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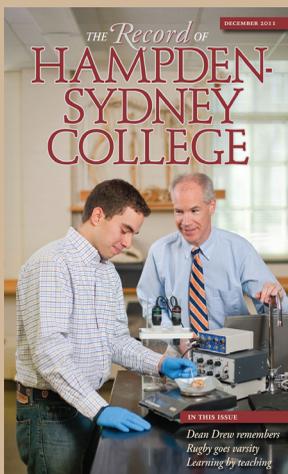
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# *For the love of art*

*Seven Hampden-Sydney students tell how art enriches their lives, in and out of class*

## *Richard Pantele '13*

*Government*

*Richmond, Virginia*

*Pianist*

"I've been playing the piano since I was six years old and I've had formal lessons for the past eight years. Having a piano in Winston Hall right next to the library is very convenient. Sometimes I come over here when I need to take a break from studying. All of my grandparents play piano or organ. My mother's mother played piano on the radio when she was my age and my aunt is a jazz pianist in Richmond. This is something I really like doing for myself. I've always wanted to be a concert pianist, but I never had the drive."

"I am classically trained; Chopin and Mozart are my favorite composers to play—Mozart because it is so direct and easy to read, Chopin, though, because it is very expressive and fun to play."

"I love the piano because it is so versatile. You can create any sound you want with it. We are lucky to have Steinways all over campus."





# *Barrett Keeler*

*Economics*

*Midlothian, Virginia*

*Painter*

“Like most people, I painted and drew pictures as a child because it was fun. I guess I’ve never stopped enjoying it, so I keep doing it. It’s been great to come to college and major in a subject like economics while continuing to paint, to learn from David Lewis, and to become a better artist.”

“I don’t know how art will fit into my life after college. I hope it will. It’s nice to be able to focus on a painting for a few hours—something I can completely control—and not have to think about schoolwork or anything else. I guess I use it as an escape, but having a piece of art when I’m finished is very rewarding too.”



# Chris Griggs '12

English

South Hill, Virginia

Actor

"I didn't do any theater until I auditioned for *Caucasian Chalk Circle*, a production at Hampden-Sydney my freshman year. It was something I had always been interested in doing but never really had the chance until I came here. We have such a supportive environment in the theatre here, which is probably one of the reasons I have gone on to take part in so many shows. My favorite role was Bob Cratchett in *A Christmas Carol*; Josh Jarrod '10 created an adaptation of the play for his senior thesis."

"I'm not going to pursue theatre as a career, but I can see myself taking part in community theatre, for sure."

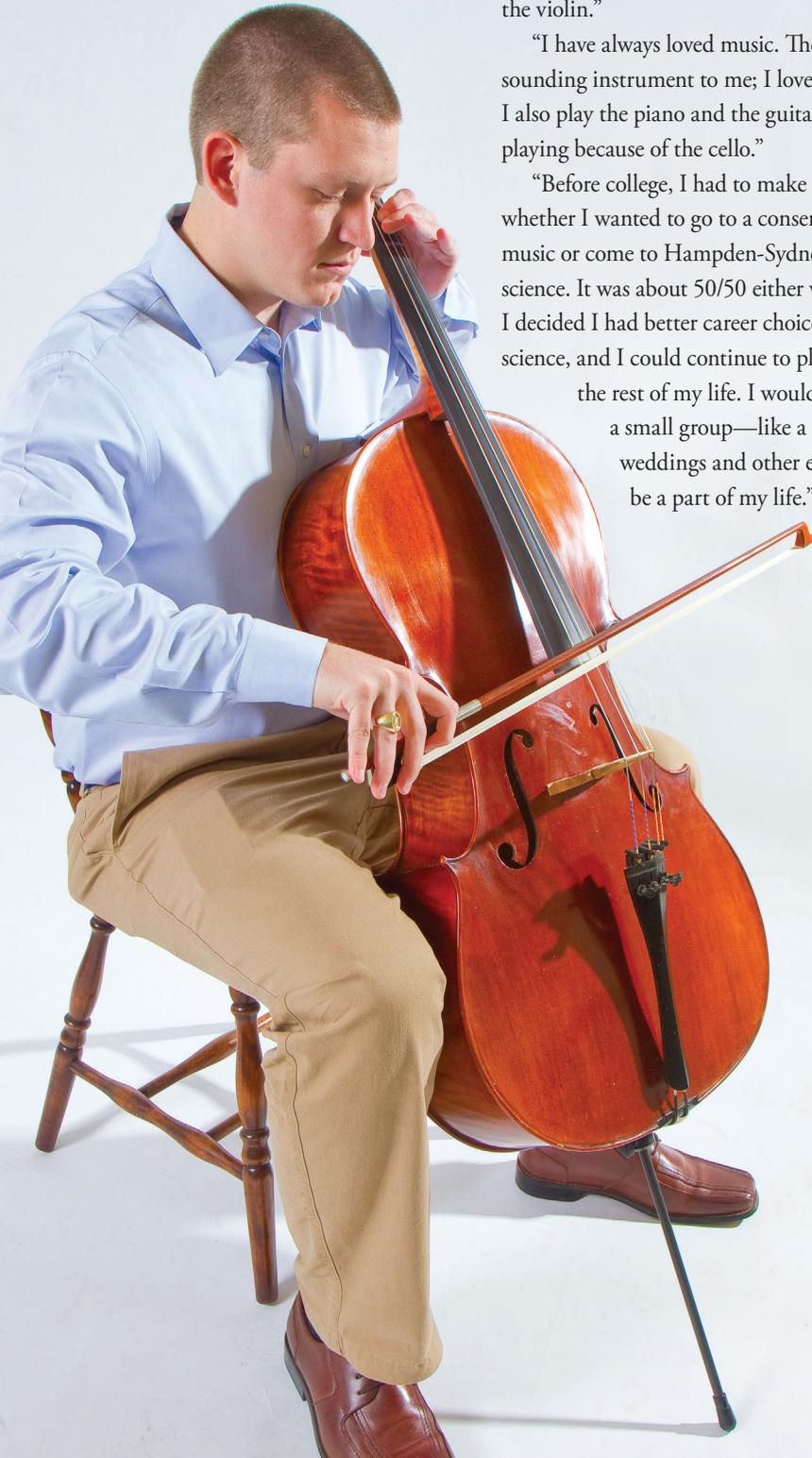


*Colin Nickerson '12*  
*Computer Science*  
*Newport News, Virginia*  
*Cellist*

“When I had to select an instrument for my middle school orchestra, I picked the cello. It seemed more manly than the violin.”

“I have always loved music. The cello is the purest sounding instrument to me; I love the way it sounds. I also play the piano and the guitar, which I started playing because of the cello.”

“Before college, I had to make a tough decision about whether I wanted to go to a conservatory and study music or come to Hampden-Sydney to study computer science. It was about 50/50 either way. In the end, though, I decided I had better career choices with computer science, and I could continue to play and enjoy music for the rest of my life. I would like to put together a small group—like a quartet—to play weddings and other events. Music will always be a part of my life.”



# Zach Hellmuth '13

*Economics*

*Alexandria, Virginia*

*Filmmaker*

“When I was in middle school I started messing around with a video camera, making movies with my friends, and I really liked it. I convinced my dad to get the family a nicer camera and really got into the process of making films. Since then, I saved some money and got a professional camera. After some advertising and some word of mouth, I started doing commercial work. What started with making movies for my friends has become real commercial work for clothing companies and sports companies, even some professional athletes like Shaun White.”

“I want to be happy doing what I do. The way I see it, I’ll never have to ‘work’ if I enjoy what I’m doing.”



# *Chase Grogg '13*

*Economics*

*Millbrook, New York*

*Singer*

“The Acousticals [a capella group] and the Men’s Chorus are a couple of great groups of guys. We practice three times a week and have a real blast together. I’ve been singing in choir since the third grade and joined an a capella group as a freshman in high school.”

“When I got to Hampden-Sydney I didn’t think I would sing in a group anymore, but I was encouraged by my advisor, Dr. Julia Palmer, to try out for the Acousticals, and I’ve loved it ever since. There have been a few highlights, like singing for the Founders at the Willard and caroling up and down Via Sacra at the homes of College faculty and staff.”



## *Andrew Nance '12*

*Psychology, Pre-Med*

*Clinton, North Carolina*

*Pianist*

“Music is a comfortable place for me. I can use it as a motivator, because I have succeeded in learning how to play, and as an escape from the hectic pace of the rest of my life. I’ve found that music is very comforting to other people, too, whether it’s my grandmother or at church or wherever. People don’t mind when I mess up; they just enjoy the fact that I am sharing my joy with them.”

“I didn’t start playing piano until my senior year in high school. Then I came to Hampden-Sydney and began taking lessons from Dr. [James] Kidd. I’ve been taking lessons from Dr. [David] Salvage for about two years. I love that music is something I can do every day and my work amounts to something. I might study for a test but have forgotten all of it in a year; my musical skills will be with me for the rest of my life.”

“I wanted to get to the level where I could play Mozart and Beethoven and Chopin. I knew there was no reason I couldn’t do it without enough practice. Now that I have, it is a great sense of accomplishment.”



# Blood, Sweat, and Cheers

A new chapter begins for Rugby at H-SC

JOHN LEE DUDLEY '95

As much of the world turned its gaze to New Zealand this summer to watch the Rugby World Cup, a determined group of young players were taking their home pitch at Hampden-Sydney College, competing not for international acclaim but for the glory of the Tigers and for their love of the game.

This spring, those same Hampden-Sydney rugby players will take the field but with more support and some higher expectations. After decades as only a school club, operating below the radar and by the sheer will of the members, the rugby team is moving under the umbrella of the Athletics Department as a varsity club sport.

Why a “varsity club” sport? Rugby is not sanctioned by the NCAA (the regulating body is USA Rugby), so the College cannot consider rugby a varsity sport. The varsity club designation, however, represents how the College

will regard the team and the expectations the College has for the players. Dr. **Saranna Thornton**, a professor of economics who has been coaching the team off-and-on since she came to the College in 1996, says, “As varsity players, they are playing with a higher level of commitment. They will come to all of the practices; they will play their hardest. They will play in intercollegiate matches.”

As a part of the Athletics Department, the Rugby Club has been removed from the student organizations budgeting process and will have

*The 1969 Rugby Football Team. Front Row: Paul Reiber '70, Johnny Ellis '70. Middle Row: Wink Weaver '69, Dick Waterman '70, Bob Knapp '69, Mike Tiller '69, Garnett Morton '70, Guy Brand '72, Mark Feldmann '70, Brandt Deal '70, Ned Schaaf '69. Standing: John Brinkley '59, Gordon Nash '71, Whiz McNeal '72, Boyd Scarborough '70, Paul Robbins '70, Charles Ewing '70, Rocky Van Patten '72.*



to raise a majority of its own funding. Also, the team now gets support from the athletic trainers and the Sports Information Office. Building and Grounds will continue to maintain the team's field behind Venable Hall, which was built using fill dirt from the construction of Bortz Library.

Thornton says, "It's the nicest field in college rugby in Virginia. It is beautifully maintained by Buildings and Grounds. Steve Boles, in particular, does a great job. This is a huge improvement from the field along College Road where the team used to play its matches."

The changes for rugby at Hampden-Sydney correspond with changes to intercollegiate rugby across Virginia. A new conference, under USA Rugby, mirrors the Old Dominion Athletic Conference used by our NCAA sports, so Hampden-Sydney's conference rivals will include only other Division III schools, such as Roanoke, Emory & Henry, and Randolph-Macon. This is a dramatic change from the College's historic matches against Longwood, University of Virginia, William & Mary, and University of Richmond. Thornton is excited about going head-to-head against similarly-sized schools.

She says, "Schools that are really D-II or D-I that are playing down a division in rugby will be forced to move to the division that matches their NCAA division. For example, right now VCU is D-III in rugby but D-I in other sports, so their rugby team will have to move up. Next year our conference will be all real D-III teams. This will

be much better for us. When you play a team like VCU, with 34,000 students—half of whom are men—it's tough to compete. We are drawing players from a student body of 1,000. That's a huge disadvantage. This change really puts us on a level playing field."

In the late 1960s, rugby was just beginning to gain popularity in the United States. Very few cities—and even fewer schools—had rugby teams. Hampden-Sydney College was one of the first schools in the Commonwealth to field a team.

**Johnny Ellis '70** was one of the founders of the Rugby Club. After playing rugby for a year in high school, he came to Hampden-Sydney and decided it would be a great environment for the sport. Two years later, in the fall of 1968, he and a small group of guys started the club's first season.

Ellis says, "Rugby is one of the fastest growing sports in the country right now, thanks mostly to the efforts to develop youth teams."

"When we were getting started, the only two guys on the team who had played rugby before were me and **Paul Reiber '70**, who had played the sport when he lived in England for a year. The sport was not very popular with the Athletics Department and we couldn't play games on campus on Sundays, which was when most of the games were played."

Reiber, who is now the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Vermont, recalls his early

*The 2010 rugby team, with Coach Saranna Thornton and founder Johnny Ellis '70 in the middle.*



exposure to rugby. “It was the year after I returned to the campus from living in England. While there, my brother and I joined and played for the Harpenden RFC, a club in Hertfordshire about 30 miles north of London. We were both immediately taken with the sport, a combination of brute force and finesse. My role on the pitch tended to the power positions, playing in the scrum as prop,



*A rugby game in 1971.*

lock and second row; his was more the artist as wing and fullback. There were many good vigorous games we played with teams from and around London, and we found the camaraderie positively infectious. After every game, the host club served a meal in the clubhouse to players and spectators, with plenty of libation and singing. When I returned to Hampden-Sydney, I expressed my interest in the sport to all who would listen, attracting the attention of some of Stokeley Fulton’s players—not happily from his point of view—and discovered that Johnny [Ellis] had developed the same interest in the sport. So we started the club.”

Two early supporters of the Rugby Club were **John Brinkley** ’59, who had developed a love of the game when he studied at Oxford University, and Dr. **John Hinchcliff**, a philosophy professor who had played the sport in his native country of New Zealand.

Reiber says, “I think it was thanks to the considerable influence of the great John Brinkley that we were not run off campus that first couple of years, while the leadership in the administration of the College came around to accept this different new club sport.”

Dr. Hinchcliff returned to his native New Zealand many years ago (he served for 20 years as the chancellor of Auckland University of Technology) but fondly recalls his years on The Hill. “There was already in place a team with

great camaraderie. So, it was a pleasure to be able to join with them and actively play my favorite game. Having played the game for 20 years or so and still young enough to kick the ball around a bit, I felt at home—except for the accent and the body blocks!”

He says Stokeley Fulton may not have fully appreciated having rugby on campus. “I fear the head football coach may have thought

I was a foreign oddball. I sought to emphasize the spirit of the game rather than our record of success. I deliberately did not bother to keep an account of our season’s losses and victories. So, when he asked me about our record I could say our results chart was not an issue and I really did not know.”

After Professor Hinchcliff left, there was no real rugby coach until the arrival of Dr. Saranna Thornton. Originally from New England, she had played rugby in college and graduate school. Her love for the game was the perfect fit for the Hampden-Sydney team, which had dwindled dramatically. “When I first came here, there were 16 guys on the rugby team, and team needs 15 to play. Now we have 42 guys, so the team has really grown tremendously.”

Part of that growth is a result of more students coming to college with at least some knowledge of the game. “In the United States, rugby is going through a major transition,” says Thornton. “It is beginning to build up at the high school level. It is the fastest growing sport in the country. One of the things I think we are going to start seeing in the future is more guys coming here who have played rugby before. Right now, we get maybe one guy a year who has played rugby in high school. We see a lot of guys who played sports in high school but didn’t want to commit to an NCAA sport with practice five days a week. They want to play a sport but not with that kind of time commitment. The other kind of guy you see in rugby are guys who

came here hoping that they'd be able to play one of the NCAA sports but got cut from the team. They still want to be involved in sports, so they come over to rugby. Because of where rugby is in the United States, good athletes can come over to the sport and pick up the game and play. We have two freshmen who are starting who never played rugby before this year, but they are

superb athletes who work hard and who picked up the game very easily.”

Rugby is not just a sport; there is very much a social element to the team. Many of the guys live in the same residence halls, they have an informal table in the Commons, and they socialize together after games.

Rugby is a rough-and-tumble sport. The phrase “Give blood—play rugby” appears on bumper stickers and t-shirts. Despite the physical toll it takes on players, most of them remain on the team from the time they start until they graduate. Ellis is proud to say that he still competes with a local Tidewater team, some 40 years after graduating from college.

Many alumni players continue to stay connected with the Hampden-Sydney team. Each year, alumni return to campus on the Saturday of Greek Week to play with (and against) the current team members. In the rugby tradition, they celebrate together after the game. Now, alumni will be able to follow the team more closely, thanks to its association with the Sports Information Office.

That connection may be vital for the rugby team, as it seeks out new sources of funding. With the change of the team's official designation as a “varsity club sport,” it becomes responsible for its own fundraising. Starting this spring, the team will no longer be a student club and will not be getting any money from the



*A rugby game in 2010.*

Student Finance Board; in the past it had been getting \$4,000 to cover transportation to matches and tournaments and for equipment. The players will continue to pay dues each semester (\$40), half of which will go toward the liability insurance required by USA Rugby. The players are provided their jerseys but buy their own cleats, shorts, and any additional personal equipment they may

want, such as protective headgear. Thornton and Ellis hope to raise \$10,000 annually for the team to cover transportation costs and equipment.

Plans for the future of rugby at Hampden-Sydney include hosting a high school rugby tournament on campus and, if Johnny Ellis gets his way, the team will travel and play overseas as it has done in the past. Ellis first took the club on a tour in 1971 to play three local clubs in Nassau.

“That was an unbelievable experience,” he recalls, “exactly the kind of thing we want to do with the club in the next few years. Traveling abroad is a tremendous educational experience, and playing rugby in a place where kids grow up around the game takes the sport to a new level.”

Thornton echoes this sentiment. She says, “Playing abroad is very beneficial for U.S. teams because the level of rugby in places like Ireland, Wales, England, Scotland—places where kids grow up playing rugby—is very different. For our guys to be able to go over there and see how rugby is played, and to see a culture where rugby is as important as football is here, is really transformative. Also, as a faculty member, I think it is very valuable for students to go abroad with a professor.”

For a team that has persevered for many years through the efforts of students alone, these are remarkable times. Some of the changes may prove challenging, but the opportunities that come with them are equally exciting.

# Dean Drew is not done teaching you

The former dean of students reflects on his career and gives some advice

LEWIS HARRISON DREW '60

“If you don’t know where you’re going, you will wind up somewhere else,” according to Yogi Bera. Hampden-Sydney does not have to worry, for it has a mission which has guided the College since its founding: “... to form good men and good citizens.”

This was our benchmark in student affairs during my years as dean of students, and everything we did as a staff we tried to relate to that institutional mission. Thus, it is very natural for me to offer to alumni in this article some observations, based on my own experience, concerning what qualities help make someone a better person, a good man and good citizen, in our terminology, and, also, an effective leader throughout life.

As dean of students, I saw many young men struggle with a multitude of decisions they had to make. Helping them grow into mature men was my job and my life. For many students, I was a bit like a father, a teacher, and a counselor—perhaps at times like Darth Vader—all rolled into one. While I was challenged as dean with determining the correct course of action for individual students experiencing difficulty, I also celebrated the successes of many more young men.

Now these former students are grown men. Some even have seen their own sons graduate from Hampden-Sydney. Because these men may now themselves be faced with moments when they must help a son or another young person recover from a bad decision, weigh multiple choice options, foster positive habits, or celebrate the simple victories of life—these are all things

I experienced as dean—I have collected some thoughts and opinions on life and leadership that may be of help.

Much of what I relate here was the basis of remarks made to the student leadership group The Society of '91 at their graduation ceremony in the spring of 2010; hence the occasional reference to books or articles read by the group and the emphasis on leadership. The principles espoused represent to this day some of my core beliefs and philosophically formed the basis of my work with students.

I urge you to keep in your library John W. Gardner’s book, *On Leadership: The Power of Character* by Michael S. Josephson and Wes Hanson; Steven L. Carter’s book *Integrity*; and *Letter from Birmingham Jail* by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Leaf through them from time to time, as continuing tools of inspiration and renewal as you go through the various phases of your adult life. Doing so will help you stay focused on, and be committed to, these ideals, which, in turn, will help you live a life worth living.

My mind goes back to a hot August day about thirty years ago, at the beginning of pre-season football camp—two-a-days. Coach Stokeley Fulton '54, a legendary coach after whom our football field is named, was talking

to the one hundred or so players gathered in the stadium. I was finishing up my three-mile walk and thought I would just stop and listen.

Those of us who knew Coach Fulton—he was my pitching coach in baseball and later became a dear friend and colleague—knew how competitive he was. He wanted to win—no doubt about it—and especially to beat Macon. In a word, he was intense. But, he also was a coach who believed he was a teacher, who saw himself as someone who wanted to use football and baseball to teach his players how to live.

As I stood on the road listening, Coach Fulton was talking about his expectations for their behavior on and off the football field. He was explaining how one could spend years building up a reputation for good character and how fast—in an instant almost—one could lose it by a foolish act or egregious behavior. He urged them to think, to anticipate outcomes before acting, and to remember they were representing not only themselves but also their families and the College.

That moment has stuck with me, for it reinforced my already strong belief that coaches (and others) can have an enormous influence on their players and that the best coaches teach both X's and O's and about character, sportsmanship, and how to live life.

Coach Fulton was a wonderful example for his players. We need to remember, though, that we are all examples to those around us, for better or worse.

Think about it. When people reflect on their lives and describe who influenced them the most for the better, it is almost always someone who was genuine and trustworthy; someone who was consistent, “walked the talk,” as we say; and someone who had high standards and held us to them. In other words, these people had integrity. They were who they seemed to us to be. What a

joy it is for any of us to have people in our lives who don't disappoint, who don't let us down. And, what a challenge it is to us to strive to be among those people who influence others for the better.

Most often we look to the famous or well positioned for our examples, for our inspiration. But, they are obviously not the only ones. I have been reminded time and time again—and moved, I might add—by how many ordinary people provide us with solid examples of leadership, good citizenship, and service to others. This lesson was driven home to me often when, as dean of students, I attended funerals of students' family members and was struck by the wonderful examples of the deceased, who had given of themselves in service to others and had lived lives which were inspirations to those



*Dean Drew watching the football team, 1980*

whom they had influenced, without themselves necessarily having been “big wheels.”

So, what makes some, whether famous or not, worthy of being emulated as models for the rest of us? Well, in no particular order, let's try these characteristics, among others:

- Exhibiting substance over flash.
- Being committed to long-term goals that are principled and then relating what you do on a regular basis to those goals—having a sense of purpose.
- Being strong enough not to let resistance

and momentary, even intense, unpopularity sway you from doing what you believe is right. This means you have to understand that you, as leader, may not even be around when some goals are realized. Your role may be to move the organization forward toward a worthy vision. Someone else may have to come in and complete the task. Think long-term, not short-term.

- Doing the right thing when doing such might be costly. Indeed, doing the right thing when risk or consequences are absent does not require much courage.
- Showing moral courage—standing on principle when facing adversity—typically is tougher than demonstrating physical courage.
- Being truthful and trustworthy. You can be at peace and can take a lot of heat if you know you have been honest.
- Being the same in private as in public—being genuine, having no guile.
- Being a giver, not a taker.

Coach John Wooden, the great UCLA basketball coach, with ten NCAA titles, the most ever, is reported to have said that the four things mankind craves the most are freedom, happiness, peace, and love, none of which can be obtained without first giving it to someone else.

So, how do you get to be one of those people worthy of emulation? Well, as I observed students and others at Hampden-Sydney and elsewhere over the years, those who were most worthy of setting the example knew who they were, “at bottom.”

Many issues and problems in life come at us without warning, giving us little or no time to prepare a response or to consult with someone else. At such times, it is especially important for us to know who we are “at bottom.”

Yes, in school we may have spent time on case studies and on ethics problems posed to generate discussion and presumed solutions. But in the type of situation to which I am referring, we are just “out there,” alone on a figurative island. What to do? Indeed, what to do if you are in your early years in business, for instance,

and your boss suggests strongly that you take a shortcut, an unethical one, to make a business action work out, at least in the short run?

Well, it is in your most private, reflective moments, when you do have time to consider who you are, what you really believe, and the principles and values that mean most to you and on which you will base your life—it is then that you have the chance to internalize these values so that when faced with an ethical or moral dilemma, unanticipated or otherwise, you react instinctively, your feeling of unease immediately letting you know that something is wrong here, and act accordingly.

You might well now be thinking, “This is all well and good, but very idealistic. How in the world can anyone measure up? After all, we are human!” But it is also human to strive, to reach for the best, for excellence.

Walter Lippman, a columnist for *Newsweek* magazine, years ago commented on this by writing (and I am paraphrasing) that striving always to do the right thing does not require that you be a “goody-goody.” Rather, it requires that you be strong, have moral courage, and act on principle. I like that because it is all too easy for us to fall back on the old line of excusing ourselves because we are “only human.” Remember, the key here is not being perfect; rather, it is striving for the best.

The Roman Emperor Marcus Aurelius spoke to this human dilemma: “Do not be distressed; do not despond or give up in despair if now and again practice falls short of perfect. Return to the attack after each failure, and be thankful if on the whole you can acquit yourself in the majority of cases as a man should.”

Stephen Carter, in his book *Integrity*, similarly refers to a sermon preached about two hundred years ago: “. . .not that one never fails to live a life governed by a duty to the good and the right, but rather that one always tries to.”

In other words, the overall tone of one’s life should be that when one falls short, that failure is recognized as atypical. This idea of persistence, of striving, is captured well by Sir Winston

Churchill's famous statement in 1941, before Pearl Harbor brought the U.S. into World War II, at a time when England was being devastated by German bombings. With great emotion, he rose and said, "Never give in. Never give in.

Never, never, never, never—in nothing great or small, large or petty—never give in, except to convictions of honor and good sense."

Clearly, then, leadership is not only about being, but also about acting. It's all about having convictions, acting on them, and being in the arena. Outside Graham Hall is a plaque on which is printed that wonderful, inspirational statement by Theodore Roosevelt:

"It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood, who strives valiantly, who errs and comes up short again and again...who spends himself in a worthy cause; who, at the best, knows in the end, the triumph of high achievement, and who at the worst, if he fails, at least he fails while daring greatly."

Since its first classes, Hampden-Sydney College has been committed to developing the best possible men by stressing the importance of integrity and character. Some in our society

today might question the relevance of an institution of higher education placing so much emphasis on these personal values. In response to an alumnus who had expressed some doubt about the relevance of the College's mission in

these modern times, then-President Samuel V. Wilson said, "Sound leadership has an essential requirement. It is called character. But the very first and most important ingredient of character is honor. Since 10 November 1775, Hampden-Sydney has been steadfastly producing men of character, men with honor. Disproportionately, our men have become leaders in far fields and numerous disciplines throughout the world. I submit that no college or university in this nation of ours does this better than we do."

Hampden-Sydney definitely makes a difference in the lives of its alumni.

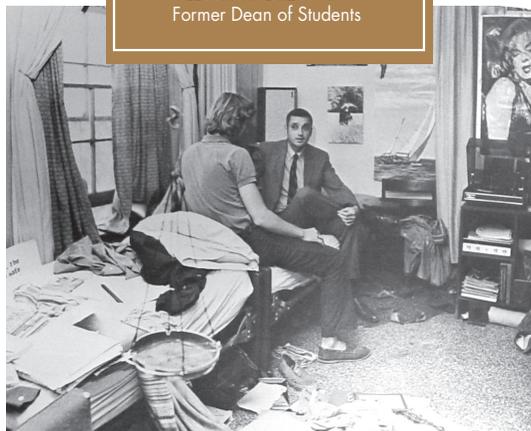
Paraphrasing Winston Churchill, I urge all of us alumni never to forget the best of what we learned on this Hill and to act on that knowledge and those values throughout our lives.

I want to end with these high thoughts from Paul's letter

to the Philippians to guide you as you think about the obligations and consequences of being a Hampden-Sydney Man: "Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things."

*As dean of students,  
I saw many young  
men struggle with a  
multitude of decisions  
they had to make.  
Helping them grow  
into mature men was  
my job and my life.  
For many students,  
I was a bit like a  
father, a teacher,  
and a counselor—  
perhaps at times like  
Darth Vader—  
all rolled into one.*

LEWIS H. DREW '60  
Former Dean of Students



Dean Drew counseling in a dorm room during the turbulent 70s.

# Learning through teaching

An economics student's education in South America

ALEXANDER C. CARTWRIGHT '13

You don't have to spend much time at Hampden-Sydney to learn that the professors and students on the second floor of Morton are passionate about their field of study: economics.

As spring semester 2011 came to a close I had been going to economics classes in the mornings, reading groups in the afternoons, and lectures hosted by the Center for Study of Political Economy in the evenings; I realized I was in a deep romance with economics, and I was not going to be able to wait until classes started again in August to continue it.

Even though I knew I wanted to do some work related to economics over the summer, I did not know where to start looking. As a Spanish minor, I wanted to partake in some kind of study-abroad experience before the end of my time at Hampden-Sydney, but I did not know how I could mesh studying abroad with both Spanish and economics. One evening, I 'attended' a webinar put on by Students for

Liberty about finding an internship where one can advance free-market ideas. I asked the presenter if he knew where I could look for opportunities to intern with an economics-related organization in a Spanish-speaking country, and to my surprise, he pointed me to the ATLAS foundation, a database of free-market think-tanks around the world.

Armed with a short list of think-tanks in South America, I sent out my résumé to several different organizations. Shortly thereafter, I learned that one of the organizations I e-mailed had forwarded my information to The Escuela Cristiana de Liderazgo in Iquitos, Peru, a town of about 500,000 people on the banks of the Amazon River. They offered me a position lecturing in economics. The school offers

*Alex Cartwright '13 (center) with some of his economics students in Peru.*



four-to-six week citizenship programs that include classes in religion, law, leadership, and economics to select secondary school students, university students, and interested adults.

The director explained to me that, though all the faculty are very versed in political literature related to libertarianism free-market ideas, the staff and school lacked the formal training in pure economics needed to connect the dots between politics and economics. Shockingly, this is where I got to contribute.

After spending six weeks in San Jose, Costa Rica, taking Spanish classes and interning at a micro-finance bank, I left for Peru with sharpened Spanish skills and an enthusiasm for using market based solutions to combat social problems. During the long flight from Costa Rica to Peru, I realized just how ridiculous it was for me to be going to a new country to meet and live with complete strangers whom I had met only via the Internet. However, when I got to the school and was waiting to speak with the director, I noticed the bookshelves in the waiting room held titles by Mises, Hayek, Kirzner, and many other famous economists whom I had read while at Hampden-Sydney. I knew I was with people who shared my ideas about economics, and my fears eased away.

During my two weeks in Iquitos, I got to teach four classes each day, including “Economía: una Introducción.” I taught the basic supply-and-demand model along with its implications, basic concepts in law and economics, and some public choice economics. Outside of my classes, I was taken to give lectures at secondary schools, nursing schools, and churches. During my lectures, I questioned some of their most basic assumptions about economic life, which quickly made me one of the most controversial people in town. Economic arguments about how the minimum wage increases unemployment, the drug war

is counterproductive, legalized prostitution can reduce the prevalence of STDs, and self-interest leading to the social good, were completely foreign ideas.

After my lectures, I always expected objections

to my arguments, but I could never accurately anticipate the questions that the Peruvians would ask. I found myself put on the chopping block about why the U.S., the perceived beacon of capitalism, gave bailout packages, stimulus packages, and uses all kinds of other types of non-market-based policies. I also had to defend being a moral, drug-free, non-promiscuous person and still advocate for legalized

drugs and prostitutes.

All of these questions devolved into discussions about the individual responsibility we each have when given liberty, the authority citizens have to use government to re-distribute moral values, and the differences between economic and political incentives. These Q&A sessions were no doubt the most valuable part of each day, not only for my students but also for me. The answers to questions I was asked are not printed in an economics text book or magazine; instead they are the result of research projects, long discussions with professors, and texts I read in non-economics classes. In other words, it took the Hampden-Sydney liberal arts prospective to really be a good teacher.

I left Peru amazed at how people half way around the world, too religious to drink coffee or dance and too primitive to have warm water and toilet seats, have such different worldviews than mine, yet they hope to live in a just, prosperous, capitalist, and free society just as I do.

This winter, I will be returning to South America, to Peru, to continue to learn about economics as a teacher, this time focusing on entrepreneurship in the market process. Later I travel to Santiago, Chile, to learn about the challenges to economics from outside a U.S perspective.

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ALEXANDER C. CARTWRIGHT '13  
Economics teacher in Peru

# *Beating the ultimate terror*

*Students learn to speak in public at the Ferguson Center*

DR. CLAIRE DEAL, DIRECTOR OF THE FCPS

Cat got your tongue? Concerned about an upcoming oral presentation, debate, briefing, or interview? Baffled at the prospect of an oral exam? Does the thought of speaking before a group make your stomach churn? Eager to present your honors project but unsure of how to organize your material? Need help preparing to share your paper at a professional conference?

For many people, public speaking is the ultimate horror, beating out heights, insects, snakes, financial problems, deep water, illness, and, yes, even death. The good news for presenters is that stage fright and its accompanying symptoms can be controlled. Contrary to popular belief, effective public speakers are not “natural-born speakers.” Public speaking, like any other skill, can be mastered through proper training, thorough preparation, and sufficient practice.

That’s where the Ferguson Center for Public Speaking (FCPS) comes in. Established in 2007 with funds provided by Ferguson Enterprises, the FCPS has a very simple mission: to help Hampden-Sydney students and other members of our community improve their oral presentation skills. Located on the main floor of the Bortz Library, the FCPS welcomes students, faculty, staff, and community members.

Services at the Ferguson Center include assistance with a range of oral skills, such as narrowing the topic, adapting to the rhetorical situation, researching the topic using both scholarly and popular sources, designing and using audiovisual aids if needed, coping with speaking anxiety, improving both verbal and non-verbal delivery, organizing group presentations, and preparing presentations for professional meetings and conferences.

An instructional DVD series is available for students who seek additional help outside of the Center.

## *What Happens in a FCPS Consultation?*

Aspiring speakers who make their way to the FCPS find that the consultants staffing the Center are attentive listeners and supportive critics: the consultants, too, have experienced the sweaty palms and dry mouth that many novice (and accomplished!) speakers feel. The majority of the student consultants have completed both Rhetoric 210 (Public Speaking) and Rhetoric 310 (Advanced Public Speaking) in addition to regular tutor training workshops throughout the academic year. Faculty tutors are also available to assist clients; Associate Director of the FCPS Tim Wommack and I work in the Center four afternoons per week. Student tutors work in the FCPS Sunday through Thursday evenings.

All of the tutors offer clients one-to-one assistance in both the preparation and practice of speech making. The preparation step involves working with a consultant, if necessary, to prepare a well-organized and well-reasoned outline with sufficient and appropriate evidence for the speech goal, whether it be to inform the audience or to persuade them to change an attitude, value, or belief. During the practice phase of the consultation, speakers present their speech as the

consultant records it on a DVD. The consultant and the speaker then watch the DVD together, discussing both the strong points of the speech as well as areas that may need improvement.

*Open Mouth. Insert Knowledge.*

In addition to providing tutoring services for students, the FCPS serves faculty members across the disciplines who want to incorporate oral communication activities in their classes. Faculty members who do so enjoy increased student learning of course content as students actively engage in the formulation and expression of ideas. Oral presentations, debates, group discussions, role-plays, interviews, and panel presentations are just a few of the many oral communication options available to instructors.

Professor Wommack and I are available to meet with other professors to help them design, implement, and evaluate various types of oral activities, as well as to offer tips for encouraging active and civil discussion in the classroom. In addition to working with individual faculty members, we also visit the professors' classes and



*Dr. Claire Deal, Director of the Ferguson Center for Public Speaking*

speak with students about the basic steps in planning and delivering oral presentations. Students then come to the FCPS to rehearse their speeches so that their skills come presentation day.

*Ready to get serious?*

Students who wish to study the principles of public speaking in more depth are encouraged to enroll in one of Hampden-Sydney College's public speaking courses; these students visit the FCPS throughout the semester to work on individual and group presentations. The College now offers two public speaking courses, Rhetoric 210 (Public Speaking) and Rhetoric 310 (Advanced Public Speaking), both of which are required for a minor in Rhetoric.

Human communication is a powerful and complex process; it is a combination of art, science, and skill. As such, it can be learned, practiced, and improved. The Ferguson Center for Public Speaking is a place where aspiring orators, future leaders, and Hampden-Sydney's good people and good citizens can speak their minds, so that someday they may change the world.

*Professor Deal reviews videos of speeches to help students feel—and act—confident in front of an audience.*



## Werth honored for excellence in teaching

Another Hampden-Sydney professor has been recognized for excellence in the classroom. Dr. **Alexander J. Werth**, Elliot Professor of Biology, is the 2011 recipient of The Virginia Foundation for Independent College's Hiter H. Harris, Jr. Memorial Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching.

The award recognizes Dr. Werth for his clear and abiding commitment to the craft of classroom teaching, the teaching-learning process, and the development of each student as an individual.

"I am truly honored and humbled by this award," says Werth. "But the real significance is in affirming the value we place on teaching at Hampden-Sydney, where educating students comes first and foremost. What motivates me each morning are the many colleagues who have dedicated their lives to teaching, professors from

whom I draw daily inspiration and advice. I've learned from the very best: Lee Cohen, Anne Lund, and countless others. But the best part of my job is spending each day discussing ideas with students and supervising their research projects, harnessing their enthusiasm and honing their plans. I get to learn from students every day. I can't imagine a better job in the world."

In announcing the 2011 Harris Award recipient, **Robert Woltz '71**, chairman of the VFIC, noted that "the selection committee focused on four criteria in the review process: the nominee's impact on and involvement with undergraduate students; scholarly approach to teaching and learning; contributions to undergraduate education in the institution, community and profession; and, endorsements from colleagues and current or former students. We are pleased to recognize Dr. Werth for his 19-year commitment

*Professor Werth (center) with President Howard and VFIC chairman Robert Woltz '71.*



to the students at Hampden-Sydney College and around the country.”

The Harris Award was created through an endowment gift from the family of the late Hiter Harris, Jr., a leading Virginia banker and a member of VFIC’s board from 1973 to 1998. It includes a stipend to support the recipient’s scholarly research and professional development activities. The Harris family endowed the award to highlight the special features of VFIC colleges and universities by recognizing faculty members “whose professional history reflects a strong, clear, and abiding commitment to excellence in classroom teaching within the undergraduate liberal arts and sciences.”

A graduate of Duke University with a Ph.D.

## Shakespeare’s *Henry V*: A guide for teaching leadership

Looking at leadership and warfare through the lens of classic literature, this semester students and faculty dug deeply into William Shakespeare’s historical play *Henry V*. They examined the work through lectures on leadership and interpretations of the play, including a student production on the stage of Johns Auditorium.

Dr. Steele Nowlin of the English Department lectured on popular film adaptations of *Henry V*, including Kenneth Branagh’s version of the play on film and selections from the World War II epic *Band of Brothers*, surveying how several big-budget film and television programs have borrowed and transformed aspects of the play—especially the famous St. Crispin’s Day speech.

Members of the American Shakespeare Center led a workshop on how the models of good and bad leadership are expressed in the play. Then students in the stage production trained with actors from the Center while others worked on public speaking in leadership.

Lt. Col. L. Rucker Snead III ’81, the director of career development at the College, tapped into

from Harvard, “Dr. Werth is an accomplished scholar who publishes extensively within his scientific discipline; he publishes articles at a rate that is laudable for a scholar at a small liberal arts college with an especially heavy teaching load,” says Dr. Robert T. Herdegen III, dean of the faculty at Hampden-Sydney College. “He is an extraordinary teacher, who teaches by example. Students see that he puts into practice the lessons that he gives them, demonstrating that one can gain full appreciation of the world in which we live only with a knowledge and understanding of sciences, the humanities, and the social sciences. Students learn these lessons in his classroom, but they also learn by emulating the example he sets for them.”

his experience in the military and working with business executives to present a discussion on leadership styles.

The stage production of *Henry V* is particularly appropriate for Hampden-Sydney, as Theatre Professor and Director Shirley Kagan

says, “In the play, we see a boy grow to a man and that man grapple with the question of citizenship in the attempt to become a great leader.”

She adds, “We are going through an age which seems increasingly obsessed with the virtues of standing out from the crowd, individualizing ourselves, starting in the realty shows of our own lives. Being just a citizen is somehow not distinguished enough. But as

Henry himself (portrayed by Beau Bryan ’13) indicates in this passage, being a citizen carries an awesome responsibility: ‘Every subject’s soul is his own.’ It is not a leader, or at least not a good one, who will tell us who we should be, what we should think, how we should feel, in what we should believe. We need to learn how to do these things for ourselves so we can live well but also so that we can figure out which leader is worthy of our trust.”



## In print: Romney and religion

As the race for the Republican nomination for President of the United States gathers speed, Mitt Romney's religion is getting more attention. If elected, he would be the first Mormon President in this country's history.

Dr. **Matthew Bowman**, a visiting assistant professor of religion, recently published the article "Mormonism's Surprisingly Deep Affinity for Progressive Politics" in *The New Republic* ([www.tnr.com](http://www.tnr.com)). In the article, he explains how Mormons of the early 20th Century saw reflections of their own beliefs in the growing progressive movement of the time and used that movement to move into the mainstream. The Romney we see, says Bowman, is the product of this marriage between the political and religious groups.

In the article he says: "The instincts that made Romney a success in American capitalism are derived from his progressive inheritance. As a businessman and politician he has proven himself a pragmatic technocrat committed to efficiency and ordered cooperative effort. He presents himself as a problem solver, confronts challenges through the deliberative consensus of meetings, and doesn't offer only ten or twelve economic pro-



Matthew Bowman, Religion

posals when he can come up with 59. He believes that administration can change the world. But he is not merely a pragmatic technocrat; he is a pragmatic technocrat who believes that competent management can solve humanity's problems, nourish civilization, and even cultivate virtue. He, like many Mormons before him, bears a profound faith in the efficacy of organizations."

Random House will publish Dr. Bowman's book *The Mormon People: The Making of an American Faith* in January.

## "Rev. Willie" releases *Bad Friday*

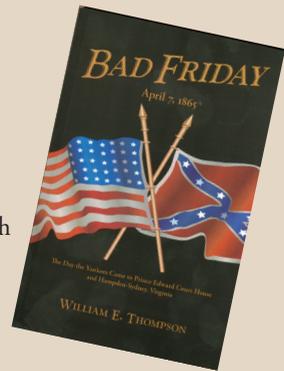
The final days leading up to the surrender at Appomattox Court House involved a stopover by the Union forces at Prince Edward Court House and Hampden-Sydney. This visit is chronicled in detail in *Bad Friday*, a new book by the Reverend William E. Thompson, retired chaplain at Hampden-Sydney College.

"Bad Friday," as the Union visit on April 7, 1865, was known to locals at the time, was the follow-up to the battle at Sailor's Creek and the precursor to the Confederate's last gasp days later. Thompson examines the effect on Hampden-Sydney College by the encampment of General Philip Sheridan's Union cavalry and General Charles Griffin's corps of infantry as the Union Army's left flank moved west from Richmond.

Of his title, Thompson says, "I fully recognize that what I am calling Bad Friday ... certainly turned out to be 'as good as it could possibly be,'

because in the wake of the onward-marching Union Army's Friday activities both the Confederate surrender at Appomattox became virtually inevitable and the liberation of African-American people of enforced servitude became possible ... although their freedom from bondage would not officially become a "law-of-the-land" reality until the 13th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was ratified on December 18, 1865."

Thompson's career as a Presbyterian minister spanned 50 years, including 14 years at College Church (1988-2002). In 2010, he published *Her Walls Before Thee Stand*, a 235-year history of College Church. He is writing a history of The Hampden-Sydney Boys, the first college-boy military company to exchange battle fire during the Civil War.



## New perspectives on the Old Dominion

Dr. **John C. Coombs**, associate professor of history, has published, with Dr. Douglas Bradburn of Binghamton University, the book *Early Modern Virginia: Reconsidering the Old Dominion*, a collection of essays on 17th-century Virginia. This is the first such collection on the Chesapeake in nearly 25 years.

Coombs and Bradburn edited a collection from contributors who represent some of the best of a younger generation of scholars who are building on, but also criticizing and moving beyond, the work of the so-called Chesapeake School of social history that dominated the historiography of the region in the 1970s and 1980s. Employing a variety of methodologies, analytical strategies, and types of evidence, these essays explore a wide range of topics and offer a fresh look at the early religious, political, economic, social, and intellectual life of the colony.

“We are hoping that *Early Modern Virginia* will appeal to both scholars and the interested public,” says Coombs. “It is an academic volume (in the sense that the essays are based on original research and thoroughly documented), but our charge to the authors was that their essays be

directed toward an educated general audience rather than just specialists. Thankfully I think they all met that requirement, and consequently anyone who reads the book will not only be able to understand the essays but will learn a lot about early Virginia—from religion to government, trade to imperialism, slavery to Native American society, landscape to household life—that they probably didn’t know.”

The essays in *Early Modern Virginia* were presented in 2007—the 400th anniversary of the establishment of Jamestown—at a symposium at the Robert H. Smith International Center for Jefferson Studies at Monticello. Coombs says, “This essay collection, like the symposium, is intended to suggest new angles of view, new approaches, and new arguments that help advance our understanding of the development, settlement, and nature of life in the Old Dominion’s first century. Over time I think it will be seen as one of the most important academic publications conceived to mark Virginia’s anniversary.”

Dr. Coombs has a B.A. from Arizona State University and a Ph.D. from the College of William & Mary.

*Professor John Coombs (center) with students.*



## Teaching the lesson of philanthropy

BY SPENCER CONOVER '10, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF ANNUAL GIVING

"We make a living from what we get, but we make a life by what we give." These words from Winston Churchill have become a mantra among students on The Hill. In the last couple of years, our students have reinvigorated their dedication to public service, and through the efforts of the three-year-old Philanthropy Week campaign, the commitment to service and duty to *alma mater* has become a cornerstone of the students' culture of giving back.

Philanthropy Week is a student-led effort to educate students on the role that philanthropic giving plays in the life of the College. By providing information like how the College's budget functions, where scholarship money comes from, and how Hampden-Sydney is able to grow thanks to major gifts, students are learning the importance of giving back as alumni. During the week of September 26 through October 1, a team of thirty students set out across campus to talk face-to-face with their peers about the importance of giving to the College and other philanthropic causes.

The week's events kicked off with the public announcement of the Class of 2012 Scholarship in honor of **Jason M. Ferguson '96**, director of admissions. The class of 2012 chose to honor Mr. Ferguson for the personal impact he has had on them and for his fifteen-year career in the Admissions Office. **Taylor Pierce '12**, campaign chairman, remarked, "Many of my classmates

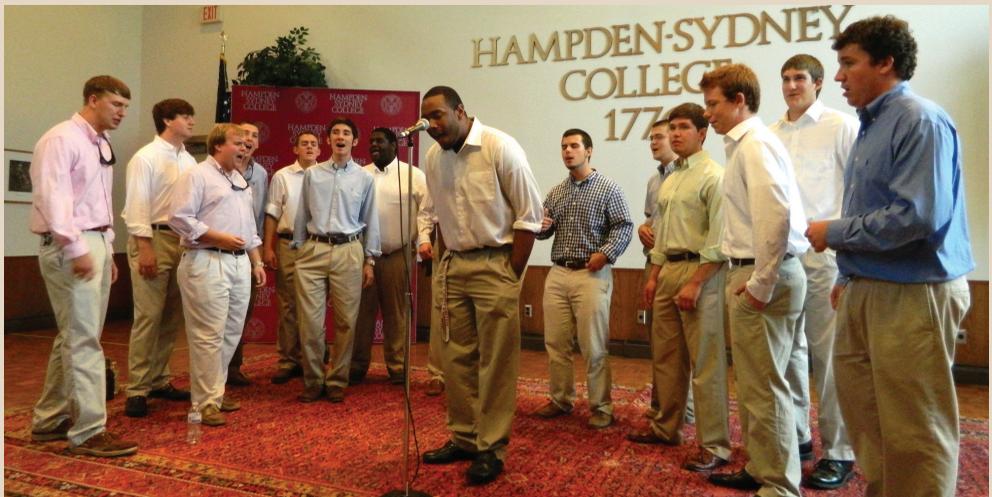


*Alexander Cartwright '13 (seated), Chairman of Philanthropy Week; Beckham Stanley '13, Vice-Chairman (standing left), and Richard Pantele '13, Vice-Chairman. Not pictured: Vice Chairman Tarun Sharma '15.*

wouldn't be at Hampden-Sydney if it weren't for Jason. So many people are thankful that Jason helped them get to Hampden-Sydney." The seniors have set out to raise \$5,000, which will fund two scholarships to be given to students next fall.

In just one week, 35% of the student body made a gift to the College. Nearly 40% of fraternity members made a gift during Philanthropy Week, including 100% of the Kappa Sigma brothers. Athletes also performed quite well, reaching 35% giving participation; the basketball team delivered a slam dunk with 100% participation.

*The Acousticals, Hampden-Sydney's student-led a capella group, gave their fall concert in Crawley Forum.*



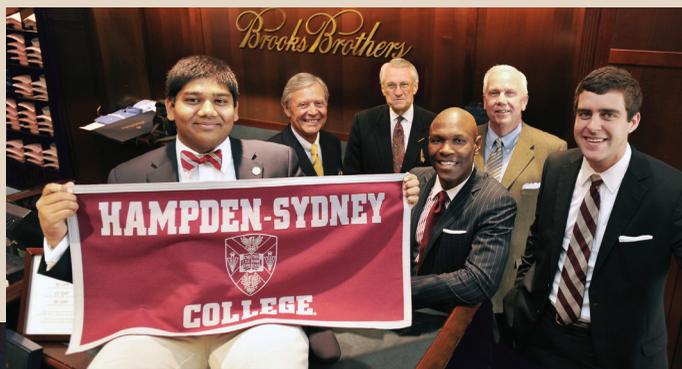


*Keeping with tradition, President and Mrs. Howard distributed dictionaries to the entire second grade class at Prince Edward County Elementary School this fall. Area children have benefited from this practice for more than a decade; Dr. Walter M. Bortz III began giving dictionaries to elementary students as part of his inauguration as president of the College. Thousands of children have received this generous—and practical—gift to illustrate both their potential and Hampden-Sydney College's commitment to education.*

*This fall, Hampden-Sydney College was the focus of the window display at Richmond's Stony Point Fashion Park Brooks Brothers. The store's manager, Jim Moore, has been to the College regularly (including this semester) to guide students through the basics of timeless business attire for men. The store hosted a reception for alumni and prospective students on October 24. In September, Hampden-Sydney tailgating was featured in the Brooks Brothers blog "Of Rogues and Gentlemen," saying the tradition was "like something out of The Great Gatsby."*

RIGHT *At the reception on October 24: Tarun Sharma '15, Board Chairman Tom Allen '60, Tommy Shomo '69, President Howard, Brooks Brothers's Jim Moore, Drew Prehmus '08.*

BELOW *One of the "Growing up together" window displays.*



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# Sports News

DAVIS YAKE '09, SPORTS INFORMATION DIRECTOR

FOR TIGER SCHEDULES AND THE LATEST PROGRESS ON THE SEASON, VISIT [WWW.HSC.EDU/ATHLETICS.HTML](http://WWW.HSC.EDU/ATHLETICS.HTML)

## *Tigers dive into swimming*

Few people at Hampden-Sydney College are as excited about the announcement of a swim team as **Ke Shang '13**. The longtime swimmer says he dreamt of starting a swim team, even as he waited in his native China to matriculate as a freshman. The announcement on October 28 was his dream come true.

Fourteen student-athletes joined President **Christopher Howard**, Athletic Director **Richard Epperson '79**, and Head Swim Coach **Betsy Pregelman** at Leggett Pool for the public announcement on October 28. This winter, the Tigers began limited competition as an official NCAA Division III swim team.

Mr. Epperson says, "We are confident that this program will immediately enhance our institutional retention and recruitment objectives for current and prospective student-athletes."

Coach Pregelman is already an established figure on campus. She serves as the head cross country coach and the assistant fitness director. She also coaches cross country, track and field, and swimming at local Fuqua School. "This is an exciting addition to the College, and I am honored to be a part of it," says Coach Pregelman. "I have full confidence in these athletes in this undertaking, and I know they will make us all proud as



*Senior Josh Hamilton on The Morning Swim Show*

representatives of Hampden-Sydney."

Swimmers from all four classes have been training and competing as a club sport for some time. Shang says they are eager to face NCAA-level competition, especially archrival Randolph-Macon College. He told *The Tiger* newspaper: "There are myriad

ways to kill a bug; it's time for the Tigers to drown the stinky Yellow Jacket!"

Senior Josh Hamilton appeared on *The Morning Swim Show* via Skype and discussed getting back into shape for competition, how the students transitioned their swimming club into a full-fledged NCAA team, and performed respectably at their first meet. He gave particular credit to Shang for pushing the administration to create the team. Although this his final year as a student, Hamilton added, "I'm just happy to be a part of the founding of it, helping these guys start something for future generations."

The regular swimming practices bring new life to Leggett Pool, which opened for the first time in January 1980. Although Hampden-Sydney has intermittently fielded both varsity and club water polo teams, the swim team is the first NCAA sport to use the facility. The athletic department recently completed a comprehensive renovation of Leggett Pool, which included a new pool surface. After additional equipment is purchased and

*The new swimming team at the announcement of its formation, with Coach Betsy Pregelman (at left), faculty advisor Evan Davis (second from right), and Athletic Director Richard Epperson '79 (right).*





*In the Tiger Walk, the football team proceeded to the Homecoming game between ranks of enthusiastic fans.*

installed, particularly an official timekeeping clock, the team will be able to host competition.

“The team and I appreciate all of the support that we have already received from our campus, the local community, area colleges, and some knowledgeable and helpful professionals in the national swimming associations,” Prengaman added. “I look forward to coaching our brand new swim team to an outstanding season and many more to come. Go Tigers!”

### *Tigers claim seventh ODAC Championship in 2011*

Despite not being picked to win in the ODAC Pre-season Poll for the first time since 2007, Hampden-Sydney stood atop the polls at the end of the regular season with an 8-2 overall record, 5-1 ODAC mark, and the school’s seventh ODAC Championship—the third in five years. The Tigers also received a bid to the NCAA Division III Football Championship for the third consecutive season.

After coaching the Tigers through an exciting season and to a third title, Head Coach **Marty Favret** was named the ODAC Coach of the Year. Favret was joined by 12 Tigers who earned All-ODAC recognition. Earning First-Team honors were senior receivers **Kyle Vance** and **Sean Cavanagh**, senior center **Ben Rogers**, sophomore left tackle **Will Ferrell**, junior linebacker **Kenny Fryman**, and sophomore defensive backs **Sean Stewart** and **Zach Morgan**. Taking home Second Team nods were senior quarterback **Travis Lane**, senior running back **Kirk Rohle** and senior defensive end **Mark Poydence**.

The Tigers again had a potent offense as their 340.55 passing yards ranked second nationally while their 474.45 yards of total offense and 41.91 points-per-game were seventh. Carrying the passing load was senior quarterback Travis Lane. Lane recorded the second most passing yards in the country while leading the ODAC in nearly every statistical category. The Richmond native

also threw for 32 touchdowns to just 12 interceptions.

Doing most of the receiving for Lane, was senior wide out Kyle Vance. Vance had one of the best seasons for a Hampden-Sydney receiver, breaking two records and placing in the top five of every other category for Tiger receivers. The senior ranked fourth in the nation in receptions-per-game (9.36, 103 overall) and fifth in yards-per-game (126.45, 1,391 overall). His 16 touchdown receptions are the most in school history in a single season.

On the ground, senior running back Kirk Rohle became just the third running back under Favret to rush for 1,000 yards. On the year, Rohle rushed for 1,023 yards and 18 touchdowns. Along with his three receiving touchdowns, his 11.45 points-per-game were eighth in the country.

*Senior receiver Kyle Vance*



The offensive onslaught started week one with a 63-9 win over Averett University and continued with wins over North Carolina Wesleyan (56-17) and Ferrum (38-14). In the North Carolina Wesleyan game, Lane was nearly flawless, going 28-of-32 for 389 yards and a record-tying seven touchdowns. After a 3-0 start, however, the Tigers hit a roadblock in Huntingdon College, falling 34-27.

Hampden-Sydney responded from the loss with three consecutive ODAC wins (Catholic—31-17, Bridgewater—28-14, Emory & Henry—38-36) heading into its bye week. The Tigers remained on the road and took a 63-49 win over Guilford after a week off.

With a 4-0 record in conference play, the table was set for an ODAC Championship rematch against defending champs Washington & Lee. The Tigers played the perfect

half to start the game, taking a 21-0 lead into intermission. The Generals rallied in the second half, but Hampden-Sydney prevailed Champions on Fulton Field with a 42-35 win.

Though the Tigers fell to Randolph-Macon in the regular season finale, they still had a week left advancing to the Playoffs. The Tigers hit the road in the post season for the first time since 2007, and were not able to overcome Centre's early 20-0 lead falling 51-41.

The Tigers graduate 16 seniors who posted a career record of 35-5.

### *Fast-paced play sparks Tiger basketball*

The Tigers were picked to finish second in the ODAC pre-season poll and were tabbed #23 in the *D3hoops.com* Pre-season Top-25 Poll. Junior **Harrison George** was also picked

as a Pre-season Fourth-Team All-American by *D3hoops.com*.

The Tigers are utilizing an exciting brand of basketball with full-court pressure defense and fast-break offense with lots of dunks. The style of play has led to tons of points being scored, an average of 87.4 points a game. H-SC has scored 80 or more points in five of their eight games and 70+ points in all eight.

The Tigers got the season off to a roaring start down in Alabama for the Huntingdon College Classic. They opened their season with a 99-86 win over LaGrange College and blew out host Huntingdon 98-71 to win the Classic.

H-SC then dropped a tight 81-79 contest to Methodist, but followed it up with an 89-67 win over Shenandoah in the South Region Hoops Challenge on the campus of Mary Washington. Hampden-Sydney then lost their second game of the Hoops Challenge 73-70 to USA South Athletic Conference pre-season favorite North Carolina Wesleyan.

The Tigers opened up their home slate on November 30 with an impressive 108-65 thrashing of Eastern Mennonite and cruised to an 81-72 win over Ferrum College. In the Ferrum contest, George scored 26 points en route to scoring his 1,000th career point. H-SC then rounded out their fall-semester schedule on December 7 with an impressive 75-53 victory over Randolph College.

The Tigers are showing off a dazzling display on the offensive end this year, torching the nets with a 52.1% field-goal percentage while also converting on 34.2% of their three pointers. Perhaps even more impressive has been the defense thus far. H-SC is limiting opponents to 71 points, a 42.3% field-goal percentage, a 30.1% conversion rate from beyond the arc, and 21.1 turnovers a game for a 0.49 assist-to-turnover ratio.

*Junior Harrison George*





*Defender Curran Blackwell*

George is leading the team in scoring at 17.4 points a game on 66.7% shooting while also adding 6.0 rebounds a game, six blocks, and 12 steals while averaging just 19.6 minutes. Senior **Ben Jessee** is posting 10.4 points a night and needs just 61 points to reach the 1,000-point plateau, while sophomore **Khobi Williamson** is checking in with 10.4 points and team-highs of 8.2 rebounds and 11 blocks.

The Tigers return to the court on December 29-30 as they host Pitt-Greensburg, John Jay, and Frostburg State in the Bojangles Christmas Classic.

### *Soccer strides on both sides of the pitch*

The soccer season ended in a bit of a disappointment, even against the most difficult field ever, as the Tigers' four ODAC wins proved to be the first time a four-win team did not make the ODAC tournament.

However, H-SC beat ODAC Tournament number-one seed Roanoke College 1-0 on Senior Day. They also defeated defending ODAC Champion and NCAA Finalist Lynchburg College 2-1, and took down Randolph College on the road 2-1, a team that would go on to win the ODAC Championship and reach the Sweet 16 of the NCAA Tournament.

Even with no ODAC berth, the Tigers showed improvement from a season ago. The 2011 squad finished with a 9-8 overall record while the 2010 Tigers had a 7-8-2 record in the regular season.

At season's end, three players earned All-ODAC honors. **Curran Blackwell** and **Nick DeProspero**

were each named to the first-team, while **Bryan Wharton** was tabbed to the second-team.

Blackwell, a defender, tied for the team lead in goals with six and also added an assist for 13 points. As one of the top defenders in the state and region, his contributions on the defensive end were numerous as he often was a major factor in shutting down an opponent's top offensive threat.

DeProspero posted three goals and a team-high five assists for 11 points. DeProspero was a valuable offensive creator and his tireless work ethic and hustle was evident in every game. With 24 assists through three seasons, DeProspero ranks third in H-SC history in career assists, three behind **Jonathan Thayer** (27) and six behind **J.R. Hughes** (30).

Wharton led the team in scoring with 15 points off six goals and three assists. One of the most prolific offensive threats in Hampden-Sydney history, Wharton concluded his career tied for second in career goals (56) and career points (105).

# Alumni Activities

MARK MEITZ '95, ALUMNI DIRECTOR

## *Tiger club events abound*

The summer and fall of 2011 have been very busy and exciting for alumni, parents, and friends.

The academic year began with a welcome party on August 19, honoring senior football players and their parents. It was hosted jointly by the Southside Club and Gridiron Club at the home of **Dickie Cralle '65**. From then on, each weekend was action packed. Supporting the Tigers all the way to their ODAC crown, alumni, parents, and fans complemented our nationally-recognized home football tailgating tradition with impressive gatherings at all of the away games. In Greensboro, the Triad Club welcomed travelers, and we outnumbered the home crowd at Guilford. Before the game, Tiger fans were treated to Barbecue from **Ryan Pitz '00**, owner of The North Carolina Barbecue Company. We look forward to your joining us next year as we continue this tradition and support the Tigers to another title.

Throughout the fall, the H-SC Club of Richmond maintained its regular monthly lunch program, in September welcoming new VP of Advancement, **Dr. H. Lee King '94**. In October, History Professor **Dr. John Coombs** talked about early Virginia history. Head Football Coach (and ODAC Coach of the Year) **Marty Favret** gave his annual address in November.

Beginning with an idea from its Young Alumni Committee, The Richmond Club also expanded its offerings by establishing a networking social hour (sometimes several hours) held on the second



*Bill and Cornelia Shumadine '66 at their tailgate.*

Wednesday of each month at the Blackfinn Restaurant downtown. The September gathering drew more than 60 alumni from the Class of 1977 through the Class of 2011.

On October 19, a group from within the Richmond Club and headed by **Joe Dunn '93** gathered for the first meeting of our Midlothian Club, which will operate as a component of the Richmond club, complement its activities, and expand the H-SC alumni footprint. The Club's first event will be a bus trip on

January 4 to cheer on Tiger Hoops as they face Virginia Wesleyan.

Our alumni in Southeastern Virginia will soon benefit from an expanded geography like the club in Central Virginia. The Western

Tidewater Club, headed by **Ben Brown '78**, will include the outlying areas of Chesapeake, Suffolk, Windsor, Franklin, Smithfield, Wakefield, and Zuni. The group's activities will complement those of our longstanding Peninsula and South Hampton Roads Clubs. On

October 20, these groups showed their solidarity at an annual event sponsored by **Ray Bottom '53** at the Nansemond River Golf Club in Suffolk. Alumni, parents, and prospective students were treated to remarks from Elliott Professor of Biology **Dr. Alexander Werth** and Dean of Admissions **Anita Garland**.

While some of the components of Homecoming changed this year—we played Bridgewater rather than W&L and had the first annual Hampden-Sydney Grilling Competition—the results of the weekend were very

familiar. The Tigers got a victory and thousands of you enjoyed a perfect day catching up with old friends, making new ones, and taking the occasional stroll across campus or down memory lane.

Other clubs met throughout the fall. The Lynchburg Club, winners of the 2011 Waters Cup for Small Clubs, held their quarterly luncheon at Terrace on the James and heard from Assistant Dean of Students **Wes Lawson '03**. In October, the Hampden-Sydney Club of New York held a happy hour in Manhattan. In November, Head lacrosse coach **Ray Rostan** spoke to The Maryland Club at an alumni-admissions event in Annapolis. Then, in conjunction with the Wilson Center, the DC Club held its signature event at the office of George Albright, overlooking the White House (*see photo on page 48*). **Dr. Howard** introduced his dear friend, *New York Times* writer **Eric Schmitt**, author of *Counterstrike: The Untold Story of America's Secret Campaign Against Al-Qaeda*, to the large crowd.

On November 11 (11/11/11), the night before the Macon Game, fraternity alumni of H-SC held the first annual Circle Event with music by Doug Clark and the Hot Nuts, and a live and silent auction. A portion of each ticket price benefitted the Hampden-Sydney Fund and proceeds from live and silent auctions went to support Greek Life recruitment, scholarships, and programs.

### UPCOMING SPRING EVENTS

Alumni Council  
March 2&3

Black Alumni Mentorship  
Reunion Weekend  
April 6-7

Classics Department  
Certamen  
February 4

# 45<sup>th</sup> HOMECOMING 2011

## *Alumni Citation: Robert Bluford '45*

Retired Presbyterian minister and noted historic preservationist Dr. **Robert Bluford, Jr. '45**, who has excelled in three areas of endeavor—the military, the ministry, and historic preservation—while still finding time to devote a considerable share of enthusiasm and energy to Hampden-Sydney College was awarded the 2011 Alumni Citation.

Following the attack on Pearl Harbor, he enlisted in the U.S. Army and flew 18 bombing missions in a B-24 Liberator over Europe. After the war, he returned to H-SC to



*President Howard presents the Alumni Citation to Dr. Robert Bluford, Jr. '45.*

graduate at the top of his class. He is a graduate of Union Theological Seminary. He served as a chaplain and pastor in many areas before turning to social activism. In 1979,

he founded the Fan Free Clinic in Richmond.

His interest in history and the Presbyterian Church led to efforts to preserve the site of Historic Polegreen Church, as well as several historic battlefields and Farmville's Weyanoke Hotel.

His service to State and society have been widely recognized, with awards from the Virginia Historical Society, the Civil War Preservation Trust, the Virginia House of Representatives, and the Wilson Center for Leadership in the Public Interest. In 2011, the Virginia Press Association named him "Virginian of the Year."

In service to the College, on top of his consistent generosity, he is



*Many alumni arrived on campus the night before Homecoming to celebrate reunions. The Class of 1966 (left top) enjoyed their 45th reunion with cocktails at Middlecourt before dinner in The Board Room. The Class of 1971 (left below) had dinner with Dr. Howard in Settle Hall. The gathering of the Classes of 1976 and 1981 was held in the Wilson Center, with Professors Jim Simms and David Marion and Dean of Students David Klein '78. The Class of 1986 met in the lounge of the brand-new Ty Cobb Ballpark. Dean of Admissions Anita Garland and the Class of 1991 got together (above) at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Robert Wade '91 in Farmville. The Classes of 1996, 2001, and 2006 met in the Tiger Inn. Members of all classes joined them for the rest of the evening.*



most remembered for his efforts to organize the Parents and Friends Association in 1954. Its contributions to the College over the decades are legendary, among them the furnishing of the remodeled Parents and Friends Lounge in Venable Hall.

### *The Brinkley Challenge*

Launched in 2000 to honor Hampden-Sydney's legendary Professor of Classics, **John L. Brinkley '59**, The Brinkley Challenge is an annual giving competition between the graduating classes of the last decade. The Class of 2003, led by Class Agent Kerr C. Ramsay III '03 of Atlanta (formerly an admissions officer at Hampden-Sydney), earned the Brinkley Challenge Raising Cane Award for excellence in annual giving during the fiscal year of 2011.

Graduates of the last decade account for nearly 25% of all of Hampden-Sydney's alumni, making young alumni involvement a top-priority for Hampden-Sydney. To learn more about the Brinkley Challenge or to volunteer to help out, please contact your class agent or Spencer Conover '10, assistant director of the Hampden-Sydney Fund. You can also find information online at [www.hsc.edu/Making-A-Gift/Young-Alumni/Brinkley-Challenge.html](http://www.hsc.edu/Making-A-Gift/Young-Alumni/Brinkley-Challenge.html)



ABOVE: *The Homecoming Golf Tournament at The Manor Golf Course.*

BELOW: *The annual Graves Thompson Tennis Challenge.*



## HAMPDEN-SYDNEY GRILLING COMPETITION

The 2011 Hampden-Sydney College BBQ Contest was a tremendous success. Contestants gathered from across the southeast to prove who among the Hampden-Sydney community would be the champion barbecuer. Several teams cooked through the night to compete for the best pork shoulder, the best ribs, and the overall best barbecue chef.

Three garnet trophies, topped by a golden pig, were generously provided by Bill Selden '73. A panel of five discerning judges—Tommy Shomo '69, Tim Ashman '86, Mark Meitz '95, John Ramsay '05, and Spencer Conover '10—assiduously analyzed trays piled high with well-smoked and sauced deliciousness.

In the end, Tripp Kelley '06 and his team, *The Spice is Right*, won the overall championship, while Van Everette '00's *Damage BBQ* won

first prize for Best Ribs and Josh Schaeffer '09's bow-tie-wearing, pink-oxford-shirted *4 Smokin' Butts* won for Best Pork Shoulder.

Other teams were Ryan Pitz '00's *North Carolina Bar-B-Q*; Jordan Harless '10's *People's BBQ* of Richmond (PBR); and Simon T. Everett '06's *Big Rig Pig*.



*Grilling competition winners: Van Everette '00 of Damage BBQ (Best Ribs); Tripp Kelley '06 of The Spice is Right (overall championship); and Josh Schaeffer '09 of 4 Smokin' Butts (Best Pork Shoulder).*

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## 1957

**WILLIAM R. "BILL" GARDNER**, his son Ryland Gardner '85, and his grandson Robbie Gardner (hopefully H-SC Class of 2020) climbed Mt. Bierstadt (14,060 feet) near Georgetown, Colorado, on July 12, 2011. Mr. Gardner says they began at 6 am and finished at 2 pm just as rain and lightning moved into the area. The trio previously also climbed Mt. Ebbert and Mt. Whitney, both more than 14,000 feet high.

Dr. **WILLIAM L. ODOM** is the retired president of Bethel University where The William L. Odom Science Building recently has



been reconstructed and rededicated as an office and classroom center for the College of Liberal Arts.

Dr. Odom was president of the University from 1975 to 1991. He was a professor of Greek at Hampden-Sydney College from 1965 to 1969.

## 1960

**WILLIAM T. WILSON** was named to the Super Lawyers list in the 2011 edition of *Virginia Super Lawyers* magazine. He is a senior partner in the Covington law firm Wilson,

*William R. "Bill" Gardner '57, his grandson Robbie Gardner, and his son Ryland Gardner '85 atop Mt. Bierstadt (14,060 feet), Georgetown, Colorado.*



Updike & Nicely. This is the fifth consecutive year that Mr. Wilson has received this honor.

## 1965

The Hon. **STEPHEN H. HELVIN** has been named to the Board of Trustees of the Woodrow Wilson Presidential Library Foundation. He is a retired District Court Judge.

**W. BIRCH DOUGLAS III**, a partner at McGuireWoods law firm in Richmond, has been included in the 2012 edition of *Best Lawyers* in the trusts and estates category. He is member of the Hampden-Sydney College Board of Trustees.

## 1967

Dr. **C. BRUCE ALEXANDER** is president of the ASCP, a national pathology organization in October 2011. He is a professor and vice chair of the Department of Pathology at the University of Alabama at Birmingham and was recently featured in *Critical Values*, the magazine of the American Society for Clinical Pathology.

## 1969

**ROBERT R. HATTEN** has been named Norfolk Personal Injury Litigation Lawyer of the Year for 2012 by Best Lawyers. He was also

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*Bakoulev Medal recipients Professor Alain Carpentier of France, Professor Vincent Dor of Monaco, and Dr. W. Randolph Chitwood, Jr. '68*

## Russian group honors Ranny Chitwood '68

Dr. **W. RANDOLPH "RANNY" CHITWOOD, JR. '68** received the Bakoulev Premium Medal from the Bakoulev Center and the Russian Academy of Medical Sciences, on October 12, 2011. He is only the second American to receive this honor, Russia's highest recognition for achievement in cardiovascular surgery.



Chitwood was recognized "for his outstanding contributions to the development of cardiac surgery (and) for new methods of minimally invasive procedures, including the use of robotics," according to the center. Other recipients were Alain Carpentier of France for pioneering cardiac valve surgery and Vincent Dor of Monaco for developing remedies for destroyed heart muscle.

Chitwood is the Jo Allison and Eddie Smith Distinguished Chair of cardiovascular and thoracic surgery at the Brody School of Medicine at East Carolina University and University Health Systems, Inc. and the founder and director of the East Carolina Heart Institute. He is a past president of the Society of Thoracic Surgeons, the largest professional cardiac surgery society in the world.

recognized on the Super Lawyer list. Mr. Hatten is a former member of Hampden-Sydney College Board of Trustees.

**WARREN C. FULTON, JR.,** has published the book *Poemed on a Beach* with poet David Jaffin. He has written several textbooks and teaches business communication

seminars for Austrian banks, government agencies, and NGOs. He and his wife Carol divide their time between Vienna and Fort Myers Beach, Florida.

## 1970

**DAVID S. MERCER** of the law firm MercerTrigiani has been named to the 2012 edition of Best Lawyers in America for real estate law. He was also list among 2011 Virginia Super Lawyers in the category for real estate law.

## 1971

**ROBERT W. WOLTZ, JR.,** retired president of Verizon Virginia, has joined the Virginia Business Higher Education Council.

## 1973

**THOMAS C. BOWEN III** of Gloucester is running for Mathews County Commonwealth's Attorney. He served as Commonwealth's Attorney in Tazewell County for eight years and has served on the Board of Directors of the Virginia Commonwealth's Attorney's Association. He is the owner of Bowen Law Office, which has offices in Gloucester, Newport News, and Hampton.

**CHARLES "MIKE" JOHNSON** is a media relations officer for the U.S. Army Cadet Command at Fort Knox, Kentucky.

**SIDNEY L. STERN II** has completed a course at the National Outdoor Leadership School in the Wind River range of Wyoming. He and his wife Sara live atop "The Blue Ball," their home in Millwood.

## 1974

**MYRON P. BOON** was recently elected to the Board of Trustees of Warren Wilson College in Asheville, North Carolina. He is a retired lawyer and former State Department foreign service officer.



*Bill Wilson '60 (center), named a Virginia Super Lawyer for the fifth consecutive year, with his law partners Russell Updike (left) and Nolan Nicely '91.*

## 1976

**ROBERT L. SAMUEL, JR.,** has been listed in the 2012 edition of Best Lawyers in America for personal injury. He is an attorney at Williams Mullen in Virginia Beach.

## 1981

**TIMOTHY M. FITZPATRICK** has been named the athletic director at the Coast Guard Academy. Previously, he was the athletic director at Texas A&M University - Corpus Christi.

**WARREN M. THOMPSON,** owner and president of Thompson Hospitality, is a 2011 Washington Business Hall of Fame Laureate.

## 1982

**JEFFREY V. CARLUCCI** is the headmaster for StoneBridge Upper School in Chesapeake. During his 14 years at StoneBridge School, he has taught British and American literature. Also, he coaches both the boys' and girls' varsity soccer teams.

**CHARLES V. McPHILLIPS** received the 2011 Bishop's Humanitarian Award from the Catholic Diocese of Richmond and Catholic Charities of Eastern Virginia. He is an attorney and partner at Kaufman & Canoles law firm in Norfolk.

## 1983

**BRANCH W. VINCENT III** has selected for inclusion in 2012 North

*At Andy Roddick's match at the Winston-Salem Open: back row—Hardt Bing '93, Jelisa Castrodale, Brandt Deal '70, and President Christopher Howard; front row—Mark Conger '85, Dr. Paige Clark, and Dr. Hollins Clark '87.*





*Horace Tipton '87 with his wife Anne and their family.*

Carolina Super Lawyers and featured in *Charlotte Magazine's* Super Lawyer Section for Top Attorneys in North Carolina. This is the third consecutive year for both honors. Mr. Vincent also has been selected into "Top 100 Trial Lawyers in North Carolina" by the American Trial Lawyers Association for two consecutive years, 2010-2011.

## 1984

**ALFRED H. GARVEY, JR.**, of Greensboro, North Carolina, is the senior vice president of commercial real estate lending at Premier Commercial Bank.

## 1986

**MAURICE A. JONES**, the president of Pilot Media, has been nominated by President Barack Obama to become deputy secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

**W. JAMES YOUNG** is lead counsel in *Locke v. SEIU Local 1000* in which the Supreme Court of the United States granted *certiorari* in late June 2011. The case has tentatively been scheduled for oral argument in December 2011 or January 2012. This will be Jim's second argument before the United States Supreme Court.

## 1987

**JOHN CURRENCE**, chef and restaurateur in Oxford, Mississippi, was a top-12 finalist in the 2011 *Tony Chachere's Tailgating Cook-off Competition* with his recipe for Catfish and Tasso Savory Cheesecake.

**HORACE M. TIPTON** and his wife Anne Howard Tipton founded the non-profit organization Planting Faith in 2004. In January 2005,

they moved to Kenya to serve as missionaries to the Anglican Church of Kenya, working in agricultural development for small farmers in Kenya. For more information, visit [www.plantingfaith.org](http://www.plantingfaith.org).

**T. ASHBY WATTS** is the managing director for Watermark Advisors. He lives in Charlotte, North Carolina.

## 1988

**ERIK M. FRIEDLY** has been named associate director for communication for CDC-Uganda, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's office in that East African country. He is with CDC's Division of Global HIV/AIDS and will be based in Entebbe. Previously, Mr. Friedly worked in the Division's Policy and Communication Office at CDC Headquarters in Atlanta.

**CHARLES W. PAYNE, JR.**, an attorney with Hirschler Fleischer, has been named to the George C. Marshall Foundation Board of Trustees.

## 1989

**MICHAEL R. BROST** has been named director of development for Collegiate School in Richmond. He has been a history teacher and coach at the upper and middle schools and a development assistant.

**MARK T. "TED" WRIGHT** was featured in the *Wired* magazine article "Can the Cult of Bang & Olufsen Last?" Mr. Wright is the founder and CEO of Fizz, a word-of-mouth marketing firm in Atlanta, and is eager to spread the word about one of his favorite brands: Bang & Olufsen.

## 1990

**THOMAS C. "T.C." WILSON III**



was a featured speaker at the Barron's Top Advisory Team Summit. He is a managing director of investments for the Optimal Service Group of Wells Fargo Advisors in Williamsburg.

## 1991

Dr. **MARK E. GAMMON** has been appointed the Matthew Simpson Endowed Chair in Religion at Simpson College. Dr. Gammon received his Master's of Divinity from Duke University and his Ph.D. from Boston College. He has been teaching at Simpson College since 2003.

**G. TODD LAMPMAN** has been named athletic director at Snow Hill High School in Snow Hill, Maryland. He led the school to a state baseball championship in 2006.

## 1992

**PETER C. BENNETT, JR.**, is a senior antitrust paralegal at Mayer Brown LLP in Washington, D.C. He lives in Arlington.

**Dr. CREIGHTON J. HITE** has become a psychology supervisor with the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services at Central State Hospital in Petersburg. He continues to maintain a part-time private practice conducting psychological, educational, and forensic evaluations.

**MICHAEL KNIGHT's** most recent book, *The Typist*, was chosen as Oprah's pick of the week in August 2011. He is a professor of creative writing at the University of Tennessee - Knoxville.

## 1993

**RICHARD Y. ATLEE, JR.**, has been elected by the Virginia General Assembly to the Circuit Court bench. Previously, he was a juvenile and domestic relations court judge.

**KENRICK W. MATTOX III** is a partner at Edge Capital Partners in Charlotte.

## 1994

**HOLMES BELL IV**, the CEO of the engineering and architectural

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## Rick Jeffrey '75, Non-profit leader

When people with intellectual disabilities decide to participate in Special Olympics, they are not deciding to compete in an event; they are joining a community—a community where they are treated with equality and respect. As president of Special Olympics Virginia for the past 12 years, Rick Jeffrey '75 has been working hard to grow that community by inviting more athletes, families, volunteers, and donors to join. From the looks of things, he is doing a great job.

There are more 11,000 Special Olympics athletes across Virginia, participating in a wide variety of sports. The organization holds championships in 13 sports: speed skating, basketball, soccer, track, swimming, bowling, softball, tennis, powerlifting, volleyball, roller skating, golf, and bocce. Special Olympics events occur year round in large and small communities across the state. Even the organization's fundraising levels have reached new heights, despite the lackluster economy in recent years.

Jeffrey has been involved in athletics since his youth. He was recruited to play basketball at Hampden-Sydney College and did so for three years. After graduating, he coached high school athletics and began refereeing high school and college basketball. It was then, hanging out with other referees between games at a basketball tournament, when he met a guy who worked for Special Olympics Virginia. "What a great organization," he recalls saying. Then he added a flip remark: "Got any openings?" Just a few months later, Jeffrey, who had been teaching and coaching for years and was on track to enter high school administration in Henrico County, was at the dawn of his 25-year career with Special Olympics Virginia.

"The thing we do best at Special Olympics is bringing people together, people with

disabilities and people without, because the program is not just for our athletes. The program is for everybody, because we need to change the attitudes of the general public about the competencies of people with a disability or, maybe if they think broader, about the competencies of people who are different from them, whether they are different racially, socioeconomically,

have a different religion. There are a lot of things that divide people. Having a disability is one of those."

Not only does Special Olympics Virginia bring people together through athletic competition, but also through events such as the successful fundraising event called "Polar Plunge." Jeffrey says athletes come from around the state to jump into the frigid ocean waters alongside thousands of people who have raised pledges to take part in the event. "We hold it on the first weekend in February in Virginia Beach. People from around the state, Special Olympics athletes as well as everyday people who want to be involved, come down. Last year we raised a million dollars in one day when 3,500 people jumped into the ocean."

Jeffrey notes that many Hampden-Sydney alumni are supporters of Special Olympics and he has enjoyed getting to know other Tigers. "We partnered with the Hampden-Sydney alumni group in Virginia Beach to do a showing of the Shorty documentary years ago. Scott Sims '60 brought his brother Walter down for the showing, which was at the Pavilion at the beach. Walter Bortz was the president of Hampden-Sydney at the time and he came down. A few people spoke, we showed the film, and

had a reception; it was create because I got to meet a lot of Hampden-Sydney guys I didn't already know, like the event organizers Johnny Ellis '70, Bobby Bray '60, and Jack Drescher '70."

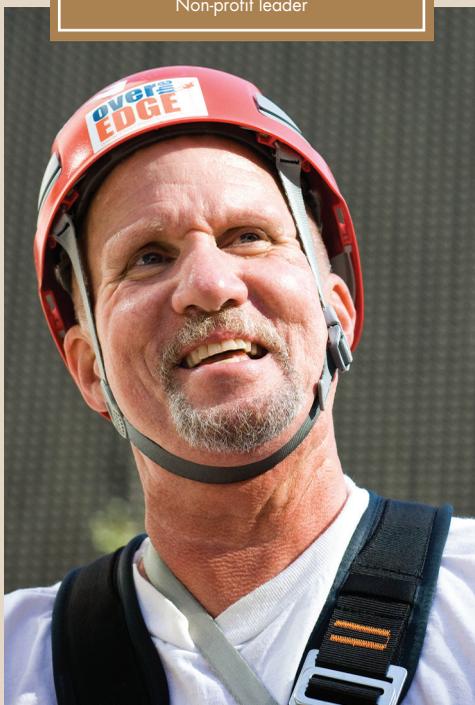
"Like Hampden-Sydney, Special Olympics is a community. The main community for someone with intellectual disabilities has is his or her family. When they step outside that community, there is very little for a person with intellectual disabilities. Most people are discounting them, rejecting them. There are still a lot of people that don't want a group home in the neighborhood because they think there is a danger. They don't want a Down syndrome person in the classroom with their child because they

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RICK JEFFREY '75  
Non-profit leader



think it will be a distraction. It's a very tough world out there for people with intellectual disabilities. So, the community of their family is pretty much all they have. When they step outside that community, we offer a huge community for them. We are a community of athletes, coaches, volunteers, donors, fans, a wide variety of people. When people ask what we are trying to do here at Special Olympics, we tell them that we are trying to build a bigger and bigger community."

"I think one of the reasons Walter Simms has really flourished is because of what Hampden-Sydney has done for him—and I'm sure many people would say Walter Simms has done more for us than we've done for him—because the College has done what we at Special Olympics Virginia do, which is create an environment that is welcoming to people reaching their potential and making the contribution to the community. Hampden-Sydney is a community, not only of the people who are there now but also the people who have been there and come back or stayed connected."

Jeffrey was recruited to play basketball but didn't start playing for the Tigers until his sophomore year. "I was at Hampden-Sydney at an interesting time. I was there in the late 60s and early 70s, which was a time of a lot of unrest amongst young people on college campuses in the United States. We certainly did our share at Hampden-Sydney, although it was in a respectful, Hampden-Sydney way. We had self-determination and anti-war protests. During my four years, the college was probably at its height of liberalism, if anybody could ever say Hampden-Sydney was at a height of liberalism. I had some great professors, particularly George Bagby and Larry Martin. They would probably laugh if they knew I was a high school English teacher."

Because basketball is part of his background, Jeffrey enjoys watching Special Olympics athletes play the game, and it is the most popular

team sport. Another popular team sport is softball, which is offered in a "unified" style in which the teams are half Special Olympics athletes and half non-disabled partners. "Unified sports are very popular among our athletes. They tell us they like it because they get to play with people who aren't Special Olympics athletes and they love it because they are teammates; they are friends. The relationships they make on unified teams—at some point—are no



*Rick Jeffrey '75 with Jon Fried, the number-one Special Olympics tennis player in the world, and Chris Raupp at an exhibition match in the John Paul Jones Arena in Charlottesville.*

longer about Special Olympics. It goes beyond 'they're helping me' to 'we're teammates.'"

"I remember people I played with and placed that we went. We used to go up to VMI every year; we used to play them in 'The Pit.' It's one of the worst experiences in your life if you've ever played VMI in The Pit. I remember the people and places and experiences but I couldn't tell you how many games we won or lost or the scores of any of them. To me, sports is about people; it's about relationships and that's what we try to do at Special Olympics—to build relationships."

Jeffrey would not be the president of the organization if he were not always encouraging more people to participate. He says, "Special Olympics is fun. Many people think, 'I could never go to a Special Olympics event. It's so sad.' Then they come to a Special Olympics event and realize, that it's not sad. It wasn't anything other than a positive, happy, fun experience. The athletes came out and they weren't looking for you to feel sorry for them. They weren't looking for you to have pity on them. What they were looking for

was some equity. They were looking for you to treat them in an equitable fashion like you would treat everyone else. Some of our athletes articulate it very well and they say, 'We just want to be treated like everybody else.'"

Jeffrey cites Grace Anne Braxton of Fredericksburg. She is the number one female Special Olympics golfer in the world. As an amateur golfer with a 14 handicap, she played in the women's state amateur tournament at Kingsmill Golf Course recently.

"This was not a Special Olympics event. She played in the Women's Amateur, the most hotly contested women's event in the state. She would tell you that competing was a lot of fun, but the most fun thing about it was that no one cut her any slack in that tournament. No one did anything special for her. They didn't look out for her. They didn't look after her. They were just trying to beat her just like everyone else was. Grace Anne didn't want to go down there and just be a mascot at the tournament and she wanted to go down and play in the tournament. She did not finish last; she was in the middle of the pack in her division."

"It's great to come to work every day and be probably the least important person here, and I mean that in all sincerity. We have great people who work on this staff. We have great people who are the athletes in this program. We have great volunteers in this program, and we have great people who support us in a number of ways whether it be their business, their time, or their funds. All I'm trying to do is get them all together. That's what I do: I try to bring people together."

firm Hussey Gay Bell & DeYoung in Savannah, Georgia, was named one of *Georgia Trends* "40 Under 40." He has been instrumental in the firm's production of membrane bioreactor wastewater treatment plants in Georgia and abroad. He is also a member of the Georgia Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors.

SEAN K. COLLINS is brand chief in the Office of Enforcement at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

## 1995

DAVID G. DEFAZIO was sworn in July for a one-year term as president of the Chesterfield County Bar Association. He is an attorney with the



Chesterfield law firm Barnes & Diehl.

JOHN M. STONE has attained the accredited investment fiduciary designation from Fiduciary360. He is vice president for investments at Stifel, Nicolaus & Company in Lynchburg.

RAY E. LOCKARD has been promoted to senior director of Business Development at Alnylam Pharmaceuticals in Cambridge, Massachusetts. He is responsible for partnering current clinical programs for potential commercialization in the U.S. and foreign markets. Previously he was director of Quality Assurance and Supply Chain Management at Alnylam. He is also the Girls Youth Lacrosse program coordinator in Holliston with over 100 girls from ages K-8, including his daughter Grace (9).

## 1996

BRIAN C. SOMMARD AHL is the captain of Westwood Club's 3.0 Men's Tennis Team, winner of the USTA Mid Atlantic Sectional Championships. Also on the team is E. Ritter Jonas '99. The team traveled to Tucson, Arizona, to compete for the USTA National Championship in October. The Westwood Team is one of only 17 teams in the United States who qualified for Nationals.

BRIAN K. EVANS is the vice president of business development at Consensus Point. Previously, he was co-founder of FanLab and the managing director at an international branding firm.



*John Power '79, Scott Blanchard '85, Jim Braithewaite '82, Chip Vincent '83, host Peebles Harrison '90, John Robbins '95, and Rob Montgomery '91 sending off four members of the freshman class from North Carolina.*

## 1997

TAYLOR SMACK is the brewmaster at Blue Mountain Brewery in Afton, which won two medals at the 2011 Great American Beer Festival: the Gold medal in the English-style summer ale category and the Silver medal in the American-Belgo-style ale category. Hops for the Silver-medal-winning "Blue Reserve" were grown onsite at Blue Mountain, a brewery and restaurant opened by Smack and his wife in 2007.

## 1998

J. JAY KAPP received the "Rising Star Award" from the Dunwoody (Georgia) Chamber of Commerce. The award is given to a business owner under the age of 40 who exemplifies leadership and community involvement. Mr. Kapp is president of Kapp Concepts, a web design, development, and marketing firm.



Dr. ANDERSON L. "ANDY" MARSH has been granted tenure and promoted to associate professor of chemistry at Lebanon Valley College in Annville, Pennsylvania.

BRENDAN M. O'CONNELL is now a financial advisor at Merrill-Lynch, after a number of years with UBS Wealth Management. He lives in Baltimore, Maryland, with his wife Jenny and their two sons, Carter (5) and Briggs (3).

## 2000

NATHAN J. "NATE" DAPORE, president and CEO of PeopleMatter, has been named the 2011 "Top Up-and-Coming Entrepreneur" by TiE Atlanta, the southeast chapter of the world's largest non-profit organization for entrepreneurs.

Lt. Cmdr. MARTIN N. FENTRESS, JR., has reported as a department head to VAW-121 in Norfolk.

Dr. BRAD D. WASHINGTON has been tapped by the University of California Berkeley's International and Area Studies centers to serve as part of the U.S. Department of

*Ritter Jonas '99 and Brian Sommardahl '96 (both holding the sign) with members of the Westwood Club men's tennis team.*



Education's national advisory panel investigating career tracks for Foreign Language and Area Studies fellowship recipients.

**THOMAS L. WINSTON** is vice president and senior business relationship manager at Wells Fargo Bank in Richmond.

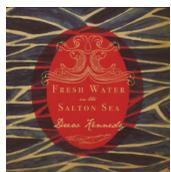
## 2001

**MICHAEL H. BLACKWELL** is a regional development leader for the Mid-Atlantic at Crescent Resources, LLC. He will lead the development of new multi-family projects in Virginia, Maryland, and the District of Columbia.

## 2002

The Rev. **JAMES R. DeVIESE, JR.**, completed the Pontifical Licentiate of Canon Law in the spring of 2011, after which he has returned to the United States and taken up pastoral responsibilities in the Roman Catholic Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, where he was ordained a priest two years ago. Currently, Mr. DeViese is the associate pastor at St. Anthony Catholic Church in Follansbee, West Virginia, as well as the Catholic chaplain to Bethany College and West Liberty State University. He also serves as a judge on the Tribunal of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston.

**DREW KENNEDY** has released *Fresh Water in the Salton*



*Sea*, a new album which comes with a companion novel of the same name. This is his

fifth original recording and his first novel.

**TIMOTHY B. KEY** is regional director for Explore-Learning in Charlottesville. (See also *Weddings*.)

**ROY B. MARTIN IV** of Wells Fargo has been named on of *Inside Business*' "Top 40 Under 40" in Hampton Roads.

**DEREK T. SPRINGER** is a vocational counselor at The Choice Group in Richmond.

## 2003

**CHARLES E. "TREY" GREGORY III** is a process chemistry specialist with Boehringer Ingelheim Chemicals, Inc., in

Petersburg. He is also in his third year as the Head Varsity Boys Volleyball Coach at his *alma mater*, Varina High School.

**KEVIN L. TURNER** has been appointed chief counsel to Alabama Attorney General Luther Strange.

## 2004

**THOMAS M. FITZGERALD** is a senior associate at Jones Lang LaSalle in Charlotte.

**JAMES R. "RUSTY" FOSTER** is the political engagement manager at SIGMA, a non-profit trade association representing independent fuel marketers and chain retailers.

**WILLIAM H. HARDY BSN, RN** lives in Philadelphia where he is a critical care nurse at Hahnemann University Hospital. (See *Advanced Studies*.)

**STEPHEN A. MCGILLIVRAY** is a consultant with Mercer in Washington, D.C.

## Alumni elected

The tradition of public service continues as Hampden-Sydney alumni were elected to office in November.

**Thompson C. Bowen III '73** was elected Commonwealth's Attorney for Mathews County. He served as the Commonwealth's Attorney in Tazewell County for eight years while serving on the Board of Directors of the Virginia Commonwealth's Attorney's Association.

**Lattrell "Tom" Thomas '66** was re-elected to the Carroll County Board of Supervisors.

**Richard W. Bradshaw '74** was re-elected the Commissioner of Revenue in James City County. He has held the position for 11 years.

**Christopher A. Hutson '88**, a self-employed businessman, was elected to the Gloucester Board of Supervisors.

**William M. "Bill" Stanley '89** has been elected to the Virginia State Senate representing the 20th District. He had represented the 19th District, which was split by redistricting. Mr. Stanley moved to Glade Hill to run in the new 20th District. He is a founding partner in the Moneta law firm Stanley & Stanley.

**Christopher K. Peace '98** was re-elected to a fourth term in the Virginia House of Delegates representing Hanover, New Kent, and King William counties.

## 2005

**CHRISTOPHER R. BREWER** is the associate director of leadership annual giving for the Vanderbilt University Medical Center in Nashville, Tennessee

**WILLIAM A. VAGTS** is a senior customer service representative at Graybar Electric Company in Roanoke.

## 2006

**P. GRAY BOWDITCH**, the interim director of The Community Free Clinic of Newport News, has been named one of *Inside Business*' "Top 40 Under 40" in Hampton Roads.

**SCOTT P. McMORRIS** is a senior broker and director of Latin American markets for Joseph Glenn Commodities in Boca Raton, Florida.

**CHRISTOPHER R. McSHANE** is a director at Site Services Group, LLC, in Atlanta.

Capt. **ZACHARY T. WASMER** is stationed in San Diego, California, with the U.S. Marine Corps. He had been serving in Afghanistan.

## 2007

**JEFFREY J. D. LINKA** works for Wealthcare Capital Management and plays in the Richmond rock band "The Animal Beat."

**EVAN R. NASTEFF** is appearing in the play *Becky's New Car* at Barksdale Theatre in Richmond.

**GRAY E. PENDLETON** is a financial advisor with Pendleton Financial Consulting in Raleigh, North Carolina.

**W. MATTHEW WEEKLEY** works at the Southern Company in asset management and trading. He lives in Birmingham, Alabama.

**W. ZACHARY ZULLINGER** is an assistant football coach at Guilford College. He coaches special teams and defensive line. Previously, he coached at Randolph-Henry High School and Ursinus College.

## 2008

**PETER D. CROWE** is studying for the Catholic Priesthood for the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, located in central Pennsylvania. He is in his first year of pre-theology program at Gannon

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*Capt. David Grisdale '08 with his armored vehicle in Afghanistan.*

University in Erie. He is living and undergoing spiritual and human formation at Saint Mark Seminary.

**PRINCE DEBARDELEBEN** is a property accountant with Bayer Properties in Birmingham, Alabama.

**ROY B. "BO" HARGROVE IV** has joined Rich Commercial Realty/KW Commercial as a broker specializing in office and industrial buyer and tenant representation.

Capt. **DAVID J. GRISDALE** is the executive officer of Delta Company, 2-34 Armor Battalion in Afghanistan.

**TYLER B. MURRAY** has been promoted to head assistant men's basketball coach at Shorter University. Mr. Murray works under Head Coach Chad Warner, who was the assistant basketball coach at Hampden-Sydney College while Murray was a player.

**PAXTON A. WHITMORE** is an account executive with Service-Master Services, Inc., in Richmond.

## 2009

**MICHAEL KREWINGHAUS** is an assistant soccer coach at Gettysburg College. Previously, he was an assistant coach at Lynchburg College while pursuing his MBA.

## 2010

**GEORGE D. BRIEDENBACH** and **CODY S. DECKERT** have returned to the United States after living abroad in Madrid, Spain, for a year while teaching English. Mr. Briedenbach says, "We were able not only to gain valuable teaching experience, but also to increase our cultural awareness and knowledge of

Spanish which we had studied while at H-SC."

**SPENCER B. CONOVER** is Assistant Director of Annual Giving for Young Alumni Programs at Hampden-Sydney College.

**JOHN HOBART III** has been named USTA 10 and Under Tennis Coordinator. He has a master's degree in sports administration from Georgia State University

**SCOTT T. JEFFERSON**, who earned a master's degree in commerce at the University of Virginia in 2011, has joined Clarke & Sampson, an independent insurance agency and realty company in Alexandria.

**LOUIS D. MARI** is a student trainee with the U.S. Patent Office.

## 2011

**EMBRA AUGUSTUS "GUS" KING** is a sales operation associate at AdvisorLeap, Inc., connecting qualified clients with Registered Investment Advisors.

**EDWARD A. KROHN** is an assistant manager at Point2 Running Company in Richmond.

**MARSHALL T. McCLUNG** has been named an assistant dean of admissions at Hampden-Sydney College.

## Trustees

**ANNE MARIE WHITTEMORE**, a partner at McGuireWoods law firm in Richmond, has been included in the 2012 edition of *Best Lawyers* in the commercial litigation category. She is a Trustee of Hampden-Sydney College.

# Advanced Studies

## 1975

Dr. **BRUCE A. HOLT** earned his Ph.D. in industrial engineering from the University of Tennessee - Knoxville and was hooded on



May 12, 2011. He also has a master's degree in statistics from Virginia Tech, a master's degree in industrial administration from Lynchburg College, and a master's degree in industrial and systems engineering from Virginia Tech.

## 1994

**RAYMOND OXMANN, JR.**, earned his MLA from Tulane University. He is a teacher and coach at East St. John High School, one of the top football programs in Louisiana. He has coached over 100 college players, several of whom have gone on to the professional level.

## 1998

**RYAN M. GRAVENDER** has received an MBA from Wake Forest University School of Business.

## 2001

**GREGORY L. YUSI** graduated with an MBA from University of California - San Diego's Rady School of Business Management in August 2011 and has been promoted to Regional Sales Manager at Tyco Security Products.



## 2003

Dr. **CHRISTOPHER L. MCCracken** has finished his residency and passed his Family Medicine Boards. He practices outpatient family medicine in Boone, North Carolina.

**BENJAMIN N. PERRONE** is pursuing a master's degree in environmental studies and public administration at The Graduate School of the College of Charleston.

## 2004

**WILLIAM H. HARDY** graduated from Drexel University in the fall of 2010 with a BSN in nursing and was inducted into Sigma Theta Tau, the National Honors Society for Nursing.

**STEPHEN A. MCGILLIVRAY** received an MBA from The College of William & Mary in May 2011.

## 2005

**WILLIAM A. ALBRIGHT** is pursuing an MBA at the Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth College.

## 2006

Dr. **RYAN D. SULLIVAN** graduated in June 2011 as a doctor of veterinary medicine from Ross University School of Veterinary Medicine, St. Kitts, after completing his clinical training at the University of Florida College of Veterinary Medicine in May 2011. He has begun a three-year post-doctoral residency in lab animal medicine at the University of Tennessee in Memphis.

## 2007

**JAMES M. "MIKE" EDWARDS** is pursuing a master's degree in sports management at Virginia State.

**MICHAEL A. LENNOX** graduated from Wake Forest University Law School in May 2011.

**ARMAND SAMUELS** graduated from Loyola University College of Law in New Orleans May 2010 and was licensed to practice law in Louisiana in October. He is an associate for a plaintiff's firm in New Orleans.

## 2008

**JAMES P. BOHNAKER, JR.**, received his master's degree in economics from Old Dominion University. He is an associate economist for Moody's Analytics, West Chester, Pennsylvania.

## 2009

**ANDREW K. JENNINGS**, a student at Duke University School of Law, is an editor of the *Duke Law Journal*.

## 2011

**ADAM S. LEES** is pursuing a Ph.D. in foreign affairs at the University of Virginia.

**NATHAN R. S. RYALLS** is pursuing a master's degree in history at James Madison University.



*At the wedding of Marshall Schoenthal '95 on September 24, 2011.*

# Weddings

## 1995

**MARSHALL WILHELM SCHOENTHAL** and **LIBBY SCHROEDER** were married on September 24, 2011, in Washington, DC. In attendance were **Clark Dennison '95**, **Ryan Cudnik '96**, **Randolph Trow '96**, **Will Crump '95**, **Pattison Branch III '94**, and **Chris Lemons '94**. The groom is vice president of product development at Rosetta Stone in Arlington.

## 1997

**PELHAM AGEE STRAUGHN** and **PATRICIA ANNE BARR** were married on July 2, 2011, at St. Peter's on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C. The bride is a graduate of the College of the Holy Cross and earned a law degree from The George Washington University. She and the groom work for the Committee on Agriculture of the House of Representatives. The bride is the committee's deputy counsel; the groom is policy director. They live in Washington.



*Tim Key '02 and Melanie Michelle Robak, married on June 27, 2010.*

## 2002

**TIMOTHY B. KEY** and **MELANIE MICHELLE ROBAK** were married on June 27, 2010, at West Manor in Lynchburg. The groom is a regional director with ExploreLearning in Charlottesville. The bride graduated from St. Bonaventure University with a master's degree in education and is a school counselor in Charlottesville. They live in Palmyra.

**WILLIAM D. SMITH** and **SUMMER LOUISE GREER** on July 9, 2011, in Wendell, North Carolina. Among the wedding party were **Joey Capelli '03**, **Errol Iachini '03**, **Drew Kennedy '02**, and **Caleb Varner '02**. The bride is a graduate of Peace College and works as a physician recruiter and consultant at Weatherby Healthcare. The groom is a financial advisor at Capitol Financial Solutions.

## 2003

**COURTNEY LLOYD IRVING** and **BRITTANY LAINE EDELSON** were married on July 2, 2011, at Douglas Presbyterian Church in Prince Edward County. The bride is a graduate of University of Kentucky and has an MBA from the University of Louisville. She and the groom both work at Philip Morris International. They live in Farmville.

## 2007

**EFTHIMIOS "TIM" EFREMIDIS** and **LAURIE ERIN OLDIGES** were married on July 2, 2011, in Wilmington, Delaware. In attendance were **Matthew Newton '08**,



*At the wedding of Tyler Napier '10 and Jessica Palmén on August 20, 2011.*

Aden Short '04, Matthew Briggs '03, Jonathan McCormick '04, Brendan Lee '06, Jason Corwin '07, Joshua Hatchell '08, Joshua Black '07, Patrick Young '08, and Sonny Gear '08.

STUART JAKE LEATHERBURY and NATALIE LEWIS were married on June 26, 2011, in Cape Charles. In attendance were Dave Niven '07, Chase Young '07, Justin Diviese '07, Logan Barbe '07, Ben Atwood '08, Chance Moore, Clark Chapman '07, and Zach Dussault '07. The bride is a graduate of Randolph-Macon Woman's College and has a master's degree special education from Old Dominion University. She is an elementary special education teacher in Chesapeake. The groom is an assistant project manager for Armada Hoffer

Construction Company. They live in Virginia Beach.

## 2008

JOHN TURNER PALMORE and LACEY ELIZABETH MEADOWS were married on October 1, 2011, at Lake Gaston. The bride is a graduate of Virginia Wesleyan College and works for Southside Electric Cooperative. The groom is a professional bass fisherman on the FLW Tour.

WILLIAM THOMAS HILLMAN TERZIAN and AMY DYER were married on July 30, 2011, in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. In attendance were McLean Bean '09, Rob Dedinger '07, Andrew Brendle '07, Will Brockman '08, Austin Bright '09, Alex Crouch '07, Alexander Dyer '13, Cliff Edahl '07, Jeremy

Forrest '08, Bo Hargrove '08, Ben Harris '09, Whit Jacobs '08, Rhorie Kerr '10, Forbes Mann '08, Craig Morcom '08, Kris Norbo '09, Colson Perkins '13, Drew Prehmus '08, Conor Sanders '11, Hakob Stepanyan '08, Lee Warren '10, Tom Wilson '09, Davis Yake '08, and Professor Emerita of Biology Anne Casteen Lund.

## 2010

TYLER BRICE NAPIER and JESSICA PALMEN were married on August 20, 2011, in Charlotte Court House. In attendance were Ben Brown '10, Ross Turner '10, Matt Daniel '10, Will Wiseman '11, Justin Hebert '11, Kyle Messick '10, Patrick Andrews '12, Evan Rogers '09, and Brandon Newcomb '10. The bride is pursuing a degree in education from Longwood University. The groom works at Ameriprise Financial in Richmond.

## Faculty

DAVID SALVAGE and GABRIELLA S. GIULIA GRUDER-PONI were married on July 10, 2011, in Brooklyn, New York. The bride is a Latin teacher. The groom is a music professor at the College.

*At the wedding of Hillman Terzian '08 and Amy Dyer on July 30, 2011.*



# DO YOU KNOW SOME LIKELY YOUNG MEN WHO WOULD PROFIT BY THE HAMPDEN-SYDNEY EXPERIENCE?

Send their names to Anita Garland, Dean of Admissions at the College, [agarland@hsc.edu](mailto:agarland@hsc.edu).

## Births

### 1994

To **JAKE** and **JORDAN HORSTMAN**, a daughter, Stewart Anne Phipps Horstman, on July 24, 2011. She joins her sister Jane Larson at their home in Charlotte, North Carolina.

### 1995

To **CHRISTOPHER BISHOP** and **AMY NICODEMUS**, a son, Wilson Carter Bishop, on October 10, 2011, in Kobe, Japan, where Mr. Bishop is on assignment with the U.S. Department of State.

To **MARSHALL SCHOENTHAL** and **LIBBY SCHROEDER**, a son, Grant Canfield Schoenthal, on September 1, 2010. They live in Washington, DC.

### 1996

To **JACKSON** and **SUSIE LIGHT**, a son, Jackson Chinnis Light, on March 14, 2011. He joins his sisters Anna (8) and Elizabeth (6) at their home in Roanoke.

To **MATTHEW** and **JULIA PARKER**, a son, Mason James Angelikus Parker, on April 20th, 2011. They live in Palm Springs, California

To **JOHN L. REYNOLDS IV** and **COURTNEY REYNOLDS**, a daughter, Rachel Ann Reynolds, on July 23, 2011.

### 1997

To **GARY R. ROSSER, JR.**, and **ALIKA ROSSER**, a daughter, Ava Imani, on July 21, 2011. She joins her sister Isabelle Aaliyah (5) at their home in Gray, Georgia.

### 1999

To **JOHN R. OAKMAN III** and **LISA OAKMAN**, a daughter, Eleanor Lorraine Oakman, on May 13, 2011. Eleanor joins her brothers Reeves and Anderson at their home in Fredericksburg.

### 2000

To **CARTER** and **AIMEE DABNEY**, a son, Carter "Blake" Dabney, on November 28, 2010. He joins his big brother David at their home in Rockville.

To **CARTER** and **GRAYSON HUDGINS**, twin daughters, Eleanor Grayson Hudgins and Janet Carter Hudgins, on July 15, 2011. They live in Charleston, South Carolina.

To **EDWIN R. JONAS IV** and



**KATE JONAS**, a daughter, Austin Elizabeth Jonas, on October 9, 2010. They live

in Richmond.

To **MICHAEL** and



**CHRISTINA JONES**, a son, James Murphy Jones, on October 9, 2010. They live in Appomattox.

To **THOMAS** and **NEELY WINSTON**, a daughter, Margaret Dabney Winston, on September 12, 2011.

### 2002

To **NEAL** and **CORTNEY HERNDON**, a daughter, Addison Grace Herndon, on July 10, 2011. She joins her brother Jackson (6) and sister Maya (4) at their home in Chatham.

### 2003

To **JUSTIN** and **KATIE LEE**, a son, Brooks Joseph Lee, on August 13, 2011.

To **CHARLES D. "CHASE" PERRY III** and **CATHERINE BECKNER PERRY**, a daughter, Carolyn Elizabeth Perry, on October 1, 2011.



### 2005

To **JOHN T. COINER II** and **CHRISTI COINER**, a son, John Timothy "Tripp" Coiner III, on September 15, 2011. He joins his sister Sarah Grace at their home in Greenville, North Carolina.

### 2006

To **RUSTY** and **LAUREN SIMMONS**, twin daughters, Mary Treece Simmons and Charlotte Victoria Simmons, on May 15, 2011. They live in Waynesboro.

### 2007

To **STEVEN** and **MORGAN NEWCOMB**, a son, Nolan Alexander Newcomb, on June 23, 2011. They live in Katy, Texas.

### Staff

To **ANDY** and **CATHERINE McPHERSON**, a daughter, Mary Cate McPherson, on August 3, 2011. She joins her sisters Alley and Kendall at their home in Farmville. Mr. McPherson is the head athletic trainer and assistant athletic director at the College.

# Deaths

## 1941

**WILLIAM CUSTIS GIBSON, JR.**, of Kaneohe, Hawaii, died on August 4, 2011. He was a retired U.S. Navy Commander who later began a civilian career with the U.S. Army. He closed his career in 1981 as Command Equal Employment Opportunity Officer for the U.S. Army, Europe in Heidelberg, Germany.

## 1942

Dr. **JOHN S. BAKER** of West Lafayette, Indiana, died on August 20, 2011. After World War II, he earned a doctorate of veterinary science from Cornell University and practiced in Roanoke, Virginia; Pendleton, Indiana; and Deschappelles, Haiti. He joined the Purdue University faculty in 1968 and retired in 1988. Dr. Baker was very active in providing on-site services for Heifer Project International.

Dr. **WEATHER KEITH EUBANK** of Charlottesville died on August 3, 2011. He was an Army veteran and a member of Phi Beta Kappa and earned a Ph.D. from the University of Pennsylvania. His career in education began in 1950; from 1964 until his retirement in 1990, he was a member of the faculty at Queens College, City University of New York. He was a noted expert and author on the history of costume.

Dr. **WILLIAM G. PAINTER, JR.**, of Fort Defiance died on October 7, 2011. He was a graduate of the Medical College of Virginia and a veteran of the U.S. Air Force. He practiced general medicine as the quintessential country doctor in the mountains around Mt. Sidney. In 1954, he co-founded Fort Defiance Medical Center, where he worked until his retirement some 40 years later.

## 1944

Dr. **EUGENE RUSSELL BEBEAU** of Beaumont, Texas, died on October 4, 2011. He was a graduate of the University of Virginia Medical School



and was the co-founder of Anesthesia Associates of South East Texas, where he practiced medicine for 44 years. As a devout Catholic, he was athletic director and coach at St. Anne's Catholic School and very active in Spindletop Little League.

## 1945

**JACOB HOFSESS HEVENER** of Hightown died on September 10, 2011. After leaving the College to serve in World War II, he earned a degree in finance from the University of Virginia. He was a farmer and the operator of Hevener's Store and the Hightown post office for many years.



**THOMAS RAYSOR SALLEY, JR.**, of Richmond died on September 15, 2011. He was a veteran of World War II, completing 35 missions as captain of a B-17. He spent 40 years in the securities business, working for Davenport & Co., Scott & Stringfellow, and Wheat Securities.

## 1948

**ROBERT CLAGGETT JONES** of Roswell, Georgia, died on August 20, 2011. He was a member of Sigma Chi and served in the Army Medical Corps during World War II. He worked as an engineer in Virginia and South Carolina before retiring from Milliken & Co. in LaGrange, Georgia. He also volunteered for many years with Meals on Wheels.



## 1949

**WILLIAM NICHOLAS BALAS** of Seneca, South Carolina, died on August 6, 2011. At Hampden-Sydney he was an all-star Hall of Fame member of the football team. He enjoyed a successful career in business within the toy industry with affiliation to Woolworth Company in New York City. He retired to Keowee Key.

## 1950

**DANIEL EDWARD BRAY, JR.**,

of Newport News died on July 28, 2011. He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force and a graduate of T.C. Williams School of Law at the University of Richmond. He was a lobbyist for the Virginia Manufacturers Association and lawyer in Richmond until his retirement in 1993.

**PAUL MURRAY NICHOLLS** of Whitesville, West Virginia, died on July 31, 2011. He attended Hampden-Sydney College and Cincinnati College of Mortuary Science in Ohio. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He was the owner of Valley Funeral.

**MAURICE F. OAKES** of Gretna died on October 6, 2011. He was a member of Chi Phi and a veteran of the U.S. Army. Mr. Oakes worked in the electric and insurance industries. Also, he was a successful athlete, playing semi-pro baseball for several years and many regional amateur golf tournaments.

## 1951

**CHARLES BRUCE MORTON III** of Memphis, Tennessee, and Fort Worth, Texas, died on October 9, 2011. He was a veteran of U.S. Navy where he earned his aviator's wings. After retiring from the Navy in 1964, he developed the Swelter Shelter and was a technical writer for American Airlines. He spent 30 years as a technical writer for Federal Express in Memphis. While there, he earned a law degree from Memphis State University.

## 1953

**EDMUND MONCURE MOORE** of Virginia Beach died on September 21, 2011. He attended the University of Richmond Business School where he was a founding member of the Sigma Chi fraternity. He was an Army veteran of the Korean War. Mr. Moore worked in the insurance industry for many years and for the City of Virginia Beach as supervisor of marshals at the Kempsville Greens Golf Course

## 1954

Dr. **WILLIAM PHARO WILTSEE "W.P." YOUNG** of Chapel Hill, North Carolina, died on August 26, 2011. He was a member of Phi Beta Kappa and attended the Medical College of Virginia. Dr. Young spent two years in the U.S. Air Force before returning to Roanoke to start private

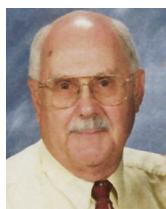
practice at The Children's Clinic. After 15 years, he moved to Chapel Hill to work for UNC Student Health for another 22 years.

## 1955

The Rev. **RICHARD L. NEWKIRK** of Gainesville, Florida, died on August 20, 2011. He earned master's degrees from Union Seminary and Presbyterian School of Christian Education. He served as a minister for 22 years in Marlinton, West Virginia, before retiring there as pastor emeritus. He also served churches in Maryland, Pennsylvania, and North Carolina.

## 1958

**SAMUEL AMES NOCK** of



Accomac died on September 22, 2011. He was a member of Sigma Chi. He was a retired schoolteacher

and very active in several philanthropic service organizations. He was a former board member for the Eastern Shore of Virginia Chamber of Commerce, Broadwater Academy, and the Eastern Shore Community College, where he was a past chairman of the board. He is the father of Dr. **Allen B. "George" Nock '96**.

**ROBERT HOWELL PRICE, JR.**, of Columbia, South Carolina, died on September 30, 2011. He attended Hampden-Sydney College and the University of Virginia. He was a member of Kappa Sigma. Mr. Price worked for many years in the insurance industry before becoming a homebuilder.

## 1961

**HENRY VON LENGERKE "HANK" MEYER III** died on July 25, 2011. He had a career in advertising, banking, and real estate.

## 1964

**GEORGE FAIRFAX PERKINS** of



Charlottesville died on September 6, 2011. He was a member of Pi Kappa Alpha and captain of the football

team at Hampden-Sydney. He also coached at the College until moving to Charlottesville to begin his financial services career. He founded Perkins Financial Services in 1968 and worked there for more than 42 years.

## 1968

**PETER ARMSTRONG**



**LEGGETT, SR.**, of Roanoke died on October 23, 2011. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army and was retired as

an executive with Leggett Department Stores. He was a member of Second Presbyterian Church of Roanoke and on the Board of the Roanoke Symphony Orchestra. Mr. Leggett was a member of the Roundball Club of Hampden-Sydney College, the Roanoke Roundtable, and the German Club. He was a Trustee of the Hampden-Sydney College for 20 years. He is the father of **Peter A. Leggett, Jr. '95**.

## 1969

Dr. **MICHAEL EUSTERMAN KING** of Midway, North Carolina, died on October 7, 2011. He was captain of the football team at Hampden-Sydney College and graduated from the University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill School of Medicine. He practiced orthopaedic medicine for many years at Orthopaedic Specialists of the Carolinas.

## 1978

**JAMES FAIN PEBBLES** of



Richmond, Virginia, and Manteo, North Carolina, died on September 21, 2011. He was a member of the Tiger

varsity basketball team and participated in golf and water polo. He was a successful businessman and entrepreneur who enjoyed playing golf. He was an eight-year member of the board of directors for the Virginia State Golf Association.

## 1983

**EUGENE THOMAS TOLLEY III** of Danville died on September 1, 2011. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy and a member of Calvary Baptist Church.

## 2014

**ZACHARY KURT GRIER** of



Lexington, North Carolina, died on October 23, 2011. He graduated from Westchester Country Day

School and was a student at Hampden-Sydney College. He was an Eagle Scout and a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity. Recently, he traveled to the Dominican Republic on a mission trip with Acts Alive youth group. He enjoyed going to concerts and spending time outside with friends and family.

**BLAKE CRAWFORD HILL**



of Southampton, Bermuda, died on June 15, 2011. He was a graduate of Virginia Episcopal School and a member of Kappa Alpha fraternity.

## Faculty

Dr. **HARRIS BURNS, JR.**, of Waynesville, North Carolina, died on August 30, 2011. He taught chemistry at Hampden-Sydney during the 1960s; he also taught at The College of William & Mary, Randolph-Macon College, Hiram College, and Mercer University, where he was the inaugural faculty member of the School of Engineering. In 2005, the National Engineering Advisory Board of the School of Engineering recognized him for his significant contributions to Mercer University.



*Congressman Robert Hurt '91, serving his first year in office, told students about finding out how government works.*

## *Wilson Center eyes politics on trip to D.C.*

Students active with the Wilson Center for Leadership in the Public Interest made their annual trip to Capitol Hill this fall. This year's trip had the added benefit of a meeting with Congressman **Robert Hurt '91**, who is serving his first year in office.

The day was filled with briefings by alumni working in a variety of roles in Washington. **Andrew Duke '90**, the chief of staff for Rep. Jeb Hensarling of Texas, and **Tucker Shumack '95**, a principal with the government relations firm Capitol Counsel, discussed the Congressional "Super Committee" and the role of the federal deficit.

After lunch, **Clary Doherty '97**, the deputy director of the office of public engagement at the USAID, and **Wilhelm Meierling '04**, the communications director for United Way Worldwide, led the students through the ins and outs of global development issues.

Younger alumni joined some seasoned professionals to talk about their work "in the trenches" of Capitol Hill. Among those offering insight were **William Wright '94**, legislative assistant for foreign affairs for Sen. Scott Brown, **Todd Johnston '95**, senior policy advisor for the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works, **Thomas Craig '99**, professional staff member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, **Adam Barker '05**, professional staff member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, **Mark Kearney '05**, legislative assistant for the House Foreign Affairs Committee, **Hunter Pickels '05**, scheduler for Rep. Charles Boustany, **Gordon Neal '09**, staff assistant for Rep. Rob Wittman, **Dylan Colligan '10**, staff assistant for the House Republican Conference, **Patrick Meden '10**, staff assistant for Rep. Tim Griffin, **William Pace '10**, staff assistant

for Rep. Robert Hurt '91, and **Jack Ruddy '10**, legislative assistant for Rep. Sam Graves.

The final event on Capitol Hill as a presentation by **Peter Neville '89**, assistant director of program analysis and evaluation for the Department of Homeland Security.

Before leaving Washington, the students joined the DC Alumni Club for dinner and a talk by Eric Schmitt, a *New York Times* journalist and co-author of *Counterstrike: The Untold Story of America's Secret Campaign Against Al Qaeda*.

Dr. **David Marion**, the director of the Wilson Center says, "This is was a jam-packed day for the guys but they got so much valuable information about what it is really like living in D.C. and working in the government and politics. We are so thankful to the alumni who took time out of their busy schedules to meet with the students, especially Representative Hurt. It was a great honor."

*Eric Schmitt, a New York Times journalist and author, joined students at the DC Alumni Club meeting.*

