fidelity to habitat and are sensitive to human impacts. The species also relies on sagebrush, which is susceptible to fire due to the spread of cheatgrass throughout the western U.S. I have contributed to numerous projects to improve habitat quality for sage-grouse and other sagebrush obligate species,” she explains.

She finds her job most rewarding when she feels she is actively working to protect or restore landscapes and species habitats, and when projects require the collective expertise of diverse stakeholders.



▼ Douglas Reichert Powell '90
ENDLESS CAVERNS: AN UNDERGROUND JOURNEY INTO THE SHOW CAVES OF APPALACHIA



▼ Emily Ecton '92
THE AMBROSE DECEPTION

Jay Gabbard was promoted to professor of social work at Western Kentucky University, in Bowling Green, Kentucky, where he has taught the last 14 years. He has conducted and presented extensive research internationally in the areas of forensic social work, homelessness, and cross-cultural social welfare interventions. He was also instrumental in starting a support group for students with mental illness and serves on the national advisory committees of Phi Alpha Social Work Honor Society and the Minority Fellowship Program of the Council of Social Work Education.

1994

Erin Nelson contacted Gordon Ball, visiting

associate professor of English at W&L, because she read about his latest book in the W&L magazine and realized he might have gone to the American School in Japan (ASIJ), where she is director of advancement. That was indeed the case. The ASIJ library is purchasing a copy of Professor Ball’s book, “On Tokyo’s Edge: Gaijin Tales From Postwar Japan,” and Erin has promised to be the first one to check it out.

1998

Dr. Josh Billings IV was recently promoted to associate professor with tenure at Vanderbilt University Medical Center, and since he now can’t be fired, is beginning to push the envelope. In Nashville, he enjoys playing music

with Kathy Kitchens Billings '98 (Josh, banjo; Kathy, fiddle) and seeing music with Kathy and Peter Brown '98. He is also cubmaster of Pack 78, responsible for the civic, leadership and outdoors development of 50 elementary school boys, leveraging the expertise gained in college.

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2000

Andrew C. Thomas was promoted to partner at Jones Day. A member of the banking, finance and securities practice, he represents public companies in capital markets transactions and

corporate governance matters. Andrew is based in Cleveland, where he lives with his wife and five children.

Childs Cantey Thrasher opened the law office of Childs Cantey Thrasher L.L.C., in Columbia, South Carolina. Check out the website at www.thrasherfirm.com.

2003

Greg Michaels resides outside of Philadelphia with Whitney (Roanoke '04), his wife of five years, and Katherine, their 2-year-old daughter. Greg has held positions in private banking, commercial real estate and C-suite consulting, and is now building out a team within a sell-side M&A firm serving the middle market.



TIMOTHY LITZENBURG '04

Going Toe to Toe with Monsanto

BY BARBARA ELLIOTT

Photo by Kevin Remington

TIMOTHY LITZENBURG '04 DID NOT DISCOVER HIS PASSION for product liability law until his second year of law school, when he read “Four Trials,” by John Edwards. It was then he realized he had found his calling as a plaintiff lawyer.

Now as an attorney with the Miller Firm L.L.C., a national practice specializing in product liability and anti-terrorism cases, Litzenburg is representing more than 1,000 clients across the country in litigation against agri-business giant Monsanto. They assert that glyphosate, the primary ingredient in the popular herbicide Roundup, caused their non-Hodgkin lymphoma.

“Roundup is the world’s largest-selling herbicide. It is used on 80 percent of row crops,” Litzenburg says. “So we are even getting a daily dose of glyphosate in our diet. It is advertised as safe enough to drink but, as with many other products, we are finding out decades later that it causes cancer. Monsanto is denying all liability.”

Because doctors cannot simply biopsy a tumor and show what caused the

cancer, Litzenburg and his team have come to subspecialize in cancer-causing products using epidemiology, or the study of statistical trends in populations. Cancer cases are tougher to prove than most, he says, but they have developed a winning trial strategy over the years.

Litzenburg spent a large part of his formative years in Lexington. His late father, Thomas Litzenburg '57, was the director of the Reeves Center and the acting university chaplain (see page 43 for his obituary).

Tim Litzenburg places great emphasis on the role of the American jury, “the great equalizer,” but getting before a jury is at least half the battle. His firm has chosen to pursue cases in places like Las Vegas, West Virginia and Philadelphia, where they feel they can find a fair jury of average folks.

“I take great pride in what we’ve done in state court trials. We try to keep the war going on as many fronts as possible,” he says. “I do trust the American juror. They are smarter than we think. They understand the science.”

CAPTAIN’S LOG

Wildlife Safari in Tanzania: Oct. 31-Nov. 11, 2018



If you want to combine the best of African wildlife with the comfort, sophistication and security of East Africa’s remarkable game lodges, Tanzania is both the most accessible country and the most reliable. Here you’ll find the Big Five – lions, elephants, rhinos, leopard and cape buffalo – at home in the fenceless immensity of the Serengeti.

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CAROLINE SCHMIDT '13

Into the Storm

BY BARBARA ELLIOTT

Photo courtesy of True Search

CAROLINE SCHMIDT '13 DID NOT MAJOR IN JOURNALISM and mass communications at W&L, but the writing skills she developed as a business major served her well last fall during her intense eight weeks as a volunteer with the Red Cross during the horrific 2017 hurricane season.

Schmidt was interviewing for jobs when Hurricane Harvey hit. Because her mother, Elizabeth Penniman, is vice president of communications at the Red Cross, she was asked to join the media relations team at Red Cross headquarters in Washington, D.C. They were happy to welcome her aboard as a media relations and social media specialist. Then the disasters began to pile up, and social media exploded.

"There were three hurricanes, but the responses were different for each," says Schmidt, who is now an associate in the San Francisco office of True Search, an executive search company. "Harvey just came and stayed. Irma was all over Florida. In Puerto Rico, there were power outages and fear for safety. Just because we did something in one situation didn't mean we could just do it again. It was very draining

because each was so different. Then in the midst of everything, the Las Vegas shootings and the California wildfires happened. Media calls were in the dozens per day, and we worked seven days a week for 65 days straight. It was both exhilarating and exhausting at the same time."

Further complicating things were the Red Cross's different rules in different jurisdictions. In Florida, they ran the shelters, but in Puerto Rico, the government managed the shelters. There, the Red Cross facilitated communications to help people locate missing relatives. For Schmidt, the most rewarding moments were when they could help people talk to their families for the first time.

"I was definitely a supporting player," Schmidt remarks. "The people on the ground were the true rock stars, handling incredibly challenging situations, going without sleep. All departments at the Red Cross came together to help out. I was in no way responsible for what happened. I was just so fortunate to help in any way that I could."



"Lee Chapel at 150: A History," by R. David Cox, explores the history of the iconic structure on Washington and Lee University's front campus from inception up to the present day.

Cox's well-researched, informative, scholarly work is blended with vivid photographs that come together to tell the story of Lee Chapel in a pleasing format.

Hardcover copies may be purchased for \$39.95 at the Lee Chapel Museum Shop or over the phone at 540-458-5891.

2005

Katie Abplanalp Brown ('11L) was promoted to shareholder at Maddin Hauser.

2008

Whitney Duffey-Jones works in the Executive Office of the President, in the Office of Management and Budget's Commerce Branch. Her husband, Peter Jones '06, is a Ph.D. candidate at George Mason University and a historian at Morgan, Angel & Associates. The couple resides in Washington, D.C.

Parker Sheppard has completed his Ph.D. in economics from North Carolina State University. He works as a senior policy analyst at the Heritage Foundation in Washington, D.C., where

he develops macro-economic models for dynamic scoring of proposed legislation.

Lee H. Van de Water graduated at the top of her class from William & Mary's Executive MBA program in August 2017. The 19-month program involved weekend classes in Williamsburg and trips to China and Germany. Lee is an asset manager for a commercial real estate firm in Virginia Beach.

2009

Betsy Ellis Clement was promoted to shareholder and vice president of Gillis, Ellis & Baker, a New Orleans-based insurance agency.

Mike Gretchen was selected by the State Bar of Georgia's Young

Lawyers Division to participate in the 2018 Leadership Academy. Mike is an attorney at Fellows LaBriola L.L.P. in Atlanta, where he practices complex commercial litigation in state and federal courts.

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2016

This past year, **Joe Beeby** and **Ron Tassoni** were commissioned as officers in the United States Marine Corps. Ron is at the Basic Communications Officer Course in Twentynine Palms, California. Joe is at the Infantry Officer Course in Quantico, Virginia.

WEDDINGS



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1. Joe Harouni '05 to Dori Scallet on Sept. 23, 2017, in Brooklyn, New York, where they live. Drew Lawhorne '05 was a groomsman. Other alumni present: Eric Koch '05, Andrew Richards '06, Lindsey Kneipper Richards '05, Matt Renwick '05, Emily Ballangee Renwick '05, Ryan Valeri '05, Mike Baracco '05, Robert Bitterman '05, Dan McMenamin '06 and Lindsay Lecky McMenamin '07.

2. Daniel Jones '05 to

Elizabeth Hinshaw on May 6, 2017, in Charlotte, North Carolina. Generals celebrating the big event included Tyler Archie '05, Alec Covington '07, Charles Anderson '06, C.T. Anderson '05, George Craft '05, Zack Taylor '05, David Larson '05, Dr. Trey Howe '05, Dr. Harold Howe '76, Jennifer Archie '04, David Startzman '05, Tripp Onnen '05, Taylor Callaham '05, H. Daniel Jones III '65, Mark Woodward '05, Geordy Johnson '05, Wes

McAdams '05, Henry Graham '05, Amelie Larson '05, Bradley Woolridge '05, Lloyd Wilson '05, Alison Will '04, Jock Wols '05, Will Kilpatrick '05 and Megan Kilpatrick '05.

3. Maggie Hope '05 to Mike Meyer on April 1, 2017, in South Boston, Virginia. Bridesmaids included Molly Plummer Duncan '05, Kristin Crawford Kaplan '05, Ginny Helms Warlick '05 and Martha Allgood Hastings '05. Other

alumni in attendance included Steven Martinenza '05, Jennifer Lux Manx '05, Elizabeth Clarke Avent '05, Bethany Dannelly '05, Patrick Hastings '05, Phifer Helms '74, Randy Hutto '70, Allen Fuller Jr. '67, Julianne Shelley Temple '05 and Mike Temple '89. Former faculty member Jennifer Messina also attended. Maggie and Mike reside in Nashville, Tennessee, where Maggie is a psychotherapist in a private practice.

4. Lanier Brooks '06 to Luke Pigge on Dec. 2, 2017, on Kiawah Island, South Carolina. The couple reside on Saint Simons Island, Georgia. Alumni in the wedding party: James R. Brooks '77 (father of the bride), Courtney Fitzgerald Edwards '06, Ashley Sims Kirkland '06, Bailey Hardin Carson '06, Lizzie Newland McWilliams '06, Katie Waites '06 and Laura Neller Lanigan '06.

5. Lane Earnest '07 to Parker McKee on Nov. 4, 2017, at Hog Island on the



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Eastern Shore of Maryland. The ceremony was co-officiated by Lane's father, the Honorable Broughton "Bo" Earnest '65, and the Doctor Reverend Matthew Colwell. The wedding guests and bridal party had many Generals, including Maggie Towers '07, Elizabeth Viney '07, Karina Andrea '07, Tara Collins '08, Alex Laymon '07 and Brynne Sullivan '07. L. to r.: Rachel Hannon '06, Alex Laymon '07, Laura Strickler '08,

Cara Nunnally '07, Karina Andrea '07, Elizabeth Viney '07, Amanda Green '06, Lane Earnest '07, Bo Earnest '65, Maggie Towers '07, Casie Pittman '07, Brynne Sullivan '07, Kristen Payne '07, Tara Collins '08 and Kelley Melvin '08. They live in New York City, where Lane is a litigation attorney, and Parker works in finance. **6. Jordan Wesley '07 to Kathryn Heaberg '07** on Aug. 19, 2017. We loved celebrating with our W&L

friends! **7. Allie Chafey '08 to Chris Puskar**, in Baltimore, on Dec. 16, 2017. Katie Duncan '08 and Emmy Mathews Wachtmeister '11 were bridesmaids. The couple recently moved into a new apartment in San Francisco and have lived in the city for almost five years. Allie is a senior director at Visa in digital payments, where she has worked since graduating from Duke's business school in 2013. **8. Julianne Miata '09 to**

Thomas Schrack, on Oct. 28, 2017. Alumni in attendance included Lindsey Strachan '09, Susan Crook '09, Aly Kuck '09, Mary-Caitlin Ray '09, Lauren Rudolph '08, Katie Tabb '09, Kassie Bagley '09, Andy McEnroe '08, Sam Wilmoth '09, Lynn Wilmoth '10, Paul Crook '09, Frank Bazzel '72, Katie Smith '10, Ethan Smith '10, Ryan Giesen '10, Jon Giesen '10, Jackie Koven '09, Jenna Worsham '10 and Dana Hargrove '12. Kami

Gardner, swim coach, also attended. They live in the Washington, D.C., area and work as CPAs. **9. Kathryn Stewart '13 to John Gragg '13**, on July 22, 2017, in Charlotte, North Carolina. In attendance: Payson Miller, Landon Shelley, Kathryn Sewart, Miles Abell IV '14, Sohil Aggarwal '13, Rachel Alexander '13, Jeffrey Beamer '13, Joshua Benjamin '13, Claire Mahoney '13, Tilden Bowditch '13, Elizabeth Bucklee '13, **continued**

WEDDINGS

Nicholas Peacher '15, Catherine Buckthal Watkins '13, Helen Crenshaw '13, Alexandra Cummings '13, Patrick D'Ignazio '13, Daniel Dent '13, Robert Foster '13, Sarah Sorenson Foster, Hugh Frith '13, Caroline Gill '14, John Gragg '13, Trevor Hatcher '14, Susan Haysom '13, Cameron Hill '13, Daniel Jasper '13, Audrey Kerr '13, Patricia King '12, Bryan Kloster '13, Lacy McAlister '14, Thomas Massman '13, Ann McCampbell '13, Christopher Nault '13, Jameson Parker '11, Brendan Peters '13, Eric Rosato '13, Sarah Strunk '14, Daniel Tomm '13, Stephen Twining '13, James Wool '13, Katherine Zweier '13, Kerry Cotter '13 and Mary Galbraith '13.

10. Rebecca Mickel '13 to Daniel Murray '13, on Oct. 28, 2017, in Lexington. Following a Lee Chapel ceremony, the party continued at Stoneridge Inn, owned by John Stallard (the legendary Beta chef). The alumni pictured span the Classes of 2011-2015.

11. Elizabeth Ward '13 to Charles Owen Nation III on June 17, 2017, in Louisville, Kentucky. The ceremony was performed by Jady Koch '00. Anne Byrd Mahoney '13, Camie Carlock '13, Lacey Flanigan '13 and Katie Zweier '13 were in the bridal party. Over 30 alumni attended, including the father of the bride, John H. Ward IV '68, the brother of the bride, Peter M. Ward '98, and seven 1964 Beta freshmen pledge brothers from Mr. Ward's Class of '68. Liz and Charles live in Charleston, South Carolina, where Charles is in medical school, and Liz works as an underwriter for PURE Insurance.

12. Catherine "Caki" Buckthal '13 to Andrew Watkins, on March 10, in Key Largo, Florida. Alumni in the wedding party included the father of the bride, John Buckthal '77; bridesmaids Elizabeth Bucklee '13, Alex Cummings '13, Lacey Flanigan '13, Mary Galbraith '13 and Ann McCampbell '13; reader Katie Zweier '13; and usher Andrew Bennett '12. Also attending were Rachel Aiken '13, Helen Crenshaw '13, Ainsley Daigle '13, Caroline Gill '14, Katy Gragg '13, Susan Haysom '13, Ellison Johnstone '14, Caroline Schmidt '13, Grace Williams '13 and Chessy Wilson '13. The couple reside in Raleigh, North Carolina, where Caki works in drug development with United Therapeutics, and Andrew is a financial advisor with Northwestern Mutual.

13. Thomas Cain '17 to Kate Sarfert '17, on Dec. 29, 2017. They met as new peer counselors their first year of school. Thomas is now a student in the Wake Forest School of Law, and Kate is in the School of Medicine.

ALUMNI NEWS



1. At a 60th birthday party, David Constine '80 (tennis) and Doug Dorsey '80 (soccer) tried on their captains' sweaters. And they fit!

2. The 1988 Kappa Alpha Order Pledge Class attended a memorial event in Atlanta to remember and honor the life of Bobby Rimmer '90. Although we gathered for a tragic reason, it was truly uplifting to reconnect with so many distinguished gentleman 32 years after meeting at W&L. We had 20 people make the event and hope to make this more of an annual event.

3. The Alpha Brothers (Kappa Alphas from the Classes of '64 & '65) have been gathering here and there in growing numbers, lately on an annual basis. Last October, they targeted New Orleans and Hammond, Louisiana, with Hobby Morrison as host. L. to r.: Peter Candler '64, Allan Hubbard '65, Mike Brumby '64, Herb Smith '64, Hobby Morrison '64, Dave Black '64, Ed Croft '64 and Wilmot Kidd '64. All have continued to grow in both wisdom and beauty. This year, it's destination Atlanta, with Croft and Candler co-hosting.



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4. On April 17, Arthur Fang '07 represented W&L at the inauguration of Rocky S. Tuan as the eighth vice chancellor and president of the Chinese University of Hong Kong. He writes: "I regularly meet with several alumni who travel through the region, including David Kronenfeld '07 (China), Alex Kraus '07 (Japan), Adam Jarzcyk '06 (Singapore), Worth Smith '15 (rugby teammates in Hong Kong) and Christine Feng '13 (Hong Kong). I am grateful for the close friendships I have made through W&L. I'm in regular correspondence with Tom Lovell '91, senior associate director of Alumni Affairs and rugby coach, and keep abreast of all W&L rugby news. I extend a warm invitation to any and all alumni to be in touch if your travels bring you through Hong Kong and China."

5. Chris Swann '92, author of "Shadow of the Lions" and chair of the English Department at Holy Innocents' Episcopal School in Atlanta, celebrated graduation day with two of his students who are W&L-bound – Cate O'Kelley '22 (daughter of Carol Dannelly O'Kelley '91) and Mary Beth Pittman '22. He'll remember these students fondly for introducing him to the term #gogennies – now and forever part of his lexicon!

6. Doug Walker '70, Harvey Wise '70 and the United Daughters of the Confederacy commemorated the 211th birth anniversary of Robert E. Lee in the Crypt in the U.S. Capitol, Washington, D.C. L. to r.: James Whitehead, commander of the R.E. Lee Camp, Sons of Confederate Veterans; Catherine Ball, president of the District of Columbia Division of the United Daughters of the Confederacy; Walker; Patricia Bryson, president general of the UDC; and Wise.

7. On March 21, Charles Pinck '86 (left), president of the OSS Society Inc., accepted a Congressional Gold Medal from Speaker of the House Paul Ryan on behalf of the 13,000 men and women who served in the Office of Strategic Services (OSS), including his father, Dan Pinck '46, who worked behind enemy lines in China.

8. Celebrating a 50th birthday for Chris Doyle '86 at Churchill Downs in Louisville, Kentucky. L. to r.: Greg Ossi '90, Chris Doyle '91, Tom Lovell '91, Mike Graf '91, Greg Golden '91 and Pat Heffernan '91.

BIRTHS

Julie Boncarosky Holmes '01 and **Mike Holmes '01**, a daughter, Caroline Ruby, on Sept. 25, 2017. She joins sisters Bridget, 9, Charlotte, 7, and Annabelle, 5, and brother Bradley, 3. Julie and Mike continue to run Virginia Tire & Auto.

Kelli Austin Clarkson '03 and her husband, Nathaniel, twin girls, Jane Buckley and Merritt Harvey, on Jan. 26. They live in Chicago.

Katie Howell Beckman '04 and her husband Daniel, a daughter, Meriwether Jane, on Aug. 21, 2017. Meriwether joins sister Louise. The family lives in Nashville, Tennessee.

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

Daphne Trainor Bahl '05 and **Andrew Bahl '04**, a son, Grant Wilson, on Nov. 28, 2017. Grant's middle name, Wilson, is a nod to W&L's football field, where Grant's dad and his uncle Jeff Bahl '01 played many games.

Brooke Sanden Miller '06 and her husband, Chris, a girl, Addallee Marigold, on Oct. 22, 2017. She joins siblings Tracey, Howard and Caroline, and they live in Rifle, Colorado. They are the grandchildren of Dr. Howard V. Sanden '54.

Christopher K. Salmon '06 and his wife, Mairead, a son, Henry Thomas, on Jan. 18. He joins brothers Brayden and Oliver.

Michael Stanton '06 and his wife, Meghan, a son, Somers Henry, on Oct. 27, 2017. He joins brother Teddy, 2.

David Croushore '07 and his wife, Margaret, a son, Owen David, on Dec. 27, 2017, joining brother Reid. They live in Alameda, California.

Clayton Edwards '07 and his wife, Emily, a girl, Amelia James, on Sept. 1, 2017.

Abbie Jackson Kessler '07 and her husband, Kyle, a daughter, Daphne Arlene, on July 27, 2017.

Daphne made her first visit to Lexington last September for the Class of 2007's 10th reunion (though she slept through most of her visit).

Lauren Travis Everett '08 and her husband, Matthew, a son, Connor Travis, on Nov. 16, 2017. The family of three are enjoying lots of time together; they live in Alexandria, Virginia.

Nathaniel James '08, '11L and **Mallory Frewer James '08**, a son, Jon-William Bennett, on July 25, 2017. He joins sisters Evelyn and Eliza. The family reside in Fort Worth, Texas.

Kelley Zwart Melvin '08 and her husband, Jason, a girl, Elizabeth "Bess" Grey, on Jan. 14, 2017. The family live in Lexington,

and Kelley joined the W&L Career and Professional Development team as director of employer development in the fall.

Julie Mancini Grove '09 and **Cale Grove '10**, a son, Huxley Washington, on Sept. 14, 2017. The family live in Pittsburgh.

Sarah Ratzel Hartsfield '09, '12L and **Chris Hartsfield '11L**, a daughter, Eleanor Hazel, and a son, McKinley John, on July 18, 2017. They live in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Logan Whalen Rowe '09 and her husband, Jeremy, a son, Barton Whalen, on Dec. 18, 2017. They live outside of Staunton. Logan is a forensic psychologist.

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OBITS

1940s

Douglas F. Fleet Jr. '42, of Tazewell, Virginia, died on Jan. 6. He belonged to Lambda Chi Alpha.

Corneal "Neal" B. Myers Jr. '43, of Lake Wales, Florida, died on Feb. 14. He served in the Navy during World War II. He belonged to Phi Kappa Sigma.

Dr. Charles L. Rast Jr. '43, of West Columbia, South Carolina, died on Feb. 27. He served in the Army and belonged to Kappa Sigma.

Eugene S. Wiggins Jr. '44, of Richmond, Kentucky, died on Jan. 13. He served in the Marines during World War II. He belonged to Phi Gamma Delta.

Thomas E. Houston '46, of Granbury, Texas, died on Jan. 7. He served in the Navy during World War II.

Neilson J. November '48, of Richmond, died on March 1. He served in the Navy during World War II. He was a cousin of Joel Cooper '52 and Richard November '60. He belonged to Zeta Beta Tau.

Neal W. Burdette Jr. '49, of Lancaster, Ohio, died on June 28, 2016. He served in the Army Air Corps in World War II.

William O. Keller '49, of Lake Lure, North Carolina, died on June 22. He served in the Navy.

Kenneth K. Lindell '49, of Bayport, New York, died on March 4. He belonged to Delta Upsilon.



JOHN DEVOGT, PROFESSOR OF MANAGEMENT EMERITUS

Photo by Patrick Hinely '73

John DeVogt, professor of management emeritus, died on April 29, 2018, in Lexington. He was 87. He taught at W&L from 1962 to 2000.

After serving in the Air Force, DeVogt obtained his B.S. in business administration (1957) and his Ph.D. (1966) from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

At W&L, he found his home in the Department of Management (later called Business Administration). He taught quantitative methods, production management, business ethics and strategic management. He served as

head of the department, establishing relationships with management programs abroad and bringing the Goldratt seminars to W&L.

DeVogt served W&L in numerous ways, including stints on the Advisory Committee, Committee on Courses and Degrees, Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics, Computer Committee, and Financial Aid Committee, among others. He was also the primary founder, and director for the first three years, of W&L's Summer Scholars Program.

He belonged to Phi Eta Sigma, Beta Gamma Sigma and Phi Beta Kappa, and he served as president of the W&L chapters of the latter two honor societies.

DeVogt was a founding member and holder of nearly every office, including the presidency, of the Southern Management Association, and the winner of its Distinguished Service Award, in 1976.

In the community, he chaired the Lexington School Board and served as president and legislative chairman of the Virginia School Boards Association. He served on the State Advisory Committee on Teacher Education; chaired the advisory board of the Lexington office of the American Federal Savings and Loan Association; was an elder in the Lexington Presbyterian Church and a long-time member of its choir; and directed the summer Institute of Family Business.

On the occasion of his retirement, his colleagues noted that he preferred small classes, so every term he had requested an 8:00 a.m. time slot; and that he had missed only three days of classes in his 38 years in the classroom.

Among his survivors are his wife of 58 years, Ann DeVogt, and his daughters, Linda and Joanne.

1950s

John P. French '50, of Orleans, Massachusetts, died on Jan. 1. He was the uncle of Amy McFarland '95 and David French '02. He belonged to Sigma Nu.

Francis A. "Buddy" Hare '50, of Richmond, died on Dec. 31, 2017. He was a World War II veteran.

Peter E. Forkgen '51, of Bradenton, Florida, died on Oct. 30, 2017. He belonged to Sigma Nu.

J. Willis Johnson III '51, of San Angelo, Texas, died on Jan. 3. He served in the Air Force and belonged to Delta Upsilon.

Wilson H. Lear II '51, of Columbia, South Carolina, died on March 8. He served in the Army during World War II. He belonged to Delta Tau Delta and was the grandfather of Walter Keenan III '07.

Dr. B. Voss Neal '51, of Newport News, Virginia, died on Jan. 4. He served in the Navy and belonged to Beta Theta Pi.

J. Edward Newton '51, of Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida, died on Jan. 24. He served in the Navy. He was the father of James Newton Jr. '88 and belonged to Phi Delta Theta.

Albert L. Jeffrey '52L, of Denton, Texas, died on Dec. 16, 2017. He served in the Army.

Francis L. Summers Jr. '52, '54L, of Charlottesville, died on March 8. He served in the Navy. He belonged to Phi Kappa Sigma.

Donald K. Williams '52, of Portland, Connecticut, died on Jan. 21. He served in the Army. He belonged to Delta Upsilon.

Loren E. Egle Jr. '53, of Boca Raton, Florida, died on Oct. 27, 2016. He belonged to Phi Kappa Psi.

Jay W. Jackson '53, '55L, of Madison, Connecticut, died on Dec. 30, 2017. He served in the Army and belonged to Sigma Nu.

John J. Schumacher '53, of Canton, Ohio, died on Feb. 2. He was the brother of George Schumacher '56 and belonged to Sigma Chi.

Dr. John A. Rutherford '55, of Radford, Virginia, died on Jan. 19. He belonged to Lambda Chi Alpha.

Ralph L. DeShong Jr. '56, of Houston, died on March 11. He served in the Army. He belonged to Sigma Chi.

FREDERICK BARTENSTEIN JR. '39, '41L, DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS

Frederick Bartenstein Jr. '39, '41L, of Mendham Township, New Jersey, died on Jan. 12, 2018, at the age of 100. He received the Distinguished Alumnus Award from W&L in 1977.

A native of Warrenton, Virginia, Bartenstein received his B.A. in chemistry. As a student, he helped found the Washington and Lee Law Review; served as business manager of the Southern Collegian; and was elected to Phi Beta Kappa, Omicron Delta Kappa, and the Order of the Coif.

As an alumnus, Bartenstein served on the Alumni Board, including a term as president, and as a class agent. He was a consulting member of the W&L Futures Study in 1988 and supported Newcomb Hall, among other areas of the university.

He served in the Naval Reserve before starting a 30-year career at Merck & Co. as an attorney and general counsel. He became an administrative vice president in 1969 and also served as president of the Merck Company Foundation.

Bartenstein's board service included the Pingry School, the New Jersey Historical Society, the Washington Association of New Jersey, and Macculloch Hall Historical Museum.

After retirement, he engaged in consulting and historical research. Along with his wife, Isabel Burnham Anderson Bartenstein, who grew up in Lexington, he wrote an award-winning article and a book, both on New Jersey history. The conservationist couple also helped preserve in that state the Great Swamp and a Revolutionary War site. They donated Sunnyside — land that had been in Mrs. Bartenstein's family — to Kendal at Lexington, the retirement community.

WILLIAM DONALD BAIN JR. '49L, DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS

William Donald Bain Jr. '49L, of Spartanburg, South Carolina, died on March 15, 2018. He served W&L on the Alumni Board, as a law class agent, and on the Development Council. Bain received W&L's Distinguished Alumnus Award in 1987 and was inducted into the W&L Law School's Order of the Coif in 2007.

He grew up in the Midwest, served in the Army Air Corps during World War II, and earned his B.S. from the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania.

Bain spent most of his career with Moreland Chemical Co., serving 16 years as president until its merger with McKesson Corp., after which he continued as national vice president and a general manager. He served on the boards of Spartanburg County School District 7, Converse College, Hollins College, and the Spartanburg County Foundation Board, among several companies and charitable institutions.

He established the Bain Family Professorship in the Law School in honor of his father, and also supported the Steinheimer Professorship, the Class of 1949 Law Fellowship, the Law Library and the Law Annual Fund.

Guy H. Smith Jr. '56, of Melbourne, Florida, died on Feb. 12. He belonged to Kappa Sigma.

Henry R. Burt '57, of Richmond, died on April 2.

Dr. Richard A. Davis '58, of Charleston, South Carolina, died Dec. 25, 2017. He belonged to Phi Gamma Delta.

Allan J. Mead '58, of Baltimore, died on Jan. 5. He was the brother of David Keeling '73 and belonged to Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

Ronald C. Dunkelberger '59, of Exeter Township, Pennsylvania, died on Dec. 28, 2016. He belonged to Delta Upsilon.

Carl S. Thomas Jr. '59, of Bluefield, West Virginia, died on Feb. 19. He served in the Army and belonged to Phi Delta Theta.

1960s

Nathan C. Claunch '60, of Ann Arbor, Michigan, died on Jan. 13. He was the brother of Charlie Claunch Jr. '56 and belonged to Kappa Sigma.

G. Howard Snyder III '60, of Perkasie, Pennsylvania, died on Jan. 5.

Richard K. "Tiny" White Jr. '60, '63L, of Baltimore, died on March 15. He belonged to Kappa Alpha.

William B. Jordan Jr. '62, of Dallas, died on Jan. 22. He belonged to Pi Kappa Phi.

W. Nicholas Denton III '63, of White Salmon, Washington, died on Sept. 9, 2016. He served in the Navy and belonged to Phi Kappa Psi.

David C. Swann '63, of Asheville, North Carolina, died on Jan. 23. He was

the father of Dr. Chris Swann '92 and father-in-law of Dr. Kathy Ferrell Swann '93. He belonged to Phi Delta Theta.

John M. Allgood '64, of Walterboro, South Carolina, died on Nov. 25, 2017.

Robert C. Mottley Jr. '64, of Trumansburg, New York, died on Jan. 22. He belonged to Lambda Chi Alpha.

Charles C. "Chick" Owens '64, of Baltimore, died on March 9. He served in the Army. He was the father of Charles Owens Jr. '97 and belonged to Phi Kappa Psi.

E. Starke Sydnor '66, '73L, of Lynchburg, died on Feb. 11. He served in the Air Force. He was the father of Edgar Sydnor Jr. '89 and belonged to Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

Raymond H. Vizethann Jr. '66L, of Atlanta, died on Jan. 20. He served in the Navy and belonged to Sigma Nu.

James W. Whitehead Jr. '68, of Nashville, Tennessee, died on March 27. He served in the Navy. His late parents, James W. Whitehead Sr. and Celeste Dervaes Whitehead, co-founded W&L's Reeves Center and were longtime members of the W&L community. He was the father-in-law of Elizabeth Munson Whitehead '99 and belonged to Kappa Sigma.

John D. Worcester Jr. '68, of Naples, Florida, died on March 18.

Dan T. Dunn Jr. '69, of Duxbury, Massachusetts, died on Feb. 28. He belonged to Sigma Nu.



THOMAS V. LITZENBURG JR. '57, RETIRED DIRECTOR OF THE REEVES CENTER

Photo by Patrick Hinely '73

Thomas Vernon Litzenburg Jr. '57, the retired director of the Reeves Center and former acting university chaplain, died on May 19, 2018. He was 84. He worked at W&L from 1991 until 2003.

Litzenburg was born on Oct. 18, 1933, and grew up in Baltimore, Maryland. A postulate for holy orders, he was able to enroll after Frank Gilliam (Class of 1917), then dean of admissions, connected him with a pre-ministerial scholarship.

Planning to attend seminary, Litzenburg majored in philosophy and graduated from W&L cum laude in 1957. The university nominated him for a Danforth Fellowship, which underwrote his studies at Yale Divinity School. (One of the teaching assistants there was John David Maguire '53.) He received a B.D. cum laude (1961) from Yale, and an M.A. (1963) and Ph.D. (1965) in religion from Princeton University.

Litzenburg then embarked on an academic career, at Wells College, a women's college in Aurora, New York. He was an instructor, assistant professor, special assistant to the president, and associate professor of philosophy and associate professor of religion. At Wells, he got to know the then president of that institution: John Wilson, who would become the president of W&L in 1983.

In 1975, Litzenburg moved into a different sphere with jobs at the National Endowment for the Humanities, first as a program officer, then as special assistant to the chairman and assistant chairman. He also worked as executive director for policy at the Association of American Universities.

From 1982 to 1991, Litzenburg served as president of Salem College, a women's college in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. He then served as a visiting scholar at the National Humanities Center, Research Triangle Park, North Carolina, in

1991, and that same year returned to W&L as executive assistant to President John Wilson. He soon became the director of the Reeves Center.

He also oversaw a renovation of the Lee Chapel Museum for the university's 250th anniversary, in 1999. To accomplish that task, he coordinated an all-star W&L team of collaborators: Holt Merchant '61 and Taylor Sanders, now both professors of history emeritus; Mary Coulling, author of a book on the Lee daughters; Vicki Sessions, of Leyburn Library; the late Captain Robert Peniston, then director of Lee Chapel; and the late Frank Parsons '54, then coordinator of facilities planning.

In 2004, the Reeves Center honored him by creating the Thomas V. Litzenburg Award for the W&L student who submits the best paper on artwork in the university's collections. Litzenburg belonged to Phi Beta Kappa, received the Tew Prize in 1961 from Yale, and served as a Princeton Fellow in 1961.

Litzenburg co-edited two books, "The Logic of God: Theology and Verification" (1975) and "Intellectual Honesty and Religious Commitment" (1969). He oversaw the production of the book "Chinese Export Porcelain in the Reeves Center Collection at Washington and Lee University" (2003), which he also co-wrote with Ann T. (Holly) Bailey, then associate director of the Reeves Center.

An ordained member of the clergy, Litzenburg served as chaplain of Bryn Mawr, Haverford and Swarthmore colleges; as honorary associate rector of Trinity Episcopal Church (Swarthmore, Pennsylvania); as chaplain of Wells College; and as an assistant at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

Tom Litzenburg is survived by his children, Timothy Litzenburg '04 (see page 34) and Emma Litzenburg Ball, and three grandchildren.

Joseph C. Wich Jr. '69, of Hunt Valley, Maryland, died on Feb. 3. He belonged to Delta Tau Delta.

1970s

John D. Muncks Jr. '70, of Severna Park, Maryland, died on Jan. 20.

Gary L. Seaman '73, of Waynesboro, Virginia, died on March 26.

Dr. J. Clay Wellborn Jr. '75, of Little Rock, Arkansas, died on Jan. 23. He belonged to Sigma Nu.

John J. Witzig III '77L, of Verona, Wisconsin, died on March 4.

Richard S. Wolf '77, of Lexington, died on Feb. 25. He belonged to Phi Kappa Sigma.

Francis J. Merkel Jr. '79, of Richmond, died on March 3.

Robert Y. Smith Jr. '79, of Elmira, New York, died on Feb. 16. He belonged to Phi Kappa Psi.

1980s

Christopher E. Haskett '88, of San Diego, died on Jan. 16.

Neil Rankin '88, of North Wales, Pennsylvania, died on Jan. 30.

1990s

Robert H. Henderson IV '90, of Atlanta, died on March 9. He belonged to Kappa Alpha.

2000s

Cade M. Gold '20, of York, Pennsylvania, died on March 16. He was a sophomore pursuing a degree in biochemistry.

DISTINGUISHED YOUNG ALUMNA

KATHY BOOZER BOONE '95

Kathy Boozer Boone '95, of Charlotte, North Carolina, died on May 25, 2018. She received W&L's Distinguished Young Alumna Award in 2005.

Boone, who was a devoted fan of the Clemson Tigers football team, reportedly declined a scholarship to Clemson in favor of W&L. She held a B.S. with special attainments in commerce, majoring in business administration. She belonged to Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority and played on the basketball team.

Boone's career in corporate and investment banking spanned 23 years at SunTrust Bank, First Citizens Bank and, most recently, as senior vice president and commercial team leader at South State Bank, Charlotte.

Boone served W&L on the Alumni Board of Directors and the board of the Charlotte alumni chapter, chaired the Alumni Admissions Program, served on the area campaign committee, co-chaired two reunion committees, was a director of the George Washington Society, and served as an alumni career mentor and a class agent.

Retirees and Other Friends

Sarah Elizabeth "Lovey" Mahoney, a retired docent for Lee Chapel, died on March 11.

Kathleen Rogers, who served as the house director at Phi Kappa Psi (1993-1998), Kappa Sigma (1998-2007) and Phi Kappa Sigma (2007-2010), died on March 21.

This issue 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.

We learned at press time of the passing on June 4 of David Elmes, professor of psychology emeritus. A full obituary will appear in the Fall issue.



HALFORD ROSS RYAN, PROFESSOR OF ENGLISH AND SPEECH EMERITUS

Portrait by Patrick Hinely '73

Halford Ross Ryan, professor of English and speech emeritus, who taught here for 40 years until his retirement in 2010, died on May 15, 2018, in Lexington. He was 74.

Ryan was born on Dec. 29, 1943, in Anderson, Indiana. He graduated from Wabash College in 1966 with an A.B. in speech and religion, and attended Princeton Theological Seminary, New Jersey, for one year on a Rockefeller Theological Fellowship. Ryan received an M.A. (1968) and Ph.D. (1972), both in speech, from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Ryan joined the W&L faculty in 1970 as an instructor of speech and debate coach. He retired in 2010 as a professor of English. He also served as a visiting professor of speech at the

University of Virginia, Virginia Military Institute, and Sweet Briar College, and attended a National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Seminar at the Ohio State University.

At W&L, he taught such courses as American Public Address, Classical Rhetoric, Principles of Public Speaking, Feminist Rhetoric, and the Oratory of the Old South.

Ryan served as president of the Virginia Forensics Association and as editor of its newsletter. He belonged to Delta Sigma Rho-Tau Kappa Alpha, the collegiate honor society of forensics, serving as governor of Region III. He also directed and organized many debate tournaments, including the Bicentennial Youth Debates.

Ryan wrote six books (including "Henry Ward Beecher: Peripatetic Preacher"), co-edited two (including "American Orators of the Twentieth Century: Critical Studies and Sources"), and edited four (including "Contemporary American Public Discourse"). He published 15 articles in nationally refereed journals, including the Virginia Journal of Education and the 1972 Free Speech Yearbook. He contributed six chapters to scholarly books, wrote numerous book reviews, and presented many papers. He served as editor of the Virginia Journal of Communication and the National Forensic Journal. He also served as co-editor/co-advisor of Greenwood Press's Great American Orators Series.

One of Ryan's former students, Ross Singletary '89, donated funds in his honor for an oral communications initiative in the Williams School.

Halford is survived by his wife, Cheryl; their daughter, Shawn; his son-in-law; and two grandchildren.



◀ Tom Wolfe at home in New York, in 1980. Photo by Patrick Hinely '73

▼ Tom Wolfe (front row, center) with classmates at their 55th reunion, in 2006. Photo by Patrick Hinely '73



TOM WOLFE '51, CELEBRATED WRITER, TRUSTEE EMERITUS, RECIPIENT OF HONORARY DEGREE

Thomas Kennerly Wolfe Jr. '51 died on May 14, 2018, in New York City. He was 88.

"He was one of our most accomplished alumni," said President Will Dudley. "Over the years, he generously served as a member of the Board of Trustees from 1984 to 1994, as a class reunion committee member, and as a member of the university's commission for its 250th observance. As a journalist and author, he was a master of the New Journalism genre, and he graciously offered W&L students writing advice whenever they contacted him."

"Tom Wolfe made us proud to be alumni of Washington and Lee University," said former president Ken Ruscio '76. "Bright, independent, original, influential and a keen observer of the world around him, he inspired so many of us. He was a nontraditional traditionalist, a gracious gentleman in every sense but not afraid to question, challenge and redefine conventional thinking."

Wolfe was born on March 2, 1930, in Richmond, Virginia. He graduated cum laude from W&L with a B.A. in English. While a student, he pledged Phi Kappa Sigma, played baseball and earned a tryout with the New York

Giants. He also co-founded Shenandoah: the Washington and Lee University Literary Review.

In his 50th Reunion Calyx, he lightheartedly re-introduced himself to his classmates in the third person: "When Thomas K. Wolfe, Jr., arrived at Washington and Lee in the fall of 1947, he didn't drink, didn't smoke, didn't consume caffeine in any form, didn't curse, didn't go by the name Thomas or Tom or Tommy but, rather, 'T.K.,' wore a fedora if it seemed at all chilly out, carried an umbrella if it looked the least bit like rain, and had never worn a jacket and tie except to church or the random wedding or funeral."

Over the years, Wolfe remained in close contact with W&L, and his visits always caused a stir. "Resplendent in his white suit, he would stroll across the lawns, meet with students and faculty, and dazzle with his smile, humor and wit," said Provost Marc Conner. "I always found him an exceptionally gracious and encouraging figure, and I feel very fortunate to have been able to get to know him at least somewhat over the last 10 years."

In 1974, W&L awarded Wolfe an honorary degree, and in 1999, he was

inducted into Omicron Delta Kappa. In 2001, his classmates created the Tom Wolfe Seminar to honor his work and to focus lectures and discussion upon other great American writers who shared Wolfe's interest in American studies and popular American culture.

In the Reunion Calyx, Wolfe joked about the honor: "Many American writers rise at dawn throughout the month of April, waiting for the telephone call from Sweden, which always comes at some ungodly early hour, informing them that they have won the Nobel Prize. Wolfe gazes down upon them all from a higher peak. His mates in the Class of 1951 established Washington & Lee's Wolfe Lecture Series eight years ago. Ever since then he has felt delightfully and proudly posthumous."

Rob Fure, director of Lifelong Learning at W&L, which coordinates the seminar, remembered that Wolfe "engaged everyone who greeted him, directing the conversation toward the one he met. He was an extraordinarily talented writer, one well known for his penetrating wit, his fascination with evolving social conventions, and his bemused regard of the folly of pretense and preoccupation with status."

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Their smiling faces say it all. The proud relatives joining their graduating children in these photos are the parents unless otherwise noted.

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- 1. Andy Lee '90L, Taylor Lee '18
- 2. Powell Smith '87, Mamie Smith '18
- 3. Dan Gary '94L, Dana Gary '18

- 4. George Boras '87, Caroline Boras '18
- 5. Allen Haight '84, Maddie Haight '18, Rick Haight Jr. '82 (uncle)
- 6. Katherine Cole '16 (sister), Emily Cole '18, Andy Cole '85

- 7. David Bowen '83, Grace Bowen '18
- 8. David Carson '88L, Ford Carson Jr. '18
- 8. Margaret Snedden '18, John Snedden '81

- 10. Scott Yates '89, Hunter Yates '18
- 11. Chris Tyler '18, David Tyler '82



12. Garnett Wilbourn Hutton '92 (aunt), Sarah Williamson '18, Elizabeth Wilbourn Williamson '91L

13. Sam Ross '18, Bennett Ross '83

14. Scott Prysi '84 (uncle), Sara Prysi '18, Mark Prysi '79 (father)

15. Steve Szczecinski '88, William Szczecinski '18

16. Andy Dalton '55 (grandfather), Mackenzie Dalton '18

17. John Case III '86, Elizabeth Case '18

18. Brandt Surgner Jr. '87, '94L, Reeves Surgner '18

19. Reeves Duggan '18, Mell Duggan Jr. '80

20. Framp Harper II '89 (uncle), Madeline Hill '18

21. Lewis Powell III '74, Hannah Powell '18

22. Mason Grist '18, Steve Grist '86L

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23. Tim Manson IV '08 (brother), Ellen Manson '18, Tim Manson III '79

24. Katherine Worthington '18, Bill Worthington '76L

25. Randy Butler Jr. '62 (grandfather), Parker Butler '18, Warren Butler '89

26. Mark Boyes '89L, Emily Boyes '18

27. Wade Fricke '89L, Payton Fricke '18

28. John Loughery II '86, Tara Loughery '18, Lakshmi Nagendran Loughery '88

29. Keenan Willard '18, Chris Willard '89

30. Rodney Moore '87L, Sam Moore '18

31. Billy Cobbs Jr. '63L, Cloe Cobbs '18

32. Phil Marella III '18, Phil Marella Jr. '81



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33. Andy Reibach '87, Rachel Reibach '18

34. Carter Lawson '15 (brother), Brantley Lawson '18, Ty Lawson '83, Tom Lawson '56 (grandfather)

35. Sloan Ellis '18, John Ellis Jr. '71

36. Sarah Rachal '16 (sister), Maria Rachal '18, Bill Rachal Jr. '82

37. Mandy Witherspoon '18, Stewart Shettle '84 (uncle)

38. Christopher Sackett '93 (uncle), Matthew Sackett Jr. '18, Matt Sackett '90

39. Michael Rallo '18, Jim Rallo '88

40. Catherine Simpson '18, Sam Simpson V '87

41. Front, l. to r.: Dave Jennings '96 (uncle), Lisa Jennings Clarkson '93 (aunt). Back, l. to r.: Caroline Guerin Jennings '96 (aunt), Caroline Holloway '18, Carrie Jennings Holloway '90

42. Edward Hudson IV '18, Randall Hudson III '83

43. Ab Hammond III '80, Perry Hammond '18

QUESTBRIDGE AND FIRST-GENERATION GRADUATES



Photos by Kevin Remington

TOP Lining up on Commencement morning were many of the 2018 graduates who attended through QuestBridge, an organization that brings top students to W&L from around the country.

Front row, l. to r.: Jessica Wilt, Brianna Shaw, Alexis McGriff, JoAnn Michel.

Second row: Katrina Spiezio, Trichia Bravi, Alora Martin, Cindy Gadley.

Third row: Arthur Love, Stephanie Williams, Robyn Cleary, Emily Perszyk. Back row: Mohammed Tamzid Khan, Truth Iyiewuare, Mark Marks, Ron Perets

BOTTOM On Commencement morning, some of the 2018 grads who were the first in their family to attend college got together.

Front row, l. to r.: Katrina Spiezio, Alexis McGriff, Danielle Hughson.

Second row: Brianna Shaw, Trichia Bravi, Alora Martin, Cindy Gadley.

Third row: Arthur Love, Kassie Scott, Robyn Cleary, Ron Perets.

Fourth row: Mohammed Tamzid Khan, Truth Iyiewuare, Hunter Ward

Alumni Weekend

April 26 - 28



1. The winners of the Distinguished Alumni Award, I. to r.: Harold Stowe '68, Lee Rorrer Holifield '93, Lewis Perkins '93 and Wick Vellines Jr. '68, '73L.

2. Jim Dawson (left) and Carlile Chambers (right) presented the Class of 1968's generous gift to President Dudley.

3. Susan Moseley George (left) and Chris Boggs (right) after giving the Class of 1993's substantial gift to President Dudley.

4. The Class of 1968 laid it on the line at Lee Chapel.

5. The Class of 1993 took a stand at Huntley Hall.

See www.wlu.edu/alumni-affairs and click on "Campus Events" for a photo album of the weekend.

REUNION AWARDS

Reunion Bowl for highest percentage of registrants: With 40 percent, Class of 1968 (which also broke the 50th-reunion attendance record).

Reunion Trophy for greatest number of registrants: With 154, Class of 1993.

Reunion Traveller Award: James Read '98, who came from London.

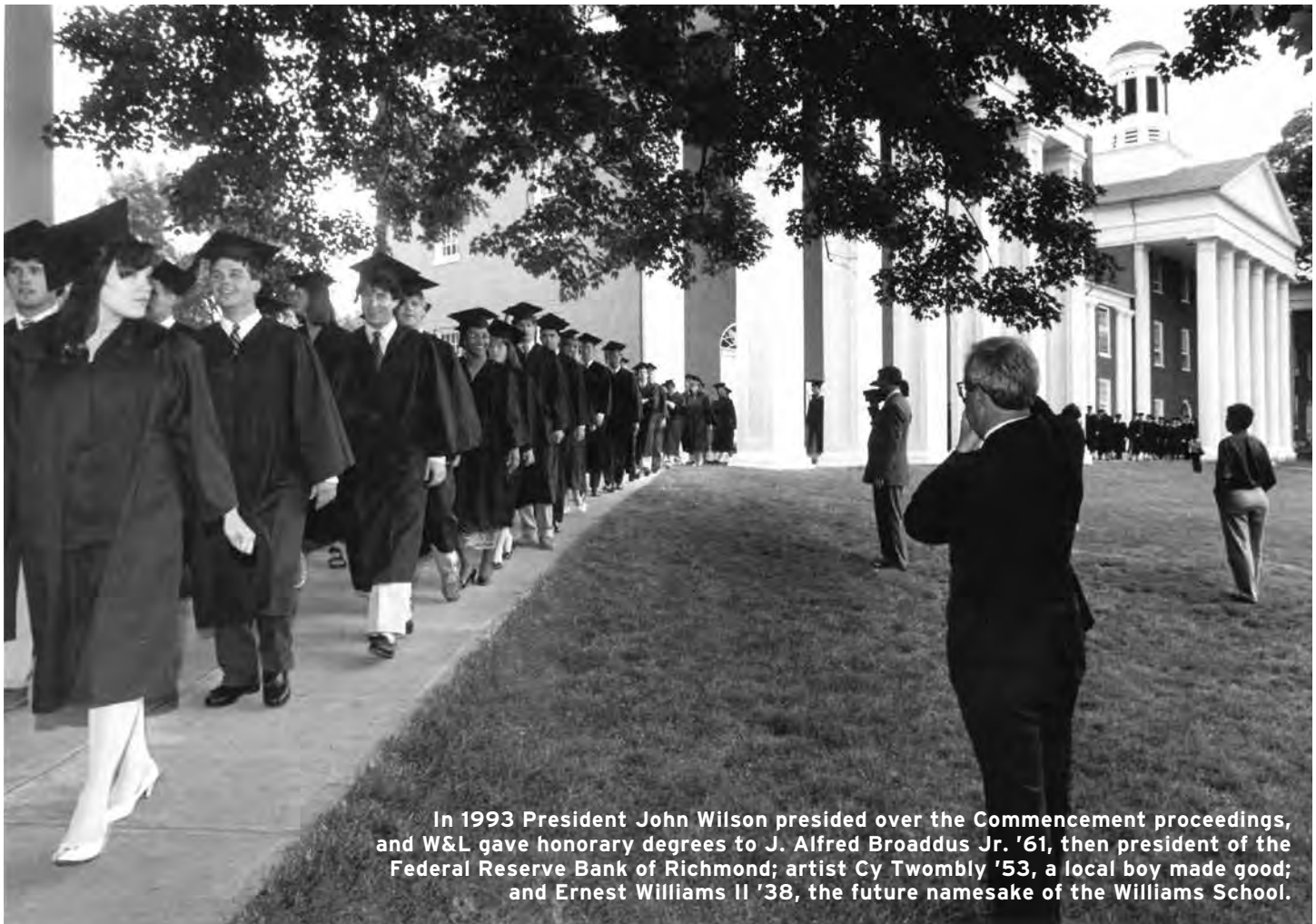
John Newton Thomas Trophy for largest percentage increase in Annual Fund commitments over the previous year. With 74 percent: Class of 2003.

Trident Trophy for the highest percentage participating in the Annual Fund. With 60 percent: Class of 1968.

Reunion Chairs' Bowl for the highest percentage of registrants participating in the Annual Fund. With 100 percent: Class of 1973

Colonnade Cup for the largest reunion gift to the Annual Fund: Class of 1998, with a 30th-reunion record.

CHRONICLES



In 1993 President John Wilson presided over the Commencement proceedings, and W&L gave honorary degrees to J. Alfred Broaddus Jr. '61, then president of the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond; artist Cy Twombly '53, a local boy made good; and Ernest Williams II '38, the future namesake of the Williams School.

One Sweet World: 1993

BY JULIE CAMPBELL

Photo by Patrick Hinely '73

At Commencement this year, the Class of 2018 strode in alphabetical order to their seats on the front lawn, facing Lee Chapel. It was a change from the ritual of recent years, when they lined up in groups according to degrees. That alteration got us to wondering about Commencements of the past, particularly the one that sent into the world the Class of 1993, which just celebrated its 25th reunion.

As you can tell from this photo of the 1993 ceremony, some features match the 2018 scene: the happy grads-to-be marching along the walkway in front of Newcomb Hall, the proud parents recording the moment. But some things are

different: the 1993 ceremony and attendant crowd squeezed into the lawn in front of Lee House, and wow, those were some hefty cameras.

Other new technology arrived that spring as the Class of 1993 prepped for departure. For one, the university installed a telephone system with the latest feature: voicemail. And that wasn't all it could do. "A faculty member need only to put a message into the system from his or her terminal with the names of the recipients," reported the campus newsletter, "and it will be electronically distributed to those students who have E mail addresses."

Some students had even added "movie extra" to their

resumes, thanks to the on-campus filming of "The Foreign Student," the adaptation of Philippe Labro '58's novel, which was based on his time at W&L. Also in the performing arts category, none other than the Dave Matthews Band headlined the end-of-year senior party. As the band might sing, it was one sweet world.

This year, alas, did not offer any French cinematic opportunities for the Class of 2018, or the return of the DMB. It did, however, offer bluegrass jam sessions at the Blue Phoenix Café and a litany of other memories that you can hear the newest alumni call out in the video "What We'll Miss," which you can watch at go.wlu.edu/2018-miss.



NGOC, ALLY '19
AND BARBARA THAI

Parents Leadership Council: Supporting W&L's Students and Faculty

FOR BARBARA AND NGOC THAI P'19, P'22, joining the Parents Leadership Council (PLC) was a tangible way to support Washington and Lee's community of honor, integrity and civility. "We were immediately impressed with the culture and community at W&L – the Honor System and intellectual rigor, as well as the character of the students and faculty. We wanted to support a community that has these values," said Barbara Thai.

Their daughter Ally is a rising senior majoring in politics; her younger sister, Emma, will join the Class of 2022 in the fall. Ally always wanted to attend a small liberal arts college; she was introduced to W&L by family friend Sara Scaife '93, who encouraged her to consider the university. "The moment she set foot on campus, Ally knew it was the right place for her," said Thai. Now with two children attending W&L, the Thais look forward to continuing engagement as Parents Leadership Council Steering Committee members.

The PLC comprises parents who share enthusiasm and passion for their students' experiences and who want to show their support by making a leadership gift to the Parents Fund each year. These gifts make a powerful impact. Washington and Lee spends approximately \$81,800 to educate and house every undergraduate student. Gifts to the

Parents Fund totaled more than \$1.8 million in fiscal year 2017 and support the university's priorities in providing an excellent liberal arts education.

PLC members also play an important role in building relationships with other parents, contributing to the strong sense of community that is a defining feature of W&L. They attend events on campus held during Parents and Family Weekend, in the fall, and Spring Weekend, in March, allowing them to connect with one another, hear updates from university leaders, and spend time with their students. "We enjoy meeting other parents and learning about how their students contribute to and are shaped by W&L," said Thai.

The Thais are excited to see what the fall will bring when Emma joins Ally on campus. "Ally greatly enjoys all aspects of her life at W&L, but she is especially thankful for the rich academics, lifelong friendships, and faculty and alumni support systems from which she has benefited," Thai said. "We look forward to seeing how Ally's perspective is affected by Emma's new experience, and, conversely, how Emma forges her own path within a community we have all come to appreciate."

SCENE ON CAMPUS



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1. Tridey (and friend) on the move

2. Soaking up sun and knowledge with Leah Green, visiting assistant professor of environmental studies and English, in her Spring Term course, Eco-Writing

3. John Gunn '45, Lewis Whitaker Adams Professor of Economics Emeritus, at the Class of 1968's panel discussion during Alumni Weekend
Photo by Patrick Hinely '73

4. MaKayla Lorick '19 spiffs up the garden at Woods Creek Montessori on Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority's service day

5. The W&L Repertory Dance Company takes the stage
Photo by Shelby Mack

6. Demonstrating a handmade, laser-crafted violin at the Spring Term Festival

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