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as a freelance photographer.

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

At a recent gathering with alumni, I shared a few student testimonials—our own students’ descriptions of the ways their Hampden-Sydney experiences have transformed them. Space constraints allow me to share only one of these testimonials here with the entire Hampden-Sydney family. This excerpt is by a rising junior, **Jimmy Butler ’19**, from Roanoke:



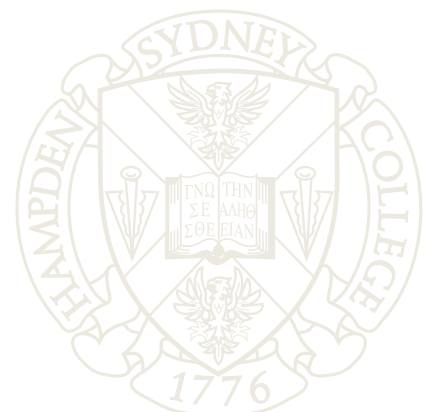
I used to be the kid looking for a short cut or an easy way out, but at Hampden-Sydney that isn't even an option—and I've learned to love it. I love how I was able to start over within myself and become the persistent, hard-working man I knew I could be. Not having an easy way out at school helped mature and transform me into a better person; I now know that even if there might be a short cut in life, it is much more rewarding and morally satisfying to accomplish something through hard work.

Hampden-Sydney has also taught me not only to trust people, but to become trustworthy myself. Trust is difficult to find these days, but at Hampden-Sydney you rarely encounter someone who isn't trustworthy. I realized early on that this is due, in part, to the amount of trust the professors place in each and every man. I say man because I have never seen a professor treat any of us like eighteen-year old boys; they immediately treated us like men and trusted that we would behave like men, in turn.

As I complete my first year at Hampden-Sydney and as we continue to plan for the College’s future, I draw a great deal of inspiration from such testimonials. Stories like Jimmy’s, which I’ve heard from scores of other students and alumni over the last year, capture the spirit of our founders’ vision for a college that would “form good men and good citizens,” and they are a tribute to the hard work of the faculty and staff who have made the transformation of our young men their life’s work. While each story is unique, student and alumni stories share the common themes of a rigorous and high-quality academic program and an unapologetic emphasis on character and leadership development.

This past year, we have focused on telling our College’s story more confidently, enhancing our recruiting and admissions efforts, strengthening alumni engagement, and growing our fundraising capacity. In the years ahead we must continue to focus on all of these priorities. Thanks to the hard work of our faculty and staff over the past year, we now also have ambitious plans for enriching our academic program and student experience. It is an exciting time for this great College. We honor our founders’ vision by approaching the future boldly and with the confidence of knowing that the world needs Hampden-Sydney even more now than at any time in the College’s history.

Dr. Larry Stimpert
President, Hampden-Sydney College



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Freelance Photographer
Tom Spencer '10 shoots custom-built
yachts and sport-fishing tournaments.
Photo by Tom Spencer

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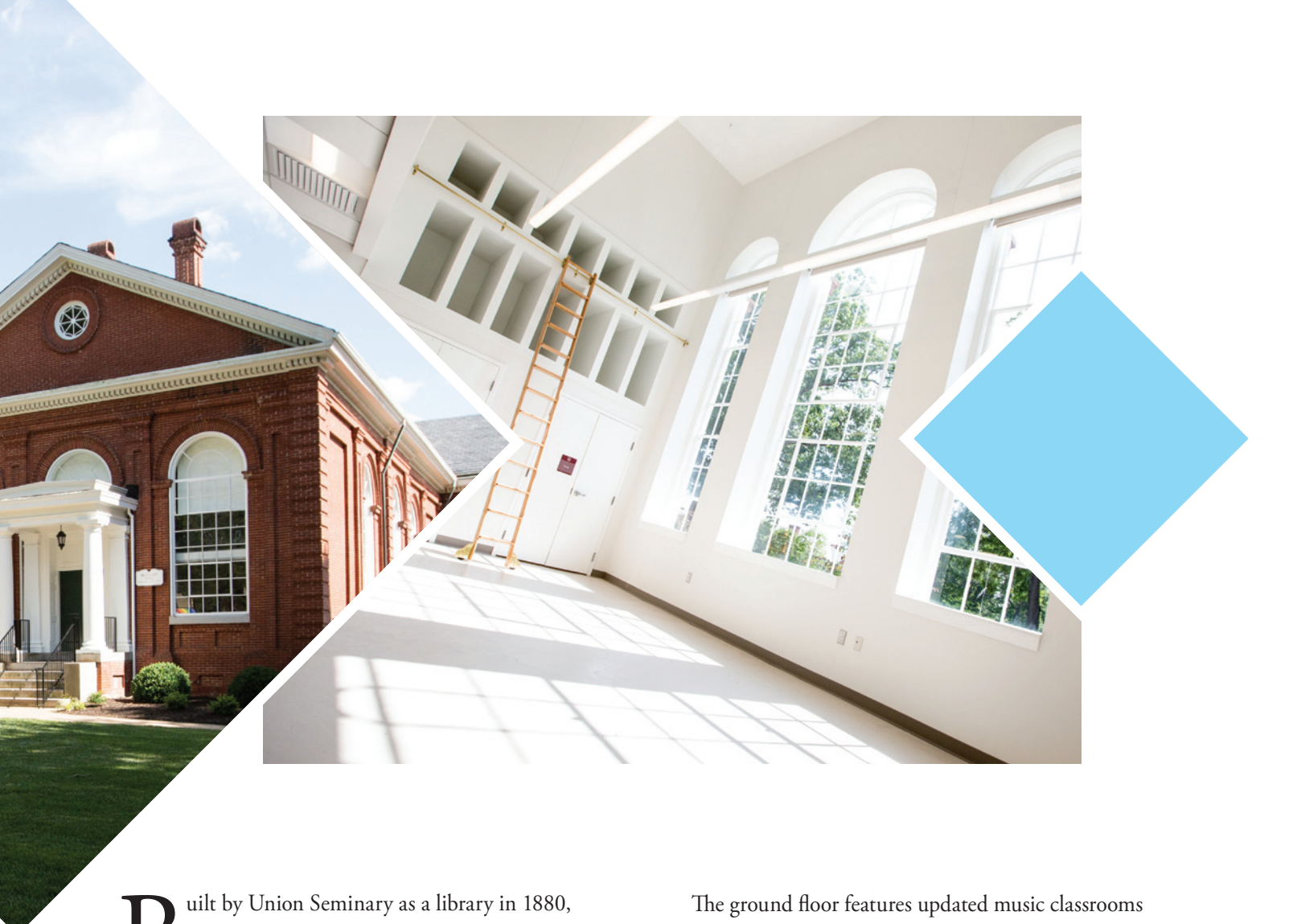
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BRINKLEY HALL

A MODERN TAKE ON AN H-SC CLASSIC

For the third time in its nearly 140-year history, the stately brick building first known as Brown Memorial Library, then as Winston Hall, has been re-christened, this time as Brinkley Hall in honor of legendary classics professor **John L. Brinkley '59**. Recently completed renovations have modernized the historic building into a state-of-the-art home for Hampden-Sydney's Department of Fine Arts.



Built by Union Seminary as a library in 1880, the building has survived two additions, a near-catastrophic fire, a subsequent decade of disuse, and several renovations. In its various iterations, it has housed H-SC's library, dining hall, student health center, communications office, and fine arts department. Now dedicated solely to the musical and visual arts, Brinkley Hall is home to the College's new Viar-Christ Center for the Arts.

The 4.7-million-dollar renovation successfully merges the old with the new. Funded by major donors **Joseph F. Viar, Jr. '63**, **John G. Macfarlane III '76**, the E. Rhodes and Leona B. Carpenter Foundation, and historic preservation tax credits, the project kept the exterior of the building unaltered. The main hall—with its distinctive arched windows, gracious balcony, and curved staircases—has been restored to its original beauty and updated with retractable acoustic panels for improved sound. The rear of the building, however, has been completely redesigned with ample space for the instruction, creation, and exhibition of musical and visual arts.

The ground floor features updated music classrooms and practice rooms, a music archive room, a digital piano lab, and a common area. The second floor, dedicated to the visual arts, includes a gallery space for formal exhibitions, as well as drawing and painting studios with innovative canvas storage. The third floor houses photography, with a spacious studio and a state-of-the-art film-processing wing. Students in Professor **Pamela Fox's** May Term photography course were the first to use the new darkroom, which features industrial sinks and ventilation hoods, two film-changing rooms, and 12 film-processing stations. Lastly, the remodeled rear of the building incorporates a new floating classroom between the second and third floor, capturing previously unused space without affecting the building's historic windows or exterior structure. Built specifically to accommodate modern technological needs, this space houses a Mac computer lab for graphic design and digital photography instruction.

The Viar-Christ Center for the Arts in Brinkley Hall will officially open with a dedication ceremony on September 16, 2017. 🎓

JOE VIAR & BONNIE CHRIST *Give Back*

Asked what has motivated his philanthropy to Hampden-Sydney College, Joe Viar's explanation begins with his first visit to campus in 1959, spans a successful career in the tech industry, and ends with a heartfelt thank you to his alma mater.



A four-year varsity player at H-SC, Viar was co-captain his senior year.

LOVE AT FIRST SIGHT

“I was a good high school football player, but I only weighed 140 pounds,” laughs **Joseph Viar '63.**

An academic standout in high school, Viar

nonetheless decided where to attend college based on athletics and ambiance. And the choice was Hampden-Sydney. “I had narrowed it down to Hampden-Sydney and Washington & Lee,” he recalls, but an invitation to attend H-SC’s spring football game sealed the deal. “It was Hampden-Sydney in spring time, the campus was just beautiful, *and* they were playing kick-ass football. I decided right then and there that Hampden-Sydney was for me.”

Viar’s colorful memories of his H-SC days are recalled in great detail and with plenty of laughs, from an illegal car parked in the woods (“scholarship students weren’t allowed to have cars in those days”) to a semester of academic probation (“everyone’s allowed to err once, and I made Dean’s List every other semester”). He turns pensive, however, when he talks about the College’s long-term impact on his life—an impact that made him a lifelong promoter and supporter of his alma mater.

“Hampden-Sydney College shaped my life. It gave me the confidence to become the man that I am.”



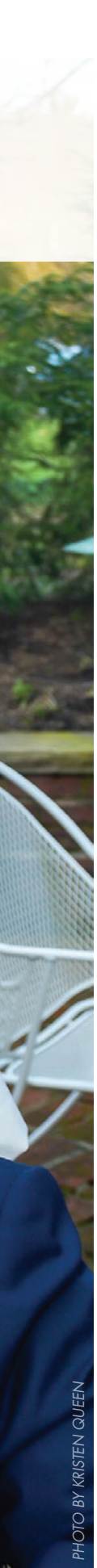


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ON THE CUTTING EDGE

Viar was so confident, in fact, that he landed a job in the emerging computer industry the day after graduation. “Hampden-Sydney prepared me so well academically that I walked right into the computer business, and I’d never even seen a computer,” Viar says. “General Electric was installing a brand-new GE 225 computer in Lynchburg. It was as big as a room, full of blinking lights, and so noisy you couldn’t hear yourself think. Needless to say, I was impressed.” GE hired Viar for a five-year project designing electronic circuitry—a project Viar completed in two years.

Rather than remaining at GE as a technician, Viar looked for new challenges. Opportunities arose creating war-game simulations with U.S. Army Tech Ops and writing remote-computing models with IBM. In the process, Viar discovered his talent as a liaison between computer engineers and software designers, using the problem solving and people skills he honed at H-SC. “It wasn’t just the math at Hampden-Sydney that prepared me for a successful career, it was the liberal arts, the challenge of balancing athletics and academics, and the community among the professors and students,” Viar claims.

Never complacent, Viar took every opportunity to stay on the cutting-edge of an emerging industry. “I stepped, stepped, stepped to stay on the forefront of the tech industry,” he says. Those steps eventually led to Washington, D.C., where he helped government agencies and private companies alike create computing systems.

THE RISK PAYS OFF

Five years after his move to D.C., Viar took another risk and struck out on his own, founding an information technology and management firm in 1976. Although he says the Viar Company didn’t make a lot of money in its first year, it wasn’t long before the firm’s clients included multiple government agencies, notably the Environmental Protection Agency; Immigration and Naturalization Services; and Health, Education, and Welfare. Within five years, the Viar Company was among the nation’s fastest growing private companies.

As an employer, Viar created such a positive and productive work environment that “nobody left the company,” according to Bonnie Christ, a former

government sector recruiter and Viar’s partner of 25 years. “They loved Joe and they loved the company—so much so that I could never recruit any of his employees. They were just too happy working for him,” she says. Asked why, Joe explains: “I provided an unbelievable benefits program, from completely free health insurance, to bonuses, to week-long stays at the company’s beach houses.”

In 1991, Joe sold the Viar Company to the defense contracting firm DynCorp, where he continued to work for an additional two years. “At age 52, I was completely retired, and I haven’t worked a paying job since,” says the 76-year-old.

A LIFETIME OF GIVING BACK

Just because he wasn’t paid doesn’t mean he wasn’t working, however. Until recently, Viar tirelessly served as Chairman of the Inova Alexandria Hospital Foundation and as a Trustee of Hampden-Sydney College, donating his own wealth to both organizations and convincing others to do the same. For his philanthropic efforts, Viar was named the 2007 Alexandria Citizen of the Year and the 2011 Living Legend of Alexandria.

Viar’s name appears on multiple plaques and buildings around Hampden-Sydney’s campus, but it’s not just building projects that receive his support. Throughout the years, he has funded small projects at the College wherever the need might be, and he endowed a scholarship in recognition of the one he received so many years ago, which made his own Hampden-Sydney education possible.

His latest donation to the Brinkley Hall renovation was an opportunity for Viar to help preserve one of the College’s most iconic buildings. “Winston was the dining hall when I was there, and I’ve always loved the architecture of the building,” he explains. Both Viar and Christ love the performing arts, as well, so funding the Viar-Christ Center for the Arts was a natural fit.

Viar’s generosity has been a consistent refrain throughout his life. Whether it was profit-sharing with employees, fundraising for a new cancer center, raising awareness of cystic fibrosis, or supporting his alma mater, giving back to others has always been important to him.

“I didn’t accomplish this all by myself,” he says, with emotion in his voice. “I really appreciate Hampden-Sydney College, and I wanted to say thanks.” 🙏

THE SILENT OBSERVER





Tom Spencer '10 adjusts the shutter speed on his camera

to blur the powerful wake created by a 5000-horsepower engine while keeping the 74-foot yacht in focus.

“The speed of that boat is a feat of engineering, and I need to capture it in one image.”

Photographing high-end, custom-built yachts and covering sport-fishing tournaments up and down the east coast, Spencer has carved out a niche in the freelance photography world. His images have landed on the pages of *Anglers Journal* and the cover of *Marlin Magazine*, even taking him to the skies to catch the action from the open door of a helicopter.

He calls the experience exhilarating: “There’s nothing like it when the helicopter drops three feet off the water, traveling 40-something knots in reverse, and there’s a 70-foot sportfisher coming straight at us. I’d rather be up there than anywhere else in the world.” The results are stunning aerial shots that capture the power and beauty of hand-built Carolina boats on the open seas. With characteristic humility, however, Spencer takes little credit. “It’s not me,” he claims. “The pilot of the helicopter does all the work—I just push the button.”

A history major at Hampden-Sydney, Spencer never pictured himself as a photographer. “I’m Thomas Spencer the Fourth,” he proudly claims. “Every Tom Spencer before me worked in the tobacco business at least for some time, so I wanted to follow in their footsteps.” While the North Carolina native has built a successful sales career in the tobacco industry, the hobby he discovered at H-SC has brought him a different type of fulfillment as a freelance photographer.

After seeing the work that a Kappa Alpha fraternity brother created in a fine arts class at Hampden-Sydney, Spencer signed up for a basic photography course with Professor **Pamela Fox** in the spring of his junior year. “I don’t know—maybe she saw something in me that I didn’t see in myself—but Pam always made herself available to answer questions and give extra instruction; she never held anything back. I’ve since learned how rare that is. In the

competitive world of photography, it’s amazing to find someone willing to share their tricks and secrets.”

Spencer’s first gig as a paid photographer came through another Hampden-Sydney connection, when a friend’s father asked him to photograph job sites for his contracting firm. “He had seen a few of my photos on display in the Atkinson Museum at graduation, so he offered me a six-month stint at Southern Piping Company while I searched for ‘a real job.’” It was Spencer’s first experience with a digital camera and photo editing, and it helped put into daily action the technical instruction he had received in Fox’s classes at H-SC.

Once he began working in sales, though, he no longer had access to a digital camera. “They always say the best camera in the world is the one that you have with you, so I started documenting my hobbies of hunting and fishing with what I had in my pocket: an iPhone,” Spencer says



PHOTOS BY TOM SPENCER '10

BY KAREN E. HUGGARD



with a chuckle. During this time, he discovered himself as an artist. “Honestly, without the focus on technical settings, I got back to the roots of photography that I learned at H-SC: composition, lighting, shadows, and visual interest.” However, he missed the feedback that he received during weekly critiques in Fox’s photography classes. “We would choose our best photograph of the week to share with the class, then we’d talk about what worked and what didn’t, what we liked and what we didn’t like about each photo,” Spencer recalls. He says he found a similar forum on social media, though. “Instagram provided the honest feedback I needed. People tell you exactly what they think—it’s instant critique.”

Over time, Spencer invested every tax return and bonus in photographic equipment, starting out with used cameras and lenses. He’s come a long way since shooting on an iPhone, but he still keeps it simple. “It doesn’t matter what kind of camera you use—it’s not about the equipment,” notes Spencer. “A \$6,000 camera doesn’t guarantee the photograph will evoke emotion.”

Spencer’s shots of sport fishing and custom yachts are some of his best-selling and most frequently published prints. But he’s equally passionate about using his art to document the traditional Carolina way of life, a way of life he fears is slowly disappearing. He explains, “I try to capture what is authentic and unique to eastern North Carolina: people making an honest living by working hard on the land and the water, farming tobacco and peanuts,

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fishing and crabbing.” This portion of his work is heavily influenced by his background as a history major at H-SC. “Eastern North Carolina is still full of a romantic way of life that may no longer exist when my infant son is 20 years old,” Spencer says. “I take any chance I get to photograph the farmers and fishermen, because it’s the history of my state. It may not be as old as the history I studied at Hampden-Sydney, but it’s my history.”

Unlike many photographers who name their companies eponymously, Spencer chose the name Fish Hunt Photo for his freelance business. “I don’t want my name to be all over these photos,” Spencer says. “I want to be the person on the sideline that nobody notices sitting there—the silent observer.” The business name was inspired by an old hunting cabin called Fishhunt, located off the coast of North Carolina on tiny Hog Island. “I love to fish, I love to hunt, and I’m on the hunt for great photos of both,” he explains.

In many ways, the rustic cabin symbolizes Spencer’s motivation as an artist—his love for the outdoors, his passion for rural North Carolina, his nostalgia for a fading way of life. “There’s a story to be told without saying anything at all,” says Spencer. “That’s what I’m trying to accomplish.”

And Tom Spencer’s photos do tell the story of his native North Carolina, one that is vibrant and complex. It is the exhilarating story of sport fishing and powerful engines and hand-crafted luxury; it is the bittersweet story of a dying commercial fishing industry and a slower pace of life and honest labor under the harsh sun. It is the story of a silent observer capturing fleeting moments in the nick of time. 📷



Capturing Carolina

BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

THE UNION-PHILANTHROPIC SOCIETY

BY BRADLEY CHESTER '17





PHOTOS BY COURTNEY VOGEL



The clerk looks down at his iPhone resting on the antique drop-front writing desk, weathered by time and wounded by years of ringed fingers enthusiastically knocking against it. The phone flashes 6:00 PM, and the clerk glances up and to his right at the president seated on the throne of the Union Society, founded six months after the ratification of the United States Constitution, two months after the storming of the Bastille, and two months before the election of George Washington. The president calls to the junior member nearest the door, “Could you please secure the Hall?” Verifying that no one is within sight of Brinkley House with intent to join the meeting, the junior member closes and locks the door, replying, “Mr. President, the Hall is secure.” The clerk rings three times upon the brass bell perched on his desk, and a meeting of the Union-Philanthropic Society begins.

The oldest student organization at Hampden-Sydney College, and the oldest continuous society of its kind in North America, the Union-Philanthropic Society, shortened to “UPLS” (the “L” standing for “Literary” in reference to the society’s status as one of the only surviving Latin Literary Societies once popular in early-American higher education), continues to hold public debates every Sunday evening at 6 PM. The Society just concluded its second year in the newly renovated Brinkley House, named for the building’s previous and most famous resident, longtime Critic (advisor) of the Society Professor **John L. Brinkley ’59**. Brinkley’s portrait, painted by **Louis Briel ’66**, hangs just over the right shoulder of the clerk of the Society, **David Bushhouse ’19**.

Above: An 18-carat-gold Senior Orator’s medal for the Union Literary Society dated November 1894
Left: The new UPLS meeting room in Brinkley House

One of the youngest students to ever achieve membership in the Society, Bushhouse was initiated upon the successful delivery of his oration, “The Dakota Access Pipeline Should be Built as Planned.”

After the ringing of the bell, UPLS President **Tyler Langhorn '17** welcomes those assembled and reiterates the procedure for a meeting: those who wish to speak will give a three-minute speech in affirmation of the resolution on the floor, followed by a period of questioning ranging from five to ten minutes. Then, a member will speak in negation of the resolution, following the same format. The pattern repeats for three cycles until a total of six speeches have been given, three in favor and three against. The Society's resolutions are vast and varied, from “Man Cannot Choose His Own Fate” to “Hampden-Sydney College Should Restrict Access to Pornography.” No topic is too large or too small for the Society that famously debated the ethics of chattel slavery in 1810, ten years before the Missouri Compromise—one of the first meaningful attempts by the young nation to reconcile its ideals with the institution of slavery. In recent years, the Society has debated genocide, refugees, the designated hitter rule, the necessity of debauchery in college life, and countless other topics that range from the repetitive to the rousing.

When the President asks for those speaking in affirmation of the current resolution, an eager hand belonging to **Zachary Berry '20** goes up. “The Society is an opportunity to critically examine every part of life. My favorite speech was probably the one in which I argued that Hampden-Sydney does not create gentlemen, but rather attracts them and gives an opportunity for them to grow,” he recalls. In his first semester at the College, Berry was invited to his initiation as a Junior Member of the Society. A secret of the Society known only to members and those whom they elect to initiate, the Junior Member initiation is reported to be the best night some members have in college, according to **Bobby George '18**. While not a “pledge” to the Society, in the parlance of Greek fraternities, Junior Membership is a process by which one proves oneself worthy of full Membership in the Society. Certain tasks that benefit the Society, combined with one's speaking ability, distinguish gentleman at Hampden-Sydney as eligible for the Membership Oration, a ten-minute speech followed by no less than an hour of direct questioning by the Members—each of them generally

accomplished in their fields of study. **Ben Briggs '17**, a history major, presented his membership oration on the racial implications of the war on drugs; **Logan Leathers '17** gave his about free speech on campus; the author of this article explained the immorality of unmanned drone strikes; **Phillip Beatty '18** argued that the West has dismantled the conception of “beauty”; George, a veteran of the Global War on Terrorism with the Virginia National Guard, posited that women should be allowed to join the US Army Infantry; **Tanner Beck '18** won his membership on the premise that the minimum wage law should be abolished; and President Langhorn became a member by arguing that drug treatment is more effective than incarceration. No comprehensive statistic exists, but it is estimated that fewer than one-third of aspirants achieve senior membership on their first attempt. While adulation awaits those who pass, those who have fallen short at least once, to include the President, still find immense value in the attempt—a value which makes them more capable students, citizens, and men.

Berry's speech on the resolution “Prostitution Should Be Legalized,” arguing in favor, is followed by questions that pry at his argument's moral, philosophical, and practical underpinnings. Members of the Society come from all different disciplines, and thus so do the questions. As such, a speaker in the Hall must think through, and become familiar with, the ancillary implications of his argument in order to defend his thoughts. In many cases, members and their guests take positions with which they do not personally agree in the hopes of presenting a new view or for the benefit of the intellectual exercise. While no one person “wins” a UPLS debate, individual contributions to the discourse are taken into account and, due to the balanced nature of resolutions and speakers, meetings often hinge on a single speech.

After Berry's speech comes the first speech in negation, arguing the polar opposite. While inherently adversarial, UPLS meetings are built on a format of debate derived from that of the Oxford Union. Historically, Junior Members are required to acquaint themselves with *Robert's Rules of Order* as a way to imbue them with a sense of fidelity to the, now somewhat antiquated, rules of the Society. The format dates to the very first public meeting of the Union Society, with slight alterations in order to fit the times relative to the centuries of its existence.

The debate format requires that respect and engagement be afforded to every idea, regardless of whether or not it is an aberration from certain long-held views of the bulk of the Membership or the College. Adherents to both Karl Marx and Adam Smith have a place in the Society, as do any philosophies that adhere to the Society's publicly broadcasted ideal of finding truth.

UPLS is the College's, and one of the country's, oldest student organizations. Dr. **H. C. Bradshaw '30**, in his *History of Hampden-Sydney College*, recounts the early days of the two then-separate literary societies as a time when membership in either society was a coveted honor. Passing an oration before one of the two societies was a graduation requirement, and according to at least some anecdotes the term "rushing," as applied to seeking membership in a Greek fraternity, is derived from new students at the College being "rushed" into either society by the current membership upon arriving on campus. While that origin is, of course, debated and unconfirmed, it speaks to the age and reach of the society in its early history. With the growing popularity of Greek social fraternities and the revocation of membership as a graduation requirement, however, the society lost much of its prestige in the middle of the 20th Century.

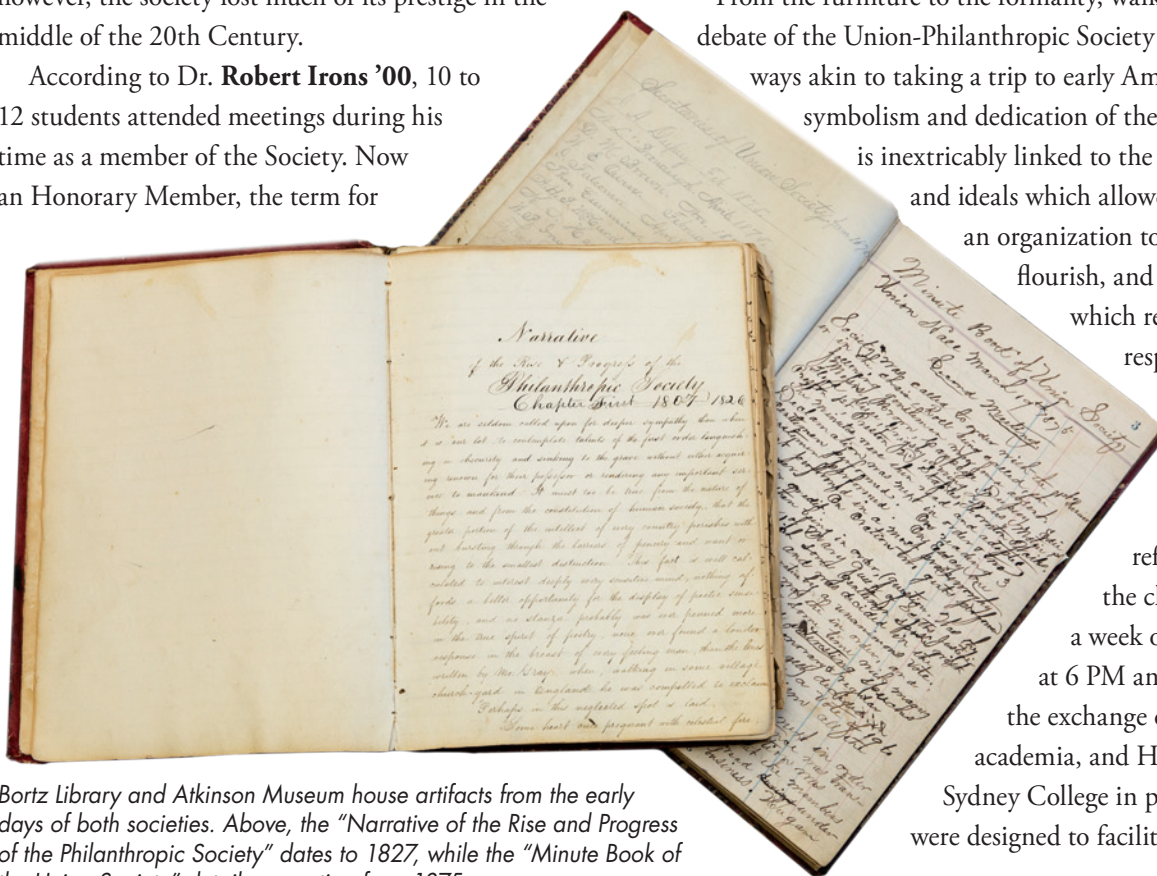
According to Dr. **Robert Irons '00**, 10 to 12 students attended meetings during his time as a member of the Society. Now an Honorary Member, the term for

graduated members or other non-alumni dignitaries upon whom the Society wishes to bestow membership, Irons says, "I'd love for alumni from the 90s to come back and see this now." Although the liveliness and passion of debate has remained constant throughout Irons' association with the Society as a student and now as a professor of classics, he believes the degree of introspection and quality of oration has markedly improved. He compares the debates, particularly the questioning portion, to watching Junior Grandmasters play chess: it is the same game it has always been, but elevated to a previously unknown level and employing unanticipated moves. "During my first meeting after returning to the College, there was a line of questioning that made me think, 'Wow, I wish I could have thought of that.'"

Irons and other alumni have maintained close contact with the Society since its resurgence in the beginning of the 21st century, a connection Irons hopes will continue in the years to come. When asked where he sees the Society going, he replies, "I don't want it to go anywhere," aptly summing up the Society's commitment to its founding ideals.

From the furniture to the formality, walking into a debate of the Union-Philanthropic Society is in many ways akin to taking a trip to early America. The symbolism and dedication of the Society is inextricably linked to the republic and ideals which allowed such

an organization to grow and flourish, and in an era in which reasoned and respectful debate can seem a thing of the past, it is refreshing to set the clock back once a week on Sundays at 6 PM and experience the exchange of ideas that academia, and Hampden-Sydney College in particular, were designed to facilitate. 🏛️



Bortz Library and Atkinson Museum house artifacts from the early days of both societies. Above, the "Narrative of the Rise and Progress of the Philanthropic Society" dates to 1827, while the "Minute Book of the Union Society" details a meeting from 1875.

The INAUGURATION *of the*
25th PRESIDENT *of* HAMPDEN-SYDNEY COLLEGE
JOHN LAWRENCE STIMPERT



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The clouds parted and the sun shone brightly on Venable Lawn as Dr. John Lawrence Stimpert was formally inaugurated as the 25th president of Hampden-Sydney College on April 28, 2017. The ceremony, steeped in the broad traditions of academia and the unique history of Hampden-Sydney, harkened back to the College's rich past while looking forward to a bright future.

Speaking on “History and Character in a Time of Trial” in his keynote address, historian Fergus M. Bordewich drew inspiration from two of the College’s original trustees, James Madison and Patrick Henry. Despite their fierce disagreements about the federal government and the Constitution, “they relied on their own character, on their trust in the character of their fellow men, and on the kind of humane values that have always been deeply rooted here at Hampden-Sydney,” said Bordewich.

Noting that Hampden-Sydney’s “commitment to teaching and embodying the values of mutual respect, open-mindedness, clear reasoning, and clear language are the blood and sinews of our society,” Bordewich ended his remarks with an appeal to the College’s mission to form good men and good citizens. “Civility will never become obsolete. Nobility of spirit doesn’t rust. Honor doesn’t grow feeble with age. These benchmarks of Hampden-Sydney’s purpose will remain forever vital, not just to the molding of its graduates’ character, but to that of the nation.”

In his response, President Stimpert recognized the powerful legacy of the College’s founders and past leaders, its Honor Code and Code of Conduct, its extraordinary faculty and rigorous academics. He said, “This rich legacy—our inheritance—allows us to look forward to the future with optimism and high expectations.” President Stimpert described plans to continue developing men of character and strengthening bonds of brotherhood—goals that will require

collective effort and great courage. “With such an impressive past, it could be very easy for this College to fall victim to complacency,” he said. “But our most important work lies ahead.”

The newly invested president challenged the College community with his closing words: “The last 242 years are a remarkable legacy, but they are only the preparation for the fulfillment of this College’s destiny. That destiny is limited only by our aspirations for it. Let us be strong, have courage, and act on those aspirations as we together chart an ambitious future for Hampden-Sydney College.”

Caleb Mize ’17, Chairman of the President’s Men; **Shirley Kagan**, Elliott Professor of Theater; and **Thomas H. “Tommy” Shomo ’69**, former Director of Marketing and Communications, welcomed President Stimpert on behalf of the student body, faculty, and staff. All expressed their confidence in the new president’s ability to lead Hampden-Sydney College at this pivotal time. “It is such a pleasure to welcome President Stimpert at an exciting time for the College, entrusting ourselves to his leadership as we head toward our 250th year,” Kagan said. Reflecting on Hampden-Sydney’s past and future, she continued, “Perhaps this is also a time to consider and engage in a full-frontal embrace of our identity. Because the very fact that in 1775 Hampden-Sydney College was founded on this Hill means we are decidedly not ‘tiny and in the middle of nowhere,’ but rather right at the center of, and as enormous as, the American experiment.” 🏛️



COMMENCEMENT 2017

Under sunny skies on a mild May morning, Hampden-Sydney College family and friends gathered on Venable Lawn to celebrate the Class of 2017 at the College's 242nd Commencement Exercise. The ceremony capped a weekend full of classic Hampden-Sydney traditions and introduced a few new practices to the College's time-honored rituals.



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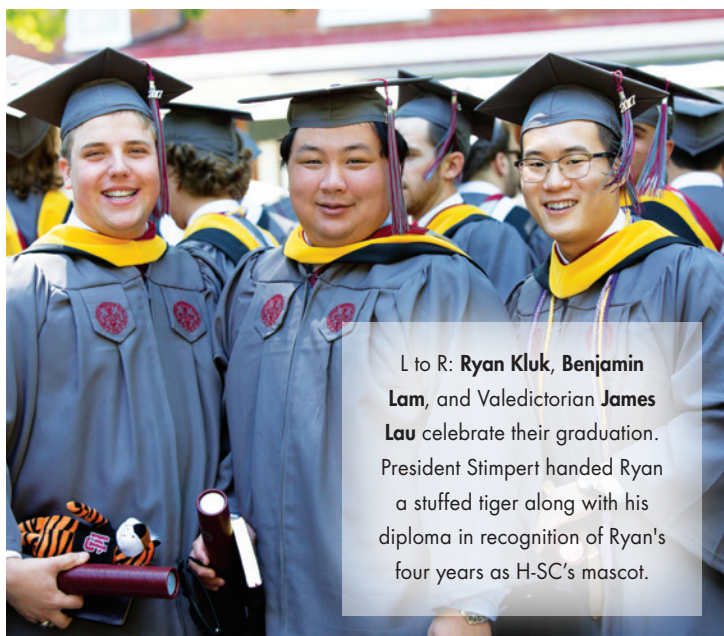


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1) The class of 2017 donned gray gowns, a return to the color worn by graduates in the late 1800s. 2) The Alumni Association introduced an official champagne toast in 2013. This year, bagpipes led graduates to the new Brown Student Center patio for their "Welcome Alumni" toast. 3) Graduates process under the Bell Tower's south opening inscription, *UT EXEATIS VIRI*, on the morning of commencement. The practice symbolizes the College's motto, which translates to, "Enter as youths so that you may leave as men." 4) H-SC graduates receive their distinctive diplomas—still written in Latin—and a Bible as they cross the stage.



L to R: **Ryan Kluk**, **Benjamin Lam**, and Valedictorian **James Lau** celebrate their graduation. President Stimpert handed Ryan a stuffed tiger along with his diploma in recognition of Ryan's four years as H-SC's mascot.

"Members of the class of 2017: Do not close your ears to opposing points of view. Otherwise you cannot learn. Do not foreclose the possibility that you might change your mind. Otherwise you cannot grow. Do not lose sight of the fact that you are not in possession of the whole and only truth. Otherwise you will fail to notice your mistakes, and so suffer their consequences."

—Bret Stephens, *New York Times* columnist, addressing graduates at Commencement

CLASS OF 2017 FAST FACTS

202 Hampden-Sydney men earned 158 Bachelor of Arts degrees and 44 Bachelor of Science degrees in May. An additional 22 graduates will receive their degrees in August.

The Class of 2017 earned degrees in **18** fields of study. With 67 graduates, economics and business proved the most popular major, while classics was the rarest with 1 graduate.

25 graduates earned double majors, and **2** of the newest H-SC men earned double majors and double minors: **Andrew Marshall** and **Ryan Kluk**.

55 graduates studied abroad during their Hampden-Sydney years.

29% of the class earned academic honors: 21 graduated *summa cum laude*, 13 *magna cum laude*, and 25 *cum laude*.

5 graduates will head directly to medical school at George Washington University, Virginia Commonwealth University, and Eastern Virginia Medical School.

3 graduates were admitted to the University of Virginia School of Law—a top-ten law school.

18-year-old **Reuben Retnam**, the class's youngest member, will enter VCU's Ph.D. program in biostatistics.

At the time of Commencement, the Class of **2017** had already accepted job offers from employers like NBC Universal, Major League Soccer, and the Naval Research Lab.



"Examine your lives and commit to being great citizens and leaders, ready to make a difference where you can."

—Nancy Oliver Gray, president of Hollins University, addressing graduates at Baccalaureate



PHOTOS BY COURTNEY VOGEL



LACROSSE

Clinches ODAC Title and Advances to Third Round of NCAA Tournament

BY SCOTT HARRIS, ASSISTANT SPORTS INFORMATION DIRECTOR

Hampden-Sydney Lacrosse enjoyed a season for the ages in 2017. After posting a 12-5 record and earning the number-four seed in the ODAC Tournament, the Tigers defeated Shenandoah, Washington & Lee, and Lynchburg to win the ODAC Championship, outscoring the three teams 51-23. It was the Tiger's first victory at the ODAC Tournament, which began in 2002, and their first ODAC Title since 2001.

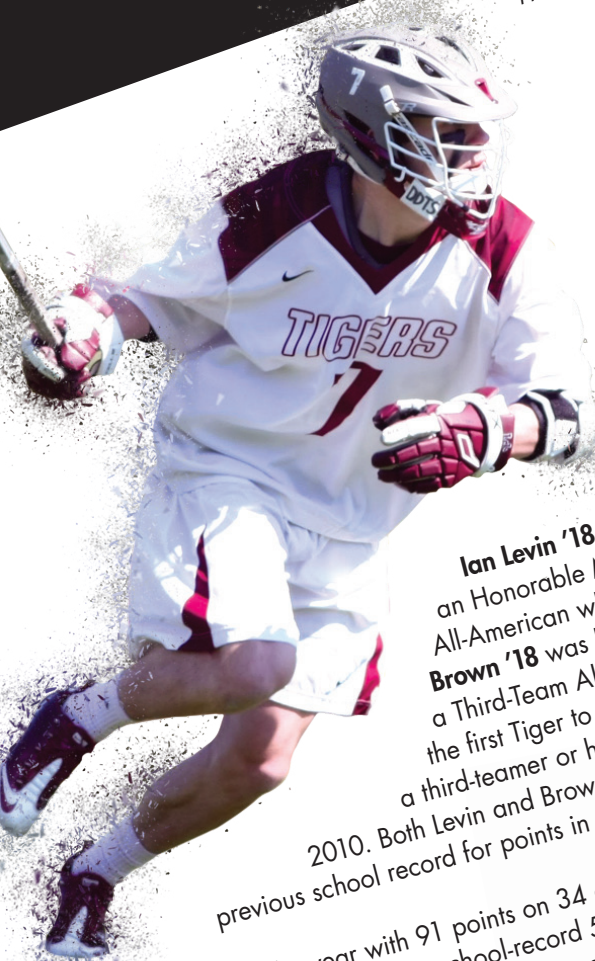
Winning the tournament earned Hampden-Sydney an automatic berth to the NCAA Tournament, and the Tigers were rewarded with a home game against Transylvania in the NCAA Tournament Second Round. Hampden-Sydney demolished the Pioneers 23-8 for the Tiger's third-ever NCAA Tournament win. H-SC would then travel to perennial powerhouse #1 Salisbury University for the third round, where they fell to the eventual national champions.

The 2017 squad broke several school records and earned numerous national rankings. With 16 wins, three more than any other season in program history, they also broke school records for points in a season (486), goals (307), and assists (179). The Tigers ended the season ranked second in the country in man-up offense and was one of just three teams to score on greater than 50% of their extra-man chances. In additional national rankings, H-SC was 4th in ground balls, 12th in assists, 26th in goals-per-game, 28th in faceoff win percentage, and 28th in points-per-game.

For his efforts in his first season as head coach, **Jason Rostan '03** was named the ODAC Coach of the Year, just a year after his father, Ray Rostan, won the award in his final season.



Hunter Brown '18



Ian Levin '18 was an Honorable Mention All-American while **Hunter Brown '18** was honored as a Third-Team All-American, the first Tiger to be named a third-teamer or higher since 2010. Both Levin and Brown broke the previous school record for points in a season (78).

Levin finished the year with 91 points on 34 assists (fifth in school history) and a school-record 57 goals. He tallied 25 points in five postseason contests, including eight on four goals and four assists versus Salisbury. Levin ranked 13th in Division III in total points and 23rd in goals scored. He was also named to ODAC All-Tournament Team and the All-ODAC First Team.

Brown recorded 87 points, breaking the school records for both assists and midfielder points. His 44 assists were the 15th in the nation, while his 87 points were good for 21st. He contributed 22 points in five postseason games and was Named First-Team All-ODAC.

Six more student-athletes were named to the All-ODAC team. **Kent Henry '18** joined Brown and Levin on the first team; **Duncan Morris '17**, **Chandler Shaheen '18**, **Jared Arntzen '17**, and **Triston Stegall '17** were on the second team; and **Bucky Potter '17** made the third team. Both Arntzen and Stegall were selected to participate in the USILA North-South senior all-star game.

With 64 points this season, Morris ranks ninth at H-SC in single-season points scored. He ended his four years ranked 11th in career points and 6th in goals. Shaheen posted 62 points, the fourth most by a midfielder. Both Shaheen and Morris tied for 29th most goals in Division III this season.

One of the top faceoff players in the nation, Arntzen won 64.9% of his faceoff attempts with 157 ground balls, the second most in school history. His faceoff win percentage ranked 21st in the country and his total ground balls ranked 9th. He capped his career with the fifth most career ground balls in school history. 🏆



Ian Levin '18

BASEBALL

Enjoys Winning Season; Four Named All-ODAC

BY DAVIS YAKE, ASSISTANT ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

The 2017 baseball team surpassed preseason expectations, making the ODAC Tournament while enjoying 21 wins, including victories over nationally ranked opponents in #21 Roanoke (3-2), #12 Randolph-Macon (2-1), and #1 Shenandoah (15-7).

Four players earned All-ODAC honors: freshman relief pitcher **Jonathan Triesler '20** and sophomore utility **Jayson Maitland '19** were named to the Second Team, and junior starting pitcher **Zach Perkins '18** and junior catcher **Devin Daugherty '18** were named to the Third Team.

Triesler had an impressive rookie year for the Tigers, appearing in 13 games on the mound with four starts and nine relief appearances. He posted a 4-2 record with two saves and owns a 3.24 ERA in 50.0 innings pitched. Impressively, he struck out 44 batters while walking just eight. He had six hits in 17 at bats, with three runs batted in and four scored.

Maitland enjoyed a strong season in the infield, boasting a .330 batting average and .402 on-base percentage with 30 hits in 91 at bats. He drove in 20 runs while scoring 16 of his own. He also saw success on the mound with 11 relief appearances. In 15.2 innings pitched, he posted a 0.57 ERA with 17 strikeouts to ten walks while recording three saves.

Perkins had the third most starts for the Tigers this season, starting in seven of his nine appearances. He won two games while recording a 3.71 ERA in 43.2 innings pitched. In addition, he struck out 42 while walking only 22.

Daugherty split time behind the plate and at designated hitter, seeing action in 25 games while hitting .337. He recorded 29 hits, with nine of those going for extra hits on seven doubles and two homeruns.

He also batted in 16 runs while scoring 12, and his .488 slugging percentage was third highest on the team.

H-SC Announces 30TH Hall of Fame Class

Hampden-Sydney College and the Athletics Hall of Fame announce its 30th class to be inducted Saturday, November 4, 2017, at 11 AM in the Kirk Athletic Center. Included in the Athletics Hall of Fame Class of 2017 are football and wrestling star **Ray Dodson '69**, who captained both teams; football and basketball captain **Brent Rusnak '98**, who was a four-time All-ODAC honoree; and tennis standout **Patrick Gee '06**, who was named ODAC Rookie of the Year and ODAC Player of the Year. Special citations will be given to lacrosse goal keeper **Rick Bagby '79**, who helped the Tigers to their first winning seasons and went on to a successful high school and collegiate coaching career; and retired lacrosse coach **Ray Rostan**, who ranks eighth in all-time coaching victories in all NCAA divisions.

Created in 1988, the Hampden-Sydney College Athletic Hall of Fame honors men who have made outstanding contributions to Hampden-Sydney athletics and have helped bring recognition, honor, excellence and distinction to the College and its intercollegiate athletics program. Full coverage of the November 2017 induction will be featured in the *Winter Record*.



Jonathan Triesler '20



TENNIS

Finishes Strong; Moody Twins Named First Team All-ODAC

BY SCOTT HARRIS, ASSISTANT SPORTS INFORMATION DIRECTOR

Hampden-Sydney Tennis proved to be one of the most improved teams in the nation, finishing the year with 12 wins, a 10-win improvement from the 2016 campaign. The Tigers finished in a three-way tie for fourth place, defeating Randolph-Macon on the final day of the regular season to earn hosting rights in the ODAC Tournament first round, where they defeated Randolph-Macon again to advance to the ODAC semifinals.

Leading the Tigers were **Matthew '20** and **Michael Moody '20**. The duo went 16-1 in the regular season along with a 10-0 mark in ODAC play en route to their First-Team All-ODAC selection at #1 doubles. The Moody twins' lone loss came to Division I Longwood University. They finished the season as the #12 doubles team in the ITA Atlantic South regional rankings.

In singles, Michael Moody was named First-Team All-ODAC as he posted a 13-3 overall record, the best win percentage in the ODAC at the #2 flights, and was second in conference matches at 8-1. Matthew Moody wrapped up the year with a 13-5 record and a 6-3 mark in ODAC competition. Individually, he ranked 24th in the Atlantic South region.

Grayson Burns '20 earned Second-Team All-ODAC honors at #6 singles as he posted a flawless 8-0 mark at #6 and 9-0 overall. He was the only ODAC player to go undefeated while playing at least four matches.

Other notable bright spots including **Clark Cummings '20** (six wins at #3) and **Levy Young '20** (eight wins at #4), as well as the doubles team of Cummings and **Trent Singleton '17**, which boasted a 6-1 record at #2 doubles.

GOLF

Earns National Ranking; Smith Named ODAC Golfer of the Year

BY DAVIS YAKE, ASSISTANT ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

In a strong spring season, Hampden-Sydney golf wrapped up the year ranked 22nd in the nation, according to *Golfstat.com*. The Tigers fought through a rigorous schedule to finish third overall in the ODAC Championship. Their season was also highlighted with a first-place finish in the Roanoke College Invitational and a second-place finish in the TaylorMade/ADIDAS Intercollegiate.

Individually, junior **Parker Smith '18** headlined the All-ODAC selections; he was named ODAC Golfer of the Year and earned First Team accolades. Senior **Alex Simmons '17** and freshman **Bruce Shober '20** earned Third Team honors.

Smith worked his way back from a shoulder injury in the fall campaign to enter the ODAC Championships with a 33rd national ranking by *Golfstat*. Playing through three days of rain and averaging 76.0 strokes-per-round, he finished in the top five once and added a top-ten finish.

Shober had a strong freshman campaign for the Tigers, competing in nine events and winning two—the Shenandoah Invitational in the fall and the Roanoke Invitational in the spring. Shober boasted a 76.3-stroke average with three top-ten finishes.

Simmons earned his third career All-ODAC nod with First Team honors in 2016 and Third Team honors in 2015. This season, he played a team-high 19 rounds, while averaging 76.8 strokes-per-round. Additionally, he had three top-ten finishes and broke into the top five once.



Parker Smith '18



A CONVERSATION WITH JAY ROSTAN

2017 ODAC Coach of the Year **Jason "Jay" Rostan '03** reflects on the value of Division III athletics, the legacy of Hampden-Sydney Lacrosse, and the birth of his son two days before the NCAA Tournament.

Q You had some pretty big shoes to fill this year—both as a first-year head coach and as the son of retiring coach Ray Rostan. What was your philosophy during that transition?

A First of all, it was an incredible honor to take over for my dad, who coached at Hampden-Sydney for 32 years. You don't see many father/son coaches in college athletics, so it was really special to play four years and then coach another 14 years with my dad and my best friend.

Because I got to know his coaching philosophy and style so well over those years, the transition was unbelievably easy. We didn't change much. My dad and I had worked several years to build a strong team, and the players and their families couldn't have been more supportive. Hampden-Sydney lacrosse was set to be successful this year—I don't think I can take credit for much.

Q In a season full of accomplishments—and there were many—which one is the most significant for you?

A Definitely winning the ODAC Championship as a team. The All-ODAC and the coach of the year awards are really just team awards—they all come with the territory when you're winning. But it had been 16 years since Hampden-Sydney had won an ODAC Championship, so that was special for our players, parents, staff, and, most of all, for our alumni—who have been chomping at the bit to get the trophy back here for a long time. I had more than 200 text messages from alumni that night, which shows how proud, excited, and energized they are about the Hampden-Sydney lacrosse program.

Q Your second child was due to arrive the week of the ODAC Tournament. Walk us through the days leading up to the ODAC Championship and the NCAA Tournament.

A The ODAC Tournament started on Tuesday and I coached the entire week with my cell phone in my pocket, which I never do. All along, my wife Amy said that if she went into labor, I couldn't miss a game. But how do you do that? At the start of the championship game on Saturday—the baby's due date—I looked up in

the stands and there was my wife. She had made the three-hour drive with my daughter and her parents, and it was so special to have her there. Well, we played our best game of the season to win the tournament. When I boarded the bus later that night to return to campus with the team, the phone rang and Amy told me the contractions had started. Our son was born Monday afternoon, Tuesday I was back at practice, Wednesday we won the NCAA Tournament game here at H-SC, Friday we were on the road for the next round of the tournament, and Sunday was graduation back at Hampden-Sydney. The adrenaline rush didn't wear off until I saw the seniors walk across that stage.

Q Congratulations on being named ODAC Coach of the Year in your first year at the helm. What do you see as the most important aspect of your job as head coach?

A Athletics are the last bastion of discipline in an 18- or 19-year-old's life before entering the real world. Our players learn how to deal with success, how to deal with failure, how to compete well in everything that they do. Developing and leading these young men, encouraging them to be better people than they were when they got here, is my most important job. And I learned how to do so from my dad. Over the years, I saw so many alumni come back with appreciation for how he helped develop their character. There's nobody better at that than my dad.

Q Your family came to Hampden-Sydney when you were only three years old. Did you always know you wanted to play and eventually coach at H-SC?

A Hampden-Sydney lacrosse has meant everything to me for as long as I can remember. Since I was a child, I've looked up to the guys from the 1989, 1995, 1998 classes—they were like older brothers to me. I watched those teams win ODAC Championships and play in the NCAA Tournament. I saw the incredible experiences they had as students, then how much they care about the school as alumni. So, I always knew I wanted to be a Tiger and get my education at Hampden-Sydney. I love everything about Hampden-Sydney: the small class sizes, the excellent academics, the sense of brotherhood. It's unlike any other college that I've seen.



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As your new Director of Alumni Relations, I was privileged to join alumni and spouses during

REUNION WEEKEND 2017.

The Office of Alumni Relations is proud to share the wonderful time enjoyed by the classes of 1967, 1977, 1982, 1992, 1997, 2002, 2007, and 2012. We anxiously await your return to the Hill and look forward to the upcoming year!

—Aaron S. Van Allen '13,
Director of Alumni Relations



The oldest alumnus to attend was Patrick Henry Society member **George Wright III '48**. (Right)

60% of the Class of '67 attended their 50th reunion, announcing their gift of \$4.2 million. The second largest class gift in Reunion history, it will fund scholarships for students with academic achievement and financial need.





Alumni enjoyed diverse activities over the course of the weekend: live music, engaging faculty lectures, tours of the new Brown Student Center and Brinkley Hall, the Thompson Tennis Challenge, the Wine & Design art event, and much more.

"I highly recommend attending your reunion. The programs, food, staff preparation, and attention to detail are fabulous."

—Member of the Class of '97



**WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU
AT REUNION WEEKEND 2018
JUNE 1-3!**

H-SC will celebrate reunions for the classes of 1968, 1973, 1978, 1983, 1988, 1993, 1998, 2003, 2008, and 2013.

The SOCIETY of FOUNDERS WEEKEND 2017

BY CANDICE J. DOWDY, DIRECTOR OF CONSTITUENT RELATIONS



Giving back to the College has always been important to Hampden-Sydney alumni, parents, and friends—whose heartfelt generosity reflects appreciation for college experiences, faculty support, and personal relationships. Over 200 such donors gathered at The Greenbrier in March for the annual meeting of the Society of Founders.

Founders Weekend has become a spring ritual for renewing friendships and creating memories. The weekends are much like a family reunion where members celebrate the success and strength of the College. This year, attendees enjoyed a cocktail reception in the Greenbrier's Presidential suite, dinner in the Cameo Ballroom, golf at the PGA Greenbrier Course, relaxation at the legendary Greenbrier Spa, and gaming at the Casino Club.



Many readers of the *Record* may not be familiar with the purpose and history of the Society of Founders. Recognizing that financial giving was crucial to Hampden-Sydney's future, the Trustees established the Society to provide official recognition of individuals who contribute significantly to the College's needs.

In 1986, founding chairman **James L. Trinkle '50** gathered a committee of alumni who wanted to invest in the future of Hampden-Sydney College and asked others to join them. Their enthusiasm was contagious, and in just a few short years increased numbers of alumni, parents, and friends became part of this sustaining society.



In the same year, **James J. Keating, Jr. '56** established the annual Keating Medallion to recognize outstanding service and extraordinary dedication to the College. Building on that tradition, the Gammon Medallion recognizes young alumni who have given of themselves in service and philanthropy to the College. Membership in Young Founders (who have not yet celebrated their 15th Reunion) increases annually—a testament to the commitment of H-SC's young graduates.



Plans are underway for next spring's Founders Weekend in Colonial Williamsburg, and new giving levels have been established for 2017-2018. For further information, contact the Office of Institutional Advancement at hsc.edu/Support-H-SC or 1-800-865-1776.

We invite alumni, parents, and friends to join the Society of Founders: a strong investment in the future of Hampden-Sydney College and in the special students who come here as boys and leave as men.

PHOTOS BY KRISTEN QUEEN

RALEIGH, NC



NEW YORK, NY



2017 RPE TOAST

A Toast to the Hampden-Sydney Man's 'Write' of Passage

Tuesday, March 28, marked a significant day in the lives of many Hampden-Sydney students as they sat for a critical component of their educational experience: the Rhetoric Proficiency Exam. Before the exam, 441 alumni, parents, and friends gathered in 47 cities across 19 states to show solidarity with the examinees, to offer support to the Rhetoric faculty, and to connect with friends. From Boston to Dallas, and from New York to San Francisco, Hampden-Sydney men raised a glass to this unique tradition of the College. Toasting the RPE with a premium non-alcoholic beverage from his deployment in Kuwait, Lt. **John Wirges '15** was the first to wish the students well before the sun had even risen in the United States.



HOUSTON, TX



WASHINGTON D.C.



KUWAIT



NASHVILLE, TN



VIRGINIA BEACH, VA



BIRMINGHAM, AL

1960s

Patrick Henry Society & Class of '68
Reunion Weekend: June 1-3, 2018

WILLIAM T. "BILL" WILSON '60 and his wife Lang Wilson received the 12th annual Chancellor's Award for Leadership and Philanthropy from the Virginia Foundation for Community College Education. They were recognized for their work on behalf of the Dabney S. Lancaster Community College in Clifton Forge. Bill has been a director of the DSLCC Educational Foundation Board for almost 25 years; he and Lang started the Wilson Cup for Scholarship, Character, and Community Service in 2009.



WILLIAM T. "BILL" WILSON '60

JOHN R. HIGGS '61 was recently elected president of the Shenandoah Valley Wine Growers Association. John is the founder and owner of Barren Ridge Vineyards in Fishersville.

LEIGHTON D. YATES, JR. '68, a partner in the Orlando office of Holland & Knight LLP, was recently recommended by *The Legal 500, United States* guide for middle-market (sub-\$500 million) mergers and acquisitions. He has also been recognized in *The Best Lawyers in America* (Corporate Law, 23 years, and Orlando Corporate Lawyer of the Year in 2010), *Florida Super Lawyers* (Mergers and Acquisitions Law, 12 years), and *Florida Trend's* "Florida Legal Elite" (Business Law, 11 years). In 2015 Leighton was inducted into the "Florida Legal Elite Hall of Fame," then consisting of only 133 Florida lawyers; he has been listed for many years in both *Who's Who in America* and *Who's Who in American Law*.

1970s

Classes of '73 and '78
Reunion Weekend: June 1-3, 2018

Dr. **WILLIAM F. "BILL" RAYBURN '71**, distinguished professor of medicine at the University of New Mexico, edited a professional book, *Continuing Professional Development in Medicine and Health Care: Better Education, Better Patient Outcomes*, published in February 2017 by Wolters Kluwer. Bill has been the chair of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the university since 1998.



Dr. **ROBERT B. "BOB" WILLIAMS '72** recently spent 18 months in London as a partner in Deloitte Consulting's United Kingdom practice. He has returned to his role as managing director of Deloitte Healthcare Consulting in McLean and lives in Richmond.

CHARLES F. "RICK" WITTHOEFFT '72 has been recognized as a leader in the field of commercial litigation in the 2017 edition of *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business*. He is the general counsel for Hirschler Fleischer in Richmond.



Dr. **JOSEPH M. CROCKETT '73** received the Martha B. Thornton Faculty Recognition Award at Bridgewater College on April 4, 2017, for his excellence in classroom teaching and advising of students. Joe, who has taught chemistry at Bridgewater since 1985, holds the A. Leroy and Wanda H. Baker Professor of Science chair at the college. In 2015 he received the Distinguished Service Award from the Virginia Section of the American Chemical Society, the highest award given by the section.



MICHAEL A. FARRELL '77 has joined the law firm of Mette, Evans & Woodside in Harrisburg, PA. He has been practicing in the field of insurance defense litigation for 32 years, defending employers and insurers in workers' compensation matters.



Dr. **ED "CHOPPER" SNYDER '78** just completed his term as president of the Virginia Association of Orthodontists. He has also been elected chairman of the American Association of Orthodontists Council on Membership, Ethics, and Judicial Concern. His subcommittee's rewrite of the AAO's Code of Ethics was accepted by the Association's House of Delegates at their annual session in April 2017. Chopper has practiced orthodontics in Martinsville and Danville for nearly 30 years. He and his wife, Kim, hope to make it up to H-SC this fall for a football game.

HAMPDEN-SYDNEY POWER PLAYERS

Inside Business: the Hampton Roads Business Journal published its "Power Issue" in May, identifying several Hampden-Sydney men as "power players who shape and influence Hampton Roads." Named to "The Next 50 Power List" were **George G. Ball III '81**, regional vice president at Wells Fargo Bank; **Charles R. Henderson, Jr. '74**, market president at Bank of America; and **W. Sheppard Miller III '79**, president/CEO of Trident Utility Contracting and Light Tech, Inc. The magazine's "Emeritus Power List" recognized **David A. Arias '84**, president of Swimways Corp.; **J. Robert Bray '60**, retired executive director of the Virginia Port Authority; **Maurice A. Jones '86**, CEO of Local Initiatives Support Corporation; and the Hon. **Paul S. Tribble, Jr. '68**, president of Christopher Newport University and former U.S. Senator.

GREGORY W. FELDMANN '79 received the 2017 Regional Leadership Award from the Roanoke-Blacksburg Technology Council. He was recognized for his recent volunteer work starting the region's first business accelerator program, RAMP, as well as his decades-long commitment to improving capital access for regional technology companies. In addition, Greg was elected to the board of directors of Carter Bank and Trust, a community bank with offices in Virginia and North Carolina.

W. SHEPPARD "SHEP" MILLER III '79 has retired from his position as chairman of KITCO Fiber Optics to focus on his two other businesses, Trident Utility Contracting and Light Tech, Inc. An H-SC Trustee, Shep also serves on the board of TowneBank as vice chairman, the board and executive committee of the Hampton Roads Chamber of Commerce, and the Virginia House of Delegates Ethics Advisory Panel.



WILLIAM F. SEYMOUR IV '79 is a director in the litigation, business law, estate planning, and administration practice groups with FloranceGordonBrown in Richmond. He had been a founding principal at Cherry, Seymour & Baronian.



1980s

Classes of '83 and '88
Reunion Weekend: June 1-3, 2018

Dr. **JON R. SCHOONOVER '81** returned to campus to speak with students about his work at Los Alamos National Laboratory in New Mexico. Sponsored by the chemistry department, the lecture discussed emerging threats in national security and the opportunities to combat those threats with scientific research at the national laboratory. After the event, Jon discussed internship and career opportunities at Los Alamos with H-SC students and reconnected with several professors and classmates from his own undergraduate years. Pictured (L-R): Dr. **Herb Sipe**, Chaplain **Keith Leach '81**, Dr. **Jon Schoonover '81**, and Dr. **Bill Porterfield**.



JON R. SCHOONOVER '81

H. HITER HARRIS III '83 is the co-founder and managing director of Harris Williams & Co., which was named 2016 Investment Bank of the Year by *Mergers & Acquisitions*. The April 2017 edition of the magazine noted the investment firm's "growth in all areas, including deal volume and value" and "successful leadership transition in the bank's 25th year in business."

MICHAEL C. TOMKIES '83 was recently named a Regent of the American College of Consumer Financial Services Lawyers. Mike advises clients from across the U.S. in all aspects of federal and multi-state consumer and commercial banking and financial services law with the boutique firm of Dreher Tomkies LLP in Columbus, OH.

STEPHEN E. EVANS '84 has joined Advisory Research, Inc., a Chicago-based investment firm, as a private client investment advisor. He was most recently a senior portfolio manager at U.S. Trust, Bank of America Private Wealth Management.

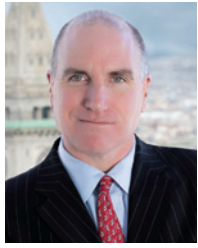
JAY D. MITCHELL '85 recently joined the Atlanta law firm of King and Spalding. He practices in the areas of healthcare and regulatory compliance.



PI KAPPA ALPHA GOLF TRIP

In early March, almost 20 Hampden-Sydney brothers traveled to Myrtle Beach for the 11th annual H-SC Pi Kappa Alpha Camp Agape golf trip. Front row (L-R): Robin Reed, **Ford Francis '80**, **Randy Reed '82**, **Paul Emerick '81**, **Bob Calcote '79**, **Blake Auchmoody '82**, **Keith Leach '81**, and **Mark Slaydon '84**. Back row (L-R): **Stuart Wilbourne '83**, **Elliott Bondurant '79**, **David Riddick '77**, **Greg Wilkerson '81**, **Jim Thompson '81**, **Bill Bailey '85**, **Keith Lewis '78**, **Benton Downer '77**, **Jack Clark '75**, **Roger Gardner '83**, and **Tom Gray '80**.

STEPHEN M. COYLE '86 has joined The Davis Companies in Boston as managing director of investor relations and marketing; he will lead the firm's equity capital raising, investor relations, and external strategy. Previously, Steve served as senior vice president of portfolio management for Bentall Kennedy in Boston.



MARK L. MORAN '86 has been promoted to senior scientific technical manager at the Army Engineer Research and Development Center in Hanover, New Hampshire, where he has worked as a geophysicist since 1986. In his new role, he will provide advanced scientific guidance, perform and manage research and development, and carry out technical planning and oversight.



Sen. **WILLIAM M. STANLEY, JR. '89** was selected as the 2017 Virginia Senate "Legislator of the Year" by the Virginia Chamber of Commerce in May. First elected to the Virginia State Senate in 2011, Bill serves as the majority whip of the Senate Republican Caucus and chairman of the Senate Committee on Local Government.

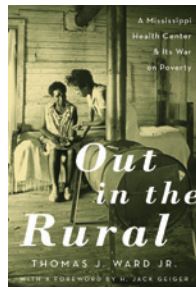


1990s Classes of '93 and '98 Reunion Weekend: June 1-3, 2018

Dr. **JOSEPH LANE '90** has been appointed provost at Bethany College in West Virginia, a post he assumed on July 1, 2017. He has been with Emory & Henry College for 15 years, most recently as the Hawthorne Professor of Politics and chair of the department of politics, law, and international relations.

Dr. **GARY HELM DARDEN '91** is serving his second term as chair of the department of social sciences and history at Fairleigh Dickinson University in New Jersey. For the past three years, he has also served on FDU's Faculty Senate, first as vice president, then as president, and now as chair of the academic planning committee. In 2015, he was named Teacher of the Year at the university's Becton College of Arts and Sciences and presented a lecture at H-SC at the invitation of Professor Emeritus **Jim Simms**. Gary writes, "I decided to become a college professor because of my Hampden-Sydney education and the incredible faculty I had as a history major there."

Dr. **TOM WARD '91** is chair of the history department at Spring Hill College in Mobile, Alabama. His most recent book, *Out in the Rural: A Mississippi Health Center and its War on Poverty*, was recently published by Oxford University Press.



JOHN F. WARE III '91 has joined F.N.B. Wealth Management, an affiliate of First National Bank, as a vice president, wealth advisor. He will be based in Raleigh, North Carolina. Previously, he was a wealth advisor for BB&T Bank in Baltimore and Houston.

PACE MAHOOD FONVILLE, JR. '92 has left Long & Foster to begin the brokerage firm Shaheen, Ruth, Martin and Fonville, or SRMF, with three other partners, including fellow H-SC alumnus **John Martin '96**.

EDWIN L. WEST III '92 was named to the Business North Carolina Legal Elite in criminal law for the third consecutive year. He was also recognized in the 2017 edition of *Best Lawyers in America* in the area of tax litigation.

Dr. **B. BOYDEN CLARY III '94** was named to *Richmond Magazine's* 2017 list of Top Doctors in the Urogynecology category. The list, chosen by doctors and nurse practitioners, was published on April 24, 2017.

Dr. **MALCOLM K. SYDNOR, JR. '94** was named to *Richmond Magazine's* 2017 list of Top Doctors in the Radiology-Interventional category. The list, chosen by doctors and nurse practitioners, was published on April 24, 2017.

To **MATTHEW '95 and JEAN MICHAEL**, a son, Vincent Henry Michael, on March 17, 2017.



MATTHEW MICHAEL '95 FAMILY

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Dr. **DANIEL CROSS TURNER '95** is a consultant with the College Planning Center in Myrtle Beach, SC. Providing holistic and customized educational counseling, career guidance, and standardized test prep, the center helps families navigate the college admissions process and find the best-fitting college education—personally, academically, and financially. Pictured below, Dan and his wife Keaghan attended the May signing ceremony for incoming H-SC student Jack King, who signed his letter of intent to play linebacker for the Tigers in the fall. Jack has also been named a Patrick Henry Scholar for the Class of 2021.



DANIEL CROSS TURNER '95

To **BART '96 and BETH ANN SHAEFFER**, a son, Theodore "Teddy" Edward Shaeffer, on October 12, 2016. He joins proud older brothers Charlie, George, Bart, and Walter.



BART SHAEFFER '96 FAMILY

JOHN INGLE MARTIN, JR. '96 has left Long & Foster to begin the brokerage firm Shaheen, Ruth, Martin and Fonville, or SRMF, with three other partners, including fellow H-SC alumnus **Mahood Fonville '92**.

Del. **CHRIS PEACE '98, JASON ANGUS '97, and BEN WINTERS '02** got together at a campaign kickoff event on June 1, 2017. Chris represents the 97th District in the Virginia House of Delegates.



WINTERS '02, PEACE '98, ANGUS '97

JAMES ASHBY IV '99 has been named senior vice president at the commercial real estate firm Cushman & Wakefield Thalheimer, where he leads the Richmond retail services group. The promotion was featured in the

February 6, 2017, edition of *Virginia Business*.



2000s

Classes of '03 and '08
Reunion Weekend: June 1-3, 2018

Dr. **BRAD DEMETRIUS WASHINGTON '00** will begin a new role as assistant provost at Notre Dame de Namur University in Belmont, CA, for the 2017-2018 academic year. He has been an assistant professor at the University of San Francisco's School of Education since 2017.

BARRON AVERY '01 is a partner and chair of the government contracts practice at BakerHostetler, LLP in Washington, DC.

To **RAFI '01 and KATIE GUROIAN**, a daughter, Vivian Guroian, on December 26, 2016. Vivian joins her big sister, Louise. Rafi is a field-based senior systems engineer for Apple, Inc, serving as the engineering point of contact for all primary and secondary schools in Maryland, Virginia, and Washington, DC. He writes, "I'm living the dream that was fueled in the Johns Auditorium Computing Repair Shop in 1997." The family recently moved from Annapolis to Richmond, where Rafi is on the board of the Virginia Association of Railway Patrons.



RAFI GUROIAN '01 FAMILY

JOSEPH H. DEACON III '03 and BRETT MICHELLE HAMILTON were married on May 20, 2016, at Solis Lough Eske Castle near Donegal, Ireland. The bride is a 2003 graduate of Elon University. The couple resides in Charleston, WV, where they both work in the financial services and real estate development business.



DEACON-HAMILTON WEDDING

To **CHASE '03** and **CATHERINE PERRY**, a daughter, Margaret Lancaster Perry, on May 23, 2017. **Jim '68** and **Carolyn Beckner** are the proud grandparents.

MARIO J. STELLUTE '03 has been selected for admission to *Esteemed Lawyers of America*. He is a personal injury and criminal defense attorney in the Hampton Roads region.

JOHN K. NIELSEN '05 has been named senior vice president at the commercial real estate firm Cushman & Wakefield Thalhimers. He oversees retail services for western Virginia out of the firm's Roanoke office. The promotion was featured in the February 6, 2017, edition of *Virginia Business*.



MICHAEL A. FRANKS '07 was the winner of the eighth annual "Dancing with the Williamsburg Stars," a fundraiser for Big Brothers/Big Sisters and Literacy for Life. Mike raised \$13,900 for the charities at the March event, which featured 12 community leaders competing before a live audience.

PETER CROWE '08 was ordained to the Catholic priesthood on May 27, 2017, at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament in Altoona, PA. He offered his Mass of Thanksgiving the following day at Our Lady Queen of Peace Church, concluding with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Former H-SC professor **John David Ramsey** was in attendance. Peter is assigned to Saint Benedict Catholic Church in Johnstown as Parochial Vicar.



PETER CROWE '08 (FRONT CENTER)

To **JONATHAN '08** and **CAROLINE HUNOLT**, a son, Nicolas Kirby Hunolt, on September 7, 2016. He joins older siblings Lucas, Ines, and Daniel.



JONATHAN HUNOLT '08 FAMILY

NICHOLAS J. JUNES '08 graduated with a Master of Divinity from Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology in Brookline, MA. He is the pastoral assistant and youth director at Saint Katherine Greek Orthodox Church in Falls Church. He is pictured with his father, **Lanny Junes '74**.



LANNY '74 AND NICHOLAS JUNES '08

BRANDON J. CLAPP '09 has joined the law firm of Swift, Currie, McGhee & Hiers, LLP, in Birmingham, AL, as a coverage and commercial litigation associate. He earned his law degree from the Cumberland School of Law at Samford University, where he served as the Associate Chief Justice of the Honor Court and received the Scholar of Merit Awards in Constitutional Law and State and Local Tax Law.



FITZ ROBERTSON '09 graduated from Columbia Business School with an MBA and concentration in private equity on May 14, 2017. At Columbia Business School, Fitz was selected as a Private Equity Fellow, a J.P. Morgan Scholar, a Toigo Fellow, and a Management Leadership for Tomorrow (MLT) Fellow.



FITZ ROBERTSON '09

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2010s

Class of '13

Reunion Weekend: June 1-3, 2018

JOSEPH MORRISON GREW '10 and MARY CATHERINE BENSON were married on May 28, 2016, at Saint Mary's School in Raleigh, NC. The bride, a graduate of Wofford College, works for Bagwell & Bagwell Insurance in Raleigh. In attendance were **James Barmore '04, Matthew Zaytoun '06, Austin Bright '09, Charles Lacy '10, and Rhorie Kerr '10**. Groomsmen were **Judson Root '03, Bradford Johnson '10, and Howard Bullock '10**, and the best man was **Joe Stiles '10**.



GREW-BENSON WEDDING

EDWARD ALEXANDER "ALEX" HOWE '10 has enrolled in the College of Veterinary Medicine at St. George's University in Grenada. Prior to his leaving for vet school, the city of Houston designated August 31, 2016, "Edward Alexander Howe Day," recognizing Alex's innovative and exemplary service to Houston's Bureau of Animal Regulation and Care. The award was presented at the Houston City Council by Mayor Sylvester Turner and Councilman Greg Davis.



ALEX HOWE '10

JONATHAN GILSON KASTENBAUM '10 graduated from the University of Richmond School of Law on May 6, 2017.

SEAN C. LYNCH '10 is now a senior credit analyst with the commercial lending team at Fulton Financial Corporation in Virginia Beach.



PATRICK GATES '09 and KAREN-ANNE McEWEN were married on December 17, 2016, at Saint Bridget Catholic Church in Richmond. The groom is the son of **David Gates '78**, and the bride is the daughter of **Phil McEwen '76**. Alumni in the wedding party included **Heath Gates '05, Matthew Gates '12, Philip Agee '07, Wingate Grant '08, Stuart Kegan '08, Langdon Moss '08, and Chad Zalesiak '08**. In attendance were The Honorable **Ernest Gates '45**, grandfather of the groom; **Rusty Gates '76, Phil DiStanislaw '77, Bill Moore '78, and Tom Gates '88**, all uncles of the groom; and **Jimbo McEwen '78**, uncle of the bride. Additionally, several H-SC alumni cousins and close friends were present. The couple resides in Richmond.

To **TELPHOR LEE "T.J." '11 and KATE AUSTIN**, a son, Jackson Lee Austin, on May 4, 2017.



T.J. AUSTIN '11 FAMILY

HARRISON BARONIAN '11 and WILL CORRELL '12 teamed up in early April to create a gluten-reduced brew at the Origin Beer Lab in Richmond. Baronian, brewer at Center of the Universe Brewing Company, approached Correll, owner of Buskey Cider, about the possibility of a beer/cider hybrid. Their collaboration used two types

of millet, a gluten-free grain; two types of yeast, Baronian's house brewers yeast and Correll's house wine yeast; and Buskey's house blend of Virginia-grown apple juice.

WALKER M. BEAUCHAMP '11 cofounded Book-It Legal, a legal tech startup, in the fall of 2016. In December, the Birmingham-based company won seed money from Alabama Launchpad and was chosen for the Velocity Accelerator program, a startup incubator. In addition to his work with Book-It Legal, Walker is the in-house attorney for Ram Tool Construction Supply.



WALKER M. BEAUCHAMP '11



BOBBY FULTON '14 and ARLEY MORELOCK '14, former Hampden-Sydney lacrosse teammates, are wearing new uniforms these days. After four years playing under Coach **Ray Roston**, both Hampden-Sydney men have chosen to serve our country in the armed forces. Fulton enlisted in U.S. Army following graduation and is in the 1st Battalion of the 75th Ranger Regiment, stationed at Hunter Army Airfield in Savannah, GA. Morelock spent two years with Teach for America before commissioning as an officer in the U.S. Air Force. Fulton's father, Skip Fulton, sent the *Record* a recent photo, noting, "Two Hampden-Sydney lacrosse men enlisted in a time of war and are serving beyond the gate with honor and integrity. This is what H-SC, and indeed H-SC Lacrosse, is all about."

EDWARD ALLEN KROHN '11 was promoted to Captain in the U.S. Army Reserves, effective April 1, 2017.

The Rev. **EDUARDO SOTO, JR. '11** was accepted as pastor of Altavista Presbyterian Church on February 18, 2017, by a unanimous vote of the Presbytery of the Peaks, of which College Church is a member. Dr. **Bob Hall** and his wife were in attendance.

DABBS MCGREGOR WOODFIN '11 graduated with a Master of Divinity from Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University in May 2016. He is now program director for the Canterbury Episcopal Student Center at Texas A&M University.

HARRISON WHITTEN LONG '12 graduated from the University of Richmond School of Law on May 6, 2016.

ALLEN LUCK '12 has incorporated his passion for tournament fishing into his professional endeavors. He is the digital content manager for the Keep America Fishing advocacy group at the American Sportfishing Association, where he works to increase the public's understanding of the threats to our waterways and the sport of recreational angling. He writes, "My love of fishing started at H-SC in 2009 with the Hampden-Sydney Anglers Club, which later became the Student Organization of the Year. In three years of tournament fishing on the FLW College Fishing Series, we won \$27K for the College, and my passion still lasts today."

ALEXANDER C. CARTWRIGHT '13 received his Ph.D. in economics from George Mason University on May 21, 2017. An assistant professor of economics at Ferris State University, Alex teaches undergraduate and MBA students and serves as the co-advisor to Young Americans for Liberty. He is also the co-recipient of a research grant to found the Police Data Project, an organization to study police behavior. Outside of academia, Alex has founded two companies: Vilicus Capital, which provides installment loans to Peruvian consumers, and, along with **Forrest Wilson '14**, DivvyCar, which leases vehicles to ride-sharing drivers.

Dr. **KEVIN RICHARD GUTERMUTH '13** graduated as a Doctor of Medicine from Eastern Virginia Medical School on May 20, 2017. He will continue his career as a resident physician in Pediatrics at the University of Alabama at Birmingham.

KEVIN LOREN HUBBARD, JR. '13 graduated from the University of Richmond School of Law on May 6, 2017. He is the son of **Kevin L. Hubbard '82**.

JAY ROSE '13 and **ALLEN LUCK '12** went offshore fishing in May out of Pirates Cove in Nags Head, NC. They were the top boat of the day with 637 pounds of tuna.



JAY ROSE '13 AND ALLEN LUCK '12

TYLER ETHAN CLOUD '14 graduated from Elon University School of Law on May 20, 2017.

MICHAEL JOHN SALITA '15 and **ELIZABETH BLAIR DABBS** were married on March 11, 2017, at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in Richmond. Groomsmen included **Sydney Henriques '15**, **Thomas Crenshaw '15**, and **Max Zbinden '15**. In attendance were **Thomas Isom '14** and **Kyle Huysman '16**. The couple resides in West Palm Beach, FL.



SALITA-DABBS WEDDING

GRAY F. BRYANT '16 has joined the brokerage team at CBRE Richmond, where he will specialize in office and industrial leasing. The move was reported in the April 25, 2017, edition of *Richmond Biz Sense*.



JOHN PEYTON "JP" McGUIRE '16 is an associate underwriter for Kinsale Insurance Company.

ANTON RICHARD THOMANEK '16 is a benefit authorizer for the Social Security Administration at the Mid-America Program Service Center in Kansas City, MO.



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PHI GAMMA DELTA 50TH ANNIVERSARY

Over 80 Hampden-Sydney brothers of the Delta Deuteron Chapter of Phi Gamma Delta gathered at the Commonwealth Club in Richmond on March 18, 2017. The group, made up of alumni and current students, celebrated the 50th anniversary of the re-chartering of Phi Gamma Delta at Hampden-Sydney College. Originally established at H-SC in 1870, the chapter was re-chartered at the College in 1967.

OBITUARIES

1930s

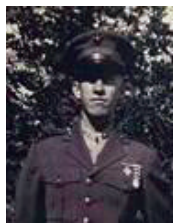
The Rev. **PETER GUERRANT "P.G." COSBY III '34** died on September 17, 2016. Valedictorian of his class at Hampden-Sydney, he went on to further studies at Dallas Theological Seminary and Union Presbyterian Seminary, earning a Bachelor of Divinity and a Master of Theology. He served at Presbyterian churches in Alabama, North Carolina, and throughout Virginia before returning to his native Lynchburg to become executive director of the Lynchburg Covenant Fellowship. There, he expanded safe and affordable housing opportunities for low-income families, low-income elderly, and disabled individuals. In 1973, P.G. served as the moderator for the Synod of Virginia, Presbyterian Church. He received the 1975 Humanitarian Award from the National Conference of Christian and Jews, as well as the Liberty Bell Award from the Lynchburg Bar Association. Among numerous other awards, he was most proud of being an Eagle Scout.



1940s

WILLIAM DUDLEY ALLEN, JR. '43 died on March 25, 2017. A lifelong resident of Dinwiddie County, he served in the European Theater during World War II, then returned to an active life in the community as a farmer and lumberman. Mr. Allen was an elder in the Presbyterian Church and a charter member and past president of the local Ruritan Club, which presented him the Outstanding Citizen Award in 1963; he also held leadership positions with the local fire department, bank, farm bureau, forest advisory committee, and department of social services. In 1990, he established the Edward W., William D., Mary A., and Susan R. Allen Scholarship at Hampden-Sydney in memory of his family; preference for the scholarship is given to residents of Dinwiddie or Amelia County. Two of his grandsons, **Micah James Keller '12** and **Samuel Edward Keller III '13**, followed in his footsteps at Hampden-Sydney.

ROY WALLACE DUNCAN '43 died on April 5, 2017. A native of Prince Edward County, Roy served in the South Pacific Campaign as a U.S. Marine captain in WW II. In August of 1945, he was charged with the ground security of the *Enola Gay* prior to its mission over Hiroshima. He went on to a career as a staff manager at Southland Life Insurance. Roy was known for his strong work ethic, integrity, and sense of humor.



1950s

The Rev. **LANGSTON RANDOLPH HARRISON '50** died on May 18, 2017. He served in the U.S. Army on the Aleutian Islands and in Alaska before attending Hampden-Sydney, where he was awarded the Algernon Sydney Sullivan Medallion for excellence of character. He earned master's degrees from Union Theological Seminary and the Presbyterian School of Christian Education and received an honorary Doctor of Divinity in 1976. He devoted his life to ministry, serving as the pastor of churches in Norfolk, Harrisonburg, Lexington, and Staunton, as well as spending 12 years as a missionary in Brazil.

Dr. **DAVID S. COBBLEDICK '51** died on July 11, 2016. After earning a Ph.D. in chemical engineering, David worked as a chemist until his retirement at age 70. For 32 years, he ran a research laboratory for GenCorp in Akron, Ohio. He was a history buff, a life-long Cleveland Indians fan, and a nature and animal enthusiast. In his retirement, he took classes at Kent State University and volunteered in the university's chemistry department.



E. LEE LeCOMPTE '53 died on April 23, 2017. At Hampden-Sydney he was class president, a Kappa Sigma officer, an ODK member, and captain of the football team. As an intelligence officer in the Coast Guard, he commanded an 83' patrol cutter and served as captain of the port in Norfolk. Lee was elected president of the first graduating class of the Darden School of Business at UVA, then had a successful career in sales. Always competitive, Lee

enjoyed playing golf and tennis, as well as racing sailboats up and down the eastern seaboard. He was active with the Rotary Club, Norfolk YMCA, the Marine Science Museum in Virginia Beach, and First Presbyterian Church.

FRANCIS BRODNAX ROBERTSON III '54



died on April 22, 2017. A U.S. Army veteran and lifelong resident of Halifax, he taught history and government at Halifax County High School and served as an elementary school principal in the Halifax County school system.

H. BENJAMIN "BENNY" VINCENT, SR. '54



died on April 29, 2017. A member of Theta Chi, Benny played varsity basketball and tennis at Hampden-Sydney, as well as numerous intramural sports. After earning his law degree from T.C. Williams School of Law in Richmond, he established a private law practice in Emporia. He was later elected Commonwealth's Attorney; in that role, he argued before both the Supreme Court of Virginia and the United States Supreme Court. Benny also served as general counsel and board member for many community organizations, including the Greenville County Zoning Board, Greenville County Board of Supervisors, and Citizens National Bank. He was an avid golfer and loyal Washington Redskins fan, and was especially proud of founding Emporia's first Little League Football Program. Benny is survived by his son, **H. Benjamin Vincent, Jr. '81**.

THOMAS EDWIN REESE '55



died on May 17, 2017. A graduate of Fork Union Military Academy, Thomas served as a 1st Lieutenant with the 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, NC. He was a member of Wakefield Baptist Church, the Wakefield Ruritans, the Sons of Confederate Veterans, and the Masons. Thomas held various leadership positions as a Mason, including Deputy Grand Master for the 56th Masonic District.

GEORGE CAMPBELL BIRD '57 died on April 19, 2017. At Hampden-Sydney, he was co-editor of *The Tiger*; president of the student body; and a member of Kappa Alpha, ODK, and Phi Beta Kappa. He received both



the Outstanding Freshman Award and the Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award. Upon graduation, he served in the U.S. Army, then joined the family laboratory supply business as president until a company merger in the late 1960s. He used the merger as an opportunity to change careers, raising Angus cattle and Suffolk sheep at Valley Home Farm in Highland County, which has been in the Bird family since the 1800s. He was active in the Mill Gap Ruritan Club and served on the boards of First & Citizens Bank, the Highland County Economic Development Association, the Highland County Farm Bureau, and Green Hill Methodist Church. He also helped establish the WVLS radio station in Highland and Bath counties. He was predeceased by his grandson, **Ray M. "Buck" Paul III '10**.

HUGH BURWELL "CHUCK" MARSHALL '57 died on March 19, 2017. A member of Sigma Chi and UPLS at Hampden-Sydney, he served in both the U.S. Marine Corps and the U.S. Navy Reserve; he then became



co-owner of the insurance agency his father founded in 1924. Chuck held a 4th-degree black belt in Tae Kwan Do and was an active sailor, cruising and racing the Chesapeake Bay and the open seas.

ROBERT QUILLIN BARKER '58 died on February 27, 2017. A pharmacist by profession, Bob was best known as a fisherman, storyteller, and environmental advocate. He founded the American Bass Association and



was a founding member of the Scott County Humane Society. He was also a member of the Holston Valley Unitarian Universalist Church.

GEORGE EDWARD DOBYNS '58 died on March 26, 2017. After Hampden-Sydney, he attended graduate school at North Carolina State University, then had a career in sales with Cardinal Freight Carriers. He was a member of Hidden Valley Country Club and Central United Methodist Church in Salem.



1960s

DAVID CLARKE ALLEY '67 died on April 28, 2017. A member of Kappa Sigma and a Vietnam veteran, David became co-owner of C.O. Alley Travel Agency in Richmond. In his retirement, he enjoyed traveling and reading, especially to his grandchildren. He was an avid fan of the UNC Tarheels and the Manchester United Soccer Club.

1970s

JAMES "JIMMY" TALMADGE COUNTESS '71 died on May 17, 2017. He attended Hampden-Sydney on a basketball scholarship, then attended American University, Harvard University, and the University of Virginia



School of Law. He lived much of his life in Honolulu, where he practiced law, taught at the University of Hawaii School of Law, and served on the Hawaiian Crime Commission. He returned to his native Tennessee and worked as a criminal defense attorney in the federal courts until his retirement in 2013. A lifelong adventurer, he enjoyed traveling the world, summiting mountains, sailing the Hawaiian seas, and racing motorcycles and go karts. Of his many accomplishments, he was most proud of his daughters and his adventures.

WILLIAM GENHEIMER HAMMOND '74 died on March 6, 2017. After graduating from Hampden-Sydney with a degree in religion, Bill settled in Powhatan County, where he was a carpenter and builder. He volunteered as a



youth sports coach and a firefighter, and enjoyed reading, gardening, and fishing.

STEVEN SINCLAIR GRAHAM '77 died on April 21, 2017. After Hampden-Sydney, Steve attended the Medical College of Virginia and became a pharmacist in Roanoke. He is survived by his wife and son.



1990s

M. JARED MAUNEY '90 died on March 25, 2017. A mathematical economics major at Hampden-Sydney, he worked at the Zacharias Ganey Health Institute in Richmond. He was known for his love of singing.

ROBERT WILLIAM "ROB" GODEK '91 died of cancer on May 4, 2017. After Hampden-Sydney, Rob received his master's degree in physical therapy from Shenandoah University and settled in Virginia Beach. In 2005 he returned to his native Georgia, where he was the senior physical therapist for the Rehabilitation Hospital of Savannah.

TRUSTEE

PETER THACHER WORTHEN, former Trustee of the College, died on March 16, 2017. A native of Massachusetts, he attended the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where he was an All-American



swimmer and a member of Delta Kappa Epsilon. He earned his M.B.A. at the Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania, then embarked on a successful career as the president of companies in Nashua, New Hampshire, and Birmingham, Alabama. Peter was a member of the Parents Council while his two sons, **Peter Thacher Worthen, Jr. '93** and Dr. **James Vann Worthen '98**, were students at Hampden-Sydney. His work on behalf of the College continued as a member of the Board of Trustees for five years, a passionate supporter of Hampden-Sydney lacrosse, and an active admissions volunteer in the Birmingham area. He will be remembered as a faithful supporter and friend of Hampden-Sydney College.



SAMUEL V. WILSON

September 23, 1923 – June 10, 2017



Lieutenant General **Samuel V. Wilson**, U.S. Army (Retired), who served as Hampden-Sydney's president from 1992 to 2000, passed away on Saturday, June 10, at his home in Rice, Va. He was 93. A public memorial service was held at College Church on Friday, June 23.

"Hampden-Sydney College mourns the loss of this exemplary patriot and son of Virginia," said Hampden-Sydney President Larry Stimpert following Gen. Wilson's passing. "Our thoughts and prayers are with Susi and his family. In a period of great doubt, the College turned to Gen. Wilson to strengthen the foundation of this institution. In the pantheon of Hampden-Sydney men, perhaps no one is as beloved as 'General Sam.'"

As president of Hampden-Sydney, Gen. Wilson guided the College out of a period of uncertainty with energetic, visible, and steady leadership. In the years before Gen. Wilson's presidency, enrollment growth had slowed, and Hampden-Sydney faced the question of coeducation. After an extensive examination of the issue, the Board of Trustees voted in 1996 to remain a men's college.

Under Gen. Wilson's leadership, the enrollment at Hampden-Sydney resumed growth and the endowment nearly doubled. As president, he also oversaw a number of symposia attracting national attention, and laid the foundation for the establishment of a center focusing on leadership and public service, now known as the Wilson Center for Leadership in the Public Interest at Hampden-Sydney.

A scenic nature trail on campus also bears his name: The Wilson Trail. In addition, Settle Hall—which houses the College's dining facility, Pannill Commons—was opened, and fine arts became a full department with programs for majors. Gen. Wilson was also a spiritual leader and mentor to Hampden-Sydney men, teaching a Sunday school class throughout his tenure as president and opening his home to students for homemade meals with him and his wife, Susi.

After graduating from Rice High School in 1940, Gen. Wilson was prepared to enter Hampden-Sydney College but chose instead to enlist in the Virginia National Guard as a private. He rose in the enlisted ranks and was selected for infantry officer candidate school, where he graduated at the head of his class. Combat duty with the legendary Merrill's Marauders in Southeast Asia was followed by a brilliant career in military intelligence, during which he attended graduate school at Columbia University. Later, as U.S. Defense Attaché to the Soviet Union, Gen. Wilson utilized his expertise in Russian language, history, and military strategy to visibly improve U.S. military relations with the Soviet military.

Gen. Wilson ultimately served as Deputy to the Director of Central Intelligence for the Intelligence Community, as well as Director of the Defense Intelligence Agency. He retired from the U.S. Army with the rank of Lieutenant General in 1977.

Gen. Wilson's counsel was often sought by leaders including U.S. Presidents Nixon, Carter, Ford, and George H. W. Bush. His leadership and expertise was also essential

in establishing Delta Force—an elite, dedicated Army counterterrorism unit—and the legitimizing of special operations forces under a unified joint command.

"We will be forever grateful to General Sam for his service to Hampden-Sydney and to this nation," President Stimpert added. "We will all miss his stories, counsel, and kindness. But, we also know that General Sam's legacy and character live on in the foundation of this College, and in the countless individuals worldwide he inspired to service and taught to lead."

Gen. Wilson's remarks from a 1994 commencement address at Hampden-Sydney College offer words of guidance in this time of mourning:

"Let an old soldier of three and a half wars, and over fifty years of public service, who has seen many men die—some, unfortunately, at his own hand—who has roamed the five continents and the seven seas, strolled in the market places from Marrakech to Baghdad to Samarkand and Ulan Bator, browsed in the book stalls of Paris, Berlin, Moscow, Peking, and Tokyo, watched the sun rise out of the South China Sea and set in the Indian Ocean, the moon come up over the snows of the Himalayas and the lightning play in the peaks of the Andes, who has missed setting foot in or at least seeing only two places—Albania and the South Pole—tell you this:

"It is now your world; it is not mine anymore. And it's a beautiful, blue jewel ... a shining sphere. Love it, cherish it, protect it, and keep it."



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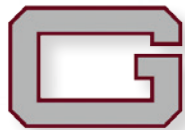
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