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The Board of Trustees feted Gerry Lenfest '53, '55L and

Rupert H. Johnson Jr. '62 at its February meeting on campus. Lenfest's \$33 million for faculty salaries, and Johnson's \$100 million for scholarships and leadership programs, are already transforming the University. As part of the festivities, two students and one professor extended their thanks to Rupert and Maryellie Johnson and Gerry and Marguerite Lenfest, all of whom were present. Below are excerpts from their remarks:

With our deepest thanks



LEFT TO RIGHT, AT THE REEVES CENTER: RECTOR PHIL NORWOOD '69, GERRY LENFEST '53, '55L, MARGUERITE LENFEST, MARYELLIE JOHNSON, RUPERT H. JOHNSON JR. '62, KIM RUSCIO AND PRESIDENT KEN RUSCIO '76.

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"I have no doubt that the examples and encouragement set by the Johnsons and the Lenfests will inspire past, current and future W&L students and faculty. Those leaders . . . will heighten the sense of leadership and motivation already on display here, and our team, the W&L community, will strive to become better than ever. As alumni see the atmosphere of leadership at W&L grow, they, too, will be motivated to continue to give back and help build the team. It is only natural to want to be a part of a winning team."

—Isaiah Goodman '09,

*Captain, Basketball Team;
Assistant Head Dorm Counselor;
Founder and President,
W&L Captains' Council*

"Your generous gifts and service to this University will ensure that the potential for student leadership and for faculty excellence will be realized for generations to come. My life has been touched in unimaginable ways by this University. I am grateful to you for all you have done, and humbled to think of the countless future students who will be helped in similar ways by your generosity."

—Logan Gibson '08,

*Speakers Chair; Mock Con;
Vice President, Omicron Delta
Kappa; Co-Chair, Contact
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"To be part of this community at W&L, in any capacity, is the sort of experience Faulkner describes in his great story, 'Go Down, Moses,' what he calls 'the humility and the pride.' . . . If indeed there be things that are true, things that are honest, things that are just, pure, lovely, virtuous—then those things live when we bestow them on others. That is the ideal of the University, and we thank Mr. Lenfest and Mr. Johnson for so wholeheartedly supporting that ideal."

—Marc Conner,

*Associate Professor of English;
Director, Program in
African-American Studies*



*Clockwise from upper left:
Graham Hall; potential
Johnson Scholars; new rector
Don Childress '70; swim-
ming champ Alex Sweet '08*

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The title of this Bob Dylan song frames my summary of some changes occurring through the happy partnership between the Alumni Board of Directors and the Alumni Office.

Honoring our Best. The Alumni Association now has direct involvement in the selection of University trustees. Instead of secret ballots, the Alumni

“THE TIMES, THEY ARE A-CHANGIN’”

Board solicits your confidential input, does a great deal of work behind the scenes and submits a list to the Trusteeship Committee of the board. In admissions parlance, the candidate pool is deep, with many devoted and talented alumni worthy of consideration.

Similarly, the Alumni Board has become more deliberate in seeking your nominations for our Distinguished Alumni/Young Alumni Awards. Thanks to an idea from Paul Larkin '77, our search now includes those who have engaged in public service.

Electronic Communications. Your response to “Generally Speaking,” the University’s monthly electronic newsletter, is gratifying, and we welcome your comments for improving it. The University has made a substantial investment in new electronic tools, which enable better, cheaper and faster alumni communications. Take two minutes to register with Colonnade Connections at www.colonnadeconnections.com. In partnership with the Career Services Office, we will also be launching a career site that will give us a secure community within which to search for and discuss employment opportunities.

Reunion and Homecoming. We were fully booked for the undergraduate Alumni Weekend in May. In April, our law alumni returned to campus for their first separate reunion, and by all accounts it was a great success. This new approach gives law alumni greater identity, more venue choices and better hotel options.

The University now places a hold on as many rooms as possible for our large weekends. Alumni book those rooms directly when they are released. That change has been a smooth one, but it requires our ongoing cooperation as the office attempts the impossible task of managing our demand for rooms.

Alumni Chapters. We have identified a law liaison for more than 40 chapters to ensure that our programming includes functions that will appeal to our law grads. The new Faculty Cadre program launched this year with excellent results. Alumni have an appetite for these educational programs, and we are indebted to those faculty who bring the intellectual life of the campus to our cities.

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It has been a pleasure to lead a strong and dedicated Alumni Board. As I end my term, I'd like to say thanks for your support during a very satisfying year. Dan Einstein '83 will be a terrific president.

—by Roger Reynolds Jr. '88

LIFE LESSONS IN THE W&L GREEK SYSTEM

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

Many alumni care deeply about the Greek system at W&L. Because fraternity hazing has been a recent topic of conversation on and off campus, let me give my perspective and seek yours.

I was president of Phi Kappa Sigma in the '70s, and I loved it. I learned valuable lessons about peer pressure, leadership, financial management and group dynamics. Several of those guys are my best friends many years later. I had some great and memorable times at Greek functions. As an alumnus, I served on the Phi Kappa house corporation board.

When I was a trustee, the board became increasingly concerned about hazing, not foolish or silly pranks, but actions that create a risk to pledges. We were certainly influenced by some of the tragic deaths from hazing incidents on other campuses.

Many trustees belonged to fraternities at W&L. They did and do understand and accept that there is an active social component of student life here. By the late 1990s, however, the board felt that a clear policy of zero tolerance for hazing would give fraternities a good tool, without asking them to be the ones to institute the new rule. The board envisioned the end of hazing as pro-Greek, giving the fraternities a greater chance of prospering here, even though they have been closed on many other campuses.

The most pro-Greek among us felt strongly that hazing did not need to be a part of a thriving W&L fraternity today. Times change, and hazing has no defenders in the administration or on the

board. Likewise, all Greek national organizations have very strict policies against hazing.

Based on my work as a volunteer leader, as a trustee and for the past two years as a member of the administration, I believe that the University is adamantly and correctly opposed to hazing, but it is not anti-Greek. W&L invested about \$15 million refurbishing our fraternities when the overwhelming trend at other colleges was to shut them down. Dean of Student Affairs Dawn Watkins has written and spoken nationally in support of our Greek system. Beta is returning to campus after a suspension, and a sixth sorority house will be built over the next two years. We have an institutional belief in a good and positive Greek system, and we have made progress on many fronts.

In the past several years, fraternities have tested the no-hazing policy. Unfortunately, five fraternities have suffered consequences, including suspension from campus. In each instance, they admitted hazing, the entirely student-member Interfraternity Council (IFC) performed properly, and the Greek national organizations were actively involved.

Despite these well-publicized punishments, some hazing took place again this year. Thus, it is not surprising or troubling that the administration is concerned, or that penalties are imposed. On this issue, I feel safe in speaking for alumni in expressing our hope that that this generation of fraternity members will close the book on hazing. It would be a major step in support of their continuing vitality.

LETTERS

Center for Jewish Life

Please advise W. Harvey Wise '70 (letter to the editor, Winter 2008) that perhaps the Center for Jewish Life should be built in Roanoke or Staunton to allay his concern of an endorsement from W&L. Shame on him!

Stanley R. Mitchell '43

Malibu, Calif.

Corrections

In the Winter issue we incorrectly included Ronald W. Jacobs '67 in the obits section. The correct listing should have been Rolly W. Jacobs '68, of Camden, S.C. Our deepest apologies for the error.

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If These Walls Could Talk

Many W&L alumni remember their first glimpse of the iconic Colonnade. Its white columns and red brick walls are firmly etched in their minds and have come to represent W&L's everlasting traditions. Its beauty and grace have served as a steady beacon to generations of alumni, a reminder of the ideals fostered during their W&L years.

It wasn't always that way. The Colonnade evolved throughout the 19th century and the first part of the 20th century, as old buildings were torn down and new buildings serving a different purpose were erected more or less on the same footprint.

When Liberty Hall burned down in 1803, the administration decided to move the academy from the outskirts of town to Lexington. In 1804, they built two virtually identical buildings on either side of what is now the Colonnade: Union Hall on the south and Graham Hall on the north. These buildings served as both classroom space and student quarters.

With students closer to the temptations of town, the administration decided to monitor them more closely. A big change from the arrangements in Liberty Hall put the dormitories on the first floor and the classrooms on the upper floor. To reach the classroom, faculty had to walk through the students' living space. Faculty could enter students' rooms at any time, and the administration encouraged nightly inspections.

The two new, unnamed brick dormitories quickly earned the monikers Purgatory and Hell. "It's like living in a dog kennel," said a student at the time.

Unfortunately, in the haste to move into a new location, the academy erected the two buildings on foundations that were too narrow and made with low-quality bricks. In

1835, the academy tore them down and replaced them with two brick dormitories on the same sites. The students, eager to assist, used the rafters as battering rams. Maybe they wouldn't have been so willing to help if they had known that worse was yet to come.

The two new, unnamed brick dormitories quickly earned the monikers Purgatory and Hell. "It's like living in a dog kennel," said a student at the time. What made living conditions so unbearable? "The Historical Papers of Henry Ruffner" describes it best: "[The] lack of porticoes, halls and passages was a great protection against disturbing noises. The plan of

1803

Liberty Hall Academy, located outside the town of Lexington, burns down.

1804

The academy moves to Lexington and hastily builds Union Hall and Graham Hall about 60 yards apart. The space between the buildings is laid out as a bowling green.



GRAHAM HALL



In the 2005 and 2007 Spring Terms, Laura J. Galke, staff archaeologist, and her husband, Bernard K. Means, visiting assistant professor of anthropology, offered Field Techniques in Archaeology, a class that literally tore up the turf between Newcomb and Payne Halls. Funded in part by a \$150,000 Getty Campus Heritage grant, the archaeological dig unearthed many artifacts, adding valuable information about those previous 19th-century buildings and the lives of the students of that era.

having the only windows in the rear, and only transom lights in front, shut off the distracting sights of the pavement, the front lawn and the town.” Moreover, adjacent faculty housing, added six years later, provided another convenient means of continual surveillance.

“This was a time of dramatic change,” said Galke, “both in the relocation of the academy from Liberty Hall to the Colonnade site, as well as in the lives of the students.” Artifacts the students found at the 2005 and 2007 Colonnade digs were startling, not in what was found, but in what was missing. An earlier dig (1974-1978) at Liberty Hall under emeritus professor John McDaniel '64 produced a wealth of artifacts, such as wine bottles in all the structures, marbles, dice and dominoes, as well as a whole slew of smoking pipes. Obviously

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increased scrutiny from faculty could certainly have discouraged such behavior. But probably the students simply found that Lexington was a preferable location for their

“We certainly expected to find similar items in our Colonnade dig,” said Means, “but surprisingly we found not a single one. No smoking pipes, no marbles, dice or drinking vessels. Among the other artifacts, however, was a pointer, possibly used for harsh physical punishment.”

Had the students suddenly reformed once they moved closer to Lexington? Galke thinks this unlikely and points to two more reasonable explanations. “We think that

1824

Washington Hall is completed on the former bowling green and is initially called the Centre Building.

1835

Union Hall and Graham Hall are torn down and replaced on the same sites with two unnamed brick dormitories.

1881

The brick dormitories are replaced on the same sites by Newcomb Hall and in 1900, Tucker Hall.



"Most of the dig students had no idea that there was any history preceding the buildings that are standing on the Colonnade today," said Laura Galke, staff archaeologist. "We wanted to encourage them to think about W&L's heritage by actually digging it up and getting their hands dirty, to give them a real appreciation for what artifacts will reveal about everyday student life."

illicit games and habits. School yearbooks of the time show the students smoking, drinking, fighting, gambling and entertaining female companions in Lexington's Blue Hotel. Records of the Board of Trustees at the time and student letters home also show no signs of sudden student reform.

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**Laura Galke,
staff archaeologist**

traditional seclusion, thorough scheduling and conspicuous surveillance that characterized the 18th-century academy. Instead, they came to expect increased privacy and expanded interaction with the nearby townspeople, even as the College experimented with more subtle methods of supervision."

"All the evidence from our research and both the archeological digs point to a clear transition from the cloistered 18th-century academy to a more modern student body," continued Galke. "The 19th-century students rejected the



Pieces of ceramic artifacts found at the site of the former Union Hall.

Now, more than a century later, students live in a number of different locations, both on campus and off. The original Newcomb Hall still stands, but Tucker burned down in 1934 and was rebuilt. The University's strategic plan calls for the restoration and renovation of the historic Colonnade in the upcoming years. As the plaster comes down, revealing forgotten architectural details and opening up forgotten spaces, these buildings will surely have stories of their own to tell.

—by Sarah Tschiggfrie

STUDENT GOURMANDS

Students of the 19th century appear to have considered dining hall food below standards.

During the 2005 excavation, the 21st-century students found a large quantity of animal bone and ceramics used in the preparation of food—evidence that the early generation both ate and prepared food in their dormitory rooms. It was a surprising discovery, since a separate Steward's House built in 1804 existed for student dining.

"We believe that students resisted eating at the Steward's House," said Galke, "possibly due to the quality of the food and also to a new notion about student choice. They felt they deserved the freedom to choose what they wanted to eat and from whom they wanted to purchase their meals. It's a notion that certainly gained momentum on campuses during the early 19th century."

The Bund, Shanghai



LEARNING FROM (AND WITH) ALUMNI

India's Golden Triangle ✎ Feb. 1-14, 2007

China, Tibet and the Yangtze River ✎ Oct. 11-30, 2007

I had seen pictures of the Taj Mahal and the Great Wall of China, and I had become used to thinking that it would be nice to visit such places and get a picture of my wife, Florinda, and me in front of them—before I had grey hair. As we stood before the Taj Mahal early one morning in February 2007, I realized that we were taking that very picture—and my hair was not grey yet (though it was thinning). I would not have had the chance to ponder my hair loss in front of the Taj Mahal if the Office of Special Programs had not invited Flor and me to lead Alumni College trips to India and China.

The travels gave us the chance to pursue new scholarly horizons while visiting the places we were studying. Indeed, the high level of academic interest of our fellow travelers was as remarkable as the sights. Not a day went by that a member of the group in India would approach Flor or me about some scholarly or journalistic work they were reading on the great migration after India and Pakistan partitioned, ongoing religious tensions in India or whether Jesus had lived in India. Similarly, in China everyone had read something about Tibet's politics, the looming demographic and environmental challenges or the controversies surrounding the Three Gorges Dam.

Insofar as our trips were to developing nations, we frequently confronted stark contrasts. We would stand before

great monuments such as the Taj Mahal, and then we would see hardships etched in the faces of the people, even though many of them were wrapped in garments of almost incandescent color. Then we'd see the tenderness and poignancy of everyday life as our guide, Meli, would sometimes admonish the street urchins following us and then buy them food.

In China, at the Stilwell Museum in Chongqing, two of our travelers were World War II veterans who spoke about the importance of Gen. Joseph "Vinegar Joe" Stilwell to the defense of China. One could not help but wonder what might have been had the friendship that brought Stilwell to China endured in the latter half of the 20th century.

Experiences such as these change the perspective through which we view our own work. Flor's seminar on common themes in Eastern and Western religions and my comparison of Chinese and American economic and political development caused us both to re-examine how we approach what we teach and study. These new perspectives now inform our classroom teaching.

Alumni College trips are but one of many such events that bring noted speakers, alumni, faculty, current students and friends of the University together in a spirit of common inquiry. They are truly ideal manifestations of what a university should be about.

—Mark Rush, Professor of Politics

Johnson Scholarship Competition

In February, W&L welcomed 158 top scholars from around the country to the inaugural Johnson Scholarship Competition. Selected from a pool of more than 1,850 applicants from 37 states, this was the strongest and most diverse group of scholarship finalists ever brought to campus.

The group boasted average SAT scores of 1510, ranked on average in the top 3 percent of their classes and held positions of leadership in all facets of life. The University anticipates that 44 of those students offered the award—which includes full tuition, room and board, and fees for four years—will enroll in the fall.

Over the course of two days, applicants sat in on classes, met professors and mingled with students. They also participated in a series of three interviews, one with a panel of faculty, one



ERIN HUTCHINSON (SECOND FROM LEFT), SENIOR ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF ADMISSIONS, GOES OVER REGISTRATION MATERIALS WITH JOHNSON SCHOLAR APPLICANTS.

PHOTO BY KEVIN REMINGTON

with a panel of students and one with an admissions representative.

The feedback from these students was overwhelmingly positive,

and the Office of Admissions hopes that many of these stellar students will matriculate next year, whether they have a Johnson Scholarship or not.

Creditworthy

W&L's Campus Kitchen received the 2007 Best Overall Operations Award from the national Campus Kitchens Project office. The group uses surplus food collected from campus dining services, catering operations and donations to prepare and provide nutritious and tasty meals to the hungry in Lexington and surrounding areas.

Jess Cohen, director of reunion giving, won an Award of Excellence for her entry of W&L's Reunion Giving Program in the Total Educational Fund Raising Programs category in the CASE District III Annual Awards competition. This award is external recognition of the great reunion giving program that she and the Annual Fund staff developed.

Mary Woodson, publications director in Communications and Public Affairs,

and the **Law School's Frances Lewis Law Center** received an Award of Excellence in the 2007 Case District III Awards competition, in the category of Printed Publications/Low Budget Publications. Their entry, the invitation to last September's Lewis F. Powell Symposium, was one of five finalists for the Grand Award.

Anthony Nardini '08 attended the American Association of Political Consultants on behalf of the Mock Convention's Fundraising Committee to receive a Pollie Award for student political fundraising in the Direct Mail category.

Kieran Murphy '09, managing editor, and **Tom Hosford '09**, editor in chief, unveiled *Gnosis*, a new student publication that highlights campus academics. Articles cover a vast array

of subjects, from physics to philosophy, regardless of the student's primary area of academic focus. Articles are reviewed by both peers and professors and are available, in their entirety, at gnosis.wlu.edu.

Leslie Cintron, assistant professor of sociology, received a Franklin grant from the American Philosophical Society for work on her project, "The National Trust and the Transformation of British Heritage."

Lucas Morel, associate professor of politics, will be a residential visiting fellow with the Politics Department at Princeton University under the auspices of the James Madison Program in American Ideals and Institutions in the 2008-09 academic year. He will focus on his book, *Abraham Lincoln and the Fragile American Republic*.

Meet the Profs—Mark Carey

We introduce a recent addition to the faculty. Those of you who've been gone from campus for a while have old friends on the faculty. In this feature, you can get to know the gifted teachers who will fill that role in the lives of today's students.

Name: Mark Carey

Title: Assistant Professor of History

Education: Ph.D., University of California at Davis

Ph.D. Dissertation Title: "People and Glaciers in the Peruvian Andes: A History of Climate Change and Natural Disasters, 1941-1980"

Area(s) of scholarly interest: Latin American history, environmental history.



PHOTO BY KEVIN REMINGTON

What drew you to this field? I have always loved history and believed it is the only way to really understand anything about the present. As an undergraduate exchange student at the University of Oregon, I took a couple of courses on Latin America. Professors opened my mind not only to the fascinating history of Latin America, but also to the profound influences that the United States has had on the politics, economies and lives of Latin Americans. I decided then that I wanted to teach others about this part of the world, because it was inspiring professors who changed my life. I hope I can do the same for students at W&L.

Where did you grow up? In Rochester, N.Y. But after college and before starting graduate school, I spent time as a park ranger at Mount Rainier and Glacier National Parks, as a canoe guide in Minnesota's Boundary Waters, as a fourth- and fifth-grade English teacher in Costa Rica and as a Fulbright Scholar in Nicaragua.

Family: Wife, Susan, and 2-year-old son, Ryan.

How long have you been at W&L? Just over a year.

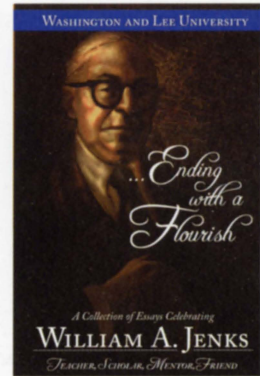
Did you teach anywhere else before coming here? As a graduate student, I taught at the University of California at Davis and at the University of Montana, where I completed my master's degree.

What courses do you teach? Survey courses on colonial and modern Latin American history; environmental history of Latin America; U.S.-Latin American relations; history of natural disasters in the Americas; revolutions in 20th-century Latin America.

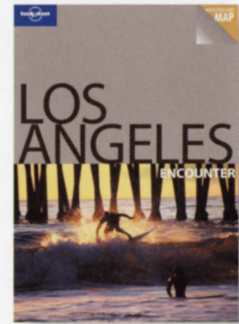
What are your impressions of W&L students so far? Excellent students and great classes. We can cover a lot of ground thanks to students' abilities to read and think. I particularly enjoy discussions in class when students not only analyze course readings, but also bring in their own knowledge and understandings to enrich our learning.

What are your impressions of W&L so far? Great place to work.

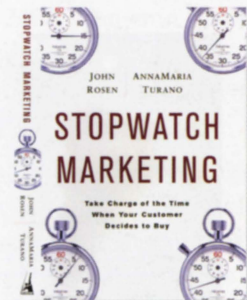
Books



Ending with a Flourish: A Collection of Essays Celebrating William A. Jenks (Mariner Publishing) celebrates the life of the late history professor. Contributors include **Roger Mudd '50**, **Gerry Lenfest '53, '55L**, **Larry Boetsch '69** and **President Ken Ruscio '76**.

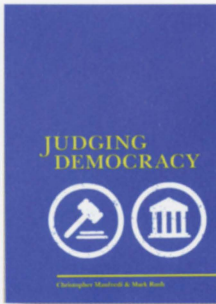


Amy Balfour '89, '93L takes readers on a fascinating tour of the City of Angels in *The Lonely Planet Los Angeles Encounter* (Lonely Planet Publications).

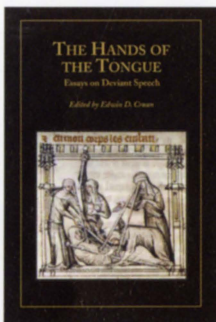


John Rosen '77 helps businesses adjust marketing strategies to the shopping styles of their customers in *Stopwatch Marketing: Take Charge of the Time When Your Customer Decides to Buy*, co-authored with AnnaMaria Turano (Portfolio).

Books



Mark Rush, professor of politics, challenges assertions that the Canadian and American Supreme Courts have taken radically different approaches to constitutional interpretation regarding general and democratic rights in *Judging Democracy* (Broadview Press), co-authored with Christopher Manfredi.



Ed Craun, the Henry S. Fox Professor of English, edited a selection of essays in *The Hands of the Tongue: Essays in Deviant Speech* (Medieval Institute Publications).



ESPN and Boston television reporter **Bob Halloran '85** chronicles the life of Micky Ward in *Irish Thunder: The Hard Life and Times of Micky Ward* (The Lyons Press), a nationally respected boxer from Lowell, Mass.

NEW ADDITIONS TO THE REEVES CENTER



PHOTO BY KEVIN REMINGTON

RON FUCHS SHOWS OFF A RECENT ADDITION TO W&L'S COLLECTION, A 17TH-CENTURY BOWL WITH UNDERGLAZE BLUE DECORATION.

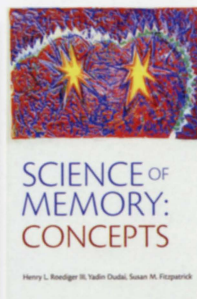
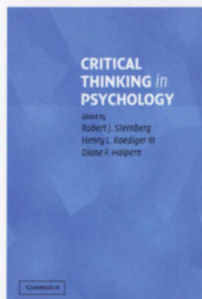
Ron Fuchs joined W&L this year as a visiting curator of the Reeves Center. He is thrilled to be working with one of the finest porcelain collections in North America. "It is a hidden gem in Lexington, a real treasure for the University to have," said Fuchs.

Fuchs, who worked for Winterthur Museum in Wilmington, Del., has been studying porcelain for years. He finds Chinese export porcelain interesting for several reasons. "I think it is a beautiful material—beautifully made and decorated, wonderful to look at and to handle," he said. "But porcelain is more than

just a work of art. It can tell incredible stories about European exploration of the 15th and 16th centuries, the history of Asian/European relations and the China trade of the 17th, 18th and 19th centuries, which was the forerunner of today's global trade networks. Chinese export porcelain was actually a relatively minor trade good during the era of the China trade, but it has survived to the present while the tea, silk and spices that were the mainstay of the China trade have not."

The collection has some new additions. The late Groke Mickey, a longtime supporter of the Reeves Center, bequeathed several hundred pieces of porcelain to W&L. Mickey worked for the Foreign Service in China and often visited the Reeves Center to admire the W&L collection. Mickey also left part of his estate to W&L to be used toward future acquisitions. "We will be receiving some really great objects that fill the gap in the collection," said Fuchs. "Some highlights include porcelain made for the European market and porcelain made in China and Japan in the 18th century and decorated in the Imari palette."

Gerry Lenfest '53, '55L and Bo DuBose '62 purchased and donated the David Howard Collection. Fuchs, who flew to England to bring it back, described it as "a fantastic collection of Chinese export porcelain coffee cups from 1710-1850, painted with the coats of arms of British and American families. It is probably the most comprehensive collection of armorial porcelain in existence and was put together by the leading scholar of Chinese armorial porcelain, David Sanctuary Howard." (The late Howard wrote the preface to *Chinese Export Porcelain in the Reeves Center Collection* by Tom Litzenburg '57 and Holly Bailey, both formerly of the Reeves Center.)



Henry L. Roediger III '69 is the co-editor of critical essays about learning and memory, *Science of Memory: Concepts* (Oxford University Press), and the textbook *Critical Thinking in Psychology* (Cambridge University Press).

Phi Beta Kappa Welcomes 53 Students

Washington and Lee University inducted 54 new members into the Phi Beta Kappa academic honor society March 12. The event featured James A. Arnold, professor of French emeritus at the University of Virginia, as the convocation speaker. **President**

Kenneth P. Ruscio '76 was an alumni inductee and **Josiah W. Davis '10** received the Sophomore Award for the student with the highest cumulative scholastic average through the end of the fall term of the sophomore year.

Graduated Seniors

William S. Ansley '07
Heather Hart '07
Jennifer Hau '07
Alex Kraus '07
Molly Potekhen '07

Class of 2008

Rubab K. Bhangu
Dane E. Boston
Alexandra M. Chafey
Megann L. Daw
Alexander J. Gould
William Hartmann
Adam T. Hockensmith

Robert Hayne Hollis IV
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Kathryn D. Krall
Sean Krogh
Rebecca S. LeMoine
James A. Madden II
Blair K. McCartney
Timothy J. McGlaston
Katherine E. Perry
Rohan Poojara
Steven H. Rivoir
Amy E. Roberson
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Kathryn Shellnutt
Alice Shih

Mark C. Snoddy
Chun-Yi Sum
Lilla W. Theus
Erin L. Thompson
Grayson B. Wallace
Hamilton Parker T. Wolf

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Kehvon M. Clark
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William H. Covington
Kristin E. Del Padre
Jacob Henry Dwight Geiger
Thao Le

Bobby R. Martin
Brynlee McGhee
Mariya N. Miteva
Wesley B. O'Dell
Matthew F. Price
Lisa J. Reppell
Dmitry Slavin
Paul S. Stack
William R. Taing
Rebecca L. Taylor
Elizabeth G. Webb
Alexander W. Weber
Robin Zheng

THE ODK CIRCLE



W&L inducted 20 undergraduates and eight law students, as well as three honorary initiates, into Omicron Delta Kappa on Founders' Day. John Maguire '53, senior fellow of the Institute for Democratic Renewal and senior consultant of Project Change, gave the keynote address, "Catching Up With Martin: The 'Fierce Urgency' of King's Vision for Current and Future Leaders."

The 2008 ODK honorary inductees are (l. to r.) William F. Connelly Jr., the John K. Boardman Professor of Politics at W&L; Col. Thomas C. Greenwood '77; and Dr. David Ellington, of Lexington.

Departures

Jeanine Silveira Stewart, professor of psychology and former acting dean of the College, accepted a position as vice president for academic affairs at Hollins University, in Roanoke. She begins her new post on July 1.

Stewart joined the faculty at W&L in 1994. During her 14-year tenure, in addition to teaching psychology, she served as associate dean of the College from 2001–2003 and as acting dean of the College from 2003–2005.

In 2006, Omicron Delta Kappa inducted Stewart as an honorary member for her contributions to the university.

William Klingelhofer, director of International Education, has left W&L to pursue new opportunities with his family in Maine. He was appointed the first director of International Education in July 1997. The position and the office, now the Center for International Education, were founded as the result of a strategic planning study by a faculty committee on the status and future of international education at W&L.

Alex Sweet Wins National Title, Sets New Record

His path to the Olympic trials included a broken leg, mononucleosis and a house fire.

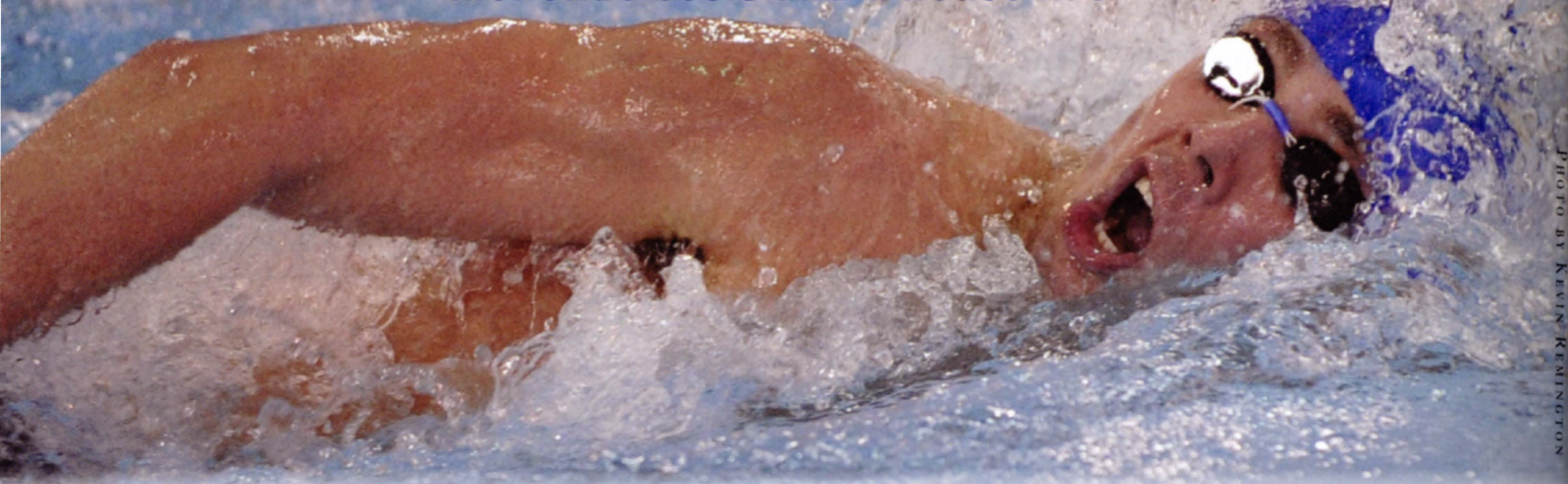


PHOTO BY KEVIN KEMINGTON

Swimming wasn't even his first choice in college sports, but on March 20, Alex Sweet '08 won the NCAA Division III national swimming title for the 50-yard freestyle at Miami University, Ohio.

Sweet, of Louisville, Ky., touched-in a time of 19.85 seconds, breaking the previous NCAA 50-yard freestyle record set in 1999, of 19.90 seconds.

He also helped the W&L swim team finish eighth overall at the championship meet, tying their best finish in school history. Sweet is W&L's fifth-ever national swimming champion and the first national champion since Nathan Hottle '97 won the 200-yard breast stroke in 1995.

At 6 foot 7 inches, Sweet initially planned to play basketball at W&L, but two medical incidents in a row changed his plans. "First I broke my leg," he said. "It was a very bad stress fracture and I was on crutches for weeks. And then, the day before I was supposed to start practicing with the team, I was diagnosed with mononucleosis and was hospitalized with a temperature of 104 degrees. I lost 25 to 30 pounds and all my strength, which isn't good for basketball."

Having dabbled in swimming in high school, Sweet swam intramurally as a freshman for his fraternity at W&L. With encouragement from both the swim coach, Joel Shinofield, and members of the swim team, he decided to switch.

The road to the national title didn't unroll without some drama. The day before the Kenyon Invitational in 2007, his house in Lexington burned down. Sweet lost all his personal belongings but took it in stride. "I lost everything, but I

wasn't going to miss the meet—I could deal with the fire when I got back. My non-existent stuff wasn't going anywhere." Sweet borrowed swim gear and went on to set a new school record in the 100-yard freestyle, as well as leading off the 400-yard freestyle relay, which also set a school record.

A biochemistry major, Sweet is a scholar-athlete at W&L as well as at the conference level. He was named a College Swim Coaches Association of America (CSCAA) Academic All-American in 2007 after posting a grade point average of over 3.5 during winter term and competing at the 2007 NCAA Championships.

An eight-time All-American, Sweet concludes his collegiate career as a record holder in three individual events (50-, 100- and 200-yard freestyle) and four relays (200-, 400-, and 800-yard freestyle relays and the 400-yard medley).

Sweet says he will try to qualify for the Olympic trials, although the different size of the pool (meters vs. yards) will be a challenge. There's also a "small chance," he said, of swimming competitively in his first year of medical school at the University of Louisville next year. "We're looking into whether I will still have one year of eligibility left."

Sweet might add more honors to an already stellar career. On April 4, he swam the 50-meter freestyle time trial at the Toyota Grand Prix at Ohio State University and qualified for the U.S. Olympic Trials with a time of 23.39. In June, he'll travel to Lincoln, Neb., for the Olympic Trials. With any luck, he'll be joining the U.S. Olympic Swim Team as it heads to Beijing, China, this summer.

—Sarah Tschiggfrie

Hoop Dreams

The Warner Center had a different feel this winter. New bleachers brightened the arena and provided more comfortable seating. The sounds of construction meant Wilson Field was receiving a much-needed facelift. Staff changes facilitated some office changes. The most significant change, however, was the play of the men's basketball team, which created an excitement in the building that had not been felt since "Cheers" was the top-rated television program, "Rain Man" won the Oscar for best picture and Phil Collins' "Another Day in Paradise" topped the charts.

W&L posted its last winning basketball record during the 1989-90 season, going 15-12 overall and 8-8 in the ODAC. A total of 17 losing sea-

sons followed until the Generals broke through this winter, notching a 15-11 overall record and an 11-7 record in the Old Dominion Athletic Conference. Along the way, the Generals achieved some remarkable accomplishments that included the program's longest winning streak in 20 years (six games), the first win at Roanoke in 19 years, the first win over Hampden-Sydney in 10 years and the snapping of a 43-game losing streak to Randolph-Macon that dated to 1977.

Fifth-year Head Coach Adam Hutchinson earned the ODAC Coach of the Year Award after guiding a team picked to finish in a seventh-place tie to the No. 5 seed in the conference tournament. It was W&L's highest tournament seeding since 1991, and his selection as the league's top coach was the program's first since 1989.

Forwards Greg Bienemann '08 and Femi Kusimo '08 were the heart and soul of the team's turnaround. The two endured a 2-23 season as freshmen. That team is also known as the only one in ODAC history to finish the conference slate with an 0-18 record. However, the duo stuck together and engineered the revival that saw the Generals improve to 4-19 in 2005-06, 11-14 in 2006-07 and 15-11 this season.

Bienemann was named one of 10 finalists for the Jostens Award, which is presented to the Division III Player of the Year. He earned First Team All-ODAC honors for the second straight



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season after averaging 21.5 points and 7.3 rebounds per game. He also shot 59.2 percent from the floor and had four games of 30 points or more, including a career-high 37 points in a win over Emory & Henry. Bienemann led the team in scoring and rebounding each of his four seasons and will graduate as the program's sixth all-time leading scorer, with 1,573 career points.

Kusimo averaged 10.4 points and 6.6 rebounds per game this winter and shot better than 60 percent (.601) from the floor. He finished his career as the program's all-time leader in field goal percentage (.594), smashing the former record (.552) that had stood since 1983.

As difficult as the two will be to replace, the 14 returning members of the team will preserve their examples of work ethic and drive to succeed as they attempt to keep the Warner Center an exciting place to be next winter.

—Brian Laubscher

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New Face

Shana Levine '01 joined W&L as associate director of athletics. A biology major, Levine was a four-year letter winner and a captain for the soccer team. As a member of the Generals' defense, she racked up 15 goals and seven assists en route to garnering All-Region, All-State and All-Conference honors over her career.

Levine earned a law degree from the University of Pittsburgh and was admitted into the Indiana bar in 2005. As a law student, she served as an assistant women's soccer coach at Carnegie Mellon University and as a compliance and student life intern at the University of Pittsburgh department of athletics.

After law school, Levine began a three-year career at the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA), where she started as an enforcement services intern. She was promoted to coordinator of membership services and then was named the assistant director of student-athlete reinstatement in October 2005.

"I am excited to offer this position to Shana," stated Jan Hathorn, director of athletics. "She has won out in a very tough competition. She understands the Division III philosophy from her days as a student at W&L and has a profound commitment to the student-athlete model. Through her work at the NCAA, Shana has proven ability in understanding the daily workings of a Division III athletic department, which can only benefit W&L's rich tradition of successfully combining academics and athletics into the life of our student-athletes."

Retirement

Cinda Rankin, assistant athletic director and women's tennis coach, retired after nearly 40 years as an educator, administrator and coach.



During her 19 seasons, Rankin led the tennis team to new heights, posting a 383-57 (.871) record and winning 17 Old Dominion Athletic Conference Championships. She was named the ODAC Coach of the Year 11 times and guided the Generals to 15 NCAA tournaments, including 14 in a row from 1994-2007. A three-time Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA) Division III Coach of the Year, Rankin led W&L to the NCAA semifinals each of her final six seasons, and her teams played in the NCAA championship match five times before winning the school's second national title (and first by a women's sport) last spring.

Rankin joined W&L in 1985 as W&L's first female athletic staff member, charged with coordinating the women's athletic programs in tandem with coeducation. She was responsible for recruiting the University's first female athletes and helped shape W&L's women's sports program into what it is today.

MORE AWARDS FOR ATHLETIC PROGRAM



VIRGINIA SPORTS HALL OF FAME PRESIDENT EDDIE WEBB (RIGHT) PRESENTED THE 2007 ACHIEVEMENT AWARD TO CHUCK O'CONNELL (CENTER), ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT ADVISOR, AND BRYAN SNYDER '95, ASSISTANT ATHLETIC DIRECTOR.

W&L received the 2007 Achievement Award from the Virginia Sports Hall of Fame. The award goes annually to the Division I and College Division institutions that achieve the highest overall winning percentage in Virginia.

During the 2006-07 season, the Generals posted a 220-89-5 (.709) overall record, won eight conference championships and sent six teams and 15 individuals to the NCAA National Tournaments. Additionally, W&L claimed the 2007 NCAA Division III National Championship in women's tennis.

W&L received the 2006-07 National Association of Division III Athletic Administrators NADIII/AA/Jostens Community Service Awards for its Support the Troops initiative, an on-going project during the 2006-07 academic year. The University also received an Award of Merit for its array of community service initiatives during the 2005-06 academic year.

It's been more than 100 years since law schools in the United States have overhauled how they teach students. The Washington and Lee University School of Law looks to change that with a bold plan to reform the third year of law school.

"For some time, members of the legal profession, practitioners, judges and scholars alike, have urged law schools to place greater emphasis on professionalism and learning in context," said Dean Rodney A. Smolla. "W&L's new third year responds to these needs by requiring students to exercise professional judgment, work in teams, solve problems, counsel clients, negotiate solutions, serve as advocates and counselors—the full complement of professional activity that engages practicing lawyers."

The new third-year curriculum, approved unanimously by the Law School faculty, will be entirely experiential in nature. Traditional classroom instruction will be replaced by practice simulations, real-client interactions and the development of law practice skills. All third-year students will be required to obtain a Virginia practice certificate and participate in at least one real-client experience during the year.

At the same time, students will be immersed in a year-long professionalism program that explores what it means to "live one's life in the law." This part of the curriculum features study and reflection on legal ethics, civility in practice, civic leadership and pro bono service.

"We believe it is incumbent on our Law School to be more ambitious in our mission and innovative in our approach to education as we strive to fulfill our duties to the public consumers of legal services, to the profession and to the system of justice," added Smolla. "I am proud of the leadership our faculty has shown in undertaking this noble effort."

Courses in the new curriculum will be offered in the traditional clinic and externship environments, as well as

in new practicum studies. These project simulations will span the array of traditional legal subject matter, including transactional areas such as banking and corporate finance, that have often been overlooked in the hands-on offerings of traditional law school curriculums.

The professionalism program will dig deep in considering the admirable qualities, dispositions, attitudes, concerns and habits—moral and intellectual—of good lawyers. Students will reflect on the obligations associated with membership in a learned profession and on their personal responsibility for law and its purposes, including a commitment to service and appreciating the myriad ways a lawyer can and should exercise civic leadership.

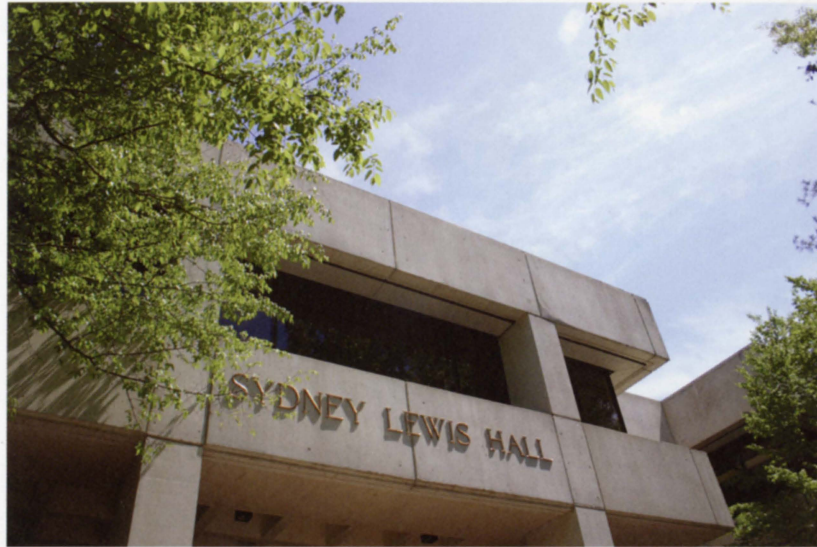
W&L's new third year will be staffed by a combination of permanent faculty, adjunct faculty

and professors of practice drawn from legal practice and the bench. These faculty members will mentor students throughout the year and provide immediate and ongoing feedback on their work product and their reflections on real-world ethical dilemmas.

President Ken P. Ruscio '76 and the Board of Trustees endorsed the new curriculum fully. "Twenty years ago, W&L blazed a trail for the first year of law school, developing the small class section model that has been emulated by top law schools across the nation," said Ruscio. "With the new third year, the School of Law will again be in the vanguard of curriculum innovation."

The new curriculum will be phased in over the next three to four years. W&L has assembled a distinguished group of external advisors from across the legal arena to assist in the planning and execution of this new curriculum, and it is likely that some of the advisory board members will become instructors in the third year.

More information about the new curriculum is available online at law.wlu.edu/thirdyear.



LAW SCHOOL REVAMPS THIRD-YEAR CURRICULUM

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—President Ken Ruscio '76



A portrait of Don Childress '70, a middle-aged man with light hair, smiling. He is wearing a dark suit jacket, a white shirt, and a yellow tie with a blue pattern. He is sitting in a dark chair with his hands clasped in his lap. The background is a light-colored wall with a wavy, textured pattern.

HEART & SOUL

Don Childress '70
New W&L Rector

BY ANDY THOMPSON '00
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By the time his senior year of high school arrived, young Jack Donald Childress—better known as Don—was ready for a change. He had lived in Dallas most of his life and was about to graduate, in 1966, with 600 other classmates. He didn't want to attend a sprawling university in another big city with thousands of fellow students, nor did he want to attend college in the Southwest. He wanted a different experience entirely. So the Texan flew halfway across the country to a small school in a little town in the mountains of Virginia—Washington and Lee. "It may sound pretty corny today," he said, "but I was drawn to the Honor System, the speaking tradition and the conventional dress tradition." More than 40 years after choosing W&L for its values, Childress is now safeguarding them. In May, he took the oath for a four-year term as the 31st rector of Washington and Lee's Board of Trustees.

The faraway university first got his attention at church. "My Sunday school teacher, George Gee, was a W&L graduate (1957), and I thought he was a first-rate guy. I thought that might have something to do with where he went to school," said Childress, the senior managing partner of Childress Klein Properties, a real estate development and property management firm in Atlanta. As he learned more about W&L, he liked the timelessness, the adherence to tradition, the sense that the values that had shaped its past would govern its future. He also found appealing the all-male population and the small size, just over 300 in his class.

Childress, 59, grew up in what he terms a "very middle-class family." His mother, Elizabeth, briefly attended Texas Christian University, but her family's financial reverses during the Depression forced her to leave school and work as a teacher. His father, William, was a salesman for B.F. Goodrich.

Childress appreciated the opportunities W&L offered. "It was really a transformative, life-changing experience for me," he said. "Here I was in a remote section of Virginia, living with people seven days a week and developing relationships as a result of being with them so much and not being on a campus where people are going home every weekend. I found a wonderful mix of people."

In addition to his classmates, "the neat thing about going to W&L was that I could have the liberal arts education," said Childress, a member of Sigma Chi fraternity. "But at the same time I could learn about the business world and economics, so that when I got out I was potentially employable." He enjoyed the balance. "One of my very favorite classes was with John Gunn in international trade and finance. The other one was 20th-century modern art."

WHAT DOES A RECTOR DO?

At Washington and Lee, the rector

- ◆ Is the presiding officer of the Board of Trustees
- ◆ Chairs the Executive Committee of the board
- ◆ Is a trustee elected by the board
- ◆ Holds office for four years or until a successor is elected
- ◆ May serve successive terms
- ◆ Presides over all meetings of the board
- ◆ Serves as spokesperson for the board
- ◆ Performs other duties as assigned by the bylaws and the board

After Childress graduated in 1970 with a B.S. in commerce, he earned an M.B.A. from the University of Texas in 1971, and then joined Trammell Crow Co., a well-known real estate development and investment company. "I just put my head down," he said, and concentrated on his career. He lived in New Jersey and then Atlanta, where, at age 28, he felt he could come up for air. "I wanted to start getting reconnected," he said. "And Atlanta was an easy place to do that. I ran into other W&L people and started getting involved."

Childress formed Childress Klein Properties in 1988 with his longtime partner, Fred Klein, and 185 Trammell Crow co-workers. They decided to go out on their own because they relished the challenges of entrepreneurship. "If you come up with good ideas and execute them well, there can be great reward," he said. "Needless to say, if you do that and it fails, there'll be great risk. We didn't have much to lose, so I thought it was all upside for us."

Twenty years later, the field still fascinates Childress. "It's different every year. Where we build, the kinds of projects," he said. "It's just constantly evolving, and I don't get bored because I'm not doing the same thing all the time."

Family is important to Childress as well. His wife, Sidney G. Childress, holds two master's degrees, one in business administration and one in religion. His children are J.D., 31, a chef in Charleston, S.C.; McKinley, 26, working on a master's degree in physical therapy, in Montana; Trevor, 25, a graduate of the University of Georgia, about to move to Oregon; Stuart, 21, a senior at Boston College; and twins Preston and Mary Collier, who are 4.

There's an adventurous side to the husband, father and business owner. In addition to an affinity for skiing and motorcycles, he loves flying and pilots his own jet at least 100 hours a year. "That's how I come and go," he said. "I fly to all the board meetings, which is pretty useful."



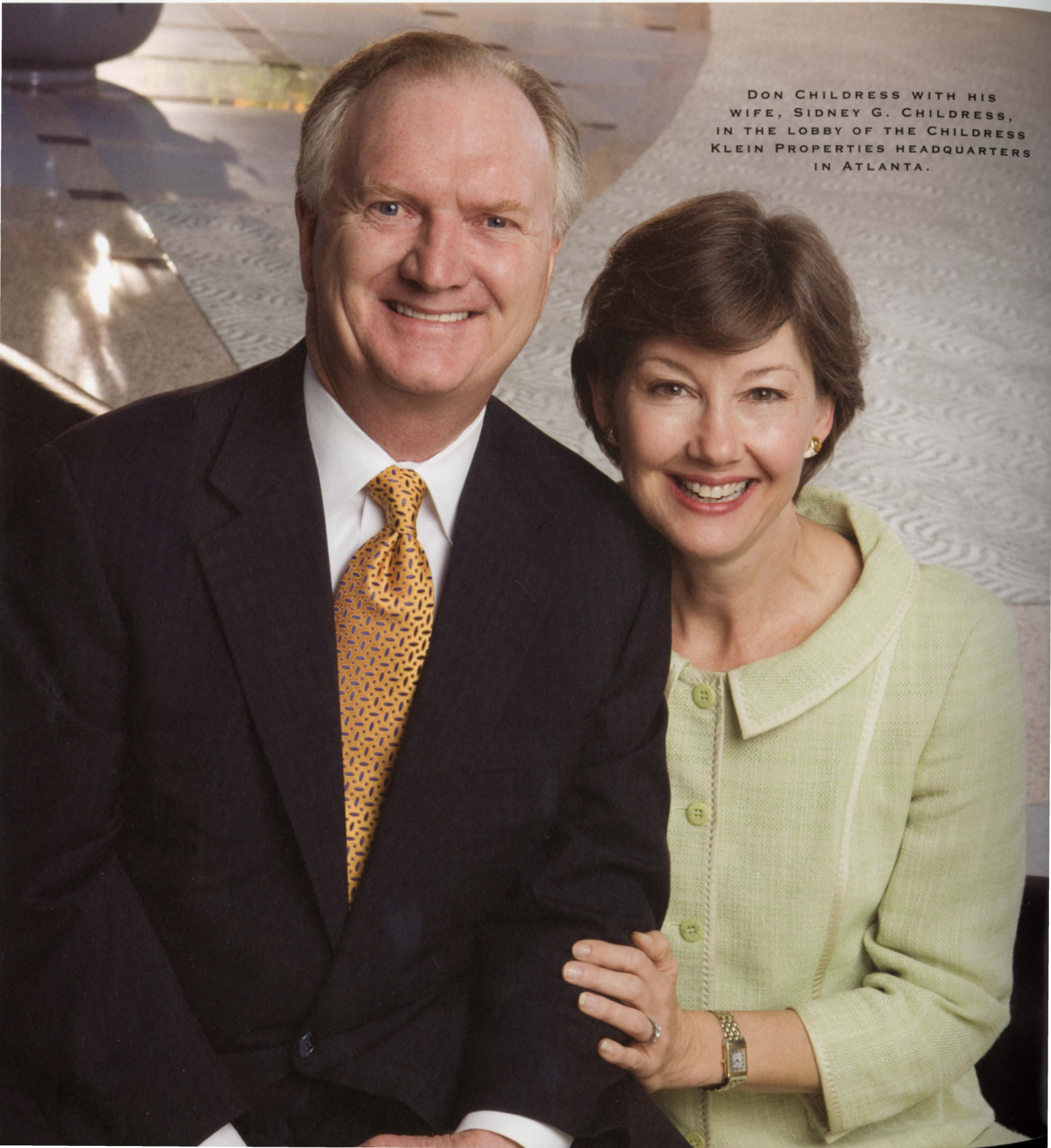
Working with the Atlanta alumni chapter was the beginning of service to his alma mater. Since then, he's held positions

ranging from chapter president (1989–1990) to Alumni Board member (1990–1993), from serving on the Williams School Advisory Board (1988–1995) to his Reunion Class Committee (1994–1995). In 1995, he joined the Board of Trustees for one year. “I’ve always been a believer that if I’m part of a group, if I can provide any help or leadership, then I get a great deal of enjoyment out of doing that,” Childress said.

When the outgoing rector, Phil Norwood '69, joined the board

in 1997, he determined to get Childress back in the group. The pair got to know each other in the 1980s, when they both worked for Trammell Crow. “He was very thoughtful, very generous, very knowledgeable and very devoted,” said Norwood. He fulfilled his goal in 2002, when Childress rejoined the board.

Norwood thinks Childress is the right person to head the 36-member group. “It was an easy choice,” he said. “He was someone whom everyone admired and respected. He had



DON CHILDRESS WITH HIS
WIFE, SIDNEY G. CHILDRESS,
IN THE LOBBY OF THE CHILDRESS
KLEIN PROPERTIES HEADQUARTERS
IN ATLANTA.

been very supportive of what we were trying to do, but he also was a very good thinker. He asked a lot of questions and really emerged as one of the leaders of the board.”

Childress has given his work considerable thought. “The role of the board no matter what the group—the American Cancer Society, the Ford Foundation or W&L—should be to preserve the basic ethos and the philosophy” of the organization, Childress said. “When our counterparts a hundred years ago, who we don’t even know, made the decision to hire a president, what ideals were they trying to preserve and to ask that president to carry out? That’s the same thing we do.”

Childress is quick to acknowledge that not all traditions are created equal. “You don’t want to totally look in the rearview mirror. If we did, we wouldn’t have coeducation,” he said. “What are those aspects of our tradition that are timeless and not? At one time we were all male, and we wore coats and ties, and we preserved that very thoroughly. But those aren’t necessarily core traditions. The Honor System is.”

And so is the speaking tradition. “That could easily come under attack in the age of electronic gadgetry, where people are just walking around with cell phones,” said Childress. “Logically, how do you preserve that?”

The composition of the board is vital. “We believe that healthy, spirited debate is fine. We try to, wherever possible, come to consensus on an issue,” said Childress. “If we can’t, it’s very important that we sit down and try to define where we are apart. That’s why it’s very important to have people that are very good thinkers. Sometimes you have to deal with an issue that has never been dealt with before. That’s why it’s such a pleasure to be on this board, where you have people who love the University, are independent thinkers and are very smart. You put all that together, and nine out of 10 times you come up with a really good result.”

President Ken Ruscio ’76 is pleased about Childress’s

appointment. “He’s a very clear thinker,” Ruscio said. “He has a very keen ability to identify what’s important and what’s not. He’s a very good decision maker in that he manages to focus on the factors that are most relevant to a decision. He’s decisive but also patient. He’s very good at consulting with his fellow board members and with me.”

Ruscio finds the president-rector relationship critical. “Don and I will have a real partnership, just like Phil and I did,” he said. “If I needed somebody to talk to about a problem, Phil was a great sounding board, and Don has already proven to be a great sounding board and advisor. It’ll be a very, very good partnership.”



Childress becomes rector at a fine time for W&L, what with two generous recent gifts, a new strategic plan and a new president completing his second year. Childress belonged to the committee that shaped the plan, so it is unsurprising that it bears many of the hallmarks that drew the new rector to Washington and Lee in the first place.

“My belief is that the vast preponderance of people who graduate from W&L feel like they own part of the place,” Childress explained. “It starts way back, as a student, when you realize that this place has been around a long time. There are some great traditions here, and you play a part in carrying them on. You can’t help but feel, ‘Hey, I invested a lot of my heart and soul while I was a student, and I didn’t leave it there at the corner of Washington and Jefferson Streets when I drove out of town that spring of my senior year.’ ”

It’s that balance of past and future, foundation and possibility, that Childress hopes will continue to attract the most accomplished students. And when they get here, it’s that same combination that will endear the University to them for years to come. After all, that’s how it happened for him. ♣

NEW POST FOR NORWOOD

After 11 years on the board, five of them as rector, Philip W. Norwood ’69 leaves the Board of Trustees. Fortunately for his alma mater, he’s staying on as co-chair of the next capital campaign, along with Warren A. Stephens ’79.

Norwood leaves the board with a deep sense of satisfaction. “I don’t think the University has ever been in better shape by any measure, and I can say that on any front you look at: academics, finances, administrative strength, athletic programs, alumni involvement,” he said. “I don’t know that I’ve had much to do with any of that, but I am enormously proud of the progress that’s occurred during the period of time I’ve been a trustee and rector.”

“I could not be succeeding a more dedicated and capable person than Phil Norwood,”



said Don Childress. “He has led our board for the past five years with vision and great wisdom that has left our University in profoundly solid shape for the future.”

“Phil Norwood has worked tirelessly on behalf of the University, its students, faculty, staff and alumni,” said President Ruscio. “His leadership and vision reflect the best qualities of W&L: unselfish service to others and a commitment to civility and integrity. He has become a friend and advisor, and I look forward to working with him in his next volunteer role for W&L, as co-chair of the campaign. All associated with Washington and Lee owe him a great debt of gratitude.”

For more information on the planning and timing of the upcoming capital campaign, see the Summer issue of the magazine.

1950

Atwell Dugger

hopes to have beaten the Big C after a colectomy, chemotherapy, liver resection and chemotherapy again. He is playing golf and still messing with toy soldiers. He reports that he is living large at 80.

1958

Rice M. Tilley Jr.

received the 2007 Distinguished Citizen Award from the Longhorn Council of the Boy Scouts of America. It goes to someone who has made outstanding contributions to the community over many years and is a role model for the organization. He lives in Fort Worth, Texas.

1966

David T. Shufflebarger

is an advisor to the Alabama National Trust for Historic Preservation. He is also the proud grandfather to twin grandsons, James and Alexander Sennewald.

1969

David C. Gordon

continues to work in the bond market in New York City and is still married to Margaret. Their son is in law school at Tulane, and their daughter attends the University of California at Berkeley. He broke 100 for the first time on his 65th birthday, shooting a 98 on the Homestead course in Hot Springs, Va.

Henry L. Roediger III

was elected to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and continues as the James S. McDonnell Distinguished Professor and dean of academic planning in arts and sciences at Washington University in St. Louis. His son, Kurt, graduated from Brown University in 2007, and his daughter, Rebecca, will graduate from Stanford University this spring.

John A. Wolf ('72L)

was selected for the *Maryland Super Lawyers 2008* issue. He focuses on construction surety for Ober/Kaler.

1970

Paul S. Sugar

was selected for the *Maryland Super Lawyers 2008* issue. He focuses on construction litigation for Ober/Kaler.

New Trustee Joins Board

Frederick E. Cooper '64 is chair of Cooper Capital L.L.C., a private investment firm he founded in 1998. Previously, Cooper was chairman of the board, CEO and the majority shareholder of CooperSmith. Cooper served as a captain in the U.S. Army Judge Advocate General's Corps after earning his law degree from the University of Georgia in 1967.



He entered the private practice of law and held several executive and legal positions at Flowers Industries

Inc. and Jones, Day, Reavis & Pogue. He has served as state chair of the Georgia Republican Party, as Georgia state chairman of former President George H. Bush's campaigns and as Georgia general chairman for President George W. Bush, who appointed him chair of the 2004 G8 Summit Host Committee. He has served on the boards of Georgia Research Alliance, Logility Inc., Matria Healthcare Inc., the University of Georgia Arch Foundation, the Georgia Chamber of Commerce, the Metro Atlanta Chamber of Commerce and the Williams Foundation.

While at W&L, Cooper served as president of the Pi Kappa Phi fraternity and vice president of the Interfraternity Council. He was a member of the debate team and the Freshman Assimilation Committee and was commissioned as a second lieutenant through W&L's ROTC unit. As an alumnus, he has served W&L as a member of the Parents Campaign Committee, the Atlanta Area Capital Campaign Committee and the Williams School Board of Advisors.

1972

W. Henry Jernigan Jr. ('75L)

was selected for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America 2008*. He works in the Charleston, W.Va., office of Dinsmore & Shohl L.L.P.

David W. Olson

joined the board of trustees for the Children's Burn Foundation. He is the senior vice president of corporate communications for Health Net Inc. He lives in Torrance, Calif.

1974

John H. Missert Jr.

rode the 205-mile Seattle to Portland Bicycle Classic on behalf of local Seattle charities, as well as the 100-mile Honolulu Century, which covered some incredible Hawaiian scenery. He also coaches baseball and basketball for his two boys. He lives in Ogdensburg, N.Y.

1975

Stuart B. Nibley ('79L)

changed firms and joined Dickstein Shapiro L.L.P. in Washington. He works in the firm's government contracts practice group, focusing on counseling and dispute resolution on behalf

of government contractors. Nibley lives in Chevy Chase, Md.

1976

Robert L. Amsler Jr.

was ordained and installed by Potomac Presbytery as associate pastor at Heritage Presbyterian Church in Warrenton, Va., on Feb. 17. He writes, "My call is to plant a Hispanic church in Prince William County, Va. I am grateful to retired professors Williams and Barritt for their excellent instruction in Spanish during my years as a student at W&L."

1978

Kevin T. Lamb ('82L)

joined the board of directors of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Palm Beach County (Fla.). He works as a corporate attorney and shareholder at Gunster, Yoakley & Stewart P.A.

Jay D. Shaffer

is the co-founder of VoiceQuilt, a company that creates personalized keepsakes with recorded voice messages or memories. It was featured on a December episode of NBC's "The Today Show." He lives in Atlanta.

1979

Robert M. Balentine Jr.

was promoted to executive vice president of Wilmington Trust, a provider of wealth management services. He serves on the strategic planning committee for Woodruff Arts Center and is the founding president of The Southeastern Horticulture Society. He lives in Atlanta.

1980

Scott A. Williams

was part of a three-person team that reached the summit of Aconcagua in the Andes, in Argentina along the Chilean border, at

In Warmer Climes



The Class of 1978 enjoyed a mini reunion in Bermuda in the fall of 2007. Jamie Veghte (l. to r.), Bill Cranshaw and Skiff Bailey attended.

3:30 p.m. on Jan. 29, after about 8 1/2 hours of climbing. At 22,834 feet above sea level, Aconcagua is the tallest mountain in the western hemisphere. It is the second highest of the world's Seven Summits (behind Everest). He spent more than two weeks climbing and acclimating to the extreme altitude. He lives in Glencoe, Ill.

1983

Christopher B. Power

was selected for *The Best Lawyers in America 2008*. He works in the Charleston, W.Va., office of Dinsmore & Shohl L.L.P.

1984

T. Jeffrey Wells,

after 20 years as an attorney in the Office of Staff Counsel for the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals in Richmond, began a new career as an innkeeper. Jeff and his partner, Mac Pence, will be proprietors of Maury Place at Monument. Renovations of the property are underway, with a grand opening planned for Oct. 1. For more information, visit www.mauryplace.com.

Michael S. Wyatt

received the 2007 Distinguished Alumni Award from the University of Dallas. He lives in Dallas.

Sartorial Splendor



Dr. Sidney Isenberg '42 proudly wears this W&L tie he received as a graduation gift. He wore it to a lunch hosted by Don Childress '70.

1986

Harry M. Chapman Jr.

was elected first vice president of the Virginia State Police Association, a social and professional organization that lobbies on behalf of and provides emergency assistance to its 2,000 members. He is a special agent in the Virginia State Police criminal intelligence division.

1987

John B. Cummings III

launched his own insurance and investment practice, backed by the Northwestern Mutual Financial Network. He already has clients all across the country and looks forward to hearing from any alumni with whom he can share his network resources. He lives with his wife, Betsy, and the youngest of four daughters, Chloe, in Westport, Mass. Touch

base anytime at www.nmfn.com/JohnBCummings.

1989

E. Wright Ledbetter

belongs to the winning design team for the Gateway to Rome public art project in Rome, Ga. He said, "Our design centers on three interpreted Roman aqueduct sections that intersect, symbolizing past, current and future efforts to convey our community toward the future."

Nicholas R. Thompson

is special assistant to the president and legal counsel at Edison College in southwest Florida. In 2006, he was elected to the Florida House of Representatives, District 73. He is vice chairman of the House's Constitution and Civil Law Committee and also serves on Healthy Families and

Infrastructure committees, in addition to his role on the Safety and Security Council.

1990

The Rev. Ann Stewart Fuller

is an affiliate minister of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Brevard in West Melbourne, Fla. She is enrolled in Class XV of the Humanist Institute, with plans to graduate in August 2010. Her husband, Jamie '90, has taken the lead role for his company, Atex Corp., with *Trinity Mirror*, the largest newspaper group in the United Kingdom. This project takes him to England one week out of every month.

1991

Christopher L. Boone

was promoted to chief financial officer of Lufkin Industries Inc., a \$600 million, publicly traded global manufacturer of energy-related equipment. He lives in Lufkin, Texas, with his wife, Medora, and son, Laird, 5.

1992

James S. Bruce

was elected partner in the Charleston, S.C., office of Parker Poe Adams & Bernstein L.L.P. He works in the business law department, where he focuses on corporate counseling and mergers and acquisitions. He also has

A Meeting of Minds



The Mid-South Chapter met in Memphis, Tenn. at the home of Ruthie and Edward Taylor '81, to welcome E.C. President Josh Payne '08L and Owings Fellow Mark Snoddy '08. They presented "An Initiative for Academic Integrity" to secondary schools, sponsored by W&L's Institute for Honor. Chapter President Eddie Klank '98 organized the event. From l to r: Snoddy, Klank, Taylor, Payne and Chip Campbell '03.

Take a Hike



David Hicks '03 (l to r.), Douglas Panzer '98 and Brian Higgins '98 hiked in the Inyo National Forest and Sequoia National Park in California. They spent five days in the backcountry, climbing to over 13,000 feet, just below the summit of Mt. Langley. After the freeze-dried orange chicken and chocolate mousse ran out, they report, it was time to hike back to civilization, but they had a great time.

experience representing real estate developers and owners.

Philip C. Samponaro Jr.

is an assistant professor of 20th-century United States history at the University of Texas at Brownsville. He enjoys life very much along the Gulf and the border. He previously taught in

the history department at Clark University in Worcester, Mass.

1993

William R. Thomas

was elected partner in the Columbia, S.C., office of Parker Poe Adams & Bernstein L.L.P. He practices health-care law and represents health-related entities

in administrative, regulatory and litigation concerns.

1995

Christopher C. Lamberson

was promoted to a member of the firm at Glankler Brown P.L.L.C. He concentrates on corporate and business transactions and real estate and se-

cured lending. He lives in Germantown, Tenn.

W. Matthew Strock

was named partner in the firm of Vinson & Elkins L.L.P., working in the firm's corporate finance and securities law section. He lives in Houston.

Around the World in 1,500 Days

If you haven't visited a yacht broker's office lately, then you probably haven't heard, "Now is the best time to buy a sailboat." Beginning in the second half of 2006, this very idea grew in the minds of Rob Burnside and me.

As these ideas run, ours in particular was to become a juggernaut: A four- to five-year sailing expedition, culminating in a complete circuit of the earth.

Thus, now was the best time to buy a sailboat—but sailboats that satisfy the many requirements to circumnavigate the globe cost a great deal of money, and, being recent graduates, we were decidedly short of that commodity.

We did, however, have a great deal of enthusiasm, and the next evening our close friend Nic Bouckaert '04 agreed to join us. With our combined resources, and a little luck, we were certain that we would prevail.

A few days later we called Jesse Smith '03, hoping the idea would bring an experienced sailor aboard. Jesse, son of Herb Smith '64, '67L, initially expressed trepidation, his appreciation for the idea being overshadowed by 26 years of sailing experience. It was doomed to fail, in his opinion, without the right sailboat—which he believed would ultimately prove out of our price range.

Undeterred, Nic, Rob and I enrolled in Steve and Doris Colgate's Offshore Sailing School in St. Petersburg, Fla. In the meantime, we made road trips to meet yacht brokers from Annapolis to New Orleans, exhausted virtually every yacht-sales Web site we could find and were still no closer to finding the right sailboat.

It was then a great surprise, three months later, when Jesse rang Nic's phone in the cockpit of our floating classroom on our final night in St. Petersburg. Herb Smith's 51-foot Skye, *Obelisk*, a gorgeous 1982 Kauffman and Ladd cutter,

had been on the market for over a year, and Herb was proposing a deal to transfer ownership to Jesse. Jesse grew up on *Obelisk*—literally—and it was the only boat either of them trusted to make our dream a reality.

Five months later, Rob and I moved to the Smiths' place near Gloucester, Va. Jesse arrived a week later. Business concerns prevent Nic from accompanying us initially, although he plans to join the voyage in 2009.

We are working every day to prepare *Obelisk* for the voyage. Our passage will be south to Cape Horn and then west to the South Pacific, New Zealand and Australia and then on to Sri Lanka, India, the Maldives and Madagascar. After rounding Africa's Cape of Good Hope, we will sail north to the Mediterranean Sea, the Black Sea and western Europe, and will complete our expedition by crossing the North Atlantic, via Iceland, to arrive in

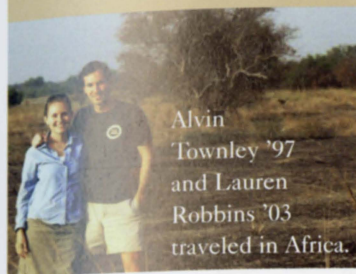
Newfoundland, our re-entry point into the Americas. We expect to be aboard the *Obelisk* for more than 1,500 days, make port in over 70 countries and set foot on all seven continents—yes, even Antarctica!

If you would like to contact us, or have any questions regarding the planned route, outfitting costs, etc., please send an e-mail to svobelisk@gmail.com or post mail to: *Obelisk* Crew '08, P.O. Box 305, Hayes, VA 23072. —Willie Thompson '04



The *Obelisk* and her crew (l. to r.) of Willie Thompson '04, Nic Bouckaert '04 and Jesse Smith '03 are scheduled to set sail in July. Follow her progress through podcasts, newsletters, videos and photographs at www.svobelisk.com.

On Safari



Alvin Townley '97 and Lauren Robbins '03 traveled in Africa.

1996

T. Boutilier Manuel

was elected partner in the Charleston, S.C., office of Parker Poe Adams & Bernstein L.L.P. He focuses on the representation of mortgage portfolio servicers connected to CMBS loans.

1997

Alicia H. D. Hazlehurst

graduated from Virginia Commonwealth University with a master's in nurse anesthesia. She works as a nurse anesthetist at the Medical College of Virginia Hospital in Richmond.

1999

Stephanie R. Wolfe

joined the Morristown, N.J., firm of Riker Danzig as an associate. She practices in the labor and employment group and represents clients before state, federal and administrative courts.

2000

Craig R. Avino

joined Scarinci & Hollenbeck L.L.C. as a member of the liti-

gation and insurance group. He practices in various areas of civil defense litigation, with an emphasis on insurance coverage matters. He has also worked on a variety of matters arising under the Construction Lien Act and has defended various municipalities throughout New Jersey.

2001

Virginia A. Brumby

moved from Argentina to Delhi, India, and is working as a travel and leisure journalist and a travel consultant.

2002

Michael P. Reynold

is the executive director of McDonnell for Virginia, the political action committee for Virginia

Attorney General Bob McDonnell, who will be running for governor next year. Mike and his wife, Melissa, live in Hanover County, Va.

2003

D. Wright Sigmund Jr.

works for CB Richard Ellis commercial real estate company in its retail section. He is working on a master's in commercial real estate at the University of Maryland.

2004

Christopher J. Stanek

will graduate from the Moritz School of Law at Ohio State University this spring. He will start as an associate at Baker & Hostetler L.L.P. in Cleveland, Ohio.

Fast Friends: Booth and Peniston

When the late Lea Booth '40 and Capt. Robert Peniston got together, talk often turned to their experiences in the U.S. Navy during World War II. "Did I ever tell you," Booth would josh, "how I won the war in the Pacific?" Thanks to Peniston and friends, including Richard G. Latture '81, a recently published article shows that Booth's jest wasn't too far off the mark.

Peniston, former director of Lee Chapel, is retired from the Navy, where he commanded the battleship *U.S.S. New Jersey*. Booth, who died in 2006, served as W&L's first sports publicist and as director of public relations and was one of our most-honored alumni. In the war, he was an officer in charge of communications security and countermeasures—also known as the "Dirty Tricks Department"—on the staff of Adm. William F. Halsey, on board the *U.S.S. Tucson*. Booth's assignment: "Deceptive missions at sea and to mislead Japanese intelligence," as he told Peniston's friend Thomas H. Helvig, U.S. Navy (retired).

Helvig had heard about Booth's adventures from Peniston and decided to research this little-known mission. In early 2005, he interviewed, by telephone, Booth, then ill and confined to his home in Lynchburg, Va. Booth's wife, Mary Morris, copied her husband's papers and photos and sent them to Helvig. Peniston helped with the selection of documents.

The result was Booth's reminiscence as told to Helvig, published in the Spring 2006 issue of *Cryptolog*, a publication for the

U.S. Naval Cryptologic Veterans Association. It detailed how, in July 1945, Lt. Booth and his colleagues fooled the Japanese into believing that radio transmissions from the lone *Tucson* were coming instead from a massive fleet of 29 battle craft, thus making it look like the U.S. Navy was launching a southern invasion of Japan. The ruse worked, and the U.S. made a surprise attack elsewhere.

The magazine arrived at Booth's home on May 9, 2006. He died the next day at the age of 88.

Peniston and Helvig thought the story deserved further exposure, so they turned to *Naval History*, published by the U.S. Naval Institute. Peniston had met its editor in chief, Richard Latture, on an Alumni College trip. The result was "You Were Most Deceitful," a full-length article by Helvig in the December 2007 issue.

The title came from a congratulatory dispatch from Halsey to Booth, and the article opens with a photo of Halsey pinning the Navy Commendation Medal on Booth's uniform.

As for Peniston's role in all of this, he merely said, "I'm the catalyst. I made sure the right people talked to each other." Of Booth, he said, "We were fast friends 'til the end."

—Julie A. Campbell





Lochlan K. Baskin '02 to Clayton Kennedy '02

on Nov. 3, 2007, in Columbia, S.C. Members of the wedding party included classmates Alicia Brandt, Peyton Lane Hostetler, Elizabeth Kelsey, Samantha McLemore, Lucy Rankin, David French, Whit Kinder, Baxter Lee and Benton Smallpage.



Elizabeth Swann '02 to John Cole Oliver '00 on May 6, 2006,

on Merritt Island, Fla. The wedding party included Kathlyn Perez '02, Ginna Duncan Ezernack '03, Lee Charbonnet '02, Lindsay Ruckert '02, Ricka Hildebrand Woodruff '02 and John Sensing '00. Over 30 alumni attended. Lizzy teaches second grade in Gainesville, Fla. Cole graduated from the University of Florida Law School, where he served as editor in chief of the *Law Review*.



Joseph M. Ehrlich '04 to Katherine Babcock '06 in July 2007. They live in Laurel, Md., where Joe works as a real estate consultant for Ernst & Young, and Katie is pursuing a Ph.D. in developmental psychology at the

University of Maryland. Front row (l. to r.): Blake Anderson '07, Lauren Rudolph '08, Logan Young '04, Joe Ehrlich '04, Katie Ehrlich '06, Chris Brown '06, Amanda '06 and Brad Haugen, Devin Brown '03. Second row: Kathleen Dragan '03, Suzie LaFleur '05, Hayley Skinner '06, Allison Spain '06, Noah Stayton '07. Third row: Grant Dragan '03, Karlyn Gold '06, Christine Gray '06, Vanessa Arness '06, Caitlin Lane '06, Paco Anguiano-Ramos '05. Back row: Reid Thompson '04, Andy Lunsford '04, Justin Cole '07, Jeremy Kimball '04, Brooks Batcheller '04.

Christina L. Webster

is a 2008 candidate for a master of education at Xavier University and a master of arts at Middlebury College through the Bread Loaf School of English.

2006

Carla N. Taylor

completed her master's in chemistry at Northwestern University and is working as a financial analyst at Brownson, Rehms & Foxworth Inc. in Chicago.

MARRIAGES

The Rev. Robert J. O'Brien '61

to Betty Jo Gibson on Dec. 9, 2007, in Richmond. Betty Jo is an alumna of Longwood College and a retiree from the Virginia Baptist Mission Board, in Richmond. Robert is semi-retired from a career in religious journalism. They share six grandchildren; the latest, a grandson, was born to Robert's son, Paul, on Dec. 6, 2007.

Neil L. Johnson '76 to Cindy Gleason

on Nov. 24, 2007, in Shreveport, La., where they live. Neil is a commercial photographer, and Cindy works in advertising for the local Fox TV affiliate.

Margaret Hawn '96 to Douglas Kelley

on March 24, 2007, in Dallas. Margaret works as a surgical physician's assistant for an orthopedic spine surgeon. Doug works in private equity investments. They reside in Dallas.

Katherine E. Stuart '98 to David Overton

on April 28, 2007, in Montego Bay, Jamaica.

Shall We Dance?



Jack Arnold '76 visited W&L to share his experiences as a professional dancer. While here, he helped rehearse a piece of choreography that students were preparing for their spring performance. Back row (l. to r.): A'rese Emokpae '10, Emily Wallace '09, Arnold, Alice Shih '08 and Katherine Perry '08. Front row: Margaret Ward '09 and Blaire Monroe '08.

Alumni in attendance included Guy Steuart II '53, Hugh Steuart '88, Laura Ward Steuart '97, Carter Steuart '88, Katherine Nelligan Steuart '89, Brad Steuart '86, Guy Steuart III '80, Hannah Gouldstone '98, Laura-Ashley Allen Overdyke '98, Robin Boyce Everitt '98, Sarah Leighton Kirby Richards '98, Steven Schultz '98, Jennifer Horne Boyter '97, Shad Boyter '97, Meredith Muir Stiehl '97 and Christopher Stiehl '97.

New Bishop

In October, Rev. Richard H. Graham '73 became a bishop of the Metropolitan Washington, D.C., Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Prior to his election to this six-year term, Graham was the pastor of Hope Lutheran Church and Student Center in College Park, Md.



BIRTHS AND ADOPTIONS

Mr. and Mrs. Neil J. Welch Jr. '79, '82L, an adopted son, Emmanuel John, on Jan. 24. He was born on Dec. 28, 2006, in Guatemala. He is adjusting well to his new life and is excited about his new sisters, Kate, 17, and Maddie, 13.

M. Lucille Anderson '89, '98L, and her husband, **Jeff**, a son, Edward Leland, on Nov. 8, 2007. They live in Houston.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Taylor Houck '90, a daughter, Juliet Doane, on Feb. 28, 2007. She joins sisters Priscilla and Summerson. They live in Alexandria, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. Steven A. Mueller '90, a son, Robert Cannon, on Sept. 22, 2007. He joins sisters Mary Katherine and Margaret. They live in Cumming, Ga.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Trent Merchant '92, a son, Bailey, on Oct. 19, 2007. Sisters Maya and Lindsay are delighted with their new baby brother. Trent was re-elected to an at-large position on the Charlotte Mecklenburg Board of Education.

Mr. and Mrs. William B. Chappell Jr. '94, a daughter, Finley Hayden, on Jan. 28. They live in Atlanta.

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin P. Plummer '94, a son, Landon Benjamin, on Sept. 11, 2007.

Dr. Jane Shows Atkerson '95 and her husband, **Patrick**, a daughter, Mary Linton Bell, on Nov. 15, 2007. She was named after her grandmother, great-grandmother and great-great-grandmother.

Elizabeth Blunt Brown '96 and her husband, **Hugh**, a son, Hugh Pearce II, on Oct. 5, 2007. He joins sister Elizabeth.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph D. Didier '96, a daughter, Margaret Limehouse, on May 11, 2007. She joins sister Annie. They live in Charlotte, N.C.

Frances Smith Dingle '96 and her husband, **Frank**, a daughter, Anne Baxter, on Dec. 17, 2007.

Dr. and Mrs. Colin G. Looney '96, a son, Matthew Boyd, on June 15, 2007. The family live in Franklin, Tenn.

Jenna C. Treible '96 and her husband, **Jamie**, a son, Cooper Tracy, on Aug. 26, 2007. He joins sister Julia.

Jeanne-Marie Raymond Burke '97 and her husband, **William**, a son, James, on Nov. 20, 2007.

Emily Baker Crossman '97 and her husband, **Matt**, a daughter, Lily Grace, on Sept. 11, 2006. The family live in St. Louis, *(cont. on p. 32)*

Dinner and Dancing in Baltimore

In February, alumni enjoyed each other's company and the music of Liquid Pleasure at the Maryland Club in Baltimore. Front row (l. to r.): Heather Brock Parkinson '90,



Dave Seifert '87, Alicia Hay Matthai '90 and Lisa Dowling Costello '93. Middle row: Corky Parkinson '87, Liz Smith Robinson '89, Hugh Robinson '80, Drew Perkins '84, Tom Costello '91. Back row: Nelly Greene Perkins '90, Frances Smith Dingle '96, Todd Garliss '91.

Pleasant Anticipation



Members of the Class of 1998 and friends gathered for a baby shower for Jill Dalovisio Fitzpatrick. Back row (l. to r.): Julian Edmonds King, Victoria Kumpuris Brown, Katharine McFall Perrow, Fitzpatrick, Mary Michael Pettyjohn Massie, Hillary McMillan Wyche, Martha Kiekefer Bosworth '99 and Whitney Parker Kestner. Front: Bryce Bendall Harris, Molly Gieselmann Goings and Samantha Garbisch Hartog '01. Jill and her husband, Grady, welcomed the arrival of their daughter, Elizabeth Helen "Libby," on Jan. 24.

To Go Where No General Has Gone Before

Jon Pakula '82 spent two weeks on a live-aboard dive boat in August 2007, off the remote and uninhabited Cocos Island, some 350 miles southwest of Costa Rica. "Cocos Island,"



said Pakula, "is also known as Island of Sharks and is featured every summer during 'Shark Week' on the Discovery Channel. It is also the island Robert Louis Stevenson wrote about as Treasure Island. It has the most prolific and varied shark life on the

planet—Hammerhead, Silvertip, Silky, Galapagos, Tiger and White Tip sharks." Jon is seen here trying to keep the Trident flying (with the help of a fellow diver) in the strong current. The fellow in the gray suit is an 8- to 9-foot Silvertip shark found at a site aptly named Silverado.

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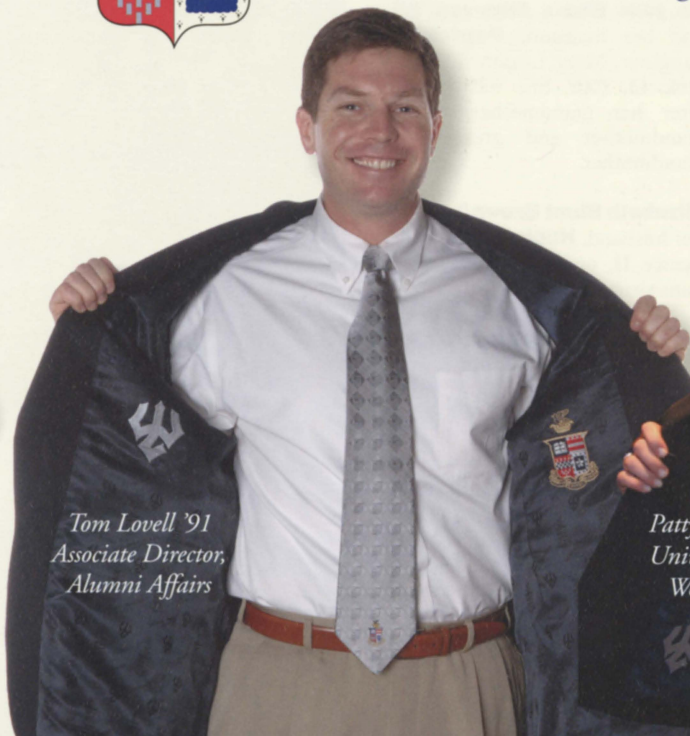
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Alumnus Makes Mark Through Scholarship Endowment

The old saying, "It takes a village to raise a child," rings true for Doug Mann '66, '69L. The Burlington, Ohio, native grew up in poverty, and he and his family often relied on the kindness of relatives and neighbors to make ends meet. Moreover, Mann was diagnosed with polio when he was 5 and was partially paralyzed during his childhood.

"I believe that having polio actually was a blessing," said Mann. "Not being able to run and play like the other children gave me the chance to read all the time. For me, reading was like foreign travel—it was a good way to learn a vocabulary, and I experienced people and places in books I never would have otherwise."

A neighbor recognized Mann's academic ability and helped him attend the Marshall University Laboratory High School in nearby Huntington, W.Va. Not only did Mann succeed academically, graduating as valedictorian in 1962, but he also acquired a burning desire to go to college. At Marshall, Mann met a recruiter from W&L who encouraged him to apply.

"Mother said we had distant family relations to Lee, which piqued my interest, but it was a conversation with Dean Frank Gilliam while visiting the University that helped make Washington and Lee my first choice," he noted.

With money earned from two jobs, scholarship aid, loans and financial help from relatives, Mann arrived ready to learn. "I was very unsophisticated and unrefined in the social graces, and I did not find the fraternity system welcoming," he remembered. "That said, W&L showed me a different world, and it transformed my life."

Mann's success in the classroom led to his acceptance at the School of Law. He began his career in Atlanta and eventually founded Mann Bracken L.L.C., which represents credit grantors and lenders. By the time he retired in 2007, the firm had grown from representing companies in Georgia to serving

major national and international clients, with offices in nine states.

Mann sold his interest in the firm last year and has decided to put his profits to work helping future W&L students with backgrounds similar to his. Through a \$5 million bequest to the University, the alumnus created the Milton Douglas Mann Memorial Scholarship Fund, which will provide scholarships

to undergraduate and law students who qualify for admission but are unable to afford the tuition.

"When I was a boy, I told one of my grandmothers that since she helped me so much and drove me where I needed to go, that when I was an adult, I would drive her around," said Mann. "She said, 'You can take care of me by taking care of your grandchildren.'"

Mann took her words to heart.

Although he does not have grandchildren, Mann has devoted time and energy to the young people in his community. He has volunteered with a State Bar of Georgia program that teaches high school students about the law. Mann's curriculum came right from W&L's own White Book, and he espoused the importance of not lying, cheating or stealing. He also used his personal story to demonstrate the importance of perseverance and making the right choices in life.

Mann hopes that future beneficiaries of his scholarship will learn the same lessons he did at the University, and that their time at W&L will give them new possibilities, as well. "Washington and Lee gave me a view into a new way of life and showed me how I could live that life," said Mann. "When I graduated, I felt like I had become a part of Washington and Lee, and I needed to return that gift. Also, I really think the most satisfying thing you can ever do in life is to help someone fulfill his destiny."

—Wendy Lovell '90



Doug Mann '66, '69L and his wife, Kay.

where Emily is an attorney at Sandberg, Phoenix, and von Gontard, in the business litigation department. Matt is a writer for the *Sporting News*.

Margaret Ogilvie Stacy '97 and her husband, **Will**, a daughter, Carolyn Bland, on Feb. 26. Maggie, a member of the Alumni Board of Directors, lives in Houston.

Mr. and Mrs. William R.B. Hershey '98, a daughter, Elizabeth Davenport, on Dec. 26, 2007. Eliza joins brother William.

Emily Raemore Rosenbaum '98 and her husband, **Michael**, a daughter, Anna Elizabeth, on Nov. 3, 2007. They live in South Euclid, Ohio.

Kendall C. Visinsky '98 and her husband, **David**, a daughter, Leighton Anne, on Jan. 4. They live in Memphis, Tenn.

Sarah Rector Amigone '99 and her husband, **Steve**, a daughter, Genevieve Susan, on Dec. 27, 2007. The family reside in Winston-Salem, N.C.

Sarah Aiman Belger '99 and her husband, **Jim**, a son, Matthew James, on March 7, 2008.

Kelley Landry Doiron '00 and **Luke '00**, a son, Luke Thomas Jr., on April 20, 2007. The family live in Huntsville, Ala.

Margaretta Maher Wagner '00 and her husband, **T.J.**, twins, daughter Katherine McMillan and son Philip Tilford, on Jan. 21. They join brother Tommy.

Sarah Schmidt Zipp '02 and her husband, **Aaron**, a daughter, Adelyn Rachel, on June 26, 2007. They live in Cortland, N.Y.

OBITUARIES

Edward L. Bond Jr. '35, of Peterborough, N.H., died on Nov. 25, 2007. He served in the Army during World War II and worked for Young & Rubicam in New York.

James D. Finley II '35L, of Virginia Beach, on Nov. 28, 2007. He served in the Coast Guard Reserve and was discharged as a lieutenant commander. He worked in the insur-

Harry Melvin Philpott '38, former president of Auburn University, died Jan. 28. He attended Yale University and received his doctorate in philosophy in 1947. An ordained Baptist minister, he served with the Chaplain Corps of the Naval Reserves during World War II. He was a professor of religion and a vice president at the University of Florida and dean of religious life at Stephens College in Columbia, Mo. While at Auburn, he guided the university through more than 14 years of growth and influenced public education throughout the state. He served as president of the National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges and as vice chairman of the Regional Education Board. He was chairman of the Alabama Education Study Commission and president of the Southeastern Conference. The recipient of many honorary degrees, he received one from W&L in 1966. He belonged to Kappa Alpha.

ance industry until his retirement in 1983. He belonged to Kappa Sigma.

James H. Rice Jr. '37, of Little Rock, Ark., died on Jan. 31. He served in the Army and earned the Bronze Star for heroic action in France during World War II. He graduated from Arkansas Law School and from the Stonier Graduate School of Banking at Rutgers University. He worked for First National Bank until he retired in 1984 as senior vice president and trust counsel.

Jonathan Ford '38, of Middlefield, Ohio, died on Jan. 8. He served in the Coast Guard during World War II and spent 10 years in Brazil working for Coca-Cola Bottling. He founded Rock Bottom Farms and became known for his award-winning streptocarpus and daylilies. He belonged to Delta Tau Delta.

George C. Kerr '39, of Willow Street, Pa., died on Dec. 13, 2007. He served in the Army during World War II. He was a graduate of the American Institute Banking Insurance Society and worked as an executive for General Adjuster Bureau Insurance until his retirement.

Paul B. Ayres '40, of Roanoke, died on May 1, 2007. He served in the Army during

World War II. He worked for Norfolk Southern Railroad until his retirement in 1979.

Guillermo Moscoso Jr. '40L, of San Juan, Puerto Rico, died on Jan. 29. He earned his law degree from Duke University and served in the U.S. Army for five years. He is the former president of Inter America Consultants Inc. Moscoso belonged to Phi Gamma Delta.

Louis C. Greentree '42, of Richmond, died on Jan. 4. He served in the Navy during World War II and returned to operate the family business, Greentree's Men's Clothier. He was honored as Retailer of the Year in 1956 and won numerous national honors for window displays. He attended many Alumni College programs on campus and abroad. He belonged to Zeta Beta Tau.

Albert Davis Darby Jr. '43, of Martinsburg, W.Va., died on Nov. 13, 2007. He was a member of the Washington Society and the Doremus Society. He served on the Alumni Board of Directors, as class agent and on his reunion committee. In 1990, he received the Distinguished Alumnus Award. Darby worked for *The Cumberland News* for 37 years. He belonged to Pi Kappa Phi.

Dr. Charles W. Broders '44, of Temple, Texas, died on Feb. 13. He earned his medical degree from the University of Nebraska and served in the Korean War with a Navy surgical team. He directed the surgical residency program at Scott & White Hospital until his retirement in 1988. Broders belonged to Phi Kappa Psi.

William S. Latz '44, of Fort Wayne, Ind., died on Dec. 9, 2007. He served with the Air Force in Burma. He also served in the Indiana state legislature and was the corporate secretary of Wolf & Dessauer department store. Latz belonged to Zeta Beta Tau.

Dr. R. Mark Blaydes '46, of Orlando, Fla., died on Oct. 27, 2004. He belonged to Phi Delta Theta.

Eugene R. Jacobsen III '46, of Arlington, Va., died on Nov. 8, 2007. He served as a primary naval flight instructor during World War II and maintained active reserve status after the war. Jacobsen was president of two businesses, Monticello Cleaners and Monticello Management.

The Hon. Howard M. Fender '48L, of Fort Worth, Texas, died on Jan. 26. He piloted 65 missions for the Army Air Force during World War II and earned the Distinguished Flying Cross. His career was dedicated to public service in the court system, and he worked as a senior judge. Fender belonged to Kappa Sigma.

Clarence A. Lee Jr. '49, of Jasper, Ala., died on July 7, 2007. He served in the Air Force during World War II and earned a degree in civil engineering from the University of Alabama. He was a member of the board of

James P. Stark '51, of Simpsonville, S.C., died Jan. 23. He served in the Air Force during the Korean War. He was the former owner and president of Allied/Western Business Forms. A football player, Stark was inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame as a member of the Gator Bowl team. He belonged to Sigma Chi.

trustees for Walker College and First Federal Savings & Loan. Lee belonged to Sigma Nu.

Mansford W. Masters '49, of Jefferson City, Mo., died on Nov. 21, 2007. He served in the Navy during World War II and was a longtime employee of Mel-par Electronics. He belonged to Phi Kappa Sigma.

Alfred B. Wexner '49, of Memphis, Tenn., died on Feb. 5. He was president of the Wexner Companies Inc. and owner of the high-end clothing store Joseph. He belonged to Zeta Beta Tau.

Raymond D. Coates '50, '53L, of Berlin, Md., died on Jan. 27. He served as the state's and county attorney for Worcester County and worked with his three sons and two daughters-in-law at the firm of Coates, Coates & Coates P.A. He founded the Berlin Little League and helped return organized football to the county. In 1996, Berlin honored him for his work with local sports programs. Coates belonged to Phi Kappa Sigma.

Richard W. Hynson Jr. '50, of Gaithersburg, Md., died on Feb. 9. He served in the Army and worked for Home Life Insurance Company of New York. Hynson belonged to Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

M. Harrison Joyce '50L, of Martinsville, Va., died on Dec. 19, 2007. He served in the Coast Guard during World War II and volunteered for Habitat for Humanity. He was a partner in the law firm of Stone, Joyce and Worthy. He belonged to Pi Kappa Alpha.

William E. King '50, of Bristol, Tenn., died on Oct. 23, 2007. He served in the Navy during World War II. King owned and operated Bill King Clothiers and later founded Charter Data

Systems. He belonged to Delta Tau Delta.

Kirby W. Malone '51, of St. Petersburg, Fla., died on Nov. 11, 2007. He served two years in the Army and finished school at the University of Florida. Malone was a CPA and a partner in the firm of Canning, Wells, & Salzer. He belonged to Sigma Nu.

Joe J. Sconce '51, of Fairfax, Va., died on Dec. 14, 2006. He belonged to Delta Upsilon.

Covert F. Baldwin '53, of West Palm Beach, Fla., died on Feb. 12. He served in the Marine Corps and was later a sales and marketing director in South America for several U.S.-based companies, including Revlon and Pfizer.

Carleton W. Flick '53, of Green Valley, Ariz., died on Aug. 28, 2007. He served two years in the Army during the Korean conflict and earned his M.B.A. from New York University. He held accounting management positions with three major corporations. He belonged to Lambda Chi Alpha.

Ross B. Grenard Jr. '54, of Lock Haven, Pa., died on Jan. 25.

Frank Nelson Light '52L, of Virginia Beach, died on Nov. 27, 2007. He was a member of the Washington Society. He served in the U.S. Navy for 28 years, retiring from the Naval Reserves as a commander. He was named a judge in 1956 and eventually became chief judge for Virginia's 22nd Circuit. He was an active member of the Episcopal Church and the Virginia Judicial Association, serving a term as its president. He was a life member of Descendants of the Signers of the Declaration of Independence. Light belonged to Phi Alpha Delta.

Clifford F. Malley II '54L, of Parkersburg, W.Va., died on Oct. 3, 2004.

Harry F. Malzeke '54, of Aurora, Ohio, died on Dec. 31, 2007. He practiced corporate tax law. He served in the Air Force in Korea. He belonged to Delta Upsilon.

Forney R. Daugeette Jr. '55, of Gadsden, Ala., died on Jan. 4. He served in the Army Transportation Corps. He spent 50 years at the Life Insurance Company of Alabama. He belonged to Sigma Chi.

James E. Law '57, of Ponte Vedra, Fla., died on Oct. 29, 2007. He worked in personnel management for the Navy and retired with the rank of captain in 1983. He also worked for AT&T.

Lester R. Hall '59, of Bristol, Va., died on Nov. 27, 2007. An educator, he spent the majority of his career in Bristol, where he retired as assistant superintendent in 1991.

C. Brooks Whitfield '59, of Aiken, S.C., died on Nov. 15, 2007. He produced and directed documentaries and other media for the Christian Science Church and the *Christian Science Monitor*. He belonged to Kappa Alpha.

J. Michael Winston '59, of Haymarket, Va., died on Jan. 30. He was president of Carey Winston Co., past president of the Mortgage Bankers' Association of Washington and a former trustee of the Wooster School. An avid yachtsman and sailor, he competed in dozens of races along the Eastern seaboard and

in the Atlantic. Winston belonged to Sigma Chi and was a member of the Cadaver Society. ©

Robin W. Frames '60, of Albuquerque, N.M., died on Dec. 27, 2007. He worked as a reporter for the *Baltimore Sun*, the *Associated Press*, the American Cancer Society and the *Albuquerque Journal*. He belonged to Lambda Chi Alpha.

Jerome A. Susskind '60L, of Jackson, Mich., died on June 11, 2005. He had a long career in workman's compensation and labor matters. He belonged to Delta Upsilon.

J. Harvey Allen Jr. '61, of Fort Worth, Texas, died on Nov. 6, 2007. He served in the Army with the 2nd Armored Division. He was the president of Allen & Assoc. in Dallas and served on the board of trustees at the St. Michael School and Holy Family School. Allen belonged to Kappa Sigma.

Herbert C. Jahncke Jr. '63, of Covington, La., died on Dec. 4, 2007. He attended the Stanford Graduate School of Business. He was captain of the swimming team and set several school records in that sport. He founded Royal Artist Inc. and worked for more than 30 years as a Mardi Gras float designer and builder.

Bruce H. Roberson '63, of Tampa, Fla., died on Dec. 26, 2007. As an officer in the Army, he served in Vietnam, where he received the Bronze Star. He was a partner in the law firm of Holland & Knight. Roberson belonged to Lambda Chi Alpha.

Andrew C. Hyde '64, of Hilton Head, S.C., died on Jan. 17. He held many positions with the New York City Transit Authority and later consulted for the transportation authorities of London and Washington. He served as vice chairman of the Bronx Museum of the Arts.

Samuel T. Patterson Jr. '64L, of Petersburg, Va., died on Feb. 20. He served stateside in the Army for two years. He was an appointed substitute judge in general district court, as well as the juvenile and domestic relations courts. He also worked as a special judge.

Murph, Legendary Head of Campus Security, Dies at 86

Charles Fletcher "Murph" Murray, the director of campus security at Washington and Lee from 1959 to 1991, died on March 16, 2008, in Lexington. He was 86 years old.

"Murph was one of the persons who shaped the character of Washington and Lee," said President Kenneth P. Ruscio '76. "He was legendary, a part of our history, and someone who left his mark on countless generations of students."

Murray was born in Lexington on Nov. 22, 1921. He grew up in Lexington and in Lynchburg, graduating from E.C. Glass High School there. During World War II, he served in the Marine Corps aboard the *U.S.S. Savannah*, patrolling the Mediterranean. He survived the German bombing of the ship during the 1943 Battle of Salerno, Italy.

After the service, Murray joined the Lexington Police Department. During his 12 years on the job, he developed a reputation for fairness and for investigative skill, qualities that stood him in good stead for his next career.

In January 1959, Murray began at W&L as what was then called University proctor. It was a new position, and the students were dubious. Before long, however, the W&L community knew he administered justice with fairness and common sense.

"He was a master at dispensing tough love," said Beau Dudley '74, '79L, executive director of alumni affairs. "Perhaps his greatest talent was knowing instinctively how to end a situation with minimum adverse consequences for all."

"He seemed to be omnipresent, befriending students and doing everything he could to keep them out of trouble," said Lewis G. John '58, professor of politics emeritus. As dean of students from 1969 to 1990, John worked closely with Murph. "He was my right-hand man," said John. "He knew more about student conduct than anybody else on campus."

"He had the ability to admonish a student, yet do it in such a way as to gain trust, respect and gratitude," said Jim Farrar '74, University secretary and assistant to the president.

"He believed in the Honor System," said Burr Datz '75, director of leadership development and coordinator of religious life, who worked as Murph's second-in-command from 1977 to 1988. Because of that belief, "every EC president knew without question that Murph had their back," said Datz.

Murph also solved crimes such as check forgery, auto theft and robbery. "He was an incredibly professional policeman," said Datz. He also wrote his fair share of parking tickets, his least favorite duty. And he did it all in such a hardworking and discreet manner that he appeared to need no sleep and to

possess an invisibility cloak.

When it came time for coffee and doughnuts, though, everyone knew where to find Murph—with his many friends in Doremus Gymnasium. He received the first R.E. "Chub" Yeakel Memorial Service Award for his support of W&L athletics and remained a devoted fan until his death.

When Murph retired in 1991, the W&L Board of Trustees passed a resolution honoring his "incalculable contribution to the life and well-being of this University." In 1989, W&L made him an honorary alumnus, the first of only five so far in the University's history.

Murph is survived by his wife of 62 years, Marita French Mays Murray; a niece, Martha Murray Fruendner, her husband, George, and son, Ian; and a nephew, Charles Richard Murray. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial contributions to Manly Memorial

Baptist Church, 202 S. Main St., Lexington, VA 24450, or to Millboro Christian Church, Millboro, VA 24460.



Murph Stories

President Ruscio said, "Whenever alumni gather, it doesn't take long for a Murph story to be told, often with laughter, always with fondness and respect." To share yours, please e-mail it to alumni@wlu.edu. We will post them on a Web site, go.wlu.edu/murph, for everyone to read and enjoy, and for possible compilation into a book.

Virginia Bumgardner Garrison '75L, of Staunton, Va., died Dec. 22, 2007. She was a member of the first class of women to graduate from the School of Law and served on the Law Council and the Alumni Board. She practiced in her father's firm and later formed Garrison Law Offices with her son. She was a member of the City of Staunton School Board, and an officer and board member of the S.P.C.A., and served on the board of directors of SunTrust Bank.

Dudley E. Henckels '67, of Fort Worth, Texas, died on Dec. 27, 2007. He ran a book-keeping service for many years. He belonged to Kappa Sigma.

Corwith Davis Jr. '71, of Charlottesville, died on Feb. 18. He ran a dairy, tended a vineyard and raised crops and cattle. He served on the Albemarle County Planning Commissions, the Farm Bureau Board and the Charlottesville-Albemarle Community Foundation. Davis belonged to Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

C. David Low '78, a NASA astronaut who served on W&L's Sciences Advisory Board, died March 15. He was an honorary member of ODK and belonged to Phi Kappa Sigma, which named him Alumnus of the Year in 1995. During his 12 years as an astronaut, he logged more than 714 hours in space on three space shuttle missions. After earning a B.A. in physics and engineering at W&L, he went on to earn a B.A. in mechanical engineering from Cornell University and a master's degree in aeronautics and astronautics

from Stanford University. From 1980 to 1984, he worked at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, Calif., where he was involved in preliminary planning for several planetary space probes. He also helped with the systems engineering design of the Galileo probe, a \$1.4 billion spacecraft launched from the shuttle Atlantis in 1990. He worked on the shuttle's robot arm system and on plans for future spacewalks. He also served as the space craft communicator, or "capcom," for three shuttle missions. He continued working for NASA for three years after his last flight. Based in Crystal City, Va., he served on the Russian Integration Team that worked out changes between Space Station Freedom and the international space station programs. He also assisted NASA's Legislative Affairs Office. He joined Dulles-based Orbital Sciences Corp. in 1996, serving as vice president of safety and mission assurance for the company's Launch Sys-

tems Group. In 2006, he became senior vice president and program manager for the company's Commercial Orbital Transportation Service program.

Stephanie W. Buonasera '87L, of Spotsylvania, Va., died on Dec. 16, 2007. She worked as a self-employed attorney in Spotsylvania County.

Thomas K. Kearney '87L, of Lewes Beach, Del., died on Jan. 7. He was a partner with Abrams and Adams Inc.

Craig Allen '97L, of Clearwater, Fla., died on Nov. 17, 2007. He was a scientific attorney for the National Science Foundation before his medical retirement in 2005.

Other Deaths

Robert F. Lawhorne Sr., a 10-year member of the Dining Services staff at W&L, died on March 2.

Betty Munger, Longtime Bookstore Manager at W&L, Dies at 91

Elizabeth Evans "Betty" Munger, the manager of W&L's bookstore from 1967-1983, died at Foxdale Village Retirement Community, State College, Pa., on March 26.



PHOTO BY SALLY MANN

Munger was born in 1916 in Braintree, Mass. A member of the second graduating class of Bennington College in 1937, she held a pre-med degree. She and her husband, Dr. Robert S. Munger '35, moved to Lexington in 1941. She founded the local chapter of the League

of Women Voters and served as head of the Botetourt-Rockbridge Library System.

Munger became the manager of the W&L bookstore in 1967, when it was housed in the former Co-op (now Holekamp Hall). She belonged to the Virginia College Stores Association, the American Bookseller Association and the National Association of College Stores, and served those organizations in various capacities, including as president of the Virginia group.

Munger contributed a chapter, "Trade Books on Campus," to a 1980 book, *Manual of Book Selling*. She also won a prize from the National Association of College Stores for her promotional ideas: A bookmark bearing a

quote, "When I get a little money, I buy books. And if any is left, I buy food and clothes"; and a popular shopping bag that customers called a "bookpoke." President Robert E. R. Huntley '50, '57L, told the association that "Betty combines talent as an efficient manager with a large measure of knowledge and excitement about literature, which has caused our bookstore to be one of the most stimulating places on campus." In 1973, Munger won the Ring-tum Phi Award for her contributions to W&L.

In 1951, the Mungers bought a large plot of land they dubbed Boxerwood and built a home there. Dr. Munger undertook extensive landscaping; after his death in 1988, Betty Munger continued the work. In 1997, under new owners, Boxerwood Nature Center & Woodland Garden opened to the public.

Betty Munger is survived by three children: Dr. Robert S. Munger III and his wife, Jill Nooney; Christopher E. Munger and his companion, Pat West; and Sally Munger Mann (former University photographer) and her husband, Larry Mann '70; and four grandchildren, Robert S. Munger IV, Emmett Mann, Jessie Mann '04 and Virginia Mann.

Contributions in her memory may be made to the Betty Munger Garden Fund, Foxdale Village, 500 E. Marylyn Ave., State College, PA 16801, or to the Boxerwood Education Association, 963 Ross Road, Lexington, VA 24450.

MARKING BEAUTIFUL MUSIC



In conjunction with Back River Records, guitarist/singer/songwriter Andrew "Drej" Corbett '94 (far left, and pronounced "dray-zh") and his band, the Cove, released their debut effort "Back To Vienna" in March 2008. Listen to the Cove's music at thecoveband.com. Below: The album cover and images from the music video.

Andrew Corbett '94 (son of James Corbett '62) spends his time pursuing two major interests: music and international business. He said, "At W&L I played in a few bands, one in particular called the Bodhisattvas. I think our entire tour consisted of two fraternity parties and one show on the Freshman Quad! After graduation, I started the Halls Corner Band, which ultimately featured Chris Holmes '94. We toured for a few years, but never really found success, so I made a career change and moved into technology."

Corbett works for the European division of Computer Sciences Corp., a global consulting, systems integration and outsourcing company. He splits his time between the UK, Central and Eastern Europe and the States, and at the moment calls London home.

Although it's his day job that pays the bills, it's music and songwriting that drive his creative passion. His new album, "Back To Vienna," started as a collection of songs based on his experiences in Vienna, where he lived off and on during the early 2000s. In late 2005 he formed the Cove with Will "Miro" McCormick (singer/songwriter) and Rob Knecht (songwriter/engineer). Recording with Londoner Rui Boomclick, Los Angeles drummer Paul Buckley and British harmony vox Lorna Jane Norris, the album was finished in 2007 and mixed by Chris Holden of *music2film* in Los Angeles. The Cove's 12-song album features Ameri-Brit pop-inspired rock tunes; piano and acoustic-

guitar driven ballads filled with electronica, loops and noiz; and even a bit of Southern alt-rock grittiness.

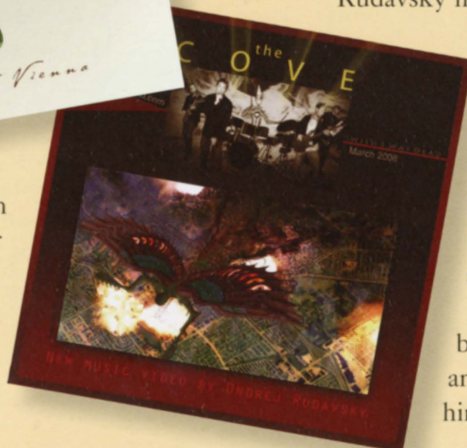
In the summer of 2007, after getting some airplay in Bratislava and Vienna with early mixes of two songs, "Back To Vienna" and "Forgotten," Corbett and his band teamed up with Ondrej Rudavsky (MTV Breakthrough Video of the Year winner, MTV-nominated Director of the Year and Grammy-nominated Best Music Video) to work on transforming the Cove music into a multimedia visual experience. The video release of the record's single, "Wish I Was Dead," was filmed on location in Vienna, Bratislava and New York City.

"Working with Rudavsky has been an amazing experience," said Corbett. "We first met in LA, talking mostly about Green-screens, HD technology and our album's storyline. Next we met in Bratislava, and while we're sketching ideas for the video, he's telling me about life as an artist in Slovakia, especially about life before the 1989 Velvet Revolution brought about positive political and social changes. He's such an interesting character, and we love how he reflects his creativity and experiences into our project."

What's most exciting for Corbett is that the Cove and Rudavsky have formed a production partner-

ship with more videos based on the "Back To Vienna" story in the works. Project Endeavor, as they're calling it, will take their fans on a sound-and-vision tour through a uniquely created animated world in which all is lost, all is found and all is resolved.

You can check out Corbett's band and video at thecoveband.com and myspace.com/thetruecove. E-mail him at Andrew@backriverrecords.com.





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W&L is going green — not just because it's spring, but because the University has and will continue to implement energy-saving measures. From installing low-flow showers in the dorms to composting leftover food from the dining hall to recycling paper and plastic, the W&L community is thoroughly invested in reducing its carbon footprint.

The Fall issue of the Alumni Magazine plans to cover all this and more. So what are alumni doing? We'd like to know.



Please send us your green stories. E-mail them to magazine@wlu.edu or by snail mail to Editor, Mattingly House #104, W&L, Lexington, VA 24450-2116.

