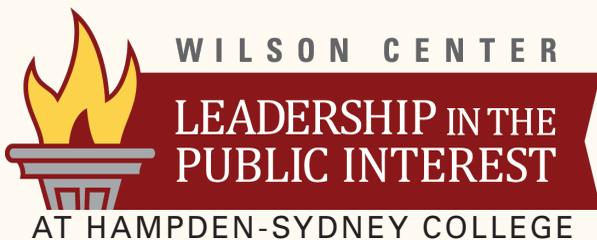


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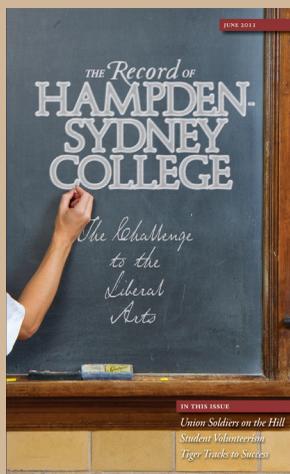
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# Bad Friday

## THE YANKEES COME TO HAMPDEN-SYDNEY

THE REV. WILLIAM E. THOMPSON, FORMER COLLEGE CHAPLAIN

On February 4, 1861, an assembly of representatives from six seceded states convened in the State Capitol building in downtown Montgomery, Alabama, and declared themselves to be The Confederate States of America. By this same body's consent to a shelling of Fort Sumter ten weeks later, that assembly initiated a civil war, allegedly a war for states rights, a war that has indelibly marked the way each of us was raised.

Ironically, that 1861 convention met just one little city block away from the eventual site of a small, black Baptist church on Dexter Avenue where about 90 years later, first, a Prince Edward County black pastor named Vernon Johns (born and raised and eventually buried about five miles from Hampden-Sydney out the Darlington Heights Road), and then secondly, Vernon Johns's successor, a pastor named Martin Luther King, Jr., would initiate in the very shadows of that first Confederate Capitol, yet another war, this time a war for civil rights, similarly an awesome war that has indelibly marked the way that we were raised. So many of us are both a child and also a victim of both wars.

I have been working for the past 15 years on a book entitled *Bad Friday*, which tells the story of what happened two days before Appomattox in a small triangle of land whose three points we know as Kingsville (just off campus at the traffic light on Route 15) and Worsham, which of course back then was our county seat named Prince Edward Court House, and here, a place then generally referred to as "The Hill"—the College (Cushing Hall) and the seminary (Venable Hall), two buildings where many Hampden-Sydney men lived during their college years.

So, return with me now to those thrilling days of yester-year (in fact, 146 years ago on a "Bad Friday," April 7, 1865). "From out of the past come the thundering hoof-beats of the great horse ..." no, not Silver, but Rienzi, a horse named for the last of the great Roman tribunes, a tribune commemorated in Richard Wagner's dark and haunting Rienzi Overture. Riding on Rienzi's back on April 7, 1865, is the fearsome lone stranger, U.S. Major General Philip H. Sheridan, 5'6" tall, bandy-legged, and possibly possessing the foulest mouth in the entire Union Army. "Foul Phil Sheridan" is the Union Army's point man who is directing Grant's advance across Virginia.

On Sunday, April 2, 1865, the front-lines

*Willie Thompson telling this tale at the Summer College.*



around both Richmond and Petersburg are flanked by Grant's great army of approximately 125,000 men, but Lee is still able to pull off one of his final war-time miracles by successfully extracting, from 50 miles of continuous trenches, his own army of about 50,000 men, plus artillery pieces and horses and mules and wagons. Lee's retreat begins along two iron lifelines, known as the South Side Rail Road and the Richmond & Danville Railroad. Lee desperately hopes that somewhere, somehow, rations from either Lynchburg or Danville can be sent up forward on these slender lifelines toward his stumbling men and animals, who have been on half-rations for the past six months. Lee is moving west from Petersburg.

Meanwhile, Jefferson Davis's all-important secretary of war, John C. Breckinridge, is also moving west from Richmond, hoping to encounter Lee and to get to a telegraph office, so he can advise from the battlefield plans for President Jefferson Davis and his Cabinet, who are hunkered down in Danville. War Secretary Breckinridge, of course, was the man who had regretfully—but successfully—sent the VMI cadets into the New Market battle a year earlier. He is the last and best Secretary of War that the Confederacy ever had. John Cabell Breckinridge, by the way, is the grandson of Hampden-Sydney College's first president, Samuel Stanhope Smith.

The two railroad-lifelines cross one another

at Burkeville Junction, and, to have any hope of success, Lee's army has to clear that junction before either part of Grant's intercepting army can get there. While Lee's scattered army is still re-assembling at Amelia Court House, Phil Sheridan's cavalry rides cross-country and blocks the Danville Railroad on Tuesday, April 4, at a little depot stop called Jetersville. Now, with that railroad blockaded, Lee has no hope for any rescuing rations coming forward from Danville, and his faint hopes are also dashed about moving farther that way toward a possible junction with General Joe Johnston's troops, who are then in the Durham-Hillsboro area of North Carolina.

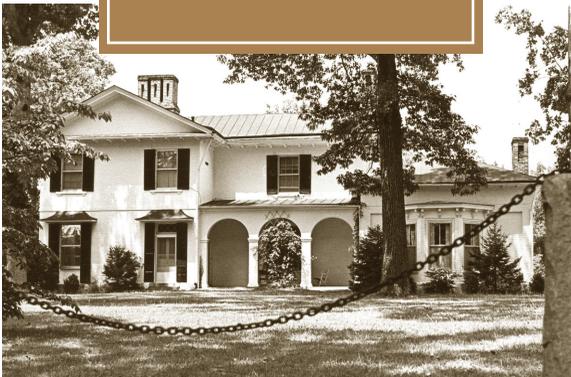
But on Wednesday, April 5, Lee gets word from a cavalry scout that there are 80,000 rations waiting on the South Side Rail Road at Farmville (on a siding just east of present-day Walker's Diner). Lee then takes a look at his map and decides—or rather Lee and Longstreet sorta say to one another—“If we can possibly drag our

army cross-country from Amelia to Farmville, even though there are hardly any passable roads thereabouts, and if we can get to those Farmville rations ahead of the pursuing Union army and

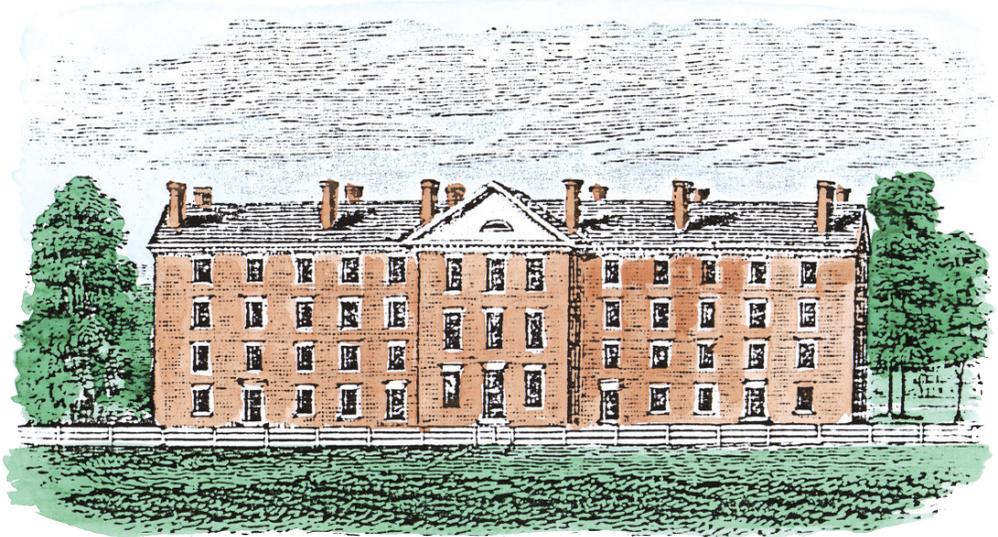
feed our men and horses, then perhaps the Army of Northern Virginia can either go out High Street or South Main Street on by that little college in the woods and its nearby court house and perhaps then get back to the Danville Railroad at

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Former College Chaplain



*Westmerton, Robert Dabney's home at Hampden-Sydney.*



*Cushing Hall as it appeared in 1846. It looked much the same when the Yankees came to campus in 1865.*

Keysville.”

Well, of course it didn't work out that way. The Union's energized army left Jetersville and came this way and annihilated a quarter of Lee's army on Thursday in the day-long battles of Sailors Creek.

Now, bear with me, and let us turn our imagination-cameras back to the collapsing lines in Petersburg on the previous Sunday afternoon. The Rev. Robert L. Dabney 1847, Seminary professor and co-pastor (and designer) of College Church, and now once again a chaplain in the Confederate Army, realizes that both armies are headed this way—and there's something at Hampden-Sydney that he absolutely cannot allow the Yankees to get hold of . . . and it's not his wife Lavinia. It is his hand-written manuscript of the life of Stonewall Jackson, something he has labored over for the past two-and-a-half years, finally completing it about Christmas of 1864. You may remember that Dabney was Jackson's chief of staff for part of 1862. The manuscript was hidden on campus at his home, Westmerton, but if the Yankees were to find it, they would surely destroy it.

So, on Sunday afternoon, April 2, Dr. Dabney begs, borrows, or perhaps even steals, two horses and a wagon and outraces both armies. Finally, about midnight, as Wednesday turns into Thursday, while Lee's army is still

desperately slogging its way in the rain to reach Farmville, Dabney comes in by Leigh's Mountain on the Green Bay Road, past the Court House, down Via Sacra, and awakens Lavinia and their boys. The longtime oral tradition has been that they roll up the manuscript and tie a rope around it and lower it from the attic, either between the outer and inner walls, or down an unused flue. Dabney is fed and flees to his sister-in-law's plantation in Buckingham County.

All day long that next day Sheridan's cavalry and Meade's infantry are virtually wiping out a quarter of Lee's army in the three battles of Sailor's Creek, where Major General George Custer captures no fewer than 32 Confederate battle flags, and Sheridan, Custer, and Meade's men capture eight Confederate generals on that single day.

At a campfire near Sailor's Creek on Thursday night, April 6, Sheridan lays out his plans for the next day: (1) a third of the army will push into Farmville, (2) another third will cross High Bridge and swing around on Lee's northern flank, and (3) he and Custer, with their 8,000 cavalry, will ride to Kingsville, Worsham, and Hampden-Sydney in order to block Lee's last, best route south. It is snowing in Burkeville that Thursday, when at 2 a.m. Grant dispatches Major General Ranald McKenzie's 2,000 cavalymen toward Worsham. They get there

at noon on “Bad Friday,” April 7, and actually fight a two-hour skirmish there against home guardsmen and possibly some Hampden-Sydney folks, although President Atkinson had closed the College and dismissed the students four days earlier. Sheridan and Custer’s 8,000 cavalrymen get to Worsham at 3 p.m. Because the lumbering Union V Corps of approximately 12,000 infantry is marching down U.S. Route 15 to make camp at Kingsville, Prince Edward Court House, and The Hill for the night, all those early-arriving cavalrymen are sent on from the Court House toward Prospect Station; only they don’t get there right away. Most of the cavalrymen make evening camp out on the Five Forks Road about two miles from the present-day gates of the College.

Ah, but before they do that, many of the cavalry joy-ride all over this campus for several hours that late Friday afternoon, and then the V Corps infantry arrive. All 12,000 foot soldiers—camping out between the Kingsville signal light, Worsham, and up near where Mercy Seat African-American Church will be built two years later, and behind Penshurst—tear down fences for the supertime fires and cut down the woodlands that formerly stood where today’s Johns Auditorium and Bagby Hall stand.

Modern science is wonderful: several years ago I asked physics professor Stan Cheyne if he had a computer program that could give me the exact time of sunset at Hampden-Sydney College’s coordinates on April 7, 1865, and of course he could, so I could nail down my manuscript’s accurate description of sunset that “Bad Friday” evening.

The Union troops carried on mightily in front

of Penshurst and Venable and Middlecourt and in the parlor and in front of Hampden House. Those stories can be found in my book. I can tell you now, though, that the most remarkable thing that occurred on The Hill that Friday afternoon came about while some Yankee cavalry were lightly plundering the two schools.

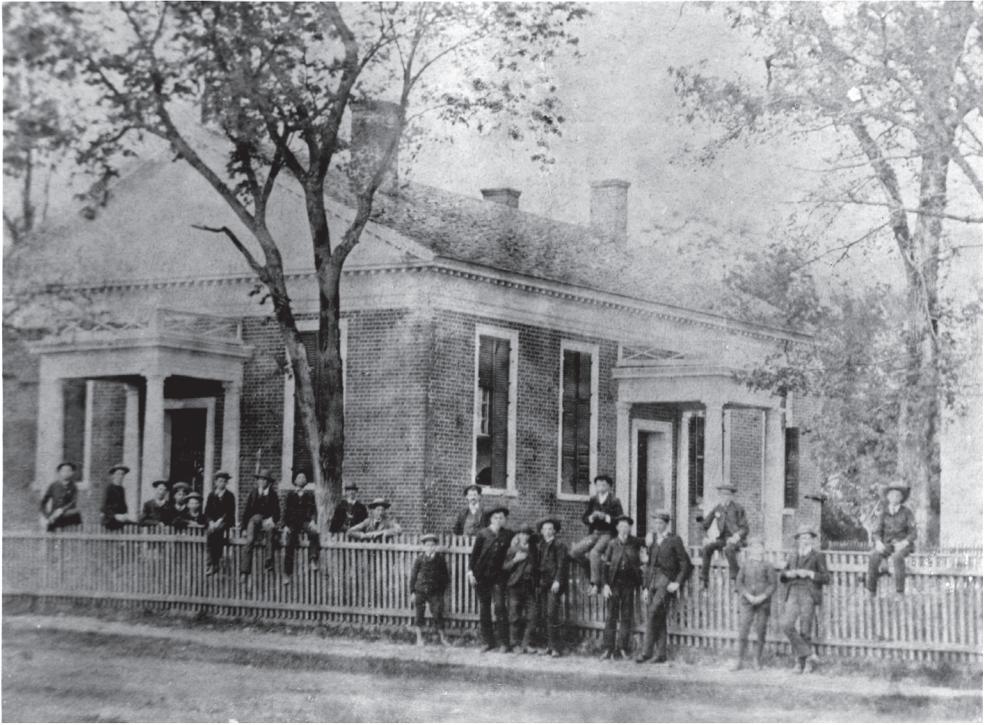
President Atkinson sent a horseback courier

over to the Court House to ask General Sheridan if he could possibly place provost guards on all the private and public property here, and, believe it or not—in what we Presbyterian pastors ascribe to God’s providential predestination—there happened to be a former Hampden-Sydney College student from New Jersey who was standing within earshot. When General Sheridan was about to turn down the request, this former student spoke up and explained that he had once attended this college and he volunteered to take a group of his trustworthy friends with him to guard these properties, which they did, and reasonable order was thereby restored.

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In closing, I will tell you one more thing that also happened here on “Bad Friday” evening. A marching army of course has to find two things every evening: potable drinking water and a place to establish latrines (hopefully not in proximity). Just imagine: these invaders have no maps, no aerial photographs, and suddenly they come upon Venable Hall and Cushing Hall. Each building has a freshwater pump at each end with ready access to healthy drinking water. There were six outhouses in the low ground behind Cushing Hall (which then faced in the other direction) and out behind Venable there were four more outhouses, and other established outhouses behind the President’s House (today’s Admissions



*The Court House in Worsham, seen here while it was being used as a boys school in the 1890s.*

Office) and behind Penshurst and Middlecourt, etc. Wow! To these invaders Hampden-Sydney College and Union Seminary must have looked like “the new Jerusalem, come down out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband,” and quite literally there had to have been the expression of great relief all around.

In all seriousness, this is part of what happened on The Hill on what the locals thereafter referred to as “Bad Friday,” the Friday before the Palm Sunday afternoon surrender at Appomattox, about 30 hours later.

For more than 40 years, nearly every winter and spring I taught confirmation classes for new teenage church members. And almost without fail, when we talked about Jesus’s crucifixion kids would ask me, “Why in the world do we call the crucifixion day, ‘Good Friday,’ when there was nothing at all good about it?” I would of course try to explain that while that day itself was as bad as it could possibly be for Jesus, yet because he somehow took our sins upon himself, this made the day finally “good” for all of us.

That’s also how I like to think about “Bad

Friday” of 1865 at Hampden-Sydney. Yes, it was as bad as it could get for the folks who lived through it, but because Abraham Lincoln had told General Grant “to let them down easy,” in less than 30 hours there would be unbelievably gracious surrender terms at Appomattox. And there followed two great results, which I think make it possible for our predecessors’ “Bad Friday” to become a “Good Friday”: a splintered nation had survived its greatest challenge and could now be completely at peace, and an enslaved race was set free ... although it would definitely require another kind of war almost a century later to make those freed slaves’ latter-day generations truly “free at last, free at last, thank God Almighty, free at last!”

*The Rev. William E. Thompson retired as College Chaplain and Pastor of College Church in 2002. He now devotes much of his time to his lifelong interest in the Civil War and regional history. His book, Bad Friday, which includes fascinating stories from the final days of the Civil War, will be available this fall at the College Bookstore and the Sailors Creek Battlefield Visitors Center.*

# *Liberal Arts and the Human Soul*

## **VOCATIONAL TRAINING FOR GOOD WORKS**

JAMES A. ARIETI, THOMPSON PROFESSOR OF CLASSICS

In the fall of 2010, I sent an e-mail to my colleagues on the faculty bemoaning the decision of Augustana College in Rock Island, Illinois, to add business, engineering, and other vocational tracks to its curriculum. I argued in my message that doing so would destroy or at the least undermine its status as a liberal arts institution. I drew attention to the implicit charge of all liberal arts colleges, one explicitly and gloriously proclaimed in Hampden-Sydney's mission statement—to form good men and good citizens.

A good human being I defined as one whose moral and intellectual values are harmonious with those that comport best with rational arguments and the traditions consistent with those arguments. I reviewed the traditional threefold classification of human goods—psychic goods (or those of the soul), bodily goods, and external goods—and how they line up in a hierarchical order, with psychic goods first, bodily goods second, and external goods last. Finally, following the traditional inventory, I listed as among the psychic goods the various virtues—things like courage, justice, moderation, wisdom, the due adaptation of means to ends in words and deeds, and a respect for the dignity of all one's fellow human beings and for the world of nature; among the bodily goods, health, strength, and beauty; and among the external goods, friends, family, and wealth.

It now seems fitting to explain with some specificity how the traditional core-curricular requirements at liberal arts institutions and at Hampden-Sydney in particular directly contribute to developing the psychic goals listed above. We often hear pious platitudes about traditional educational values and claims of how the great heroes of the past were as great as they were because of their fine liberal educations. But in general no account is given of precisely how the education resulted in their greatness of soul. And so I shall try to fill this gap and to lay out in what ways our core requirements aim at the goods of the soul. It will be obvious that just as not every arrow aimed at a target hits the bull's eye, so not every class in a given discipline will achieve the effects that I outline, a matter I shall return to later.

## *Hampden-Sydney's Core Requirements*

Let me begin with the College's requirement in composition, which at the College we denominate "Rhetoric." A human being is an animal capable of reason—or, in Aristotle's definition, capable of receiving knowledge. Reason manifests itself most perfectly in discourse and speech, that is, in observations of truth expressible in sentences. The unit of discourse is the sentence; the unit of the sentence is the word, of which there are various kinds. The relationship the words have with each other is grammar. To study grammar, then, is to study one's core humanness. By learning to speak and to write well, students learn to formulate and then to organize their thoughts so that they become clear to themselves and to others. The ability to think and to communicate with clarity renders their interaction with other people fulfilling as well as their inner lives gratifying and rich—and these are qualities that make them good human beings and good citizens. I should emphasize that the contribution to a superior inner life is no small part of the benefits of the requirement. Were a graduate of the College to find himself stranded on a lonely island in the middle of the ocean, because of his proficiency in Rhetoric, he would be able to enjoy intelligent reflection and to provide himself no small consolation from possessing an articulate, stimulating mental lucidity.

The foreign language requirement provides all the advantages of the Rhetoric requirement and more. It enables students to look at language from outside the familiar and hence yields more insights into and understanding of the nature of language. And, of course, as almost everyone who has studied a language other than his own has discovered through the humbling process of learning it, foreign languages are very difficult. The Bible recognizes this difficulty in the story of the Tower of Babel, where the multiplicity of languages is a punishment for presumptuous pride, and the sheer handicap of communicating across languages is intended to tame the arrogance human beings feel because of their intelligence.

When students consider how hard it is for themselves to learn a foreign language competently, they become sympathetic to the plight of those who come to our shores as immigrants speaking foreign tongues. Cognizant of how disconcerting it is to communicate even in the safety of a foreign language classroom, they realize just how hard it is to communicate across borders. As the chief operation of a good person is to feel moral sympathy for others—as enshrined in the famous rules of Hillel, Jesus, and Adam Smith—it is clear that the study of a foreign language will contribute to the goal of forming a humane, compassionate human being, quite apart from any occupational or travel benefits that may accrue. The College exempts from the language requirement foreign students for whom English had to be learned as a second language. The justice of this policy should be evident from the preceding remarks.

Though the mathematics requirement, after the foreign language requirement, is probably the one most dreaded, it is fundamental to forming good persons and good citizens. When students learn a theorem and have understood its formal mathematical proof, they have arrived at as persuasive a conclusion as possible. A mathematical proof requires definitions, a small number of axioms (self-evident truths), and a string of propositions made deductively in accordance with the rules of logic. When students have reasoned their way to a mathematical conclusion, they are persuaded that they have achieved a level of knowledge (and the knowledge that they know) that they acquire from no other intellectual exercise. What mathematics contributes to their psychic excellence is a standard by which they can assess the degree to which they know. What I mean can be illustrated with an example. When a student has been through the geometrical proof that the interior angles of a triangle equal two right angles, he is absolutely convinced of the accuracy of the conclusion. He has a canon, or ruler, by which he can easily calculate the degree of his knowledge about other matters—the excellence of this or that novel, the

moral or practical benefits of this or that policy, the accuracy of these or those experimental data. Math offers a yardstick, as it were, to assess knowledge in general. Using this yardstick, a person can then be appropriately skeptical or appropriately certain. As a good person will know when to affirm with certitude and when not, and as the latter will in the course of things be far more frequent than the former, he will be suitably cautious and confident according to the varying circumstances.

Because the College's Western Culture requirement combines the overlapping benefits of history and literature, I shall take up the requirements in literature, history, and Western Culture together. The often repeated assertion that a mere knowledge of history will keep us from being doomed to repeat the mistakes of the past, alas, is false. Indeed, what history shows is that the same mistakes are made over and over again, just as Thucydides predicted they would be so long as human nature remained the same. It is, in fact, a question whether an acquaintance with history actually causes a repetition of mistakes. Did the calls to remember the appeasement of Hitler at Munich elicit the war in Vietnam, a war that perhaps repeated some of the errors of World War I (which the appeasement at Munich was intended to avoid)? We should be better off looking elsewhere for the benefit of history to our souls. I suggest that the value of history is that it forces us to imagine times and places unlike our own and thus obliges us to exercise our imaginations, to put ourselves in the situations of others, to try to conjure times and places removed from our direct experience, and to compare the values, motives, and manners of people different from ourselves. It enables us to be as spectators in conflicts of which we have no part so that we can reflect with a disinterested clinical detachment on the totality of actions and arrive at disinterested verdicts. This exercise may not inoculate us completely against repeating the same mistakes, but it is the preventative medicine most likely to achieve the result. Literature adds to history an even greater variety of experience and also allows

us to penetrate into the psyches of characters and, unlike history, which lets us gaze on persons from the outside in, lets us gaze on them from the inside out. We read their thoughts and feelings, we watch them devising schemes and carrying them out. Along with the characters we can rehearse their reactions to crises; we can exercise our emotional responses and compare them to those of the characters; and, with the help of our teachers, we can refine our responses. We thus train ourselves for the crises that we shall encounter so that we shall be more likely to act correctly when the time comes. By enlivening our imaginations, history and literature, and their combination in our western culture course, offer a very direct preparation for the challenges of life.

Perhaps someone will ask why at Hampden-Sydney we should require *Western* culture as distinct from any culture whatsoever; the West, after all, does not have a monopoly on greatness. The answer may be stated briefly. It is a principle of education that we begin with what is familiar and then move to what is unfamiliar. The idea enshrined on a tablet at the holiest of ancient Greek places, the Oracle at Delphi, was "know thyself." Part of knowing ourselves is knowing about the culture in which we live. After we have mastered this task, we can more profitably move to unfamiliar territory. For students attending an American college, familiar territory is what we find in the collection of the great works that constitute the subject matter of our western culture course. That the College remains among the few that still require a western culture course is a sign of its place at the top of the hierarchy of *bona fide* liberal arts institutions.

The aim of philosophy is understanding through reasoning, and, of course, a high level of reasoning is the distinguishing characteristic of the human animal. As in any natural activity, the tendency is to attempt the activity in as complete, efficient, and effective a manner as possible. Philosophy trains our reasoning to understand the world by means of the tool called logic. Like our requirement in Rhetoric, philosophy aims to render students adept at this quintessentially human quality.

Liberal education, and philosophy in particular, embodies the dictum of Aristotle, that all human beings by nature desire understanding. A human without understanding, then, is like a body without food: it will wither and die. The ancients called this subject philosophy because it aims at wisdom or understanding (*sophia*), one of the chief goods of a rational soul.

The requirement in fine arts aims punctiliously at the appropriate and the beautiful. In theatre, it aims at the emotions appropriate to an occasion and to a character, and secondarily to the accidental qualities that might obtain. In the visual and musical arts, the goal is an understanding of the appropriate and the beautiful as apprehended by the senses of sight and hearing. In addition to an appreciation of the appropriate and the beautiful, the arts promote both ethical and epistemic values in the soul, as may be illustrated by a single example. A dramatic role—say, Hamlet—may be

acted by several actors who portray the character very well even as they portray it very differently. Each actor may plausibly enfold his own creative interpretation in his portrayal and highlight a different dimension of Hamlet. When examining various performances, students can realize that within the overarching constraint of a script (or, in the case of art, an image) there can be great variability. The ethical effect of this realization will be the students' extension of respect to people who have plausible, intelligent views different from theirs. The epistemic effect will be the consignment of genius and value to multifarious interpretations, as each underscores a different feature of reality—and the result will be for students to recognize that diversity in the

interpretation of complex things (like the character of Hamlet) expands their comprehension of the range of human nature. We need only think how in painting the myriad versions of a spring-time scene have each captured an aspect of the season or how in music thousands of melodies have each evoked a particular expression of the tenderness or frenzy of romantic love.

Human beings live in a material universe and are themselves made of matter, and self-knowledge therefore includes an understanding of the material world. Human reason has been able to unlock the mysteries of the natural world, to discern the relationship of parts to wholes, to investigate things smaller than an atom and vaster than galaxies, to examine phenomena that happened billions of years ago and that will happen billions of years hence. The College's requirement of classes in natural science yields the dual and perhaps paradoxical ethical benefit of letting students recognize

how small a particle a human being is in the scheme of things and yet how magnificent is the human mind that can survey the cosmos.

There is no need to discuss in detail the benefits from the other requirements, which largely recapitulate the benefits already described. Religion, for example, as an academic discipline, reveals the common quest of human beings to understand what, if anything, may be beyond nature. When students put themselves in the minds of people of other faiths who have struggled with the same issues, they develop that sympathy that lies at the heart of moral goodness.

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goals that I have sketched. A student may choose a course in mathematics in which formulae are memorized rather than deduced, or an art class in which he learns nothing but the names and dates of artists, or a theatre class in which he is compelled to obey slavishly the interpretation dictated by a director, or a history class where he memorizes dry facts with no engagement of the imagination, or a language class where the difficulties of a foreign language are brushed away and all he confronts are anecdotes and PowerPoint slides of his professor's summer travels. Whatever can be taught, can be taught poorly. And of course, for those in whom there is no inclination for learning, no amount of education, even with the most excellent of teachers, will bring about the desired results of moral and civic goodness. We should not forget that Socrates had the miscreant Alcibiades as his student and Aristotle, Alexander the megalomaniac.

The essential benefit of a liberal education, then, consists of the goods of the soul. But they are not, of course, the only goods; and at the College a student may derive benefits that he can obtain also at a non-liberal arts institution. These are collateral goods—goods to be sure—but

ones not essential to the education that I have described above. From Rhetoric comes an ability to persuade—a skill that is practical in law and politics and advertising; from mathematics comes numeracy—a skill necessary for balancing a checking account, for keeping books, and for running a business; from learning a foreign language comes a facility in traveling to countries where the language is spoken, and so on. But these are secondary or even tertiary goods—collateral benefits of the subjects but not the goals of liberal education. Let me illustrate my meaning with an analogy. Let us say that a physician instructs a patient to exercise in order to improve his vascular or respiratory functions. If the patient dutifully goes through the tortuous regime, he may discover that he has also become more physically attractive, and as a result he may become more confident in social situations. The improvement in appearance is a secondary effect attributable entirely to the exercise, the increase in confidence, a tertiary effect. The patient may take great delight in his increased bodily tone or self-confidence, but to confuse a secondary or tertiary effect with the primary one would be an error. A person who exercised with the primary

*Dr. Arieti (at right) leads a seminar in the Maples.*



goal of beauty would aim at those exercises that improved his appearance rather than his vascular or respiratory condition. He would be like the person who studied mathematics to be able to keep books rather than to have a canon of what it is to know with certainty. Keeping books is a good, to be sure, but it is not a good of the soul; knowing about knowledge is, and is a much greater good.

### *The Challenge to Liberal Arts in the Twenty-First Century*

What then is the greatest challenge to liberal education in the current century? The challenge is the same, I would argue, as it has always been—no greater, no less. It is the challenge illustrated with great force in Plato's *Gorgias*, where the young men Polus and Callicles desire an education in rhetoric for the purpose of acquiring political power for themselves. It is the challenge Augustine describes in the *Confessions*, when he upbraided his own parents for their insouciant neglect of his moral goodness so long as he continued to pursue an education for a legal career. In short, the challenge has been in the past, continues to be in the present, and will be in the future to persuade prospective students and their parents that the goods of the soul are not only real but the most important goods. Again, let me illustrate my meaning with an analogy. One might ask, what is the greatest challenge to human nutrition in this century? The challenge is to persuade people to eat healthy foods in the right amounts. Persuading people to put nutrition first and pleasure second is, like the challenge to liberal education, not an easy one to defeat.

Why are goods of the soul so frequently discounted? As the answer to this question is not the focus of this article, I shall briefly sketch the principal cause and then set it aside. The cause principally has to do with the limitation of human vision. Moral excellence, sound judgment, appreciation for the beauty in the diversity of nature and of human insight, a sense of order, and humility are all invisible, while fine houses,

automobiles, dining in cordon bleu restaurants, jewelry, shoes, and the like, since they are visible, are easily measured and compared. In a market economy, the esteem placed on things is indicated by their monetary value. That we generally pay the highest salaries to those whose work is the farthest removed from the invisible goods of the soul reflects the dismal fact that as a society we do not perceive the value in the ends of liberal education. For social animals like human beings, it is to be expected and, for the most part, it is socially useful for people to adopt the values of their community. The great challenge to liberal arts institutions is to resist the pressures to conform to the prevalent love of material goods and to adhere steadfastly to the traditional values in their hierarchical order, with psychic goods, or goods of the soul, first, bodily goods second, and external goods third.

Should liberal arts colleges teach or foster only those subjects and activities that aim at the goods of the soul? Here, I think, we need to keep in mind, as mentioned earlier, that there are goods other than those of the soul. So long as institutions provide a strict mechanism for maintaining the proper hierarchy of goods, it does not seem to me inappropriate to provide some access to the lower goods. We need not adopt the severity of our forbearers who excluded the pastime of athletic competition on the grounds that it distracted from piety. We need not forbid sports, so long as they maintain their place as a secondary good and do not usurp the liberal arts. (And this means, of course, that practices and games not encroach on the academic schedule and that funds for the institution not go disproportionately to athletics.) Shall we allow a smattering of courses whose ends are vocational, courses, say, in automobile mechanics, typing, cookery, nursing, and accounting? These subjects, while they do not aim at the goods of the soul, nevertheless do aim at goods. Here, I would suggest, we encourage students to make use of the opportunities that already exist as curricular parallels, as we do, for example, with ROTC, or to use the summer months

for these subjects. They might be taken, not as substitutes for, but as add-ons to their liberal education. For the College to offer a major in these subjects, however, would not be compatible with liberal education. The term *major*, from the Latin, means *more or greater*. And when a student undertakes a major, he devotes more time and greater energy to it than to the rest of the curriculum. Were we to offer a major in nursing or accounting, these would be the foci of a student's activity, and these are subjects that aim at bodily or external goods, not at the goods of the soul.

Such majors would thus be antithetical to the goals of liberal education. Alexis de Tocqueville wrote (*Democracy in America*, chapter 11): "If it be true that the human mind leans on one side to the narrow, the practical, and the useful, it naturally rises on the other to the infinite, the spiritual, and the beautiful. Physical wants confine it to the earth; but, as soon as the tie is loosened, it will unbend itself again." The job of *liberal* education is to untie, to free the human mind from the physical and to let it take flight.

Let me conclude with a word about my own education. I attended Grinnell College, in Iowa, from 1965 until 1969. In those years Grinnell had a strong prescribed core liberal arts curriculum, very similar to the one Hampden-Sydney still honors. When, in 1970, President Nixon escalated the Vietnam War with an invasion of Cambodia, universities and even erstwhile liberal arts colleges, even my own Grinnell College, for reasons that I have never quite understood, went wild and either eliminated their core curricula or so diluted them as to bear little resemblance to the kind of education that Hampden-Sydney retains. They eliminated, for example, requirements in sciences and mathematics and foreign languages.

What set Hampden-Sydney apart in those bizarre times and what sets it apart today is its courageous embrace of the liberal arts. Other colleges may have endowments with a monetary value ten times greater than that of Hampden-Sydney's, but the spiritual gold of Hampden-Sydney's curriculum has a much greater value still.

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# The Hampden-Sydney Man Serves

## THE COLLEGE'S TRADITION OF SERVICE TO OTHERS

BY KARIN GOLLIN, COORDINATOR OF VOLUNTEER SERVICES

On April 2, Hampden-Sydney College held its first “Big Event” day of service. After breakfasting on donuts and orange juice, over 110 students, as well as faculty and staff, headed out to spend the morning working at thirteen project sites across Prince Edward County. They painted, cleaned, de-constructed, mulched, planted, sorted, cemented, shoveled, and more. The Big Event was a high-water mark for volunteer service at the College.

Overall this year there has been a marked growth in student volunteerism in the Farmville area. A new program of volunteer service and community engagement, created with a generous gift from Ferguson Enterprises, has allowed the College to connect more regularly with local community organizations. Service clubs, fraternities, honor societies, and individuals have responded well to an increasing range of service opportunities that have arisen from this greater community connection. The program is still young, but it has three areas in which new efforts are being created and existing ones supported: volunteer service, philanthropy, and community partnerships.

### *Volunteer Service: giving your time*

Volunteer Service is the core of the program. The focus here is encouraging students to give their time and talents to people in need. Many students come to Hampden-Sydney with considerable experience volunteering as high school students. We want to help students continue—

and even expand—that service commitment, so that lifelong habits of volunteering are developed. This past year, volunteer service has involved a growing number of service clubs, as well as service work done by fraternities and other clubs and organizations on occasions such as the Big Event.

### *Service Clubs*

Hampden-Sydney College has a long tradition of service organizations. At the center of these organizations is Good Men Good Citizens (GMGC), a student group that encourages service involvement on campus and in the community. GMGC serves as the coordinating body for the other service clubs on campus, which currently include Circle K, the Hampden-Sydney Mentor Program, and Sigma-Nu/Hampden-Sydney Animal Rescue Club (SHARC). Habitat for Humanity and Rotaract have had active service clubs in the recent past. In addition, while not a club, the Hampden-Sydney Volunteer Fire Department is a place where students regularly volunteer to serve

the community.

Circle K is a very active club with about 30 members. They participate in service activities nearly every weekend during the semester, and these activities range from Habitat home builds to river cleanups to the annual March of Dimes walkathon.

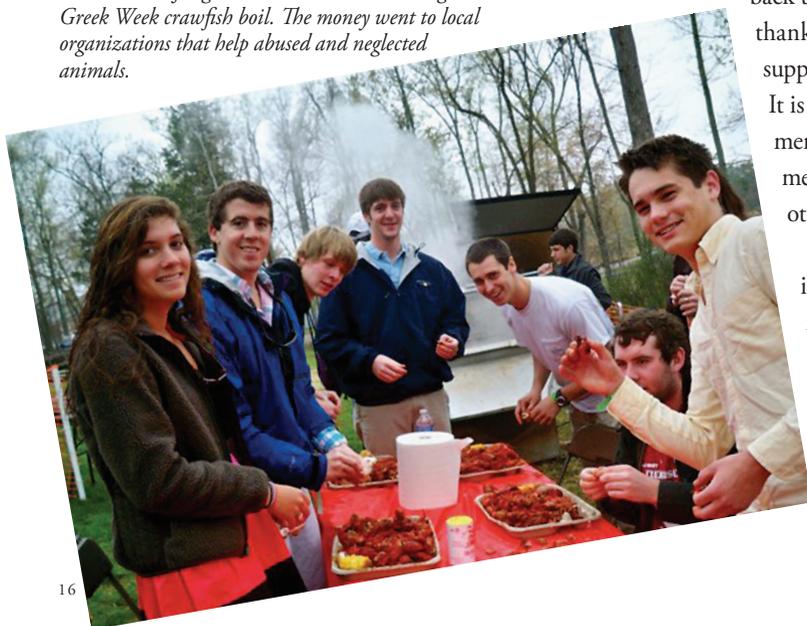
The Hampden-Sydney Mentor Program is a new service club created in February with 30 young men serving as mentors to 4th-grade boys at Prince Edward Elementary School. They have been given the boys with the greatest need for positive male presence. Similar to a Big Brother program, each mentor visits his little brother at least once a week. Initial reports from teachers are that the mentors are having a positive and welcome effect.

SHARC is a club that helps rescued dogs at the Southside Animal Shelter to get adopted. They help socialize and walk the dogs on Saturday mornings. This coming year, the "SHARC House" will open. It is a theme house where SHARC members will foster two dogs, getting them ready to be adopted out at the end of each semester.

## *Fraternities*

Fraternities are one of the regular sources of labor for service projects. SAE sent 30 members to Habitat earlier this spring. Last November, RAMPS (started by a member of Lambda Chi)

*The brothers of Sigma Nu raised \$1,600 through their Greek Week crawfish boil. The money went to local organizations that help abused and neglected animals.*



installed an access ramp for a Prince Edward woman homebound due to illness. Five fraternities contributed 38 men to participate in the Big Event. Theta Chi held two blood drives during the year and sent a team to the Relay for Life.

In addition to responding to calls for participation, the fraternities run some service projects of their own. GMGC partnered with the Inter-Fraternity Council to run the Greeks for Green program in September and October. This effort to collect and recycle aluminum cans on campus resulted in over 1,500 pounds of material being recycled rather than going into the waste stream.

In terms of individual fraternities, Sigma Nu stands out as one that has successfully developed a signature philanthropy. For several years they have regularly sent members to work with dogs at the county's animal control facility. By socializing the dogs and posting them on pet adoption websites, the men of Sigma Nu save the lives of dogs that would otherwise be euthanized. This project was so successful that it appealed to non-fraternity men and spawned the SHARC service club that works at another animal shelter in the area.

## *The Big Event*

Hampden-Sydney created its first Big Event this year at the request of President Chris Howard. Begun in 1982 at Texas A&M, the Big Event has spread to campuses across the country. It is now one of the largest student-led service projects in the nation. The purpose of the Big Event is to give

back to the community and to thank local residents for their support throughout the year. It is also a powerful statement that Hampden-Sydney men want to help and serve others.

Guys who participated included both groups and individuals. Intervarsity, Circle K, Resident Advisor groups, fraternities, SHARC, and the German Club all sent members. We also had faculty and



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staff working alongside the students, including Dr. Howard who worked at one of the Habitat sites. When they were done, everyone returned to campus for a barbecue lunch at Chalgrove Lake. The day's activities were as broad as they were varied: two groups of guys de-constructed houses to recover usable building materials for Habitat's ReStore; one group painted the house of a family whose child has cerebral palsy; one group went to the Y and cleared trails, installed birdhouses, and planted shrubs; four groups went to Crossroads facilities and did planting work with intellectually disabled residents; one group went to Prince Edward County Elementary School to help sort and organize books for their Book Donation program; one group shoveled crushed rock to improve the kennels at the Southside SPCA and socialized the dogs; one group cleaned and mulched the grounds of College Church; one group did a huge trash cleanup along Abilene Road; and one group worked on landscaping at the Woodlands retirement community and visited residents.

*Philanthropy:  
raising and  
donating money*

One of the classic ways in which we benefit our communities is by giving money to organizations doing good works. Philanthropic giving is the other side of the volunteer service coin. Both in doing good with their time through volunteering and in doing good with their money through channel-

ing funds to community service, students learn to become men fully engaged in doing good in their communities. Philanthropy covers both the fund-raising side of funding as well as the personal donation of money to charities. Our aim is to help students develop life-long habits of giving as well as to learn how to be effective in both the raising and donating of money.

This year there were several notable fund-raising efforts. Good Men Good Citizens created the H-S Cares for Kids program to assist needy children during the holidays. The effort initially targeted 50 children, but the group was able to raise over \$4,000 and provide warm clothing and toys for 140 children. Over 40 college students were involved: shopping for gifts,



*As part of the College's growing relationship with the local school system, some of our students built a raised garden bed for fourth graders at Prince Edward County Elementary School to use as they study the life cycle of plants.*

wrapping them, and giving them to parents and children. The program exceeded all expectations; it engaged a large number of students in service work and made a real difference to local families struggling through hard times.

Thomas Ewing '13 ran a "Movember" campaign to raise awareness and funds for cancer affecting men, particularly prostate cancer. In November, students across campus sprouted moustaches. Suddenly growing a moustache is a conversation-starter; it provides the opportunity for students to learn about how to prevent cancer through diet, fitness, annual physicals, and preventative screening. It is also a way for the "Mo Bros," as the moustache-growing men are called, to raise funds for research and treatment. Money raised goes to the Prostate Cancer Foundation for research on better screening tests and to LiveStrong for programs that support young adults battling cancer.

Circle K raised over \$3,500 on behalf of the March of Dimes for Babies Foundation. Last year, Circle K raised more money for the March of Dimes (\$2,500) than any other Circle K chapter in the world. This year, it exceeded the previous year and is tied for the top fund-raising

group in the Farmville community.

On the main Saturday of Greek Week, the fraternities ran two philanthropy projects. At lunch, Sigma Nu held a crawfish boil and raised \$1,600 to benefit SHARC and the Southside SPCA. For dinner, the IFC sponsored a cookout and raised \$700 for the campus-wide Japan Relief fund.

A campus-wide coalition brought together by Student Government President John Sharp responded to the tsunami in Japan by raising funds for the Red Cross. Groups involved included the professional fraternity AXE, the Inter-Fraternity Council, Circle K, the Chess and Strategy Club, the Anime Club, and the International Club. They went to dorms and to special events to raise funds and overall were able to raise hundreds of dollars to donate to the Red Cross relief effort in Japan.

### *Community Partnerships: the College and the community*

In addition to encouraging students to volunteer their time and generate funds for community needs, the College itself is increasing its engagement in the local Farmville community. In

particular, Dr. Howard identified the Prince Edward County Public Schools as a focal point for Hampden-Sydney efforts to serve the community. Thus, a partnership between Hampden-Sydney and the public school system is gradually developing. This partnership involves students, faculty, and staff working with all three of the local public schools. Some projects enable H-SC students to serve as role models and mentors, while other projects target academic enrichment.

The Hampden-Sydney Mentor Program works with the fourth grade students. Next year, Circle K will start up a program called BUGS (Bringing Up Grades) that focuses on supporting academic achievement in the third grade. Students who raise or maintain their grade from one grading period to the next will be rewarded with fun events run by Circle K members every six weeks.

Next year, third and fourth grade students will have a community garden outside their classrooms. Thanks to the work of a group of Hampden-Sydney students led by Jordan Harless, students built two raised beds that will enable the kids to grow vegetables and flowers, learning first-hand about nutrition and plant life.

The Hampden-Sydney College Physics Department has put on exciting displays for local schools in recent years. Building on this, we worked with the School Superintendent's office to develop a middle school science enrichment program to show how exciting and fun science can be. Called "Cool Science," this program held two sets of workshops this spring: Biology in Action and Building Rockets. Faculty and students in biology and chemistry ran the sessions, and the student science honorary society Chi Beta Phi provided the support. In the first session, the middle school students came to Gilmer Hall and got to learn about (and handle) reptiles and amphibians, experiment with ways that exercise affects the pulse and respiration rate, and look through microscopes to see all the life in a drop of pond water. The rocketry workshop was a two-session series where each student built their own model rocket and then launched them outside.

Two programs are under development in

conjunction with the area high school. At the request of the public schools, a mentoring program for high school students is being developed. The idea is to match them with a college student who has recently completed the college selection process and can therefore help them with essays and other aspects of choosing a college. Led by Dr. Elizabeth Deis, the Writing Center student tutors are interested in forming the core of this group of mentors. The psychology courses in the high school will be strengthened thanks to a program planned by Dr. Jennifer Vitale for the spring of 2012. With the help of psychology students and faculty at Hampden-Sydney, Dr. Vitale intends to give the high school students an intense two-week immersion in doing research in some of the major fields of psychology.

Overall, Hampden-Sydney is developing a program on Volunteer Service and Community Engagement meant to strengthen the College's mission to develop Good Men and Good Citizens. It will also promote a positive and active role for the College in the Farmville community. Looking ahead to next fall, volunteer service will be integrated into the freshman orientation and transition. Every freshman Resident Advisor group will participate in a service project during the fall, both to increase their familiarity with the Farmville area and to get them started early in volunteering.

Good men doing good work.



*Karin Gollin (center, giving direction to students at The Big Event) is the coordinator of volunteer services at Hampden-Sydney College. She is also the wife of Rev. David Keck, the chaplain of the College.*

# *A crucial place for young men of the future*

COMMENTATOR JUAN WILLIAMS SPEAKS TO THE FOUNDERS

BY JOHN LEE DUDLEY '95

The Willard Hotel in Washington, D.C. was brimming with Hampden-Sydney College alumni and friends on the weekend of March 26 for the annual Society of Founders Dinner. Friday evening, Society members were treated to a party at the home of Warren Thompson '81. On Saturday morning they had their choice of tours of the White House or the Capitol Building. However, the highlight for many was the dinner on Saturday night with keynote speaker Juan Williams of Fox News.

“That we had our largest gathering of Founders ever was most impressive,” said **John C. Ellis, Jr.** '70, chairman of the Society of Founders. “I am excited that so many Founders attended this remarkable and inspirational event, and that participation in the Society of Founders is growing. Our little College on the Hill could not exist without them. However, at such a critical juncture in the financial life of Hampden-Sydney College, we must do more. Others need to experience the genuine passion our Founders have for their College by giving at the Founders level.”

Williams is an accomplished journalist with 10 years as a senior national correspondent and news analyst at National Public Radio and 23 years at *The Washington Post*, where he spent most of his time as a national correspondent and a political columnist. Mr. Williams is also an accomplished documentarian and author of six books.

“Juan Williams added a high level of

discourse to an already wonderful collection of Hampden-Sydney College alumni and supporters,” said President **Christopher B. Howard**. “He understands the value of liberal arts education. As a graduate of Haverford, he knows first-hand that academic rigor and a developed sense of personal awareness enrich our lives. Having him appear before the Society of Founders goes to show how important that group is to the future of the College.”

During his speech, Williams discussed the changing face of America, the need for real leadership, and the role of Hampden-Sydney College in the 21st Century.

Williams spoke about a trip to Minnesota to report on the current state of youth in America. After meeting with student groups, he still felt he was not getting the whole story, so he met with a guidance counselor. “She said, ‘You asked me to meet the very best students here. What did you notice? You asked to meet with the student leaders here, the people who are running student organi-

zations, the people who are getting the internships in corporations around Minneapolis-St. Paul, the ones who are involved in volunteerism. What did you notice? You wanted to meet with the very best athletes, the ones who are getting scholarships to Division I schools. What did you notice? What you should have noticed when you met with the very best students was that seven out of ten of them were women. And when you met with student leaders eight out of ten were women. And when you met with the top athletes—after Title IX—how could you not notice that five out of ten were women?

“Well, I’ve got to tell you guys—I hadn’t noticed. The idea of women occupying positions of power and influence at the very top of society is a radical change that is taking place in America right now.”

As young women are entering more and more leadership positions and filling the top ranks of academic classes, young men continue to struggle. Williams says young men are dropping out of school and falling behind in class at alarming rates. The failure of young men, he says, affects everyone. “If you’re thinking about things like who will marry your daughter or who will keep up with these girls who are such high achievers, the fact is the boys are falling behind. And in terms of hoping somehow to groom them to become leaders, the need for Hampden-Sydney is greater than ever.”

Williams adds that Hampden-Sydney, as a place for young men to

develop a value system and intellectual rigor, is crucial for the success of our country. He says Hampden-Sydney College addresses “the need for an institution that would emphasize the importance of family, the importance of identifying with achievement and tradition, and the importance of understanding that we go into this new century with these new demographics—they go way beyond the old white-black conversation that dominated for so long.”

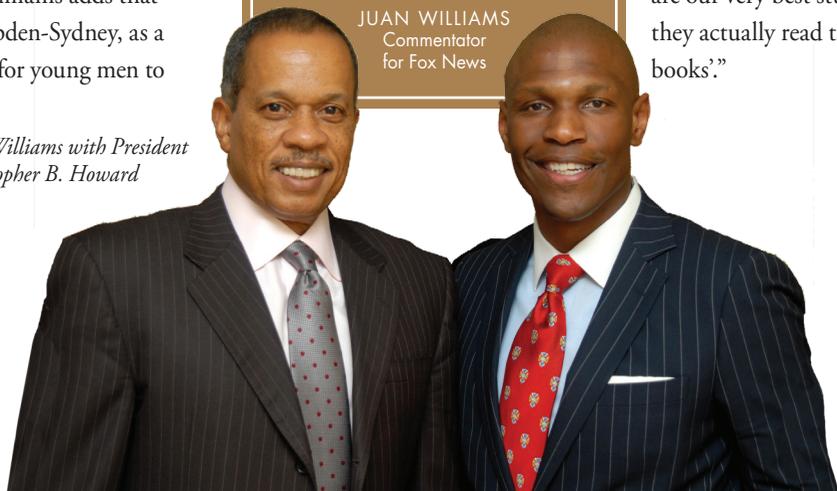
Our America is a changing America. Not only are young women sharing leadership roles once dominated by young men, but also the number of “new” Americans is rapidly growing. Williams says the highest birthrates in the country are among immigrants and the children of immigrants. In addition, people are living longer, much longer, than they did in previous generations.

To better understand the effects of our aging population, Williams went to a senior citizens center in Central Florida. He was surprised to learn how active older Americans are. He found them playing rock-n-roll music together, booking trips with travel agents, investing money, and continuing their educations. Colleges and universities are flocking to retirement communities, trying to attract new students. Williams says retirees love the collegiate atmosphere because of the availability of concerts, lectures, classes, and sporting events. He quipped, “One guy said to me, ‘The seniors are our very best students; they actually read the books.’”

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*Juan Williams with President Christopher B. Howard*



The graying of a community, however, is not perfect. Publicly, community leaders say they love having senior citizens in their area, says Williams, but privately they admit there are problems. “When we talked to mayors, they said, ‘When we want to build light rail, the seniors say no. They don’t want anybody else coming to Florida. They wish the door would close right behind them.’ When you talk to people in the education community, they say, ‘You know, one of the difficulties we are having is that the seniors are overwhelmingly white and they don’t relate to the kids in these schools, because the kids in these schools are a part of what they call ‘the browning of Central Florida’—lots of immigrants and minorities attracted to the area by its economic vitality. This is not the America they grew up in.”

So, what does Williams make of our modern America? He says we have shifted from a race-based gap to something more complex: “It would be easy to tell this story in terms of black and white, brown and white, but in fact, what’s going on is generational tensions, tensions that are much larger than race. They put competing priorities and competing needs in conflict inside the American family.”

He continued: “Hampden-Sydney—in terms of equal rights, in terms of justice, in terms of leading America through this transformative period—now has a central role to play, in terms of providing leaders who stand above the distrust, above the anger, and provide for us a clear vision of what it means to be an American, to care deeply, to be a patriot, to be dedicated to a larger cause than ourselves, to be willing to sacrifice for the greater good. That is what Hampden-Sydney has stood for through time—and there have been rough times. What strikes

me is that this is a new day and you are having to reinvent this institution—not to lose any of its traditions—but reinvent it to fit the challenges of the 21st century. You cannot be content to simply stand by and say that our men coming from Hampden-Sydney really would have fit better back in the 1950s and that’s our model for a Hampden-Sydney Man.

No, you have to create men today who can handle America and the globe in this new century. You can’t just sit back in the evening and watch people like me argue on the TV. You’ve got to get

your hands into the muck and mire of American policy. And much like an artist, you’ve got to create a vestige of young leaders who can hold amidst the pressure and tension that comes with being leaders in American society. That’s your challenge. You’ve got to change this institution to accommodate the reality of tremendous change in American society.”

Juan Williams charged the Society of Founders to recommit themselves to Hampden-Sydney College, to investing financially, intellectually, and emotionally in the young

men of The Hill. “It is so important that you stay in this fight, that you not become alienated or become turned off and say, ‘We’re on the wrong track’ or ‘This is not the Hampden-Sydney I went to. Why are things different?’ but that you have a sense that this is the very best at Hampden-Sydney. The transformation of Hampden-Sydney once again puts it at the pinnacle of grooming America’s very best leadership for a new generation. I hope that all of you remain dedicated to that cause. Do not join the pessimism. Do not turn to cynicism. Do not turn to anger and pointing fingers at minorities or immigrants or women. Have a clear sense that you are involved in a revolution of the 21st century, and that Hampden-Sydney is in the fight.”

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*Juan Williams addressed the Founders (top), and spoke with individual alumni.*

# Tiger Tracks to success

## CAREER DEVELOPMENT OFFICE WRITES ROAD MAPS FOR CAREER CHOICES

LAURA NEIDERT, ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF CAREER DEVELOPMENT

The Office of Career Development believes that “You *can* do anything with a degree from Hampden-Sydney College,” and our students are more than living up to this standard. The launch of the Tiger Tracks program and the growing success of the Office of Fellowship Advising show that Hampden-Sydney men are developing themselves as good men and good citizens for a global world.

The *Tiger Tracks* program is a partnership between the Office of Career Development, the Office of Admissions, and the President’s Office. At the core of the program are concise documents that lay out ways for students to pursue popular paths for life after college through our liberal arts education. Each document helps students build a bridge connecting academic courses, extracurricular activities, summer opportunities, and alumni successes. Currently, we have *Tiger Track* documents for banking and finance, law, sports management, and coaching. *Tiger Track* documents are planned for education, engineering, architecture, ministry, medicine, and dentistry. For more information, visit us online at [www.hsc.edu/Career-Development.html](http://www.hsc.edu/Career-Development.html).

President Howard has been pleased with the

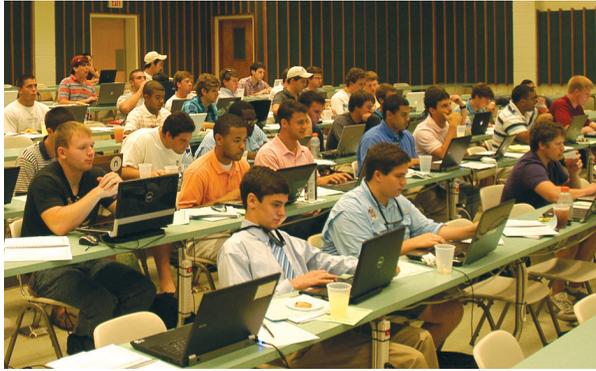


Some of the new *Tiger Tracks* brochures

success of the *Tiger Track* program. He said, “It’s always a good thing to get our students to think about their futures and how to optimize their four years at Hampden-Sydney to prepare for life after college. *Tiger Tracks* organize all of the existing campus resources and makes them readily available to interested students.”

The *Tiger Track for Banking and Finance* launched in August 2010 following the College’s Opening Convocation with a networking reception for students, faculty, and staff. The reception featured the convocation speaker, Dr. Peter Blair Henry, Dean of the Leonard N. Stern School of Business at New York University. As the year continued, students participated in a Dress for Success seminar with Brooks Brothers and built their skills with Training the Street. Over 90 students

participated in two skill building workshops. As a capstone event, the College hosted a dinner with Navin Thukkaram, the Chief Operating Officer of Qwiki, Inc. Thukkaram is a classmate of Dr. Howard's from



*Students interested in banking or finance build their skills with the Training the Street program, used by Wall Street firms for their trainees.*

Harvard Business School and has spent his career working in investment banking and private equity firms. The college is planning similar events for students interested in law, sports management, and coaching.

Meanwhile, the Office of Fellowship Advising completed another successful year with the selection of J. B. Potter '11 as a Fulbright U.S. Student Program Fellow. Potter, who has been awarded a Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship in Mainz, Germany, is the second Hampden-Sydney graduate in two years to be chosen for the Fulbright ETA program. He joins 20 other H-SC men who have won competitive scholarships, including the Rhodes, Truman, and NCAA scholarships. He graduated *magna cum laude* with a major in history and three minors—German, Public Service, and Military Leadership and National Security Studies. While at H-SC, Potter served as the clerk and librarian of the UPLS, copy editor of *The Tiger*, president of the German Club, and vice president of Omicron Delta Kappa. He was also a member of the highly successful VFIC Ethics Bowl team, as well as of the Society of '91. He was inducted into Phi Beta Kappa, Phi Alpha Theta, and Phi Sigma Iota honorary societies



*Visiting speaker  
Navin Thukkaram*



*Fulbright Fellow  
J.B. Potter '11*

and received the Harvey B. Morgan Public Service Award for his work with the Wilson Center for Leadership in the Public Interest. The Office of Fellowship

Advising, created in 2009 and run by Dr. Lowell Frye, Elliot Professor of Rhetoric and Humanities, and Laura Neidert, Associate Director of Career Development, aims to identify and cultivate talented Hampden-Sydney men to apply for nationally competitive scholarships. For more information on the Office of Fellowship Advising, please visit [www.hsc.edu/Career-Development/Fellowships.html](http://www.hsc.edu/Career-Development/Fellowships.html).

The Fulbright Program is the flagship international educational exchange program sponsored by the U.S. government and is designed to increase mutual understanding between the people of the United States and those of other countries. The Program operates in over 155 countries worldwide, providing an opportunity for students, scholars, teachers, artists, and scientists to study, teach and conduct research, exchange ideas, and contribute to finding solutions to shared international concerns.

The Office of Career Development welcomes assistance with these programs. We appreciate

your suggestions for future *Tiger Tracks*, for alumni success stories to highlight in *Tiger Tracks*, and for referrals of candidates for major scholarships. You are welcome to contact us at (434) 223-6106 or [career@hsc.edu](mailto:career@hsc.edu).

## Bill Kirk '72 honored with Keating Medallion

In honor of his tremendous support of Hampden-Sydney College, this year's Keating Medallion was presented to **John W. "Bill" Kirk III '72**. His ongoing generosity towards the athletic program has contributed to the development of hundreds of young men. Mr. Kirk's support helped the College realize such projects as the renovation of Cushing Hall, the construction of Bortz Library, and the renovation and expansion of Kirk Athletic Center.

Mr. Kirk is president and CEO of Associated Asphalt, Inc., in Roanoke and chairman of the Asphalt Institute. He is also a longtime supporter of the YMCA.

The Keating Medallion was established in 1986 by **James J. Keating**, Hampden-Sydney Class of 1956. Awarded each year to a member



*Bill Kirk '72 wearing the Keating Medallion.*

of Hampden-Sydney's alumni, parents, and friends, it recognizes outstanding service and extraordinary dedication to Hampden-Sydney College.

*At the National Guard FLW College Fishing Tour in March at Smith Mountain Lake, Virginia, the Hampden-Sydney College Fishing Team of Allen Luck '12 (a biology major) and Dylan Bishop '13 (a philosophy major) cruised to victory with a combined weight of 16 pounds—three pounds more than their nearest competitors. Allan and Dylan have won a total prize of \$7500 for the club and \$2500 for Hampden-Sydney and have earned their way into the Regional Championship and a chance to move on to the National Championship.*



## Commencement 2011: "A great time to be a graduate"

Two hundred thirty-two graduates celebrated the completion of their Hampden-Sydney College education on May 8, 2011. The rain stopped just in time for the ceremony to be held on the lawn of Venable Hall, much to the delight of the graduates and their families.

**R. Nicholas Burns**, a distinguished diplomat and expert on international politics, gave the commencement address. He is a 27-year veteran of the U.S. State Department and served as the Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs and U.S. Ambassador to NATO and to Greece. He is now a professor of the practice of diplomacy and international politics at Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government.

Ambassador Burns encouraged the graduates to remain positive, despite the many national and international setbacks that have occurred during the past four years.

He said, "Do not believe those who preach fear. Don't let anyone convince you that these 21st-century dangers are somehow more difficult to conquer than previous centuries. Washington faced the revolution and led us to victory; he



*Commencement speaker Ambassador Nicholas Burns (left) with President Christopher B. Howard.*

faced dangers that were likely more daunting than the ones we face today, as did Lincoln during the Civil War. Now, I'm not trying to minimize these really pernicious threats, but they paint only part of the picture of the world you are going to inherit as college graduates. This is a great time to be a college graduate."

Also in attendance was Dr. **Brian K. Blount**, president of Union Presbyterian Seminary, the former Union Theological Seminary, which

*Seniors and their parents mingled with faculty at the senior reception on the lawn at Middlecourt, the President's home.*





*Valedictorian Cameron Auker.*



*Dr. Brian K. Blount of Union Seminary*

evolved from the Religion Department of Hampden-Sydney College in 1811. Dr. Blount has a master's degree from Princeton Theological Seminary and a Ph.D. from Emory University. Before joining Union Seminary, he was the Richard J. Dearborn Professor of New Testament Interpretation at Princeton Theological Seminary. Dr. Blount was the featured speaker at the baccalaureate service on Saturday.

In addition to recognizing the contributions of our special guests, Dr. Paul S. Baker, vice president for administration, was surprised with a presentation by Dr. Walter M. Bortz III, under whom he served for many years, of an honorary doctor of humane letters degree. Dr. Baker is retiring from the College to enter the Methodist

ministry; he has held many positions at Hampden-Sydney since his arrival here in 1983, from registrar to vice president for administration and acting Dean of Students.

The valedictory address was given by **Cameron L. Auker**; he graduated with a perfect 4.0 grade-point average with double majors in mathematics and applied mathematics.

The Gammon Cup, given in memory of Dr. Edgar G. Gammon, Class of 1905 and President of the College 1939-1955, to the member of the graduating class who has best served the College, was awarded to **Colin W. O'Neill**.

The Anna Carrington Harrison Award, given to the junior or senior who has shown the most constructive leadership during the school year, was presented to **Mohsin M. Fazlani**.

The Samuel S. Jones Phi Beta Kappa Award in recognition of intellectual excellence was given to **Janko Kajtez**, an international student from Serbia, majoring in physics.

There are two recipients of The Algernon Sydney Sullivan Medallion, one graduate and one friend of the College. The member of the Class of 2011 distinguished for excellence of character and generous service to his fellows was **Marshall**

*Commemorative pictures were the order of the day at the Commencement luncheon on Chalgrove Point.*



T. McClung Marshal is the son of Thomas G. McClung '82 and the grandson of David S. McClung '51.

For his conspicuous helpfulness to the institution in its effort to encourage and preserve a high standard of morals, the alumni Sullivan Award was given to William F. Shumadine, Jr., '66. He is the father of Will Shumadine III '94.

Members of the faculty and staff were also recognized for their achievements at Hampden-Sydney. The Cabell Award, which is given to a faculty member for "outstanding classroom contribution to the education of Christian young men," was presented to Dr. Evan R. Davis, Elliot Associate Professor of English.

The Thomas Edward Crawley Award, given in memory of Thomas Edward Crawley '41, who served the College as teacher, scholar, musician, and dean from 1946 until 1984, to the professor most distinguished for devoted service to the ideals of the College, was presented to Dr. Kenneth D. Lehman, Squires Professor of History.

The member of the faculty or staff most distinguished for active devotion and service to the College and its ideals is presented The Robert Thruston Hubbard IV Award. This year's recipient was Eunice W. Carwile '92, Director of Corporate & Foundation Relations.

Two graduates were commissioned as 2nd lieutenants in the U.S. Army: Joshua D. Aho and Charles E. Jones.

## Whitman, Hurt: visiting politicians



ABOVE: *Biology major Yonathan Ararso Tarekegne '13 from Ethiopia with former New Jersey governor Christie Whitman, during her visit to campus in April as a Woodrow Wilson Fellow.*

BELOW: *Newly-elected United States congressman from Virginia Robert Hurt '91 held a Town Hall meeting at Hampden-Sydney in April.*



## Professors Wages and Hargadon receive research grants

Dr. Nolan A. Wages '04, assistant professor of mathematics and computer science, has received a grant from the National Institutes of Health.

The grant, entitled "Designs for Phase 1 Trials of Combinations of Agents," is part of the National Cancer Institute at the National Institutes of Health and is collaborative work between Dr. Wages and colleagues at the University of Virginia; Inserm, Université Paris VI; and Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in Manhattan.

Phase 1 clinical trials aim at finding a safe and efficient drug administration in humans. This grant will focus on the design of Phase 1 trials that involve the investigation of two or more drugs, which could have a major impact on the way these trials are conducted. As in single agent trials, it is crucial to find a combination of doses that can be administered with an acceptable rate of toxic side effects in order that these new therapies can be tested for effectiveness. Without adequate statistical methods, potentially effective combinations may be discarded as too

toxic. Typically, the doses of only one of the multiple agents are escalated. This grant addresses dose escalation of multiple agents simultaneously.

Professor Wages has a master's degree and a Ph.D. from the University of Virginia. He has worked on designs for many clinical trials, including a publication that will appear this year in the *Journal of the Society of Clinical Trials*.

Dr. Kristian M. Hargadon '01, assistant professor of biology, has received a grant from the Virginia Academy of Sciences Jeffress Memorial Trust. The award is for \$25,000.

Dr. Hargadon's research interests lie in understanding the immune response to the skin cancer melanoma. Melanoma is the most dangerous form of skin cancer, killing over 50,000 Americans each year. This cancer has frequently been shown to induce dysfunctional immune responses.

This research program will further support Dr. Hargadon's collaboration with H-SC students and will expose these students to a variety of cutting-edge molecular biology and immunologic techniques that include real time RT-PCR, ELISA, and flow cytometry.

Dr. Hargadon has a Ph.D. in biology from the University of Virginia.

*Dr. Nolan Wages '04 (center), assistant professor of mathematics and computer science, will work with the National Cancer Institute at the National Institutes of Health to develop new ways to administer drugs to patients.*



# 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)

## *Baseball Tigers Win 20 Games for Third Straight Year*

Despite losing an All-American third baseman and the top two pitchers from a season ago, Hampden-Sydney baseball, under the direction of eight-year head coach Jeff Kinne, won 20 games for the third consecutive season and sixth time in the last seven years. With a 9-9 ODAC record, the Tigers again advanced to the ODAC Tournament, where a 1-2 performance capped the year at 20-21.

The Tigers started the season hot, winning 10 of the first 14 games. Adding excitement to the season was the race between **Zach Harrelson '11** and **Herbie Williams '11**, who were on pace to break **Todd Harrell's '08** career-hits record of 161. Both players broke the record in the Tigers' 7-2 win over Roanoke on April 14. Harrelson batted .349 on the year and Williams was .298. Harrelson's team-high 53 hits gave him the new record at 170, while Williams finished a close second at 167.

Hampden-Sydney then needed to win one of the final two games against arch-rival Randolph-Macon to advance to post-season play. After falling 7-4 in extra innings, the team rallied to score the final eight runs of the game, winning 12-8 in front of a packed crowd in the nearly completed Ty Cobb Ballpark. Hampden-Sydney won its second game in the ODAC Tournament with an 8-2 victory over Guilford. Freshman third baseman **Hunter Lewis '14** was named to the All-Tournament team after batting .636 on seven hits in 11 at bats to go with three RBI.

Four Tigers were named to All-ODAC teams: Harrelson and Lewis won First Team honors; second baseman **Beau Flinchum '13** was on the Second Team; and senior reliever **Kyle Grantier** earned Honorable Mention.

*Catcher Zach Harrelson '11.*



## *Lax Tigers Reach ODAC Semis*

The 2011 lacrosse team, with a 12-5 record, has achieved a 10-win season for the 14th time and the 11th time under head coach Ray Rostan. This was the seventh season in which the Tigers earned 12 or more wins. The 4-3 mark in ODAC regular-season play earned them the #4 seed for the ODAC Tournament and a bid to the semi-finals.

The Tigers got off to a hot start, winning their first three games, including a 7-6 win over then #6-ranked Gettysburg. The Tigers suffered a 12-10 setback against then #20-ranked Cabrini, but rebounded with a commanding 11-1 win over Elizabethtown. In a close fought contest in mid-March, the Tigers fell 9-8 in their opening ODAC contest against Washington & Lee. Two more wins over Catholic and Greensboro closed out March.

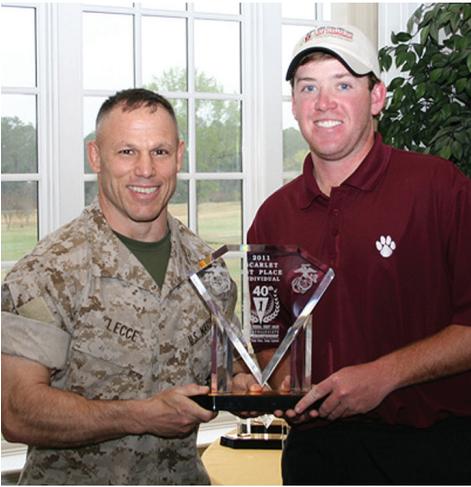
After posting a 5-2 record in April, the Tigers carried the winning momentum into the postseason with an impressive 17-7 win over Virginia Wesleyan in the quarterfinals of the ODAC Tournament before falling by two goals to Roanoke in the semi-finals.

**Micah Keller**, **Cole Hawthorne**, and **Carter Mavromatis** provided a potent 1-2-3 punch on offense; each earned First-Team All-ODAC honors. Defensemen **Nate Norbo** and **Andrew Pritzlaff** each earned Second Team All-ODAC honors, while midfielder **Brad Mostowy** and goalie **Cody Hornung** got Honorable Mention.

In addition to Hawthorne's First Team All-ODAC nod, the senior captain earned USILA All-American and Academic All-American nods (he is only the fifth Tiger lacrosse player so honored). Hawthorne led the ODAC in goals at 41, placed fifth in assists at 23 (second on the

*Academic All-American Cole Hawthorne '11.*





*Mike Dowd '11 won the Camp Lejeune medallist trophy.*



*Undefeated singles player Rich Pugh '11.*

team), and was second in points with 64 (first at H-SC), just one point shy of leading the ODAC. He added 43 ground balls, placing him 17th in the conference and fourth on the squad. His career ranks at H-SC 12th in goals, ninth in assists, 11th in points, fourth in midfielder points, and 14th in ground balls. His 64 points are the second-highest total by a midfielder in a single season.

## *Tennis Reaches ODAC Championship Game*

The 2011 tennis team continued to show that they are one of the top teams in the region. They finished the season with an 11-4 record, made their fourth-straight appearance in the ODAC Championship match, and boasted a #14 regional ranking. The Tigers had an undefeated home record at 7-0 and boasted an 8-1 mark in conference play.

**Rich Pugh** had a 7-2 overall record at the #1 singles flight and was ranked 20th in the region. He went 6-0 in the ODAC, including a regular season 6-3 6-3 defeat of W&L's Hayden White, who ranked sixth in the region. Pugh owns the third best #1 singles winning percentage in the conference and was one of only two players in conference to go undefeated in ODAC matches and he did not lose a single set in ODAC regular season play.

**Shad Harrell** recorded a 7-4 overall record, a 7-3 record at #2 singles, and was 5-2 in the ODAC. Harrell was one of only two players in conference to have only one loss at the #2 flight. Additionally, he tag teamed with high school teammate **Kevin Calhoun** form the best #2 doubles teams in the ODAC as they went 9-0 in ODAC regular season play, one of only three doubles teams to go undefeated in conference. Calhoun also sported a 10-3 overall singles record at the #3 flight. Calhoun went 8-3 at the #3 spot, the second best mark in the ODAC and the best of all players to play seven or more matches. However, in ODAC-only matches, Calhoun had by far the highest win percentage at .833.

**Tal Covington** boasted the best overall singles

record of the Tigers top six with an 11-2 mark and an 8-1 record in the ODAC. Playing at the #4 flight, he went 9-2. Covington's .818 winning percentage at #4 was the second best in the ODAC, and he defeated Teddy Callow in the regular season, who owns the top percentage at .875. In ODAC-only matches, Covington possessed the top winning percentage at .857.

**Zack Pack** and **Ian Sammler** provided outstanding contributions together at the #3 doubles flight as well as the #5 and #6 singles players. Together, they went 10-3 overall in doubles and 7-2 in the ODAC, and they owned the top winning percentage in ODAC matches at .778. Pack went 10-2 overall in singles with an 8-1 record in ODAC competition, boasting the second best winning percentage in the ODAC in singles play. Sammler was 8-3 and 7-1 in the conference, owning the top winning percentage in the #6 flight in ODAC-only matches.

## *Tiger Golf Enjoys Success in 2011*

Hampden-Sydney golf has had a solid spring, competing well in all five tournaments, including a first-place finish at the Camp Lejeune Invitational. The Tigers started with a third-place finish in the Pine Needles Invitational, behind junior **Ronnie Fultz's** eighth-place individual finish.

The Tigers followed that by placing fourth in the Marlin Invitational and 14th in the Jekyll Island Collegiate Tournament, which featured 29 teams, 22 ranked nationally in the top 50.

The golfers then won the Scarlet Division at the Camp Lejeune Invitational, with senior **Mike Dowd** winning medalist honors. Hampden-Sydney took that momentum to a third-place finish in the ODAC Championship. Guilford, ranked number one in the nation, won the event.

Hampden-Sydney placed three golfers on All-ODAC teams—Fultz and freshman **Rick O'Connell** with Second Team honors and Dowd with Honorable Mention.

# Alumni Activities

MARK MEITZ '95, DIRECTOR OF ALUMNI RELATIONS

## *A busy spring for the Alumni Association*

Spring has been a whirlwind for our Alumni Association and clubs. The Alumni Council meeting March 18 & 19 saw a change in leadership, as **Baxter Vendrick '98** succeeded **Tom Crowder '78** as President. With that change Crowder stays on The Leadership Team as immediate past President. Accompanying him are **Judd McAdams '77**, Past President; **Michael Blackwell '01**, President Elect; **Bill Howard '77**, V.P. for Development; **John Axsom '05**, V.P. for Admissions; **Chris Brewer '05**, V.P. for Young Alumni Development; **Judson Root '03**, V.P. for Young Alumni; **Chris Dodson '94**, V.P. for Career Services; **Aaron Marks '98**, V.P. for Communications; and **Johnny Ellis '70**, Trustee Representative.

The Alumni Council adopted the “while they are in our backyard” initiative also called the student, graduate, alumni transition plan where, using information collected from the graduates, the alumni clubs will reach out to graduating seniors welcoming them into their local alumni club and assisting them with everything from learning their way around a new town to networking for jobs.

The following weekend was Founder’s weekend at the Willard in Washington, DC .

On the weekend of April 15-16 the Class of '61 celebrated their 50th Class reunion with a luncheon at Chalgrove Point and a cocktail reception at Middlecourt, then joined other members of the Patrick Henry Society (all alumni who have celebrated their 50th reunion) for a dinner program at Pannill Commons (see page 34).

Throughout the spring the Alumni Office and Office of Admissions teamed up for several successful events that helped many members of the Class of 2015 make their final decision to join the Hampden-Sydney family. We had great events in Charlottesville at

Farmington Country Club sponsored by **John Mattox '77**, in Roanoke at the Shenandoah Club, and in Fredericksburg, hosted by **Jeppy '73 & Karen Moss**.

Those events were complemented by club events in Lynchburg at Terrace on the James, where members enjoyed hearing from new Athletic director **Richard Epperson '79**; in Richmond at Salisbury Country Club, sponsored by **Neil Cowan '85**, where the club heard remarks from Dean of Admissions **Anita Garland**; in Louisville, hosted by **Blake Blythe '91**; and in South Florida, hosted by

**Bill Middlethon '63**.

**Robby Peay '98** hosted a networking event in Richmond with the VMI alumni club at BizPort Logistics. The South Hampton Roads Club sponsored a tailgate at Virginia Wesleyan for a lacrosse match catered by **Chris Savvides '89**, owner of Black Angus Steakhouse.

As a reminder, our club events are open to alumni, parents, friends, and current students. If you are interested in joining your local alumni club or hosting an event please e-mail [mmeitz@hsc.edu](mailto:mmeitz@hsc.edu) or call (434) 223-6242.



ABOVE: *At the South Florida alumni event in the home of Bill Middlethon '63: Watson Mulkey '08, Danny Prieto '08, Bill Middlethon '63, Tripp Jones '92, Garnett Byrd '90, Scott McMorris '06, Howard Bullock '09, Jim Thompson '81, Randy Reed '82, Skip Alligood '88, James & David Beem, friends of the College.*

BELOW: *At the Kentucky alumni event on March 24 in the home of Blake Blythe '91 and his wife Beth in Prospect (near Louisville): Randy Reed '82, Blake Blythe '91, Frank Speiden '03, Stephen Hopkins '99, Hill Harcourt '97, Rick Rummel '82, and Wave Townes '62.*



# A New Look at the Civil War: Summer College 2011

J.B. POTTER '11

ALUMNI SUMMER COLLEGE took place on June 3-5. This year's symposium, "*Rebirth of a Nation: A New Look at the Civil War*," commemorated the sesquicentennial anniversary of the outbreak of the War Between the States.

Sponsored by the Wilson Center and coordinated by Dr. James Y. Simms and Mrs. Andrea O'York, this event provided those in attendance with different perspectives on the most destructive conflict in American history.

Over the course of three days, eight members of the faculty, joined by Dr. Elizabeth R. Varon of UVA, the Rev. William E. Thompson, and representatives of Sailor's Creek Battlefield Park, examined various historical, cultural, political and economic dimensions of the Civil War. On Friday evening, Dr. Ronald Heinemann delivered the keynote speech, "The Causes of the Civil War." Calling the war "the most important event in our

history," Dr. Heinemann spoke to the fundamental issues that divided the nation during the Antebellum period. He noted how friction caused by contrasting values, institutions (e.g., slavery), and ways of life eventually ripped North and South asunder.

On Saturday, the second session—"The Ambiguity of the Founding"—featured Dr. David Marion and Dr. John Coombs. Dr. Marion discussed the debate surrounding state sovereignty and nationalism in the early days of the republic. For instance, the Declaration of Independence refers to the American people as "one people" yet concludes with the observation that the thirteen colonies have each become "free and independent states." Dr. Coombs echoed Dr. Marion's sentiments by keying in on another phrase from the Declaration—"all men are created equal." In light of slavery, this rhetoric did not reflect the reality.

As slavery persisted, so too did the tensions evident in the American constitutional system (i.e., national vs. state power). This fundamental disagreement over the character of the Union culminated in the secession of eleven southern states.

The formation of the Confederacy was a manifestation of "disunion," an oft-used word before and during the War. The concept of disunion was the focus of the third session. Dr. Varon, author of the widely praised books *Disunion!* and *Southern Lady, Yankee Spy*, traced the development of secession into a multifaceted political philosophy. Using General Robert E. Lee as an illustrative example, Dr. Varon showed how secessionist sentiment evolved and increased in the South, reaching a fever pitch by 1860.

During the fourth session, Dr. Caroline Emmons explored the roles of African Americans in the War. Despite overt racial prejudice and discrimination, tens of thousands

*At the Fiftieth Reunion of the Class of 1961 on April 15 & 16, 2011. Seated left to right: Carroll Cloninger, Jack Chappell, David Smith, Dan Hawks, Cary Mayo, Lewis Bridgeforth, John Higgs, Ben Jones, and Leon Stewart. Standing, left to right: Scott Broaddus, Scott Simms, Pat Leary, Terry Helsley, John Browning, Joe Canada, Dick Clark, Bob Stump, Dick Chenery, Dick McCarthy, Joe Humphreys, Buddy Babb, and Leo Andrews.*





*Over 100 people attended the 2011 Summer College. They gathered for this group portrait outside Crawley Forum during one of the glorious summer days on which the Hampden-Sydney campus shows at its best.*

of African Americans served in the Union Army and proved their mettle. Their service, not as slaves, but as free men, underscored a significant consequence of the war—the emancipation of over four million former slaves.

Following Dr. Emmon’s lecture, Dr. Thompson, former pastor of College Church, gave a history of Company G of the 20th Virginia Regiment, known as “The Hampden Sidney Boys.” The company consisted of students who were enrolled at the College in the summer of 1861.

Shortly after being mustered, the company fought at the Battle of Rich Mountain (West Virginia), where they were captured, paroled, and sent home by Union General George McClellan, who told them to “go back to their books.”

Chris Calkins, Park Ranger and Manager, headed the fifth session—a guided tour of Sailor’s Creek Battlefield Park. The Battle of Sailor’s Creek, where a quarter of Gen. Lee’s army (7,700 men) was captured by rapidly-advancing Union forces, was the last major engagement of the war (April 6, 1865). Three

days later, the Army of Northern Virginia surrendered at Appomattox.

Saturday evening’s entertainment was orchestrated by Dr. Simms and included singing, music, and comedy routines. “Bob Hope’s USO Show Comes to Dixie” showcased the musical talents of members of the Hampden-Sydney community. Notable participants included Dr. **Glen D. Bowman**, Dr. **Kevin M. Dunn**, Dr. **Marc A. Hight**, Dr. **James C. Kidd**, **Ed Palmer-tree**, **Tom Rice**, Dr. **Kenneth N. Townsend**, and **Andrea O’York**.

**Marilyn Marks** (Rochester Conservatory ’12, daughter of **Dudley H. Marks** ’78) delivered a moving rendition of the “Ashokan Farewell,” music made famous in Ken Burns’ documentary *The Civil War*.

The last two sessions took place on Sunday. That morning, Dr. **Justin P. Isaacs** ’95 and Dr. **Gregory M. Dempster** analyzed the economic consequences of the Civil War, in particular the perplexing effects of the war on the amount of available labor and capital in the post-war South. The final session

was roundtable forum discussion; Dr. Simms, Dr. Heinemann, and Dr. **Kenneth D. Lehman** compared slavery in the U.S.A. to slavery in Russia and Latin America. With the close of the final session, Dr. **Robert T. Herdegen**, Dean on the Faculty, thanked the Wilson Center for hosting this year’s Summer College and urged the participants to return for next year’s event.

He added that the Summer College gave those in attendance “a deeper and more profound understanding of this critical event in our history.”

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## 1943

FRANCIS P. BAILEY, JR., and his late brother Samuel M. Bailey '46 were honored at Hodges University's 2011 Luminary of the Year Award in February for a lifetime of distinguished citizenship in their Sanibel Island, Florida, community.

## 1945

The Rev. Dr. ROBERT BLUFORD, JR., was named "Virginian of the Year" by the Virginia Press Association at its annual meeting in April. He is a former fighter pilot, a retired Presbyterian preacher, a historian, a preservationist, and a medical visionary. At 92-years old, he is now working for better treatment of Virginia's Native Americans and for a Civil War memorial.

## 1962

R. GARNETT HALL, JR., has been named the director of Apple REIT, Inc. He is the retired senior vice president of financial services and investments at SunTrust Bank.

## 1966

The Rev. CHARLES N. DAVIDSON, JR., has published *Bone Dead*



BONE DEAD AND RISING  
VINCENT VAN GOGH AND THE SELF BEFORE GOD

Charles Davidson

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and hundreds of his paintings. For more information visit [www.bonedeadandrising.com](http://www.bonedeadandrising.com). Mr. Davidson lives in Black Mountain, North Carolina.

## 1969

LLOYD OSTBY is a branch library manager in Norfolk. He has worked as a reference librarian in public and academic libraries and as an architectural historian for city and state historical agencies.

## 1970

DAVID S. MERCER has been named to the 2011 *Best Lawyers in America* and 2010 *Virginia Super Lawyers* for his expertise in real estate law. He is a principal at the law firm MercerTrigiani.

LLOYD O. GOODE, JR., of Raleigh, the North Carolina state chairman for Ducks Unlimited, led a successful seven-year campaign that raised \$28 million and conserved 82,000 acres of wetlands in North Carolina and Canada.

FRANK S. JOHNS II is a librarian at ITT-ESI in Richmond.

WILLIAM W. MUSE has been appointed chairman of the Virginia Parole Board. He currently serves as a senior assistant attorney general in the Correctional Litigation Section. He joined the Attorney General's Office in 1985 after 12 years of private practice in the Richmond area.

## 1971

JOHN B. ADAMS, chairman and CEO of The Martin Agency, was listed by *Virginia Business* magazine among the Top 25 Best in Business leaders over the past quarter century.



ANDREW G. HOFFMAN has been honored by The Boys & Girls Club of Washington County (Maryland) by naming a scholarship "The Andy Hoffman Youth of the Year Program." The scholarship is awarded based on academic performance and community involvement, among other things. The winners then compete on the state level for additional scholarships.

WALKER P. SYDNOR, JR., of Lynchburg is president of Scott Insurance, which was named #5 Best Mid-Size Employer in the



February 2011 issue of *Virginia Business* magazine.

## 1972

JOHN W. "BILL" KIRK III of Roanoke has been named 2011 chairman of the Board of Directors of The Asphalt Institute. Mr. Kirk is the president and CEO of Associated Asphalt, Inc.

## 1974

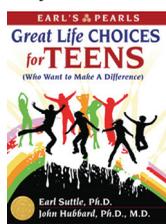
RICHARD M. JACOBS is the senior manager of the Chester office of Goodman & Company, LLP. He is a speaker on small business retirement planning as a part of the Chesterfield Public Library's Small Business Workshop series.

## 1975

ROBERT P. "RICKY" RICHARDSON has been named to the Spartanburg (South Carolina) Area Conservancy as chair of the development committee and as a member of the Spartanburg Regional Healthcare Systems Foundation. He is a financial advisor and first vice president with Morgan Stanley Smith Barney.

## 1976

Dr. JOHN R. HUBBARD has been selected by the Consumer's Research Council of America as one of "America's Top Psychiatrists." Dr. Hubbard has also recently published a new book entitled *Great Life Choices for Teens*. He lives in Tuscaloosa, Alabama.



## 1977

STEPHEN E. BARIL has joined the Richmond law firm Sands Anderson, working in business litigation.

## 1978

PATRICK C. DEVINE, JR., has been named "Norfolk Health Care Lawyer of the Year" by *Best Lawyers 2011*. He is a lawyer with Williams Mullen.



*The Tiger tennis team at the Westwood Club in Richmond, for a scrimmage match against alumni. Rick Godsey '85 (third from right) organized the event.*

**THOMAS W. GODFREY, JR.**, has been elected president of the Virginia Maritime Association. He is president and CEO of Colonna's Shipyard, Inc.

## 1979

**ALEC A. PANDALEON III** has been appointed chairman of the Dutchess County (New York) Legislature Veterans Affairs Committee. He is a 14-year veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps and the 2011 County Commander of The American Legion, which has 17 posts and 3,000 members. He is a volunteer for Accredited Veterans Service Officer for the Jewish War Veterans of the USA and Gold Star Wives of America.

**JAMES K. WOODLEY III** has been licensed by the Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Southern Virginia as a Lay Preacher at St. Anne's Episcopal Church in Appomattox.

## 1980

**D. RICKY WYATT** has been

*Thomas B. Gates '88 (left), Deane Cheatham '88 (right) after hunting Osceola turkeys on the Florida farm of Lachlan Cheatham '95 (center).*



promoted to corporate vice president and treasurer of Huntington Ingalls Industries, Inc., formerly known as Northrop Grumman Shipbuilding.

## 1981

**WARREN THOMPSON**, president of Thompson Hospitality, was one of the speakers at the Network for Teaching Entrepreneurship (D.C. Region) 2011 Dare to Dream Gala.

## 1982

**MICHAEL R. CHEVALIER** is the manager of Occupational and Industrial Research for the North Carolina Employment Security Commission in Raleigh. He leads a team responsible for labor market research and forecasts. For the past three years, Mr. Chevalier has been the director of Business Analytics for Capital Analytics, a consulting firm that applies advanced statistical methods for evaluating human capital investments such as social learning networks, mentoring, and tuition reimbursement.

## 1985

**RICHARD S. GODSEY** sponsored the 4th annual scrimmage tennis match for the Hampden-Sydney Tigers at the Westwood Club in Richmond. Tennis Coach Murrie Bates says this is always an exciting event and helps the team get ready for their regular season. Mr. Godsey is vice president of sales at Printegration, a printing and marketing firm in Richmond.

**ALBERT W. SCHYMAN** is a global sourcing and logistics manager for DuPont. He has been appointed an advisory board member to the Westbound TransPacific Stabilization Agreement and to the Agricultural Transportation Coalition organizations. He represented DuPont at recent U.S. Congressional hearings regarding President Obama's U.S. Export Initiative. He lives in Wilmington, Delaware.

## 1988

**MICHAEL P. KEHOE** is president and CEO of Kinsale Insurance Company, which was listed in the February 2011 issue of *Virginia Business* magazine as the #4 Best Small Employer.

## 1989

**PETER J. NEVILLE** is a member of the program analysis and evaluation group at the Department of Homeland Security.

## 1990

**FRANK R. JONES III** is managing partner for New York Life in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. His office won the company's Lifetime Income Annuity Trophy in 2010.

**STOCKTON T. WATSON** has been named key account consultant for Cox Media Virginia. He is responsible for developing advertising strategies and marketing campaigns for key business accounts in Hampton Roads and the mid-Atlantic region.

## 1991

**PHILIP D. SPESSARD** has been promoted to associate vice

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president for unit development at Georgia Tech. He is responsible for fundraising activities based in the colleges, schools, centers, and related academic units at the university.

## 1993

**P. THATCHER WORTHEN, JR.**, has been named president and CEO of Schriber Corp, manufacturer of municipal and industrial wastewater facilities.

## 1995

**WYNTER C. BENDA** has been named the assistant to the city manager for the City of Norfolk. Previously he was senior assistant city attorney for the City of Hampton. He has a master's degree from Union Theological Seminary and a J.D. from Regent University School of Law.

**JOEL VELASCO** is senior vice president for external relations at Amyris, Inc., a biotechnology company. Previously he was the chief representative in North America for Brazil's sugarcane industry, a major producer of ethanol.

## 1997

**JONATHAN B. HARTLEY** is a vice president for global investor relations at the Office of Finance for Federal Home Loan Bank in New York. He earned his MBA from Johns Hopkins University in 2003.

**J. MATTHEW HAYNES, JR.**, has joined Richmond-based McCandlish Holton's litigation section where he will continue his represen-



*Chris Jackson '92 won the inaugural Galveston Mardi Gras marathon on February 20, 2011. The former Tiger cross-country runner finished the 26.2-mile course in two hours and 56 minutes.*

tation of Fortune 500 corporations, small businesses, and individuals in the defense of civil litigation matters in state and federal court throughout Virginia, Maryland, and the District of Columbia.

**DAVID A. PREVETTE, AIA**, recently completed the design and construction contract administration of the Wellness and Aquatic Center for the College of Southern Maryland in Leonardtown, Maryland. The 32,000-square-foot facility includes competition and therapy pools and fitness and wellness studios for St. Mary's County. Mr. Prevette is an associate with Grimm+Parker Architects in McLean.

*The Wellness and Aquatic Center for the College of Southern Maryland in Leonardtown, Maryland, designed by David A. Prevette '97, AIA. The building has been nominated for several awards.*

## 1999

**THOMAS L. DICKENS III** is a judge advocate in the U.S. Army Reserves and currently deployed to Iraq in support of Operation New Dawn where he coordinates Rule of Law efforts. He has met with Iraqi attorneys and prosecutors and discussed the importance of adhering to Iraqi law. Also, he has taught Iraqi Police courses focusing on their constitution and criminal procedure code. He says, "This has been a very rewarding tour in that I am already able to see the results of our hard work. I'm also looking forward to redeploying in October and getting back to my civilian legal practice in Tallahassee."

**R. CHRISTIAN RICKERS** has



been elected Treasurer of Lunenburg County.

**JEREMY RUCKER** is a personal trainer and muscle

activation techniques specialist in Washington, DC, and northern Virginia.

**JASON A. WEIS** is an attorney with Shoun, Bach, Walinsky & Curran, PC, the largest family law-only firm in Virginia.

## 2000

**MATTHEW S. MARKHAM** has been appointed chief government and public affairs officer for the Georgia Regional Transportation Authority.



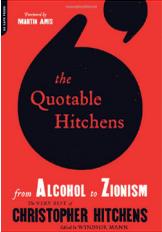
## 2001

**JOHN E. BALDWIN** has been called as the new pastor at Glenn Memorial Baptist Church in Prospect. (See *Advanced Studies*.)

**CHRISTOPHER S. RICHARDS** is a financial advisor with Edward Jones in Chapel Hill. (See *Advanced Studies*.)

## 2002

**JOHN D. WINDSOR MANN** is



a freelance writer in Washington, D.C., and editor of *The Quotable Hitchens: From Alcohol to Zionism*. Mr.

Mann was a researcher for Hitchen's *God Is Not Great* and *Hitch 22: A Memoir*, as well as for *Cheney: The Untold Story of America's Most Powerful and Controversial Vice President and Liberal Fascism*.

**DEREK SPRINGER** is helping his fraternity brother and classmate **SCOTT KEEL** spread the mission and message of "Running With Those That Can't," an advocacy organization Keel established for disabled individuals. Springer led the group that convinced Richmond SportsBackers to allow a contingent of people to push disabled individuals in adaptive strollers in the 2011 Monument Avenue 10k. Their efforts were noted in *The Midlothian Exchange*.

**CALEB B. VARNER** has been



named to the Duke University Board of Trustees' Committee on Facilities and the Environ-

ment. The main charge of this committee is the evaluation and promulgation of a continuing master plan for long-range development of the total physical environment of the University.



*Army Capt. Thomas Dickens '99 (right) in Iraq, where he has been helping the people there implement rule-of-law procedures. Dickens holds a JD from Florida State University.*

**JOHN T. ZAUDTKE** is a major accounts executive with Snagajob.

## 2004

**TYLER D. HUSTRULID** is a project cost analyst for Latin America with PPD, Inc. (Pharmaceutical Product Development, Inc.) in Wilmington, North Carolina.

**JASON W. SHERIDAN** is a personal clothier at Tom James Company in Richmond.

## 2005

**JEFFREY J. GAY** has been promoted to vice president in commercial banking at SunTrust Bank. He lives in Richmond.

## 2006

**P. GRAY BOWDITCH** is the interim director of the newly opened Community Free Clinic of Newport News. He is a graduate of the law school at The College of William & Mary and worked as an EMT while a student at Hampden-Sydney.

## 2007

**RYAN M. HARRINGTON** works in product development for True Temper, a maker of lacrosse equipment.

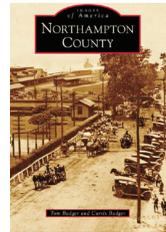
**C. SCOTT McADAMS** is a sales and leasing associate with Commonwealth Commercial Partners in Richmond.

**COREY B. MILES** is a sales and marketing territory manager with R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

**JUSTIN P. WISZ** is co-founder and CEO of AdvisorLeap, a Manhattan-based marketing firm for independent registered investment advisors.

## 2008

**THOMAS H. BADGER II** and his



father Curtis Badger have written *Northampton County, a pictorial history of the southern Eastern Shore of Virginia*.

**J. MARK**

**EASON** has joined New Century Bank in Dunn, North Carolina, as vice president and city executive; he is responsible for branch profitability and commercial lending.

**DAVID "ALEX" PERKINS** is a mortgage representative for Walter Mortgage Company in Greenville, South Carolina.

## 2010

**J. WILLIS DAVIS** is a client services associate at Morgan Stanley Smith Barney in Washington, D.C.

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**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).

## *F. Brawner Greer '90, entertainment lawyer*

Families standing in line this summer to enter *The Wizarding World of Harry Potter™* at Universal's Islands of Adventure in Orlando, Florida, probably have no idea how many people were involved in creating the themed land; nor do they likely even care.

But **Brawner Greer '90** knows all that went into transforming the international best-selling literary series into an award-winning immersive experience. As Vice President of Business and Legal Affairs for Universal Creative, the group responsible for designing and building all rides and attractions in the NBCUniversal theme parks worldwide, Greer oversees the global legal aspects of developing and building groundbreaking theme park attractions.

"What I do is a little difficult to explain," says Greer from his office in Orlando. "Developing attractions like the *The Wizarding World of Harry Potter*, for example,

involves many areas of the law, with an emphasis on intellectual property and construction law. Initially, I was very involved with licensing the rights to use the *Harry Potter* brand and in negotiating the deals with the *Harry Potter* feature film actors to appear in our attraction. At the same time, we were hiring the artists and architects, who would help

us bring the stories and places from the books to life, and arranging for filming to be done in London. In fact, I had the good fortune to spend a week on the set of the sixth *Harry Potter* film while negotiating the production agreements. Then, during the final stages of the project, my primary focus shifted to issues around the actual construction of the rides and buildings."

As a high school student, Greer learned about Hampden-Sydney from a family friend. Later he talked to an admissions dean visiting his school and learned that he had the makings of a scholarship candidate. He says, "My first trip to Hampden-Sydney was for a scholarship interview. It was a cold, sleeting February day. I just fell in love with the place, and I thought, 'If I can love

this place on a day like today, this is the place for me!'"

As a Tiger, his affinity for Hampden-Sydney grew. "I enjoyed economics, especially with **Ken Townsend**. He was my favorite professor, and I took every one of his classes that I could along with doing a couple of independent studies with him. Also, back then,

*"In law school, I felt much better prepared than other students. The curriculum at Hampden-Sydney really teaches you how to think. That gave me—would give any Hampden-Sydney grad—a huge advantage."*

F. BRAWNER GREER '90  
Entertainment lawyer



**General Wilson** was teaching his national security seminar. I'll never forget being in his class as the Berlin Wall was coming down, or listening to Tom Clancy speak to us. What a great experience."

These small classes and his professors' emphasis on writing were the perfect combination for Greer's future success. He says, "Maybe it's just the way my mind works, but, to me, law school was much easier than Hampden-Sydney. In law school, your entire grade for the class is based on one essay at the end of the semester. I felt much better prepared than other students. The curriculum at Hampden-Sydney really teaches you how to think. That gave me—would give any Hampden-Sydney grad—a huge advantage."

"I didn't start with the entertainment world during the early part of my career. After law school I clerked for a federal judge and then worked at McGuireWoods, where I was very lucky to have had **Hal McVey '57** as my supervisor. I did a lot of litigation and that's how I got to know the folks at what was then Paramount's Kings Dominion. That led me to an in-house job with Paramount Parks, the theme-park division of Viacom, where I interacted with my counterparts at sister companies Paramount Pictures, CBS Television, MTV, and Nickelodeon. After a few years, I made the move from Paramount to Universal."

Despite what you might think, Greer has found that law and creativity can coincide. Rather than being a legal naysayer, he has become part of the creative team. "I try to say 'no' as little as possible. Instead,



*Hogwarts Castle at "The Wizarding World of Harry Potter" at Universal's Islands of Adventure in Orlando, Florida.*

I try to give alternatives. If you just say 'no,' they begin to see you as an outsider, not as a partner. I want them to talk to me so that I can influence project management decisions on the front-end, versus playing clean-up on the back-end."

And this job is not without its challenges: "The biggest challenge is working with many competing constituents—such as producers, engineers, company executives, licensors, and talent—in the context of a compressed production schedule. So, my job involves a lot of diplomacy and negotiation to help keep things moving smoothly."

Of course, developing and building theme-park attractions to be enjoyed by

thousands of people every day sounds like fun, but that is only part of why Greer loves his job. "Working as an in-house lawyer is very different from working in a law firm. I am so ingrained in this 'teamwork'

mindset that I couldn't go back. Of course, I do some things over and over, but every new attraction from *Shrek*, to the *Simpsons*, to our just-announced *Despicable Me* attraction brings new challenges. I love this variety. I think I have one of the best legal jobs in the world."

So, if you ever find yourself enjoying an attraction at one of the NBC/Universal theme parks and are amazed at how much fun you are having, think of Brawner Greer. He had just as much fun at work helping bring it to life for you.

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# Advanced Studies

## 2001

**JOHN E. BALDWIN** is pursuing a master's degree at Liberty University. He attended Southwestern Baptist Seminary in Texas.

**CHRISTOPHER S. RICHARDS** is attending Kenan Flagler School of Business at the University of North Carolina, pursuing a master's degree in business administration.

## 2004

**Dr. ROSS M. MICHELS** was accepted into fellowship at Tulane University's department of hematology and medical oncology in New Orleans. He will complete his residency in internal medicine in June 2011 and will continue in his fellowship through June 2014.

## 2006

**J. PHILIP LAND, JR.**, graduated from the University of South Carolina Law School in May 2011. In April, he received The Claud Sapp Award, which recognizes a third-year student who best exemplifies the combination of scholarship, leadership, and industry.

### CHRISTOPHER P.

**THUMMA** is a May 2011 graduate of the University of Richmond law school. He will serve as a judicial clerk for Judge Herbert Cogbill Gill, Jr., of the Chesterfield County Circuit Court.

### Capt. (Dr.) J. DEVIN B.

**WATSON, USAF**, is a second-year general surgery resident at San Antonio Military Medical Center. He and his wife Mary Carolyn live in San Antonio, Texas.

## 2007

**MICHAEL J. RUTKOWSKI** has been awarded a Fulbright Full Research Grant as a graduate student at Arizona State University, where he is pursuing a Ph.D. in astrophysics.

## 2009

**WILLIAM R. BLACKMAN** is attending medical school on the Caribbean island of St. Kitts.



*At the wedding of James Eustis '03 and Jacqueline Hunzinger on October 9, 2010.*



*At the wedding of Jason Rostan '03 and Amy Nicholas on November 6, 2010.*

# Weddings

## 2001

**CHRISTOPHER CUTCHIN COULTER** and **KAROLINA ZOFIA ROSZAK** were married on October 16, 2010. The bride is a graduate of James Madison University and The Drexel Hahnemann Physician Assistant Program. She is a physician assistant in Salem. The groom is a flight nurse with Petroleum Helicopters Inc., and works at AirCare 5 in Weyer's Cave. They live in Roanoke County.

## 2003

**JAMES ROSS EUSTIS III** and **JACQUELINE RENÉE HUNZINGER** were married on October 9, 2010, at Lookout Mountain Presbyterian Church in Lookout Mountain, Tennessee. In attendance were Taylor Rudisill '04, Alex God-

wil '03, Chase Perry '03, Jeff Allen '04, Jared Stearns '03, McKittrick Simmons '99, Wil Boykin '03, Joseph Welden '03, Justin McDonnie '03, Austin Krison '03, John Howard '03, and Jonnie McRae '69. The bride is a graduate of Northwestern University's Medill School of Journalism. They live in New York, New York.

### JONATHAN T. LUCIER and



**CASEY FITZMAURICE** were married on October 16, 2010, in Scituate, Massachusetts.

**Carl Thompson '03** was a groomsman. The bride is a graduate from the University of Notre Dame. The couple graduated from the University of Virginia School of Law. Jonathan and Casey both clerk for judges in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia.



*At the wedding of Perry Turner '05 and Virginia Sutton on July 17, 2010.*



*At the wedding of James Gravely '05 and Mimi Vause on May 22, 2010.*

and ANN BURNETT JOHNSON were married on March 5, 2011. The bride is a graduate of Wofford College and has a master's of business administration from Queens University. The groom is the owner of Educated Calcs. They live in Spartanburg, South Carolina.

**PERRY EVERETT TURNER III** and **VIRGINIA BARKSDALE SUTTON** were married on July 17, 2010. Groomsmen included **Christopher Behle Schaaf '04**, **Edward Judson McAdams, Jr. '04**, and **Charles Edward Burroughs '04**. The bride, who is the daughter of **Richard Sydney Sutton '78**, works at Davidson College. The groom works at CB Richard Ellis, Inc. They live in Charlotte, North Carolina.

They live in Alexandria.

**JASON RYAN ROSTAN** and **AMY RENÉE NICHOLAS** were married on November 6, 2010, in Richmond. The Rev. **William E. Thompson**, pastor emeritus of College Church, officiated. Groomsmen included **Christopher Bissinger '95**, **Jonathan O'Connor '03**, **Phillip Dick '03**, **Timothy Burke '03**, and Director of TigeRec **Richard Thalman III**. The bride is a graduate of Longwood University and pursuing a master's degree at Virginia Commonwealth University School of Education. The groom is an assistant lacrosse coach at Hampden-Sydney College.

## 2005

**JAMES MORTON "BO" GRAVELLY, JR.**, and **MIMI MARSHEA VAUSE** were married on May 22, 2010, at Highland Presbyterian Church in Fayetteville, North Carolina. **Cody Ford '04**, **Walker Sigler '05**, **Judson Warren '05**, **Heath Gates '05**, **Zack Robbins '05**, and **Matt Tedder '05** were groomsmen. **Austin Olive '07** was the reader. Also in attendance were **Scott McAdams '07**, **Dr. Jim Peery '70**, **Tom Olcott '06**, **Fred Napolitano '07**, **T.K. Franklin '07**, **Bryan Robbins '07**, and **Luck Pope '05**. The bride is a graduate of East Carolina University. The groom works for Moore and Giles, Inc. They live in Lynchburg.

**JOHN SPENCER HOPKINS**

## 2006

**CHRISTOPHER PRESTON THUMMA** and **EMILY JANE ASHBY** were married on June 5, 2010, at Grace Baptist Church in Richmond. **Matt Bingham '06**, **Matt Henderson '05**, **Thomas Ralston '06**, and **Tim Samsa '06** were groomsmen. Also in attendance were **Matt Akins '06**, **Will D'Erasmo '06**, **Matt Friedman '04**, **John Fowler '06**, **Travis Harris '05**, **Jeff Gay '05**, **Patrick Gee '06**, **Art Glaser '68**, **Rob Griffith '06**, **Will Guza '06**, **Berkeley Horne '07**, **Philip Land '06**, **Clay Sewell '08**, **Louis Walker '05**, **Matt Weekley '07**, **Chase Williston '07**, and **Mason Wingard '06**. The bride is a graduate of the University of Richmond. The

## Ryan Pitz '00, barbecue entrepreneur

If folks in North Carolina are not born knowing it, they soon learn that there are only two kinds of “real” barbecue, and that they must choose one over the other.

This rivalry is what gave **Ryan Pitz '00** (below right) and his business partner **Rick Scott** the idea for The North Carolina Barbecue Company, a mail-order business that lets barbecue lovers from around the world publicly declare their allegiance to their favorite style of this Southern tradition.

So, why barbecue?

“In North Carolina, barbecue has a cult-like following; it’s a big deal. North Carolina claims to be the cradle of barbecue. My buddy and business partner

[Scott] also sells furniture, so he travels all over the state eating barbecue at the local joints. He is very passionate about it and loves to talk to anybody about their favorite barbecue. I took my knowledge of marketing and direct response and applied it to his passion.”

They scoured the Internet and found successful mail-order barbecue businesses in Memphis, Kansas City, and Texas, but not in North Carolina. They knew the model would work; all they needed was a product.

“In North Carolina, there is a civil disagreement. People in the east and people in the west, more specifically the Piedmont

region, don’t agree on what’s good barbecue.” Pitz and Scott decided to let everyone get in on the debate.

The North Carolina Barbecue Company offers customers Piedmont style and Eastern style barbecue. The two styles use different parts of the hog, different kinds of cole slaw, and different sauces, though they are both vinegar based. (This is North Carolina, after all.) You can pick your favorite or have them both in the “Battle Box.”

After finding a wholesaler who was willing to produce the high-quality barbecue they wanted to sell, and finding a distributor, Pitz and his partner went to work building the brand and marketing to customers.

In October 2010, after a year of preparation, they shipped their first box of barbecue.

The North Carolina Barbecue Company got some early support from local media, which gave it an initial bump in sales. Since then, the marketing machine has

moved into high gear, including a partnership with the Greensboro Grasshoppers,

*“I was always a little wild, a little bit of a misfit, kinda out there doing my own thing, very independent, which is one of the reasons I think Hampden-Sydney was the perfect fit for me.”*

RYAN PITZ '00  
Barbecue entrepreneur



the local Minor League Baseball team.

“We want to be the Omaha Steaks of barbecue,” says Pitz. “When people think about sending a gift to a friend, a business client, family members, we want them to consider sending a North Carolina product.”

Pitz is a transplant to North Carolina. Originally from Orange, Virginia, he moved to Greensboro after graduating from Hampden-Sydney. He started working for Bill Brooks, the father of his college roommate **Will Brooks '00**, and learned all about marketing and lead generation. “Bill was a real bootstrap entrepreneur and a great mentor. I learned a lot about business from him, but he also taught me a lot about developing a business and having the drive and ambition to succeed.”

During that time, Pitz learned about generating sales leads, on-line marketing, and evaluating business-customer interactions. After a few years, he decided to venture out on his own and to create New Call Solutions, which lets businesses measure the effectiveness of their advertising and marketing tactics through call tracking. This was his first entrepreneurial step. He was never the kid on the block selling lemonade.

“I was always a little wild, a little misfit, kinda out there doing my own thing, very independent, which is one of the reasons I think

Hampden-Sydney was the perfect fit for me. From a business standpoint, I was just driven to be in control of my own destiny. The money is one thing, and my goal is to make money, but having independence and developing a lifestyle was more important to me than anything else.”

Pitz’s parents both work in the public school system, not business. He says they focused more on saving the money they made rather than finding creative ways to build wealth. However, his parents may have put him on the path to entrepreneurship without realizing it. His father, a guidance counselor (and occasional Thomas Jefferson impersonator), told Pitz that he had to either get a job or play sports. Pitz chose football, something he enjoyed and wanted to keep playing in college. A small Division III school like Hampden-Sydney College seemed a good opportunity for Pitz; when then-Assistant Coach Bill Tornabene talked to Pitz about playing football in Death Valley and being a student on The Hill, it made a big impression on him.

“I really enjoyed being a student at Hampden-Sydney,” says Pitz, who majored in religion. “I took a class called Good and Evil, and I loved it. As I am today, I was a fairly opinionated student. I liked philosophy; I liked classics. I liked the religion classes where it was open-ended. You could

read books and write papers while you explored ethics and morals.”

Like many students, his transition to college life had its ups and downs. “When I first got to Hampden-Sydney, I struggled a lot, both academically and socially. I went to a small, rural public school. A lot of the guys I met at Hampden-Sydney had gone to private schools or they had gone to some of the larger public schools. It was a real culture shock for me.”

In the end, he found success on the field (though the team struggled) and in the classroom. He made good friends and used the relationships forged as a student to land his first job.

Like his academic career, Pitz’s professional career has seen some bumps along the way. Circumstances have changed and partnerships have failed, but Pitz has used those occasions to learn and to move forward personally and professionally. “When I look back on those obstacles, I recognize that there is an opportunity in them and I have to take responsibility for them. If I am willing to take full responsibility for something, I can control the outcome.”

Now that outcome is sending North Carolina barbecue—both kinds—to food lovers across the country. As far as declaring his favorite, Pitz prefers to remain neutral. However, he hopes others will place an order, host a barbecue party, and choose their own side in this Tar Heel culinary debate.

groom is a graduate of the University of Richmond School of Law. They live in Richmond.

**CLARKE FITZHUGH WHITE** and **JENNIFER LYNNE SEARS** were married on April 4, 2009, at Richmond Community Church in Glen Allen. **Justin Dommurat '06** was a groomsman. In attendance were **Miller Ruff '06**, **Curtis Smith '06**, **Sean Davis '06**, **Chris Joyce '06**, and **James Timberlake '06**. The bride is a graduate of James Madison University and completed the Teacher Licensure Program at the University of Richmond. The groom works for Venture Specialty Insurance in Richmond. They live in Glen Allen.

## 2007

**ANDREW STEVEN BRENDELE** and **AMBER NICOLE KINARD** were married on August 21, 2010, at Edenton Street United Methodist Church in Raleigh, North Carolina. In attendance were **Charles Edahl, Jr. '07**, **Wythe Hogge '05**, **Patrick Yeatts '07**, **Gardner Meek III '07**, **Peter Boyd '05**, **Roy Hargrove IV '08**, **Robert Bedinger III '07**, **Cory Rayfield '05**, **Alex Crouch '07**, and **William Kammerer III '07**. The bride is a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and the Eshelman School of Pharmacy; she is a pharmacist. The groom is a graduate of Campbell University School of Law; he is an attorney. They live in Raleigh.



*At the wedding of Chris Thumma '06 and Emily Jane Ashby on June 5, 2010.*



*At the wedding of Clarke White '06 and Jennifer Sears on April 4, 2009.*



*At the wedding of Andrew Brendle '07 and Amber Kinard on August 21, 2010.*

# Births

## 1993

To **CHARLES E. PETTY III** and **STEPHANIE PETTY**, a son, William Brodie Petty, on June 8, 2010. They live in Mechanicsville.



To **ANDREW** and **MALISSA**

**McCLINTOCK**, a daughter, Elizabeth Catherine Whitlow McClintock, on April 24, 2011. They live in Richmond.



## 1999

To **JASON** and **TERESA WEIS**, a son, Soren Alexander Weis, on November 15, 2010.

To **MEADE WHITAKER III** and **NATALIE WHITAKER**, a daughter, Ellen Kaneen Whitaker, on March 25, 2011.

## 2001

To **COLLINS CONOVER** and **MEGHAN GOLDMAN**, a son, Matthew Collins Conover, on March 27, 2011. He joins his brother Andrew Joseph Conover at their home in St. Leonard, Maryland.

## 2005

To **DALTON** and **SARA BRITT**

**GREIN**, a daughter, Elizabeth "Libby" Andrews Grein, on February 6, 2011. They live in High Point,



North Carolina.

## College Family

To **ERIC** and **SACHIYO DINMORE**, a daughter, Aya Carolina Dinmore, on April 12, 2011. Dr. Dinmore is an assistant professor of history at the College.

To **SHAUNNA HUNTER** and **SEAN MCKINNEY**, a daughter, on April 8, 2011. Ms. Hunter is the public service librarian at the College.

# Deaths

## 1937

**JAMES GILLIAM CONRAD** of Lynchburg died on August 13, 2010. After attending Hampden-Sydney, he graduated from the University of Virginia and the University's School of Law. Mr. Conrad was a veteran of World War II, retired from the U.S. Navy, practiced law for several years, and then became secretary-treasurer of the Bottled Gas Company.

## 1939

**CALVIN GARNETT GREAR** of Gastonia, North Carolina, died on February 11, 2011. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II and worked as a bank examiner for 15 years before becoming a bank officer with National Bank of Commerce in Gastonia and First Union and BB&T in Charlotte.

**RALPH M. O'HAIR, JR.**, of Tucker, Georgia, died on December 3, 2009. He served in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II. Later he served in the Air Force Reserves before retiring at the rank of lieutenant colonel. In July 1943, he was the navigator for Major Joe Duckworth as the two of them flew into the eye of a hurricane. Duckworth and O'Hair were the first to accomplish this feat on purpose. Following military service, Mr. O'Hair lived in Atlanta where he worked for Prudential Insurance Company of America and the DeKalb County Parks and Recreation Department.

## 1942

The Rev. **GEORGE R. HOLDEN, SR.**, of Atlanta died on February 28, 2011. He earned his bachelor of divinity from Emory University; he was a member of the North Georgia Conference of the United Methodist Church.

## 1943

The Rev. Dr. **ADDISON DUNLAP ELLISON** of Charleston, West Virginia, died on February 25, 2011. He was a graduate of Louisville Presbyterian Seminary and served churches in Kentucky,



Indiana, and North Carolina. He was pastor emeritus of First Presbyterian Church, Charleston.

## 1944

Capt. **CHARLES K. GOLDMAN** of Austin, Texas, died on June 15, 2010. After serving as a P-47 fighter pilot during World War II, Mr. Goldman



graduated from the University of Texas at Austin. He retired a captain from the U.S. Air Force Reserves in 1950 to begin a career in business. Throughout his life he enjoyed flying and singing; he was a 33-year member of the Austin Saengerrunde, a singing and bowling group.

**JOHN DANIEL POND** of Front Royal died on February 17, 2011. He was a U.S. Army Air Corps veteran of World War II, serving as a B-17 bombardier in the European Theatre. His plane was shot down over Germany in March 1944 and he was a prisoner of war until May 1945. He received two Purple Hearts and the Air Medal with three oak leaf clusters. He had a long career as an educator and administrator in the Warren County School System. He is the father of J. Daniel Pond II '70 and the grandfather of John Daniel Pond III '97.

## 1947

**JUNIUS ERNEST WARINNER**



III of Ordinary died on March 18, 2011. He served in the U.S. Navy at Duke University and earned his master's degree from the College of William and Mary. He was a professor emeritus at the Virginia Institute of Marine Science at William and Mary. He loved sailing, hiking, and camping.

## 1949

**EDWARD M. SPRATLEY, SR.**, of Midlothian died on February 17, 2011. He attended VMI before joining the U.S. Navy. Later, he graduated from Hampden-Sydney College. Mr. Spratley had several careers, but is best known for his

work in real estate as a custom home builder and designer. He is the brother of the late P. Warren Spratley, Jr. '49 and the father of Edward M. Spratley, Jr. '72.

**1950**

RUSSELL HARRISON ROUZEE of Charles Town, West Virginia, died on April 2, 2010. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II and retired from C&O Railroad as an engineer in 1981.

**1952**

ROBERT BLAIR PRICE, JR., died on February 28, 2011. He was a member of Kappa Alpha and a veteran of the U.S. Army. Mr. Price's career and interests included the construction business and restoration and reproduction of 18th-century homes.

**1954**

DANIEL ALLEN PENICK, JR., of Lexington died on January 27, 2011. He was a graduate of Washington & Lee University and an avid golfer, playing in the Virginia State Amateur Golf Tournament. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy then worked as a geologist in Virginia and Nevada.

**1958**

Dr. ROBERT ROGERS



CHAPLIN, JR., of Richmond died on December 16, 2010. He was a graduate of the Medical College of

Virginia and worked as a family physician from 1969 to 1999. He also enjoyed serving as an assistant scout leader with Boy Scouts of America Troop 800.

RICHARD G. JOYNT of Moseley died on February 26, 2011. He practiced law at Hunton & Williams for 39 years and loved to mentor young lawyers. He created the Christmas Fund, which, for many years, provided food, clothes, and toys to needy families in the Richmond community at Christmas time.

**1959**

A. HUNTER LONG of Springdale, Arkansas, died on March 11, 2010. He earned an MBA from the University of Pennsylvania and was a retired global insurance executive.

**1969**

RUSSELL V. PALMORE, JR., of



Richmond died on April 7, 2011. He was a longtime partner at the law firm of Mays & Valentine, later

known as TroutmanSanders. Mr. Palmore was also chancellor of the Episcopal Diocese of Virginia. In 2008, he was awarded a doctor of humane letters by the Virginia Theological Seminary. Mr. Palmore is the nephew of the late Fred W. Palmore, Jr. '39, the cousin of the late Francis M. Booth '37, and the cousin of Michael Palmore '97.

WARREN MITCHELL SHAW, JR., of Abingdon died on March 27, 2011.

**1982**

M. STUART MCKENNEY, JR., of



Richmond died on March 1, 2011. He was a graduate of St. Christopher's School and attended the University of

Virginia and Hampden-Sydney College. He is remembered for being a loving uncle to his nieces and nephews.

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