The Bortz Years
Members of the Theta Chi fraternity came together on April 30, 2009, to honor the memory of three of their brothers at the dedication of the Theta Chi Memorial Room in the new Library.

The room was given in memory of Phillip M. Grabill, Jr. ’71, James F. Parkinson III ’70, and Richard O. Snyder ’74.

At the dedication, College Trustee and Theta Chi Brother Charles L. Cabell ’74, told the crowd of family members and fraternity brothers, “We are here today to celebrate the lives of Phil, Jim, and Rick. This is a happy day.”

Mr. Cabell added, “It is both fitting and ironic that we Theta Chis have a room in the library. When we approached our Theta Chi brothers about this project, we wound up getting gifts from people who had never given to the College and some who had lost their connection to Hampden-Sydney. But we had star power: Grabill, Parkinson, and Snyder.”

For their leadership and contributions, special thanks were given to Theta Chi brothers Paul Firm ’75, Barry Wright ’72, Scott Harwood, Sr. ’65, and Bill Dabney ’76.

The Theta Chi fraternity raised more than $100,000 to name the room in memory of the fondly remembered brothers. For each additional $10,000 the Theta Chi brothers raise for this memorial room, the names of more brothers will be added to the wall, about which Mr. Cabell said, “We hope that one day there is very little wall space left in that room.”
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Powerboat racing champion at age 22

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BY JOHN LEE DUDLEY ‘95

AS A BOY, Walter M. Bortz III had wanted to be a physician, like his father and grandfather. “I did not become a doctor,” he says with a laugh. “It’s one of the reasons I understand some of our Hampden-Sydney boys so well. I didn’t study quite as much as I should have.”

While a biology student at Bethany College, Walter met Lorraine. By the time he graduated, they were married and had a child. He started working for Bethany and began what would be a long career in higher education.

His career has spanned decades and many states, with its culmination at this historic institution in Southside Virginia. As if every lesson he learned along the way were in preparation for his presidency at Hampden-Sydney College, Dr. Bortz led the College with vision, confidence, and grace. His place in the history of the College is secure and, in the words of Chairman Emeritus of the Board William C. “Bill” Boinest ’54: “He will be counted as one of the best.”

In 1985, Walter Bortz was the director of admissions at the University of Hartford. The school’s president, Dr. Stephen J. Trachtenberg, who had been Dr. Bortz’s mentor for many years, made a decision that would move his apprentice onto a presidential track. Dr. Trachtenberg recalls, “In the middle of a capital campaign my director of development left and I didn’t have time to do a formal search. I looked around at my staff and I saw that Walter had the attributes necessary to succeed: ambition, drive, hard-work. So, I took him out to lunch and said, ‘I want you for the development vice presidency.’ He practically spilled his soup all over his tie. At first he resisted, but I told him the salary and persuaded him. He had the flexibility and talent necessary to succeed, and we had a very successful capital campaign.”

Dr. Bortz says it was then that Trachtenberg recommended getting an advanced degree and eventually becoming a college president. “I was surprised because it had never been on my mind at that point,” he recalls. “But after that, everything I did professionally I would always view in the light of how that would affect the opportunity to be president.”

“I knew that he had the soul of a college president,” says Dr. Trachtenberg. “He had the capacity for living with ambiguity and the desire for uplifting an institution.”

WHEN WALTER AND LORRAINE BORTZ arrived on campus in the summer of 2000 they were immediately struck by the sense of community. Coming from the bustling streets of Washington, D.C., Hampden-Sydney College gave them the serenity that they desired at that point in their lives. Lorraine Bortz quickly became part of a women’s walking group that meets every morning to exercise, talk, and enjoy the campus; she also joined the board of the Atkinson Museum. Walter Bortz immersed himself in the complexities of the College, a place he feels very comfortable, as anyone who has gotten to know him will attest.

Walter Bortz is fascinated by the way things work. He has an extensive collection of clocks and has restored many of them himself. His desire to understand mechanical devices developed at an early age and has served him well for decades. “I remember one watch I took apart and went back to it about three years later,” says Bortz. “I put it back together again. It worked, even though I had a couple extra parts. I’ve always enjoyed that. Give me a car engine or give me lawnmower engine and I’ll take it apart and put it back together again. I think most people would be surprised to see me out in my blue jeans and tattersall shirt. But it’s true and I look forward to that part of retirement—getting my hands dirty again, working in the garden, as well as working on projects, stuff that’s broken. I’ve always enjoyed stuff that’s broken.”

Not that Hampden-Sydney College was by any means broken when the Bortzes arrived in 2000, but Dr. Bortz set about examining the many parts of the College and ensuring that they all worked together properly. What he saw were the need for a new library, updated athletic facilities, and the impending wave of faculty retirements. During his first year as president, Dr. Bortz established the standard of excellence he maintained for every year to follow. Enrollment grew beyond 1,000 students and has remained there each year. The Annual Fund and total giving in his first year set new fundraising records for the school.

Also, the Bortzes used an inaugural book-basket auction to establish a tradition of promoting literacy in the local community.

Dr. Bortz has undeniably transformed the College...
through the successful completion of the *Through These Gates* fundraising campaign. The crown jewel of the campaign was the construction of the new library, which, to everyone’s surprise—particularly Dr. Bortz’s—Thomas N. Allen ’60, Chairman of the Board, announced at graduation will be named the Walter M. Bortz III Library in his honor.

Chairman Allen says, “As we planned the *Through These Gates* capital campaign, President Bortz made a case early on for a new library. Eggleston Library was clearly outdated. He firmly believed a new facility would quickly become a centerpiece for the entire campus. Was he ever right! Needless to say, naming the library for our retiring President was a ‘no-brainer.’ The only issue was how to make the announcement. Commencement, as his final public duty, was the perfect time and best way to top off our president’s magnificent nine-year tenure. To say he was surprised would be an understatement.”

Former Dean of the Faculty Earl W. Fleck says, “He will be remembered for building the Library; it is spectacular. Everyone will remember that it was done under his watch.”

Vice President for Institutional Advancement C. Beeler Brush adds, “The Library has been his driving force. He knew that we needed that building at this time. He wanted to make the statement that we are an academic institution. Walter turned the fundraising focus to the library. Building that library has transformed this College.”

According to Dr. Sharon I. Goad, director of the library, surveys and statistics showed that students and faculty found Eggleston Library adequate—it possessed the requisite collections of books, magazines, DVDs, and other resources—but it was not a place they wanted to spend time. The furniture was uncomfortable. The book stacks were cramped. There were few group study areas. She says Eggleston was a good library, but Hampden-Sydney College needed a great one.

“In a great college library,” explains Goad, “students and faculty don’t just find the resources and services they are looking for; they stay. They stay to enjoy the comfortable seating, the atmosphere of quiet, a cup of hot coffee, a computer to check their e-mails and social networking sites. We now have a transformational library, a center for meeting others, sharing information, relaxing and, most importantly, for learning. It is not just a library you have to go to; it’s a library you want to go to. The new Bortz Library has changed the way students approach their assignments, it has changed the way they work, study, and, it is hoped, the amount of time they spend studying. There is a new sense of pride in the campus. I often hear students say, ‘This is the best place on campus.’ It is.”
THE 2001-02 STUDENT ENROLLMENT at Hampden-Sydney College marked 1,026, breaking into four digits for the first time in the College’s then 225-year history. Such a feat, as Dr. Bortz pointed out at the time, was a goal of former President Taylor Reveley ’39 (1963-77), but never realized. As an institution whose financial health is dependent on tuition revenue, increasing the student body has allowed the College to expand programs while maintaining the charm and character of a tightly knit community.

Through the efforts of Dean of Admissions Anita H. Garland and her staff, enrollment at Hampden-Sydney has steadily increased from 976 in 2000-01 to 1,120 in 2008-09. Walter Bortz is intimately knowledgeable about the challenges the Admissions Office faces; he worked in admissions at Bethany College, Texas Christian University, East Carolina University, and the University of Hartford.

Dean Garland says, “You know, I suppose any admissions dean would have worries about a new president whose collegiate administrative background was in admissions. It could be either ‘oh no!’ or ‘oh great!’ Fortunately, for me, it was the latter. Dr. Bortz has always been supportive of the admissions and financial aid programs at Hampden-Sydney—from attending and speaking at all Open House programs and area ‘yield’ receptions, to calling prospective students and their parents on the phone or speaking with them in his office, and especially to the ever-welcome moral support. He has understood the problems and the intricacies of the business, as well as the critical importance of the admissions program, and has always been a master at helping out.”

Like so many of her colleagues, Dean Garland is quick to point out what a great leader Walter Bortz is. “I’ve often said that as good a ‘front man’ as he is, he has also let his directors direct. So, while he has always been there for me in a strong supportive role, he has also allowed me to own the program and take it where I wanted it to go. The admissions program of the College has thrived under his leadership. We have been blessed to have had Dr. Bortz at Hampden-Sydney College, and I am honored to have worked with him.”

Dr. Bortz says, “Hampden-Sydney College is not for everybody, but it is right for a good segment of America’s young men, and they need to know about it. I really think that there are some men, many in fact, who do better in an environment in which they are pushing against one another, challenging one another. The fact of the matter is that the development of young men is different than it is for young women. The development of some young men is different than it is for other young men. That’s why I say I don’t think it is right for everybody, but there is a large segment of men who can benefit from coming to this kind of atmosphere.”

The Bortz years have not been without challenges. The president says, “Colleges like Hampden-Sydney are very fragile. We don’t have a huge endowment to lean on if tough times come. We also know that this is a tuition-driven institution, that it depends on the students—the number of the students, the quality of those students, and the ability of those students to pay the costs of operating the institution. I think that’s the biggest challenge of any president of a small college, and that’s directly related to enrollment.”

Raising money for Hampden-Sydney College is arguably the primary job of the president; if that were the lone criterion for success, Walter Bortz would be a model for any college president. Through the end of 2008, in which the Through These Gates campaign concluded, he has raised $78.6 million for the College, with $27 million going toward the endowment. The Annual Fund has raised more than $2 million each year, more than $20.2 million total. Beeler Brush points out...
Dr. Bortz was instrumental in the success of the Through These Gates campaign, which raised over $100 million—an achievement celebrated at the Final Gala, shown here.

that Dr. Bortz’s leadership during the Through These Gates campaign resulted in raising more money than the previous three campaigns combined.

As the vice president for administration, Paul Baker has worked more closely with Walter Bortz than anyone else during his nine-year administration as the leader of the staff. He says, “Walter is the sixth president I have worked for here. They have all been different. With him, there has never been a crisis mentality with the daily operation. Of those six presidents, I’ve never known one better—maybe some as good, but none better. He has a calm, methodical approach to running the place. He is a calm and confident manager who is comfortable working through the system.”

Earl Fleck, another close colleague, agrees: “Walter and I had a wonderful relationship. He really was a joy to work with. I have been amazed at the utter ease with which our relationship grew and how it has remained. He is always even-tempered, always respectful, always listens very carefully. He was sympathetic to the academic mission of the school and enthusiastic about keeping academics our focus.”

A significant hurdle facing Hampden-Sydney College was its periodic reaccreditation with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. Dr. Bortz handled it in his typical fashion; he began examining the process well in advance and methodically worked his way through it.

Dr. Baker says, “Walter knew that we were going to have to go through the reaccreditation process during his tenure, so he became involved in the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. He thought, and rightfully so, that it would be better to be involved and to understand what is needed. We came through the process much more cleanly this time than previous times. That is directly because he had an idea of the process.”

Hampden-Sydney College’s reaccreditation process led to the development of our Quality Enhancement Plan, called “Preparing Good Men and Great Leaders for a Culturally Diverse World.” Implementation of the plan included the creation of an International House and residential language houses, the regular hosting of Amity Scholars and scholars-in-residence to provide a multicultural perspective, and additional funding for student groups to plan and execute community programs as they relate to “the culturally diverse world.”

“Hampden-Sydney students have been a protected lot,” says Dr. Bortz. “It is too easy to come to Hampden-Sydney and the Farmville area and to keep the rest of the world at bay. It is very apparent to everyone that we are so globally connected that in order to be effective and to live a full life you need to know about other cultures, cultures here in the United States and around the world.”
States as well as abroad. What I tried to do was to make Hampden-Sydney men a little more aware of what the rest of the world is, and, in fact, to change Hampden-Sydney just a little bit so that it is more reflective of the total world. I think we’ve been fairly successful. It doesn’t happen overnight. I think the College continues to grow in that regard, and I think it’s very important.”

Dr. Fleck adds, “When Walter arrived, one of the first things he did was to authorize aid for five international students. The president made the money available for the internationalization. When he arrived we had maybe one international student. Now we have something like 17 or 18. We went from having no international faculty to eight. Over the years there are some we were able to keep, and some have stayed for a few years.”

Reflections of Dr. Bortz’s efforts, even before the development of the Quality Enhancement Plan, are the increase in students choosing to study abroad for a semester or a year, as well as the growing number of students coming to Hampden-Sydney College from overseas. These students have contributed not only culturally to the community, but regularly exhibit outstanding academic achievement. In 2006, for example, Nutan Shrestha, an economics and applied mathematics major from Nepal, was the valedictorian. Of the four international students who graduated in 2009, three were members of Phi Beta Kappa.

Hampden-Sydney College has experienced a wave of faculty retirements, beginning in the late 1990s. The list of campus luminaries who have moved into retirement just before or during the Bortz administration illustrates just how much work had to be put into maintaining a level of academic excellence. Stan Gemborys, Keith Fitch, Donald Ortner, Hassell Simpson, Ray Gaskins, Tom Joyner ’51, Tom Mayo, Tully Turney, Owen Norment, Ron Heinemann, Jorge Silveira, Bob Rogers, Amos Lee Laine, Wayne Tucker, Larry Martin, Mary Saunders, Anne Lund, and John Brinkley ’59 all retired within the last dozen years. The dean of the faculty estimates that, with the wave of retirements and the growth of academic departments, 30 to 40 percent of the College’s faculty is new since Dr. Bortz arrived.

Though the president of a...
college is not directly responsible for developing the faculty, Earl Fleck says Dr. Bortz made attracting and retaining a superior faculty a priority. “He was crucial to developing the faculty and to rejuvenating the faculty, making sure the funding was there when we needed it. Walter helped me make changes by giving his support. When I talked to him about filling faculty positions, he would ask me pointed questions when the recommendation might not seem appropriate. He would listen closely to my responses.” He adds with a laugh, “I always won him over.”

As the candidates for faculty positions came to campus for their interviews, Dr. Bortz personally met with nearly every one of them. “I knew that most of them would not come to work here, but I wanted them to take back with them a positive impression of this institution. I wanted every one of them to understand what makes this a special place, so they could take that back with them and spread the good word about Hampden-Sydney College.”

Having worked his entire career in higher education, Dr. Bortz knows that perseverance and hard work pay off in the end. A perfect example of this is the development of a position for a faculty member specializing in environmental studies. “When he first interviewed with the faculty here,” recalls Earl Fleck, “that was something he mentioned he thought Hampden-Sydney needed. There was some tough sledding for a few years, but we’ve gotten past that, and Walter was the key person who kept the money in the budget. Economics professor Ken Townsend has been working diligently on this project, as well. Finally, we have hired a biology professor who, starting this fall, will devote half of her time to the environmental studies program.”

Dr. Bortz, who, along with his wife Lorraine, is an avid gardener, says, “We are all stewards of the environment and we need to play a role there. I think we need to study it and to study it from a global perspective because it’s not just what happens to a particular tree, whether it lives or dies, but it also has to do with economics and ethics and philosophy, all of those things. There is no
Football coach Marty Favret presents a jersey to President Bortz in recognition of his service to athletics at Hampden-Sydney. Among Dr. Bortz’s accomplishments in that area are construction of the new Everett Stadium (lower left) and renovation of Gammon Gymnasium into the Kirk Athletic Center (top), which includes the LeHew Hall of Fame Gallery (center left) and Snyder Hall (center right).

better place to study all of those perspectives than a liberal arts college.”

As two who have spent their entire professional careers in education, Walter and Lorraine Bortz have done much to promote and facilitate learning. One of the events to mark Dr. Bortz’s inauguration has become one of their most poignant traditions: giving a dictionary to each second grade student at Prince Edward County Elementary School. Paul Baker says, “Giving dictionaries to the second graders is something Walter and Lorraine have done every year since they arrived. I think it may rank as his favorite day each year. You know for many of these children, this is the first book they have ever gotten.”

“Lorraine and I feel very strongly about reading, learning to read, and educating young children,” says Dr. Bortz. “We get great pleasure from going to the second graders in their library and giving each one of them their own book, asking them to put their name in it, and encouraging them to use it. They have a lot of fun receiving them, and we have a lot of fun distributing them. We hope to continue this tradition in Charleston, and I hope it continues here at Hampden-Sydney.”

There have been three chairmen of the Board of Trustees since Walter Bortz became president: Bill Boinest, Tom Allen, and Henry H. “Hal” McVey ’57. Mr. Boinest says, “I had lunch with Walter before he was hired. I asked him how he felt about Hampden-Sydney’s being an all-male college and he said, ‘I wouldn’t have the same interest in Hampden-Sydney College if it were a co-educational institution.’ That showed me that he had a vision for the College that would take it to the next level. I knew that he could grow the institution in so many ways, and he has exceeded all of our expectations. Lorraine is such a
gracious lady, spending countless hours entertaining alumni and friends at Middlecourt and cheering on our student-athletes. She has done a marvelous job as Walter’s partner and wife. I was honored to work with Walter and thankful to know them both.”

Current chairman Tom Allen echoes this sentiment: “On a personal note I was particularly disappointed because our ‘terms’ overlapped for only one year. During that brief time I was particularly struck by three qualities that very much characterize our retiring President: first, the President’s passion for Hampden-Sydney knows no bounds; second, his knowledge about running our great College is encyclopedic; finally, this is a man of unequalled integrity. We will miss his steady hand.”

In the life of Hampden-Sydney College, nine years is not a particularly long time. However, during the past nine years the College has undergone tremendous growth and development whose benefit will last for decades. During these nine years, Walter M. Bortz III has served as President of the College, overseeing the growth of the endowment, the diversification of the campus, the arrival of the highest number of new faculty in many years, and the success of the most ambitious capital campaign in the history of the College, one that included the construction of a state-of-the-art library.

As the curtain closes on the Bortz Years at Hampden-Sydney College, Walter and Lorraine are preparing for years of pleasant retirement at their waterfront home in Charleston, South Carolina. Though they will be physically separated from the College, their lives will forever be linked to this haven for learning in rural Virginia. They spent nine years here, more than twice as long as most alumni, and they understand their position in the pantheon of Hampden-Sydney College first families.

“More than anything else, we will miss the students and just being able to stop along the sidewalk and talk with students or exchange a bright, cheery ‘good morning’. Even though I have attended other colleges—and I remain close to other colleges—and Hampden-Sydney really is where my heart is. We plan on keeping in close contact. We plan on coming back to campus and going to football games and basketball games and lacrosse games and plays and musicals and all nine yards of it. We’ll be about six hours away, but we plan on coming back regularly. I’m sure we can find somebody who will let us stay with them.”
MOST ATHLETES NEVER GET INDUCTED into their sport’s hall of fame. Hampden-Sydney sophomore Brent Dillard has already done it twice, and he is only 22 years old.

Racing boats since the age of 12, Brent has been racking up accolades and shows no sign of slowing down. He started racing 15-horsepower boats and quickly made a name for himself. At 14, he had won so many races he was inducted into the American Power Boat Association Hall of Champions. For the past three years he has been racing 60-horsepower speedboats in the APR Superleague. In two of those years he won the national championship. He was in position to win the 2008 world championship when his engine died on the final straight-away; two boats passed him just before he limped across the finish.

Brent races his custom-made boat on rivers and lakes in locales as far flung as Florida, North Carolina, Michigan, Ohio, and parts of Canada. “Most of the courses are shaped like a rectangle with sharp turns at the corners,” explains Brent. “It’s easier to turn the boat at a sharp angle than through a wide turn like in NASCAR.”

His competitors are regularly twice his age and have decades more experience, but his competitiveness and lessons from his father (a former power-boat racer) usually take him to the winner’s circle. “My dad loves winning more than I do. He is the one who will work on the boat for hours getting it ready to race. My love is being in the boat. When we are lining up on the dock just before the race, I have to sit in the boat for a long time, sometimes 20 minutes, while everyone gets lined up. I’ll be sitting there thinking, ‘What am I doing here?’ But when the flag drops all of that goes away.”

“I am looking for a sponsor and to go to the next level,” says Brent. “Right now I race a boat with a 60-horsepower engine. I want to go to the 120-horsepower level. It’s double the engine size, double the boat size, double the competition, and double the cost.”

Boat racing quickly gets expensive. To enter the next level, Brent’s custom-made fiberglass boat will cost about $100,000; that does not even include the engine. Even the propellers cost thousands of dollars apiece.

The prospects for being a professional boat racer are slim. Brent says, “The only way to do it would be to go overseas. It’s very popular in Europe, like NASCAR is over here, but usually countries sponsor teams and they hire drivers from their own country.”

Though the primary racing season is during the summer, Brent continues racing during the school year. When the sophomore from South Carolina is not catching up on his schoolwork or practicing with the Tiger basketball team (he plays power-point), he can be found training for his next racing season and preparing to win more fans in the growing sport of powerboat racing.
PALE, GREY SMOKE seeps through gaps around the closed windows and doors of the two-story concrete building. Near the parked fire engines, firefighters from departments all over Prince Edward County hustle about, with names like FARMVILLE, PAMPLIN, and HSVFD printed on the back of their fire coats. One team of yellow-helmeted firefighters pulls a ladder out of the white and blue Company 1 engine and sets it up against the side of the house under a window. Blacked-helmeted men from a second team cluster around the side of the red Company 2 tanker, pulling down the neatly packed yellow canvas hose. They lay the hose on the ground while the pump operator takes his position in front of the black panel of chrome-plated gauges, valves, levers, and knobs. The hose shudders to life as the pressurized water surges through it. The four firefighters pick up their tools and drag the now charged and heavy hose line to the front door and crouch to the left and right of it, preparing for the rush of heat and smoke. One of them wedges a crowbar into the frame and pops the lock. The door swings open, and the attack begins. The four firefighters, hose in tow, crawl across the threshold.

Inside they see nothing but pitch black. Their sense of sight now nearly useless, they rely instead on touch, groping their way through the building. Sweaty from the heat trapped in their protective gear, they proceed upstairs where their hands find the edges of a window. They make a mental note of the potential emergency exit and press on. As they enter the next room, they see a new color amidst the black: the bright orange of fire. The lead firefighter signals his team to re-position themselves and then hefts up the hose nozzle, aiming it at the blaze. With one hand firmly on the nozzle’s pistol grip and his teammates bracing him against the coming powerful kickback, he pulls back the valve handle. Keeping the bucking hose under control, he lets out quick bursts of water until the fire is subdued. The firefighters do a sweep of the room, then continue their search of the building. They are tired and hot; their knees are aching from crawling on cement floors. Often the only noise they can discern is the sound of their own breathing, breathing that they try to keep under control to conserve air in their tanks.

Tony Carilli (professor of economics), Scott St. Clair ’10, Ian Poole ’10, and Jacob Newton ’10 in full duty gear, about to undergo the fire-entry training exercise.
They radio to the incident commander the news of their discovery and of their exit plan to use the window they’d found. They head back to the window, on their knees pulling both body and hose. They fling open the shutters, letting in a flood of white light. Another fireman is already positioned right outside at the top of a ladder, poised to receive the victim. Lifting the body over the sill, the team helps position the victim across the ladder so that the firefighter can ease down backwards, sliding the body without the full weight of an unconscious adult in his arms. The firefighters still inside crawl with one hand on the hose as they wind back down through the building till they find the door, opening it up to the dazzle of daylight. They push themselves off their knees and straighten to step out, weary but triumphant.

As real as this scenario seemed, it was in fact a training exercise. The ‘victim’ in this case was nothing more than a body made from coiled fire hose and the building was actually a fire training facility designed for realism. Members of the Hampden-Sydney Volunteer Fire Department (HSVFD) take part in scenarios like this to prepare them for real emergencies.

Though located on the Hampden-Sydney College campus, the department is not actually affiliated with the College but is an independent corporation that serves primarily the Hampden-Sydney community. Members are a mix of Hampden-Sydney College students and faculty, along with local county volunteers. The department operates a variety of emergency vehicles: two engines; a tanker, a ladder truck, a general utility truck, and a brushfire truck. The department also keeps an antique ladder truck for parades and an emergency medical services (EMS) vehicle.

Every semester, HSVFD, along with fire departments all over Prince Edward County, organizes and participates in these kinds of training classes, which are called Burn Days. The Burn Days are part of the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) training programs, which entail weekly classes combining lectures and hands-on sessions and are intended to provide essential skills to firefighters. But the big events of these classes are the Burn Days, held about a week or so before the course’s final exam. Taking what they have learned from the classes, the students are given the chance to practice those skills on actual fires. Abstractions during the lectures become very real on this training ground. They learn to rely on their sense of touch while inside the smoke-filled building. Holding close to the wall, they sweep the middle of the room with an ax-handle, so they don’t miss anything or, more importantly, anyone.

The turnout gear, thick fire coats plus pants, helmets, boots, and gloves, make it possible for a human being to survive inside a burning building. This protection doesn’t come without a cost. It’s heavy and cumbersome, even without the heavy compressed air tanks called Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus packs, as though for a deep water dive.

The students train all morning and often well into the afternoon. Afterward, everyone gathers for a final debriefing, sharing their comments on common mistakes and common successes. The crews clean up the buildings and the grounds before returning to their respective stations. Back at Hampden-Sydney they must refill the engines with water and prepare their equipment for the next emergency. Only then can they all go home for a well-deserved rest.

Events like the Burn Days show the valuable experience and skills Hampden-Sydney College student members of HSVFD are able to obtain. Even beyond the tangible benefits of state and federal certifications, they allow Hampden-Sydney students to become a part of the proud American tradition of volunteer firefighting and to be actively engaged with the local Prince Edward County community.
Ties win entrepreneurship competition
By Grayson Hamlin ’10

The Center for the Study of Political Economy announces Cohee-Massey Ties as the inaugural winner of the entrepreneurship competition. Will Massey ’12 and Nathan Cohee ’12 completed a semester-long project to design and develop “a uniquely Hampden-Sydney” tie. Along with the design, the students were required to submit a formal business plan to show how their product will be produced and sold. The idea for the competition was a collaborative effort between the CSPE and Charles Cabell ’74.

Mr. Cabell wanted the competition to be “a fun, challenging, and educational experience” for the students at his alma mater. Nine teams signed letters of intent to enter the competition, but only five teams continued to fulfill the requirements of a formal business plan. The students were required to do everything on their own, ranging from selecting what type of materials used to where and how the ties would be sold. After the preparations and the submission of a formal business plan, it was time for the students to face the panel of judges for formal interviews. The panel consisted of Mr. Cabell, Professors Justin Isaacs ’95 and Jeremy Schwartz, Director of College Events Sandy Cooke, and Director of Constituent Relations Candy Dowdy.

After a long afternoon of interviews with each team, the panel of judges made their decision on which group best fit the competition’s demands. Along with the cash prize of $1,000, the first-place team of Massey and Cohee was given a $6,000 loan by Mr. Cabell to put their business into production. After repaying the loan, the students will decide what they will do with the profits from their product. Win or loose, each team experienced processes of a real world business deal and can use their experiences once they move on from The Hill.

Closely following Massey and Cohee, and winning smaller cash prizes, were Hunter Hopcroft ’10, Christian Caiazzo ’10, Scott Jefferson ’10 and Alex Campolieto ’11 of C.A. Jefferson & Hopcroft Clothiers in second place; then in third were Grant Barnes ’10 and Charles Eberly ’09 of Sic Semper TIErannis.

Mr. Cabell was very excited about the competition and hopes it will continue each year in the future. Cohee-Massey Ties plans on putting their design and business plan into action as soon as possible. Be sure to keep your eyes and ears open about when and where you can find Hampden-Sydney’s newest tie collection, designed and brought to you by two of our own.

Fred Barnes speaks to College Republicans

The College Republicans welcomed noted speaker, journalist, and television commentator Fred Barnes on February 23 to discuss “The New Political Era in Washington.”

Barnes is the executive editor of the conservative magazine The Weekly Standard and the co-host of The Beltway Boys on the Fox News Channel. He is a chief correspondent on the PBS series National Desk, moderator of The Voice of America show Issues in the News, and host of the weekly radio show on the media What’s the Story. A University of Virginia graduate and former newspaper political reporter, Barnes was a regular on The McLaughlin Group from 1988 to 1998 and has appeared on Nightline, Meet the Press, Face the Nation, and The News Hour with Jim Lehrer.

Conor Sanders ’11 is the chair of the College Republicans and organized the event with Mr. Barnes. He says, “The Young Americans Foundation, who helped us get former Attorney General John Ashcroft on campus last year, is a Herndon-based conservative organization that works with college students around the country, and they also helped us get Mr. Barnes.”

Barnes’ speech ranged from his thoughts on the economy to the first days of the Obama presidency. Sanders says, “I think the audience enjoyed the question and answer period more than the actual speech. They got to see how genuine he is and what a nice person he is. I was also pleased to see so many people from the community at the event. I think the crowd was much more diverse than what we have for a regular college speaker.”
Awards presented at Final Convocation

The annual award for outstanding research achievement by a faculty member, the John Peter Mettauer Award, was given this year to Dr. Marc A. Hight, associate professor of philosophy.

Dean of the Faculty Robert Herdegen listed Hight’s impressive accomplishments before presenting the award: “In just the past year and a half alone he completed a distinguished Fulbright Fellowship in Estonia; published a monograph entitled “Idea and Ontology: An Essay in Early Modern Metaphysics of Ideas;” just had another journal article accepted for publication in Modern Theology, which he co-authored with one of our graduating seniors, Joshua Bohannon; published one review of a new book on Leibniz and has another book review forthcoming; has three other journal articles on George Berkeley forthcoming; gave ten academic invited addresses or conference papers in the U.S. and Europe; launched a new project as editor of the Collected Letters of Berkeley; served as the coordinating editor for the journal Berkeley Studies; and co-organized a symposium on Early Modern Philosophy at the University of Tartu, Estonia.”

Dr. Hight came to the College in 2001. He earned his bachelor’s degree and two master’s degrees from Florida State University. He earned his Ph.D. in 1999 from Syracuse University.

Though the College has presented rhetoric essay awards for many years, this is the first year that the department has recognized students for proficiency in public speaking. Awards for the best speakers at the 200-level were given to Charles Wesley ’10 and Kenneth Simon ’11, for their presentations “Hip-Hop is an Art” and “American Prosperity,” respectively. James Bonney ’09 was recognized as the best speaker at the 300-level for his presentation “Critical Friends of Liberal Democracy: Tocqueville and Solzhenitsyn’s Criticisms of the West.”

In a surprise announcement, Director of Public Relations Thomas H. Shomo ’69 received The Eldridge W. Roark, Jr. Meritorious Service Award from the national office of Omicron Delta Kappa, the national leadership honor society. The Roark Award is given “by a vote of the Board of Directors to members of the Society from time to time, in recognition and appreciation of their varied and meritorious service to the Society.”
Atkinson Museum exhibits alumnus’ giant photographs

Photographic artist Shaun Irving ‘96 brought his supersize prints to the College’s Atkinson Museum from January 13 to February 28 for the exhibit “Landscapes in a Truck.”

Irving’s work is unique because rather than using a conventional camera to take normal-size photographs, he has converted a box truck into a giant mobile pinhole camera with which he creates prints averaging three feet by eight feet.

He conceived the Cameratruck while a student at Hampden-Sydney and built the first one out of an old mail truck he bought on eBay, along with some military-surplus lenses.

The landscapes featured in his recent exhibit were taken during Irving’s four-week, 5,000-mile tour of Spain in the spring of 2006. The photographs were originally displayed at PHotoEspaña 2006, an international festival of photography and visual arts in Madrid, Spain (see The Record, November 2006), whose sponsors had heard about the camera truck and paid Irving to build a new one in Spain and tour the country taking pictures with it.

Irving returned to campus to show his work and to discuss his photographic methods with students in Professor Pam Fox’s photography classes and Professor Mary Prevo’s art history classes, the very classes where he had learned to take and develop photographs.

Irving mixes the mechanics and chemistry of photography with the more direct artist interaction of painting and drawing to create his finished work. He says, “Like me, it has blemishes. It’s got wrinkles and dents and rips and tears and places that didn’t develop just right, but I think that’s what makes it interesting. And I have found that when you are making the prints, particularly at this scale, you have to just ‘let go’ and really embrace the mistakes and the blemishes.”

He adds, “I have an idea of what I want the work to look like and I want to exert some control over it, but if I try to control it too much, it looks artificial and manufactured.”

Jim Kidd retires

Since his arrival in 1981, Barger Professor of Music James A. Kidd has been well known and loved for his vast interests and interminable good nature. After 28 years at Hampden-Sydney College, he will retire from teaching music to spend more time playing music.

He says, “I’m going to have a fairly rigorous piano practice schedule, and I will be working on jazz flute. I’ve never done that before, so it will be fun to do something new. I also have some writing I’ll be doing—that’s classic ‘retired professor.’ Every young student loves Beethoven’s Für Elise, and every professional pianist loves to dump on it. I’m going to write an essay: ‘In Defense of Für Elise.’

“I also have a book to finish. It seemed like a good idea at the time. I wrote about half of it and hit a real stopping point. Now that I’ve been away from it for a while, it seems more and more difficult to finish. It’s tentatively titled What Musicians Do but it should be called What This Musician Thinks He’s Doing.”

Anyone who knows Jim Kidd also knows he will find plenty of time for golf, a passion of his that, like playing music, gives him blocks of uninterrupted time. “What I love about being at the piano and on the golf course is that those are times when you are beyond distraction.”

When Kidd first arrived, he and Stephen Coy were the then-newly approved Fine Arts department.
Professor Coy’s office was in Johns Auditorium, while Kidd was relegated to the top floor at the back of Winston Hall, above the kitchen for the Commons. He says with a laugh, “I’ve had the same office and taught in the same classroom for 28 years. Fortunately, I love it.”

He has fostered the growth of the department to include visual arts and has overseen the formation of a fine arts major. Jim Kidd also has worked tirelessly as the executive director of the Hampden-Sydney Music Festival since its first season in August 1982.

“I had been involved in summer chamber music festivals in Delaware and other places for many years,” he recalls. “When I came here and saw the campus, I knew it would be a great location for a music festival. Professor Bill Shear recommended that I get together with Ethan Sloane, who had been performing on campus in recent years. Together we started the Festival. It was a lot like jumping into a pool before you know how to swim.”

Over the years, Dr. Kidd says he has seen many changes, particularly the youth and diversification of the faculty, but he notes: “I think one of the real strengths of the College is that it doesn’t change very much. When I was looking at coming to work here, I discovered that Hampden-Sydney College was the last college in the country to get rid of its Greek language requirement. I thought that was fascinating. Of course, I have a strong traditional side; I’m a Capricorn.”

At a reception to mark his retirement, he was honored with remarks by his colleagues from the Fine Arts Department, David Lewis and Shirley Kagan, as well as by his longtime neighbor English Professor George Bagby. Bagby noted the pleasure of being able to open the windows on summer nights to enjoy a live performance by Dr. Kidd and his family as they practiced on the piano, violin, and flute.

Following the comments by his friends and colleagues, Dr. Kidd offered his “rebuttal” during which he gave his sincere and deep appreciation for the many wonderful years he has had at Hampden-Sydney College. He also got a good laugh from the crowd when he remarked: “Since I was a boy they say I’ve always been a ‘Cheerful Charlie’, and for that I’m very happy.”

A group of friends and patrons of the Festival have come together to establish the James C. Kidd Endowed Music Festival Piano Chair. Income from the endowment will fund a pianist for the Festival each year.

To make a gift to this endowment in Jim Kidd’s honor, call (800) 865-1776 or visit www.hsc.edu/development.

Author Michael Knight ‘92 reads his work
by G. Clay Whittaker ’09

Alumnus and writer Michael Knight ‘92 visited on March 25 to read his work, including stories from two of his published short story collections.

In a few brief remarks before his reading, Knight thanked the College for all it gave him, but singled out professor Susan Pepper Robbins—who lectures in creative writing, rhetoric, and western culture—as the reason for his success.

Knight was a classics major while at H-SC. In his senior year Knight had plans to attend law school out of a sense of obligation to family tradition, and it was Robbins who suggested he consider creative writing instead. Seventeen years, two graduate degrees, and four books later, it is because of that suggestion that he was able to share his passion with more of Robbins’ students. “I never would have known that creative writing programs existed if not for Susan Robbins. One day she and I were talking about a story of mine—maybe she was getting after me for missing classes—and she suggested that I go to grad school in creative writing.” Knight attended Robbins’ advanced creative writing class during his visit and provided help and answered students’ questions. He also visited several classes as a special guest, including Dr. Sarah Hardy’s short story class and professor Kolawole Olatay’s screenwriting class. Olataya had assigned his screenwriting class to write an adaptation of one of Knight’s stories.

Concerning his writing process, Knight said he spends an average of three to five hours a day writing. “I’m writing all day Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, and grabbing hours when I can on weekends and days in between.”

After his public reading, he signed copies of his books for students and audience members in an informal reception. Many of the students were members of creative writing classes, and Knight offered bits of wisdom for undergraduate writers. Knight has published four books, including two collections of short stories (Dogfight and Other Stories and Goodnight, Nobody) a novel (Divining Rod), and most recently, a collection of novellas entitled The Holiday Season. His fiction has also appeared in publications such as Esquire, The New Yorker, Oxford American, The Paris Review, Southern Review, and has been anthologized in New Stories from the South and Best American Mystery Stories. He is an associate professor of English at the University of Tennessee, where he directs the Creative Writing Program.
On the Hill

Nikki Giovanni’s unlikely route to H-SC
By Clem Venable ’09

At the beginning of the school year, the Minority Student Union was searching for a dynamic speaker. During one of our first meetings, the name of Virginia Tech’s Distinguished University Professor Nikki Giovanni came up. She seemed an ideal candidate because she was close and is a world-renowned poet as well as a cultural icon. We knew that getting Professor Giovanni to come to the Hampden-Sydney campus would be no easy feat, yet that it was worth a shot; therefore, a call was made to Professor Giovanni’s publicist to try and schedule an event. We soon realized that the Minority Student Union would not be able to sponsor such a high-profile speaker. In fact, if the club’s budget was doubled, we still would not have been able to finance the event.

I was not willing to let the idea of Professor Giovanni easily slip away and decided on another course of action. Coincidentally, Professor Giovanni is a professor at the same university that my girlfriend attends. I had my girlfriend use her Virginia Tech Blackboard account to find out that Professor Giovanni taught a Tuesday night class on campus, so I made a conscious effort to be in Blacksburg then. My girlfriend accompanied me to the building where Professor Giovanni was teaching. Her class ended soon after our arrival and I was welcomed in. It was my moment to shine. I explained who I was, where I was from, and why I was there. I knew that she was familiar with the civil rights movement and the school closings in Farmville in 1959. I explained to her how my father was directly affected by the closings and a lot more about myself and the organization and the college that I was representing. Perhaps that, and a lot of charm, put me over the top. After this conversation Professor Giovanni invited my girlfriend and me to her office and later to meet some of her colleagues.

Next, Professor Giovanni took me to her publicist and verbally agreed to work around the Minority Student Union’s budget and to set up a date to come to Hampden-Sydney. Subsequently, Professor Giovanni cut her normal asking price in half to meet our budget. With help from various organizations on campus, President Walter M. Bortz, and Student Body President Fitz Robertson, the Minority Student Union was able to accommodate her wishes.

On April 8, 2009, Professor Nikki Giovanni traveled to Hampden-Sydney College to have dinner with members of the Minority Student Union and Hampden-Sydney College faculty and staff. Later that evening she gave a lecture, Finding Hope for the Future from the Past, in Johns Auditorium, sharing some of her life stories, pieces of her poetry, and her perspective on humorous aspects of life. Professor Giovanni said that she absolutely loved her time on The Hill. The Minority Student Union appointed her its first Honorary Member.

Clem Venable ’09 with poet Nikki Giovanni.

Closing Doors, Opening Doors

Arguably the most prominent piece of Prince Edward County’s history was the Board of Supervisors’ decision to close the public schools in 1959 rather than integrate them. This closure lasted for five years, until a U.S. Supreme Court ruling forced the Board of Supervisors to reopen the schools. This event in our national Civil Rights history, and the events leading to it, left deep wounds in the community and created animosity between racial groups, as many of the county’s white students attended the private school founded during the closure and African-American students were forced to leave the area to attend school or remain in Prince Edward County and go uneducated.

A group of faculty and staff organized the symposium “Closing Doors, Opening Doors” to examine how the school closing 50 years ago affects Prince Edward County today. As they explained in the symposium’s opening statement: “We come together during this symposium in 2009 to reflect on the events of fifty years ago, to think about what further efforts at achieving community reconciliation might involve, and to assess the impact of the tumultuous battles over race, education, and access, battles which remain unresolved even today.”

Since Hampden-Sydney is a college, one objective was the education of our students. About 90 students took a class associated with the symposium that provided some historical background while investigating how the school closing 50 years ago affects modern Prince Edward County. Associate Dean of the Faculty Elizabeth Deis was a part of the planning committee and taught one section of the course. She says, “I was amazed at how little the students knew about this piece of history. A shockingly high percentage of them had never heard the term ‘massive resistance’.”

Symposium attendees were given some historical reference, as the first day’s speakers covered the events leading up to the school closing in 1959. Ambassador William vanden Heuvel, who served as a special assistant to U.S. Attorney General Robert Kennedy and organized the Prince Edward Free Schools Association in 1963, gave the keynote address on February 24.

“Ambassador Vanden Heuvel was a huge draw,” says Dr. Deis. “He gave an absolutely gorgeous talk; the minute he finished speaking, the crowd jumped to its feet for a standing ovation.”

“I took the class to find out more about the community where I’ve been going to school,” says E Street Jones IV ’10 from Raleigh, North Carolina. “I’m on the fire department, so I probably know more about...
the area than most guys here. I’ve seen the old schools in Worsham and Darlington Heights and the Moton School. And I have to know the names of all of the roads in the county, like Griffin Boulevard and Stokes Road. When I heard those names come up during the class, everything started coming together.”

Hampden-Sydney hosted a symposium in 1999 that also examined the school closing on its 40th anniversary, though that event was focused on the historical events rather than on the educational and social fallout. Dr. Deis says this symposium, on the 50th anniversary, was designed to look at the present and at the future.

“Opening Doors, Closing Doors” became the kick-off event for remembrance events throughout the community. In April, Longwood University hosted The Virginia Forum, which included discussions about the closing of Prince Edward County’s public schools. In June, the County Board of Supervisors will be holding a remembrance event to mark the decision in June 1959 to cease funding for the schools.

Street Jones says he and his classmates were deeply affected by the symposium and developed a greater understanding of the local community. He says, “This topic is still relevant. Parents and grandparents were affected. It affected the growth of the community. You don’t have to be from around here to see that. This was a great opportunity for Hampden-Sydney to facilitate this discussion.”

At the end of the three-day symposium, the community was not completely healed. The long-lasting effects of the 1959 school closing were not completely realized, and some members of the community still resist public reflection of the issue. However, with this event, the community has moved closer to reconciliation, as it does every time people from throughout Prince Edward County come together for the purpose of improving the place they call home. That lesson might be the most valuable one our students took away from it all.

Patrick Henry Award recipients the Reverend Dr. Edgar C. Mayse ’57, Raymond B. Bottom ’51, and Thomas A. Duvall III ’69.

Three alumni receive Patrick Henry Awards

The Wilson Center for Leadership in the Public Interest recognized three Hampden-Sydney College alumni on April 17 for their contributions to their nation, their states, and local communities: Thomas A. Duvall III ’69, the Reverend Dr. Edgar C. Mayse ’57, and Raymond B. Bottom ’51.

Since 1987, Mr. Duvall has worked in the Legal Department of the World Bank, an international organization that provides technical assistance and low-cost financing to developing countries for investments in health, education, public administration, infrastructure, agriculture, and environmental and natural resource management. Mr. Duvall is the head of a team of 15 attorneys which is playing a key role in the World Bank’s efforts to address climate change by working with regional development banks to establish a $6-billion Climate Investment Fund for developing countries. Other projects in Mr. Duvall’s portfolio include legal advice for loans to a thermal power plant in Pakistan, a hydropower plant in Laos, and oil and gas pipeline projects across Africa. He has a law degree from the University of Virginia.

Ordained a Presbyterian minister in 1960, Rev. Mayse earned his B.D., Th.M. (1960), Th.M. (1970), and Ph.D. (1974) from Union Theological Seminary. He has served in the Middle East, Italy, and England. Dr. Mayse first served at Fincastle Presbyterian Church in and Onancock. Since completing his Ph.D., he has served in Walterboro, South Carolina; Fairhope, Alabama; and Churchville, Maryland. He officially retired in 1997 but has held several interim positions, including two at College Church, where he is now serving. During his career, Rev. Mayse has taught several classes at colleges and seminaries, served with various Presbyteries, and sat on the boards of Fuel Fund of Harford County, Maryland, Total Action Against Poverty in Roanoke, and several historical societies.

Mr. Bottom entered the U.S. Air Force after graduation; he served many years in reconnaissance and intelligence before leaving active duty in 1956. He maintained reserve status until he retired in 1982 as a full colonel. Joining the Hampton Roads Broadcasting Corp. in 1959, he began a career that spanned newspaper publishing, radio broadcasting, cable television, background music, and television broadcasting. He is actively involved in many other groups, including the Newport News Rotary Club, the Hampton Roads Coliseum, and the Virginia Air and Space Museum. Mr. Bottom is a founding member of the USO of Hampton Roads and serves on the executive committee; in 2007 he was given the USO of Hampton Roads Lifetime Achievement Award. He has received many other awards, such as the Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award, the Distinguished Alumni Award, and an honorary Doctor of Letters. He received the Reagan Congressional Commission for Integrity and Commitment from the U.S. House Republican Trust and the 2007 Pioneer Award from PBS.
Tennis Tigers down a dynasty, win ODAC crown, go national

Last year, the tennis team ended their successful season in the conference championship only to see Washington & Lee win their 13th straight ODAC Title. The 2009 team, led by three-time ODAC Player of the Year William Moss ’10, looked to rebound and end the Generals’ reign.

The Tigers started their season with a tough schedule and crawled out to a 4-5 start, including a 7-2 loss to Washington & Lee. Hampden-Sydney then found their stride and won seven of their last eight regular-season games to put the team at 10-5 and 8-1 in ODAC play.

Under Coach Murrie Bates, Hampden-Sydney continued their roll into the ODAC Tournament, defeating seventh-seeded Lynchburg 9-0, followed by another 9-0 victory over third-seeded Bridgewater team. With a rematch of the 2008 championship game, Hampden-Sydney was ready to put an end to the Generals’ dominance. Hampden-Sydney started out by winning two of the three doubles matches, but Washington & Lee rebounded to win the first two singles matches. With the Generals ahead 3-2, Hampden-Sydney had Shad Harrell ’11, Moss, and Philip Parrish ’12 left. Harrell and Moss each won in convincing fashion, and Parrish had the make-or-break match. Though he won the first set 6-4, he dropped the second 1-6. The season was in the hands of a freshman, and Parrish came through with the final 6-4 win.

The 2009 Championship is the College’s third overall and the first since 1982. The accolades came in for the Tigers as Moss not only won his third consecutive Player of the Year award, but was also named the ODAC/Farm Bureau Scholar-Athlete of the Year. Moss was also named First Team All-ODAC in singles play along with Rich Pugh ’11, Kevin Calhoun ’12, and Parrish. Joining them on the Second Team were Harrell and Zack Pack ’11. The duos of Moss and Pugh and Harrell and Calhoun made the All-ODAC First Team for doubles play, while Pack and Tal Covington ’11 received Second Team accolades.

The Tigers continued to roll into the NCAA Tournament, traveling to play at Emory University.
In convincing fashion, they won their first-round game against Transylvania University 5-1. They then had the tough task of facing host #2 Emory University. Emory prevailed 5-0, ending Hampden-Sydney’s season at 14-6 with an ODAC Championship and a second-round NCAA Tourney appearance.

Golf concludes season with tourney win, seventh-place finish in ODAC

Hampden-Sydney golf made tremendous strides in 2008-2009 with several top-10 individual finishes and an impressive tournament championship at Camp Lejeune.

The Tigers, led by 2009 ODAC Rookie of the Year and Second Team All-League selection freshman Ronnie Fultz as well as senior and Second Team All-ODAC performer Richard Adams, collected its first team title of the season on March 27-29 at the Camp Lejeune Scarlet Intercollegiate in Camp Lejeune, North Carolina.

Adams led the way with a one-over par 213, good enough for a second place overall finish as Hampden-Sydney torched Paradise Point Golf Club. His low round of two-under, 68 in Sunday’s final round sealed a magnificent individual effort over the three-day event. Fultz placed fifth with a three-day total of 217. He also fired a two-under, 68 on the tournament’s final day of competition.

Junior Britt Parnell posted a team-low score of four-under 66 on Friday, sparking his 13th place finish with a 221. Honorable mention All-ODAC choice Sam Wallace and teammate Chason Trahan rounded out the Tigers’ weekend with scores of 224 and 230, respectively.

Fultz (14th place) and Adams (22nd place) closed the year with admirable outings at the ODAC Championships on April 18-20 at the challenging Bay Creek Golf Club in Cape Charles.

For the season, Fultz paced Hampden-Sydney with seven top-20 finishes in nine events and registered a team-low average of 77.3 strokes-per-round. Fultz posted one top-five finish and a pair of top-tens, including a sixth-place finish at the ODAC Championships on April 18-20 at the challenging Bay Creek Golf Club in Cape Charles.

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Adams recorded a team-high four rounds of par or lower and a team-high three top-10 finishes, which included back-to-back top-seven finishes to open the season at The Manor Intercollegiate and Ted Keller Invitational.

Tiger Baseball makes valiant run in ODAC Tournament

In six seasons under head coach Jeff Kinne, Hampden-Sydney baseball has enjoyed unparalleled success on the diamond. The Kinne era has produced four 20-win seasons, two appearances in the ODAC Championship series, one ODAC crown, an NCAA South Region title and the first-ever appearance by an ODAC school in the NCAA Division III College World Series.

In 2009, Kinne’s bunch nearly pulled another tremendous feat. With only three seniors on its roster, Hampden-Sydney advanced to Championship Sunday of the 2009 ODAC Baseball Tournament in Lynchburg. As the tournament’s fifth-seed, the Tigers upset second-seeded Virginia Wesleyan 7-4 on opening day of the tournament before defeating defending ODAC champion and No. 3 seed Randolph-Macon 10-4 the following evening.

Behind strong pitching performances from juniors John West and Ryan Daniel, Hampden-Sydney entered Saturday’s session as the only remaining undefeated, putting it in prime position to challenge for the program’s third league title and first since Kinne’s crew delivered in 2005.

Although the Tigers ultimately came up just short of their goal after dropping tough 6-1 and 11-10 decisions to eventual champion Washington & Lee and Virginia Wesleyan, respectively, to close the double-elimination tournament, Hampden-Sydney once again established their position as one of the conference’s premier baseball powers.

With a young and inexperienced pitching staff, Hampden-Sydney was led by one of the most potent offenses in the league, one which ranked fifth in team batting average at .316 and fourth in runs scored and hits with 265 and 417, respectively.

The Tigers ranked first in the league in triples (19) thanks in large part to the contributions of sophomore Herbie Williams. A native of Danville, Williams led the ODAC with nine triples and 33 stolen bases—both of which were also Hampden-Sydney single-season records. Williams batted a team-high .377 with one home run and 23 RBI and earned all-tournament honors after going 9 for 19 with three RBI and four stolen bases in the Tigers’ four tournament games.

Hampden-Sydney also received critical production from a pair of Chester natives: junior Matt Brown and senior Evan Rogers. Brown, a transfer from Rappahannock Community College, ranked second on the team with a .372 average. His four homers and
Scoring leader and All-American midfielder Kyle Jett ’10.

Hampden-Sydney's 2009 lacrosse team rebounded nicely from the previous year as they compiled an 8-9 record with a 3-3 conference mark, and a trip to the Old Dominion Athletic Conference Semifinals. The Tigers had one of the toughest schedules in the nation, facing seven Preseason Top-20 teams. With just four seniors on the roster, Hampden-Sydney started out young, getting off to a slow 2-5 start, but found their groove midway through the season.

In the heart of the schedule, Coach Ray Rostan's team reeled off four wins in their next five games to even their record at 6-6. The Tigers then faced tough tests in No. 17 Lynchburg College and No. 5 Washington & Lee University. Though the Tigers dropped both, they had one more regular season game against Christopher Newport University to end the regular season on a positive note. The seniors that day were sent out in style as the Tigers won 20-11 with the four-year foursome of Doug Carpenter, Andrew Mahoney, Kenny Mathison, and Teddy Schwab accounting for nine goals and four assists in the win.

Hampden-Sydney’s 3-3 conference mark gave them a fourth-place finish and a first-round home game in which they hosted fifth-seeded Randolph-Macon College. Hampden-Sydney had won the previous meeting 12-9, courtesy of five goals from freshman Micah Keller. Keller would improve on that in the quarterfinal matchup, scoring six goals against the Yellow Jackets as the Tigers cruised to a 19-11 victory. With the win, Hampden-Sydney advanced to the semifinal round, where they travelled to face top-ranked and top-seeded Roanoke College. The Tigers hung with the top team in the nation for nearly the whole game; the Tigers led 11-10 two minutes into the fourth quarter, but the Maroons overpowered Hampden-Sydney and prevailed 17-12, ending the Tigers’ hopes of a fifth ODAC Championship.

Hampden-Sydney was paced in scoring by Mahoney and junior Kyle Jett, who each netted 34 goals on the year. Keller showed great promise for the future of the Tiger attack, notching 32 goals of his own in his rookie campaign. Another freshman who made noise in the ODAC was midfielder Carter Mavromatis. The Virginia Beach native led the team in groundballs with 59 while adding 12 goals and 18 assists. Jett and junior defenseman Daniel Martin received First Team All-ODAC honors, while Mahoney made the Second Team, and Keller was awarded Honorable Mention accolades. Jett was named an Honorable Mention All-American by the United States Intercollegiate Lacrosse Association for his work in the midfield after his best season in a Tiger uniform. His 34 goals were topped by 20 assists, giving him a total of 54 points on the season, which is good for the second all-time mark for a Hampden-Sydney midfielder.

With just four seniors graduating in 2009, the Tigers will look to contend for a conference title in 2010.
A letter from Alumni Association
President Judd McAdams, Sr. ’77

The Leadership Team meeting of the Alumni Council held on April 18-19 in Crawley Forum marked my last meeting presiding over the Council. While it seems like an eternity since the spring of 2005 when then-president Michael Pace, Jr., ’79 and Assistant Vice President for Development and Alumni Affairs Richard Epperson II ’79 called to see if I would consider the position for 2007-09, the past two years have flown by but have been rewarding and fruitful from my perspective. Our Alumni Council has grown from an annual meeting of club presidents, where we more or less reported information, to a dedicated group of leaders whose talents and enthusiasm have transformed our Council into an organization recognized by peer institutions as a model worth copying. We’re making a difference and being recognized.

Through the recent past leadership beginning with Bob Whitt ’78 and continuing with Chuck McPhillips ’82, our organization has focused on organizing our clubs with leadership teams mirroring the five leadership categories that make up our National Alumni Council: National Alumni Council President and National Vice Presidents for Institutional Development, Admissions, Career Development, and Young Alumni. We also categorized each club as either a major market or a smaller market, realizing the goals of larger and smaller clubs would be different, yet vital in their respective efforts and contributions to the college. It is no small task to find dedicated alumni to populate these positions, but, through attrition and a targeted approach, the Alumni Office has done an excellent job of finding the right folks to lead the majority of our clubs. With the right president in place, his task is to then find the right team to carry out the mission of his club. To facilitate that mission, another accomplishment of the Council has been to put together basic goals that each club and its team should strive to accomplish annually. To encourage each club to carry out its mission we have asked each club to present an annual calendar to the Alumni Office before the beginning of each academic year.

Another accomplishment has been the recognition of the young alumni as the foundation for the future leadership of our alumni chapters. The Young Alumni Initiative was the inspiration of Michael Blackwell ’01 and James Barton ’06 and has evolved into an organized effort bringing together alumni who graduated within the last ten years. They are holding local meetings, meetings on campus, organizing golf tournaments and dinners, and have given some of the younger alumni an option to get involved without having to hang out with some of “old guys.” Their impact is being felt.

The success of our Council and our local clubs will be an on going process and I doubt we will ever see it to perfection; however, success is a journey, not an end. Through a succession of dedicated and creative thinking current and future Council leadership, I am confident that we will continue to explore new ideas and methods of best communicating with our alumni base to keep them informed, involved, and motivated with the goal of bettering our alma mater.

There is no secret to what we need our alumni to do for Hampden-Sydney. We need your eyes and ears for prospective students and your encouragement of accepted but undecided prospectives; we need your financial support of the annual fund, the endowment,
sports and capital campaigns; we need your talent in clubs and on committees.

Hampden-Sydney is enjoying the fruits of an exceptional president, Dr. Walter M. Bortz III, whose nine-year tenure has given Hampden-Sydney a physical plant and learning facilities second to none for a college its size, as well as a hugely successful capital campaign, which made the capital improvements possible and strengthened our financial base for the near future. Our president-elect, Dr. Chris Howard, takes the reins in July amid an enthusiasm for our College's future I have never seen. We are faced with some big unknowns. Our economy is troubled. We have yet to see what the yield will be from the largest application pool Hampden-Sydney has ever seen. Also, the market value of the endowment has been hammered. However, there are bright spots: the leadership of the administration and Board of Trustees has well positioned the school to meet the uncertain market conditions we now face.

Therefore, we alumni need to play our part in the future of Hampden-Sydney in a role as important as those hired to run the college and teach our students. Please get involved in the club in your city if you have not already done so. Make sure the Alumni Office has your current contact information. Go to thenetwork.hsc.edu and register. It is free for your use and a great tool to keep informed and stay in touch. Trust me, if we know where you are, we will be calling, but please don’t wait to be called. Offer what you can—time, money, or talent.

I’ll close by shining the light on a dedicated alumnus: Tom Crowder ’78. Tom has been a regular since his graduation and a major contributor to the Council and his home club. A year ago, as we looked at the succession of leadership of the council, we looked over the group that continually plays an active role in every aspect of the Council. It is with much appreciation for his efforts and his willingness to serve that we turn the presidency of the National Alumni Council over to Tom, who will lead it for the next two years. Thanks to all of you who have been so helpful and supportive of me over the past two years. I hope you will welcome Tom by attending the Alumni Council meeting to be held in early September 2009. Everyone is welcome.

Last, none of this would have been accomplished without the dedicated leadership of Assistant VP of Development & Alumni Relations, Richard Epper­son ’79, and his able co-workers, Andrea O’York, and Tanya Overton. Thanks to all of you. Have a great summer and we’ll see you in September.

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E. JUDSON McADAMS, SR. ’77
Outgoing Alumni Association President

Class of 1959 Reunion

The Class of 1959 celebrated its 50th reunion on campus on April 24, 2009. Members of the 50th reunion class gathered for a picnic lunch at Hampden House, home of the Alumni Office, formerly known as Miss Minnie Lacy’s boarding house. The picnic was a huge success with more than forty people in attendance.

A more formal event was held that evening to honor the Class of 1959, with a dinner and induction into the Patrick Henry Society. One hundred and forty-five alumni and spouses were on hand for this special event. The Patrick Henry alumni represented the classes of 1940 through 1958.

The Patrick Henry Society

Induction into the Patrick Henry Society is a special way of honoring our alumni for 50 years of steadfast loyalty to their alma mater. One of the many benefits of the Patrick Henry Society event is the annual opportunity to renew friendships with classmates. Planning begins in earnest at the class’s 45th reunion, as the reunion committee begins to seek out those who addresses have changed or who have lost connect for one reason or another. Personal contacts are made, so that everyone can mark their calendar and plan to attend the spring event. As “lost” alumni are found and interest builds in the 50th reunion, planners work hard to have a record-breaking number of alumni attend.

Class of 1960 Reunion

Plans are already underway for the Class of 1960 to mark its 50th reunion with similar events on April 23, 2010. The Class of 1960 reunion planning committee is being spearheaded by Ray Wallace ’60 and Bill Saunders ’60. Members of the Class of 1960 who are interested in helping plan the reunion are encouraged to contact the Hampden-Sydney Alumni Office at (434) 223-6148.

Richmond Spring Gala

The Richmond Alumni Club held its annual Spring Gala at the home of David J. McKittrick ’67 and his wife Jeanette. Over 200 people attended the party, which, despite the intermittent rain, was a smashing success.

News from Alumni

Class Notes

Compiled from information received before April 1, 2009

1950
From the Wilderness to Washington, a film on Abraham Lincoln by the Rev. V. NEIL WYRICK, JR., is now on YouTube. Mr. Wyrick wrote, directed, and portrayed Lincoln in this one-man adaptation. This is his fourth film in this style, with others on Ben Franklin, Charles Wesley, and a re-telling of Jonah as a western. Mr. Wyrick lives in Miami, Florida.

1957
The Rev. Dr. EDGAR C. MAYSE is the interim college chaplain at Hampden-Sydney College.

1958
Dr. JAMESON GEORGE BUSTON II of Richmond was named the 2008 Outstanding Older Worker for Virginia at the annual Prime Time Awards, which is sponsored by the non-profit Experience Works. Though he officially retired in 2003, Dr. Buston provides medical care for thousands of indigent patients monthly through the Care-A-Van program sponsored by Bon Secours Richmond Health System. Dr. Buston is also an active supporter of the Hampden-Sydney Music Festival.

   The Hon. JOSEPH A. LEAFE is a mediator, facilitator, and trainer at The McCammon Group. He retired as a circuit court judge in 2006.

1958 & 1959
RONALD W. DAVIS conducted the ninth annual Advent III Concert on Sunday, December 14, 2008, at Ginter Park United Methodist Church in Richmond. He has been organizer and director of music there for 10 years. This year’s program consisted of Dietrich Buxtehude’s cantata “The New-Born Christ Child”; Paul Manz’s “E’en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come”; and the Richmond premiere of Antonio Vivaldi’s “Introduction and Gloria” (RV 588). The chorus was accompanied by a chamber orchestra, organ, and harpsichord. In March he accompanied the Hampden-Sydney Men’s Chorus and the Sweet Briar Choir in a performance of Mozart’s “Coronation Mass.”

1959
The Rev. BERNARD K. BANGLEY, the author of A Modern Interpretation of An Introduction to the Devout Life, took part in a panel discussion of “An Introduction to the Devout Life” on January 18, 2008, at The Salesian Center for Faith and Culture at DeSales University.

1962
Dr. ROBERT G. THOMPSON II has been elected to the Board of Trustees of the Virginia Baptist Foundation, a non-profit organization that manages investments for Virginia Baptist churches and ministries and assists individuals with charitable giving.

1963
FERDINAND S. “FERD” JOHNS retired as professor emeritus from Montana State University School of Architecture in May.

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In March Ronald Davis ’58 & ’59 (at organ, top right) accompanied the Hampden-Sydney Men’s Chorus and the Sweet Briar Choir in a performance of Mozart’s “Coronation Mass” at Ginter Park United Methodist Church in Richmond. The performance was conducted by Frank Archer ’73, director of the Men’s Chorus (center front).
2007. That year he also received the Distinguished Professor Award from the Associated Collegiate Schools of Architecture of North America. His work has earned him considerable recognition, including 16 state and regional AIA design awards for buildings and planning work, as well as a national AIA 2006 Honor Award for Regional and Urban Design. He lives in Bozeman, Montana, leading study trips abroad, lecturing, practicing architecture, hiking, and sailing.

RODERICK B. MATHEWS was elected president of the American Bar Endowment.

1964

DOUGLAND L. “BO” BLUE III of Ashland is the owner of D.L. Blue & Associates, Inc.

Senator K. NEAL HUNT was reelected to the North Carolina State Senate, representing the 15th District, which covers north Raleigh. Also, he was elected deputy leader of Senate Republicans. Mr. Hunt is a real estate investor and former city council member.

HUNT B. WAGSTAFF is the owner of Endlico Construction and recently spent some time running a shelter for Hurricane Ike evacuees with the American Red Cross in Arlington, Texas. He lives in Peoria, Illinois.

1965

RICHARD F. “DICK” CRALLE, JR., the owner of Green Front Furniture, was featured in an article in Virginia Business magazine. Green Front Furniture has 800,000-square feet of showroom space throughout 12 buildings in downtown Farmville.

GERALD D. “JERRY” ROBERTSON is vice president of First Guaranty Mortgage Corporation in McLean. He lives in Oakton.

JAMES E. ROBERTSON won the 2008 City of Richmond and the 2008 State of Virginia Tennis Championships for Seniors (65 and over).

ROY C. WOOD has joined Zulu Software, Inc., to manage client projects. The company has software that automatically converts legacy computer applications to new, web technology. Mr. Wood spent his career building legacy applications under his own consulting company, Logic Unlimited, Inc. He says, “I will be spending my retirement converting them to the new web technology from my home office.”

1966

LOUIS BRIEL, a portrait artist in Richmond, was one of the prominent local citizens profiled in Richmond Magazine’s 2009 “Annual Complete Sourcebook of the Region.”

Dr. WILLIAM B. CRAWLEY, JR., a professor of history and American studies at The University of Mary Washington, has published the book The University of Mary Washington: A Centennial History, 1908-2008.

1968

Dr. W. RANDOLPH CHITWOOD, JR., director of the East Carolina Heart Institute, led the dedication of the Institute’s new facility on December 11, 2008. The Institute, which is a joint venture between East Carolina University and University Health Systems of Eastern Carolina, features 120 cardiovascular beds, numerous laboratories, robotic-surgery training, and much more. Dr. Chitwood, who is also the chief of cardiothoracic surgery and vascular surgery in the Department of Cardiovascular Sciences at the Brody School of Medicine at ECU, said the institute puts the region “at the forefront of progress and the cutting edge of the future.”

1970

DANIEL C. “DAN” BARTGES, JR., has published his new book Color is Everything (through Steve Martin ’67 of The Oaklea Press) and it is available in bookstores and on-line. He says, “It is intended for painters of all skill levels and it clearly explains the core principles of color harmony, how to achieve it on
Alumni Profile

Dr. Larry Caplin ’86, dentist and mentor to at-risk students

Hundreds of thousands of children never go to the dentist, making tooth decay the most common childhood disease, five times more common than asthma. By the time they are adults, they have extensive oral health problems and no sense of what it means to take care of their teeth.

Dr. Lawrence B. “Larry” Caplin ’86 is out to change how America’s children take care of their bodies and how they perceive their own futures.

“There was no cathartic moment,” says Dr. Caplin of his decision to begin the Oral Health Impact Project (OHIP), which provides comprehensive dental care to at-risk students in more than 200 public schools in Pennsylvania and Massachusetts. “It was just something that grew out of my work in the juvenile justice system.”

As founder and CEO of Dentrust Dental, one of the largest nationwide corporations that provides dental care for governmental institutions such as correctional facilities, juvenile centers, foster care, and the U.S. military, Caplin saw first-hand how desperate children and adults were for even the most basic dental care. By providing dental care to the children while they are in school and by incorporating dental health into their curriculum, Dr. Caplin hopes to spread healthy practices throughout communities.

When they enter a school, the OHIP dentists are ready to tackle a wide range of dental issues, ranging from routine cleaning to x-rays and root canals. Since most of the children have never been to the dentist, they do not have preconceptions of what going to the dentist entails. The children also benefit from having the experience in their school, a place where they are comfortable and surrounded by familiar people.

“The kids are the easy part,” says Caplin. “They are literally lining up to be next. There is no fear. They have never been to the dentist before. The difficulty is getting parents to sign the consent forms. Those children who need the most care are the ones whose parents are disengaged from the child’s life.”

Providing oral health care to lower-income children is only one part of the OHIP mission. Caplin also wants these children to think of dentistry as...
a legitimate career option. “If they never go to see a dentist, how would they ever consider being a dentist?” Caplin asks. “But if we give them a positive experience and teach them about the many different aspects of dental health, then they think of it as something they can do.”

To further this goal, Caplin is working with the Philadelphia School District to create a high-school-level Oral Health Academy where students will be exposed to all aspects of the oral health industry, from medical sales to dentistry. Also, they will have mentorships with dental school students and take advanced science courses on college campuses. Caplin says, “When they graduate from high school they will have a dental assistant certificate, which is a $15-to-$16-an-hour job right out of high school. This is a wonderful opportunity for children in low-income areas to have an income while furthering their education.”

Caplin, with his wife Kelli, has created Caplin Family Charities (www.cfcharities.org). This is a not-for-profit that is committed to transforming the lives of youth through access to oral healthcare and awareness of careers in oral health. CFCharities is establishing scholarships for the children who complete the Oral Health Academy to support their college and graduate education. Children who utilize these scholarships will be required to provide services in public health dentistry as repayment for this support.

For Caplin, being a dentist has evolved from more than just working on people’s teeth. It has become a way to uplift a community, one person at a time. A sense of community was something he learned a great deal about when the young Jewish Philadelphia boy enrolled as a freshman at Hampden-Sydney.

“When my parents and I got to campus, we went to Venable, where I was going to be living, and the door was locked. We couldn’t get in. Another freshman came along and saw that we couldn’t get in the building, so he climbed up on the porch of Stagger Inn, climbed in through a window, and unlocked the door for us. Then he helped me and my parents move my things into my room. That’s when I realized I wasn’t in Philadelphia anymore; somebody was climbing in a window to move my things in—not take them out.”

Dr. Caplin was also impressed with the close-knit nature of the College when in the first two weeks then-President Si Bunting sat down to have breakfast with him in the Commons. “Somehow, President Bunting managed to remember the name of every entering freshman, at least in my experience. One morning he came up to me at breakfast and said, ‘Larry, can I join you for breakfast? It turns out one of the schools in his past had been in the Philly area, so we talked about Flyers hockey and other things. After that he went back to his office and hand-wrote a letter to my parents telling them that he had talked and that he thought I was adjusting well to college. The president of the College hand-wrote a letter to my parents. You just don’t get that kind of thing anywhere else.”

As his college career continued, Caplin continued to capitalize on Hampden-Sydney’s unique nature. “I was a biology and biochemistry double-major. No one had ever majored in biochemistry before, but that’s one of the beauties of Hampden-Sydney, I said I wanted to do it and the faculty worked with me to get it done.”

Caplin has taken this individualized approach and applied it to Dentrust and OHIP, regardless of whether it is to develop a new system for a governmental agency or the treatment of a single child. He and his staff team talk through the process with each child and address any apprehensions he or she might have. By giving a positive experience to each child, Caplin believes he can affect a community. “We have seen a change in the dental health of these children, as well as improvements in their overall health. Now their parents are getting more involved in the health of their children. The number of children parents enroll in the program the second year we are in a school is often three times that of the year before, and the parents are increasing their own use of dentistry. This is something they wouldn’t have done two years ago.”

Dentistry was not always in Caplin’s plan. Originally he considered orthopedics, until an orthopedist talked him out of it. “Then I wanted to pursue facial reconstruction; the best of these surgeons usually go to dental school and then medical school, so I went to the University of Pennsylvania. By the time I had finished dental school, I was ready to stop going to school and to start making some money. I had paid my own way through Hampden-Sydney and was a bartender during dental school for the same purpose. After working in a group practice for a few months, I knew I needed to work for myself and to craft my own solutions to problems. That’s when I started Dentrust Dental.”

Thanks to the 19-year success of Dentrust, Caplin has been able to launch OHIP’s Oral Health Academy. Now he plans on growing that program. “One of the great things about this model is that it can be ported to other forms of healthcare. We are taking OHIP to other cities around the country. One interaction at a time, one family at a time, one community at a time, we can improve the health and well-being of this country.”

LARRY CAPLIN ’86
Dentist
your own, and how great artists have applied those same principles in their works."

MARK E. FELDMANN, SR., president of the law firm Glenn, Feldmann, Darby & Goodlatte, was listed among Virginia Business magazine’s 2008 Legal Elite and in Super Lawyers in Virginia and West Virginia in construction and business litigation.

DAVID S. MERCER, a principal in the law firm of MercerTrigiani, has been named to the 2009 editions of Best Lawyers in America and Virginia Super Lawyers for real estate. Mr. Mercer is a 1973 graduate of the University of Richmond School of Law.

1971

SCOTT A. REEVES is taking a sabbatical this year from the Westminster School in Simsbury, Connecticut. He is learning to build guitars and writing about what goes into doing something for the first time. Mr. Reeves’ goal is to implement what he learns when teaching his English students.

1972

MARK M. GAMBILL has been named to the Board of Directors of NewMarket Corporation, the parent company of Afton Chemical Corporation and Ethyl Corporation. Mr. Gambill is the managing partner of Cary Street Partners in Richmond.

1973

RICHARD B. DONALDSON, JR., has been elected to the Newport News Regional Board of Old Point National Bank. Mr. Donaldson is the managing partner at the law firm Blechman, Woltz & Kelly PC.

Cmdr. CHARLES H. SMITH, JR., is sailing as a deck officer on the USNS Guadalupe, a military sealift command replenishment oiler in the Hawaiian and eastern Pacific operational area. He completed a nine-month assignment on the USNS Rainier, a replenishment oiler and ammunition ship, in June 2008.

1974

WILLIAM C. GARRETT, JR., has been elected to the Board of Trustees of Carlisle School, a private K-12 school serving Martinsville and Henry County.

WILLIAM T. MUNFORD, JR., has joined Mass Mutual as a career agent after spending 26 years as an owner and broker salesman of a life and health insurance agency. He lives in Southern Pines, North Carolina.

1975

CHARLES W. BURGESS, JR., retired on April 1 from his position as the city manager of Poquoson. He says after 12 years in the position he wants to explore other career opportunities.

JOHN BRUCE MULLAN is chief operating officer of Swisher International. He lives in Charlotte, North Carolina.

1976

ROBERT L. SAMUEL, JR., was named as a Legal Elite by Virginia Business magazine and included in Best Lawyers of America. He is also chairman of the Chesapeake Redevelopment and Housing Authority.

1979

The Rev. DAVID J. LUCEY has been called as the 17th Rector of St. Michael’s Episcopal Church in Bristol, Rhode Island. He assumed the office on February 6, 2009, and his official installation occurred in May. St. Michael’s Church is one of four designated Colonial Parishes in the diocese of Rhode Island and was founded in 1718.

JOSEPH D. THORNTON, a manager at Mitchell Wiggins and Company, made the list of Super CPAs in the November 2008 issue of Virginia Business magazine.

1980

JAMES SELDEN “SEL” HARRIS, JR., has been elected vice-moderator of the Presbytery of Eastern Virginia, a governing body in the Presbyterian Church (USA), for 2009. In 2010, he will be moderator of the Presbytery of Eastern Virginia.

DAVID M. SLACK was recently selected as Code 59 Department Manager for System Test, Integration and Certification, SPAWAR Systems Center Pacific, San Diego, California.

1981

BILLY L. GREER earned the title of “Shifu,” a master-level Kung Fu instructor, in July 2008. At the same ceremony, his 16-year-old daughter Lane earned her black sash. The following month in Washington, D.C., Mr. Greer won three gold medals in Tai Chi for advanced fixed-step push hands, advanced forms, and advanced restricted-step push hands. Mr. Greer is the owner of Jing Ying Institute in Arnold, Maryland.

1982

Dr. MICHAEL J. BREINUER of Roanoke has joined the Board of Directors of Lumintex, a developer of medical and biometric technologies. Dr. Breiner is a board-certified plastic surgeon who founded the Southwest Virginia Center for Cosmetic, Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery.

MICHAEL R. CHEVALIER joined Capital Analytics as a senior project analyst in October 2007. The firm applies advanced statistical methodologies and business analytics to evaluate training and other human capital investments. He recently completed a study on tuition assistance programs for Mutual of Omaha. From 2004 to 2007, he was the senior market research analyst for Global Knowledge, a worldwide IT training vendor, where he published several studies on IT salaries and certifications.

Dr. DAVID W. DONOVAN is a professor of physics at Northern Michigan University in Marquette, Michigan. He earned his Ph.D. from Penn State and began teaching at Northern Michigan in 1992.

ROSS ZELL D. “ROD” HUNTER IV was nominated by President George W. Bush to be executive vice president of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation. He is a senior fellow at the Hudson Institute. Previously he served as special assistant to the President and senior director in the Directorate for International Economics at the National Security Council. Earlier in his career, he served as special counsel in the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative.

BRYANT C. MCGANN was appointed church attorney by the
Standing Committee of the Episcopal Diocese of Southern Virginia. He is also a lawyer with Vandeventer Black, where he has practiced since 1986.

1984
CHARLES E. AGEE III has been named director of corporate philanthropy at Altria in Richmond. He has been with Philip Morris USA, an Altria company, for 23 years.

CHARLES A. ROEST of St. Petersburg, Florida, recently marked his 20th anniversary working for General Electric.

FREDERIK BEELAERTS VON BLOKLAND is vice president of DB Schenker. He lives in Caledon, Ontario, Canada.

1986
DAVID LEGG is the special teams coordinator for the University of Richmond Spiders, winners of the DI FCS National Championship in December 2008.

1988
MICHAEL B. CHENAULT and M. DEANE CHEATHAM III, two of the five owners of Home-town Realty, recently celebrated the company’s 20th anniversary. Not only is the company successful in real estate; it is also widely recognized as a supporter of numerous non-profit organizations, including the March of Dimes, Habitat for Humanity, YMCA Bright Beginnings, and the Barksdale Theatre.

BEVERLY M. “BEV” DAVIS was named the Radford Chamber of Commerce 2008 Business Person of the Year. A lawyer with Davis, Davis & Davis Attorneys, Mr. Davis is a member of Radford City Bridges, the Radford High School Foundation Board, the Virginia State Board of the March of Dimes, the Radford-Montgomery Bar Association, the Virginia Bar Association, and the Virginia Trial Lawyers Association. He also served as a JV football coach and an assistant varsity coach at Radford High School, as well as a recreation league coach for a variety of sports and age groups.

THOMAS B. GATES, SR., has been promoted to vice president and Virginia state manager at First American Title Insurance Company. He lives in Powhatan with his wife Kathy and his sons Josh and T.J.

1989
The Rev. J. S. RANDOLPH “RANDY” HARRIS was called in July 2008 to serve as the pastor of Highland Presbyterian Church in Winston-Salem, North Carolina.
CHARLES W. “CHIP” PRYOR III and his wife P.F. have opened New South Interiors in the Charlotte, North Carolina, area. The 23,000-square-foot home furnishings store, which he says was modeled after Farmville’s Green Front Furnishings store, which he says was modeled after Farmville’s Green Front Furnishings, was opened in July 2008.

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Coach David Legg ’86 and his sons Tom and Wilson with the Richmond Spiders’ NCAA trophy.

New South Interiors in Charlotte, founded by Chip Pryor ’89.
“If I have any advice, it’s that you should take advantage of every opportunity that comes along, even if you think it won’t add up to much. You just keep building on these opportunities, and eventually you have something really amazing,” says J. Tayloe Emery ’92.

He should know. His career started with one very small opportunity at a little newspaper in Northern California and progressed from one opportunity to another. “I was living in a tent in the rain under these massive redwood trees and I went into this newspaper’s office to place an ad that simply said, ‘Wet writer needs dry quarters.’ The woman who took the ad said, ‘Writer, eh? Do you want a job?’ I started that day.”

Now Emery runs his own company, JTE Creative Group, that organizes VIP and celebrity engagement in humanitarian causes around the world.

When Emery graduated from Hampden-Sydney, he knew he wanted to move away and expand his horizons. “Like a lot of people, I wanted to get away from what had become comfortable to me and start out on my own.”

He moved to Northern California, where he fell into the job as a newspaper reporter. “I think I was making about $25 a week, but it was a great place to work and to learn how to be a journalist.”

A short time later, he moved to Seattle and began writing music reviews for an online music magazine for kids. It was the early 1990s and the Internet was just taking off. Online magazines were rare, so Emery and his colleagues often had to cajole their way backstage, even going so far as to make fake press passes for the many concerts passing through the area as Nirvana and Pearl Jam entered the national scene.

“I was writing for all of these nascent online music websites at night and during the day made a little real money by humping it for the Sierra Club and other environmental organizations who needed communications work. Somewhere along the way the two things merged. Pearl Jam and REM were working on an initiative with a friend of mine, Trevor Fitzgibbon ’95 (who recently ran all of the media at Fenton for MoveOn.org).
He asked me to do some work for him. I did a really big story for him—about some Seattle rockers asking for a meeting with then-presidential candidate Al Gore. After that story, I started writing for mtv.com and rollingstone.com. So within a year and a half I went from having to fake my own credentials to flying out to cover The Who for mtv.com. As the dot-com era took off, I happened to be in the right place at the right time.

He worked as a journalist and content specialist for many years until he moved back to the East Coast in 2000. Shortly thereafter, he and his wife Catherine Leitch Emery (RMWC ’97) decided that they wanted to travel the world for a while; they were set to move to the Virgin Islands when he was recommended by a friend to be the creative director in Washington, D.C., for DATA (Debt AIDS Trade Africa), an activist organization founded by Bono, the singer of the band U2.

“I went up to the interview anyway to be nice and to tell them that I couldn’t do it, but I really appreciated them thinking of me. Maybe I could do it when I got back in a year. This guy named Paul, whom I went on to work for there, took out his Blackberry and said, ‘6,500 people in Africa die every day of HIV/AIDS—times 365 days. Is that how long you’re going to be gone? We need you now.’ I said, ‘Okay.’

During the next two years, DATA launched The ONE Campaign and the Live 8 concerts with the goal of getting one million Americans to sign an online petition urging developed nations to help fight extreme poverty and preventable disease in developing countries. One of the first celebrities to get involved in the program was actor Brad Pitt. Emery and a small contingent took him to Africa on a two-week listening-and-learning tour of AIDS-related clinics, hospitals, and orphanages. At the end of the trip, Pitt said he would help. Emery recalls the conversation as they left Ethiopia, “We told him we wanted to make a commercial that would get one million people signed up to The ONE Campaign before the G8 Summit in Scotland. Brad wasn’t sold on the idea. I said, ‘This is how it will work. You would say just one word. I would get George Clooney to say the next word, and then an average American would say the third word. Then we’ll piece this whole commercial together—one word for The ONE Campaign. He liked the idea.’

A week later, Emery was in Los Angeles filming dozens of A-list celebrities for a commercial that would eventually earn an Emmy nomination and entice more than two million Americans to sign up for the campaign and send Emery to Africa 15 more times in three-and-a-half years with Bono, NBC’s Brian Williams, NFL Quarterback Tom Brady, and actors Matt Damon and Ben Affleck.

During that time, the primary goal of DATA was to convince developed countries to forgive the debt owed to them by poor African countries. Money these African countries could have been spending on healthcare and education was instead going to paying merely the interest owed. Ultimately, the United States and many other countries around the world forgave $48 billion in debt, with the condition that the money that would have been used to repay the debt would instead go to humanitarian initiatives like building hospitals and schools.

After five years with DATA and The ONE Campaign, Emery decided he wanted new challenges and to work with a variety of organizations, so he started his own consulting firm, JTE Creative. His clients include National Geographic, African Children’s Choir, Brand Neutral, Earth Hour, Live Earth, and The Love Hope Strength Foundation.

At Hampden-Sydney, Emery’s roommate was Michael Knight ’92, now an author and creative writing professor (see article on page 17). Emery fondly recalls one of their first conversations as freshmen in North House. “I looked at him and he looked at me, kind of sizing each other up and asking each other what we wanted to do in life. He said, ‘I want to write the great American novel.’ I said, ‘I want to be a globe-trotting journalist.’

When I look back on that now I think that we really weren’t that far off from what we’re doing now. Michael has a sharp wit and is hands down one of the most talented writers of our generation; getting him as a roommate turned out to be a real creative watershed in my life.”

Coming to Hampden-Sydney College was not really a part of Emery’s plan. He was set to attend film school in California when his elderly grandfather asked him to stay in the East and to go to Hampden-Sydney.

Since he wanted to be a filmmaker and a journalist, Emery had to get innovative if he wanted to learn the trade. In the summer he apprenticed at the Richmond Times-Dispatch as a cub reporter and in the fall he turned to English Professor Larry Martin. “Hampden-Sydney taught me how to write, and everything I needed to know about journalism I learned in Dr. Martin’s class by reading Hemingway and every one of his articles posted from war-torn Europe. It’s all right there.”

Emery adds, “One of the many things I took away from Hampden-Sydney is the importance of networking. Being able to connect names, places, and events together is a great ability to develop. When you can link people together, they start coming to you when they need someone. It’s a skill I use every day.”

By connecting celebrities with humanitarian and environmental causes, Emery is improving the lives of hundreds of thousands of people around the world by bringing attention to issues that routinely get ignored by the mainstream press. That’s not too bad for a guy who started out at a small newspaper in Northern California in a wet tent.

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TAYLOR EMERY ’92
Journalist and philanthropist
ture, is located in a restored former textile mill that is 130 years old. The store was named Best Furniture Store and Interior Design by the local newspaper in its first year.

JAKE RASOR III has been appointed to the Medical University of South Carolina Board of Visitors. Mr. Rasor is president of Whiteford’s, Inc., and earned his MBA from the University of South Carolina.

1990

CARLOS A. ALVARENGA III, CEO of S&V Management Consultants, was named a senior research fellow at the Robert H. Smith School of Business, University of Maryland. Mr. Alvarenga has been an executive fellow at Smith since 2005.

ALAN K. BARR has accepted the position of headmaster at The O’Neal School in Southern Pines, North Carolina, near Pinehurst. He starts the position in July 2009. Mr. Barr is now the headmaster of Trinity School in Midland, Texas.

RUDOLPH “DUTCH” BUMGARDNER IV is an assistant general counsel at Dominion Resources, Inc. He lives in Glen Allen.

MARK K. duBOSE has joined Mirador Advisors as a director. Mirador Advisors is a boutique investment bank in Charlotte, North Carolina. Mr. duBose has a juris doctorate from Wake Forest University School of Law and a master of business administration from Wake Forest University Babcock School of Management.

Lt. Col. ALEXANDER C. GRABIEC is serving in Kabul, Afghanistan, as the senior academic advisor to the Afghan National Army Strategic Command and Staff College.

FRANK R. JONES III manages an office of New York Life in West Virginia that won the 2008 Senior Vice-President’s Life Excellence Trophy based on overall growth in life insurance sales.

The Rev. Dr. PHILIP W. OEHLER, SR., is training for a 100-mile bike ride in June 2009 to raise funds for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. He continues as pastor of Third Presbyterian Church in Norfolk. He and his wife Stacey have two sons, Walter (9) and Ben (4).

1991

K. CHRISTOPHER DARNELL is the vice president of business development for East Cooper Medical Center. He and his wife Kelly live in Mount Pleasant, South Carolina, with their daughter Sully (5) and their son Finn (4).

TERRENCE L. “TERRY” O’BRIANT is an NOC tech at Tyco Electronics. He lives in Orlando, Florida.

1992

PETER C. BENNETT, JR., is a senior litigation paralegal in the antitrust group of Mayer Brown LLP in Washington, D.C. He and his wife Jenny are involved in community service and area sports teams.

1993

CARL B. MICA is the director of business relations for The University of Texas System. Mr. Mica is a former senior aide for U.S. Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison. He will serve as the chief liaison for the UT System with local, state, and national business-related associations and civic organizations. Working with the offices of External Relations and Governmental Relations, he will promote the UT System’s goals and initiatives with the various external constituencies and assist with policy issues.

DAVID B. PEARMAN has been appointed equipment director for North America at CMA CGM (America) LLC, a global container shipping company. He has 14 years experience in the shipping business and most recently worked for Zim American Integrated Shipping Services as North America equipment manager. He has a certificate of International Maritime Business from Old Dominion University.

WILLIAM D. PUCKETT II is the Birmingham, Alabama, city president of CapitalSouth Bank.

WILLIAM C. “TREY” THOMPSON III has joined the Martin Agency as a network engineer, after five years at Anderson & Strudwick. He says, “The Martin Agency stands as proof that H-SC grads can create industry-leading organizations and I am very happy with the move.”

CHARLES S. WALKER and his company C3 Presents organized and produced the Democratic presidential campaign’s election night event in Chicago’s Grant Park. Organizing the event required providing 235 portable toilets, 925 seven-foot barricades, and 120 private security staff, as well as creating the main stage, two press platforms, three 65-foot spotlight towers, and two 45-foot audio towers.

1994

MICHAEL T. BUCCIERO is IT director of Lincoln Financial in Arlington Heights, Illinois.

JAMES C. CARDILLO was named director of life sciences sales at Voxiva, Inc., a privately-held healthcare information solutions company based in Washington, D.C. Working out of Raleigh, North Carolina, Mr. Cardillo is responsible for sales to the life sciences industry around the
ANDREW R. OWEN has joined Cantor Fitzgerald’s Debt Capital Markets team as a managing director of sales.

JOHN M. PORTER is CEO of Astrogenetix, Inc., in Austin, Texas.

Major BRIAN J. VON HERBULIS (USMC) is serving as the commanding officer of Marine Special Operations Company Delta and is currently deployed to Afghanistan. He lives in Oceanside, California, with his wife Eileen and two children, daughter Brinley (5) and son Barrett (2).

1995

JAMES W. “JIM” EITEL, JR., is a joint capabilities technology demonstration operational manager at Science Applications International Corporation (CENTCOM). He lives in Riverview, Florida.

G. MICHAEL LANE, JR., is director of operations at NRI, Inc., in Alexandria.

TUCKER C. SHUMACK has joined Capitol Counsel LLC in Washington, D.C., where his legislative practice will focus on tax issues before Congress. He had previously worked on the staffs of three U.S. Senators, including Georgia Senators Paul Coverdell and Johnny Isakson. Most recently, he served as the tax counsel to Senator Olympia Snow of Maine.

1996

MATTHEW J. PARKER is an associate producer at Exodus Film Groups, which produced the recent animated film Igor.

1997

JEFFREY D. ANDERSON is an embedded analyst at Palantir Technologies in McLean.

JONATHAN B. HARTLEY is vice president of global investor relations at FHLBanks Office of Finance. He lives in Oakton.

GORDON H. JOHNSON, the owner of Recycled Relics, was featured in an article in The Farmville Herald. Mr. Johnson, who takes down old buildings to rebuild them in different locations, was in the process of removing a historic smokehouse from The Manor Resort near Farmville. He has rebuilt the smokehouse on his property in nearby Prospect, alongside the 19th-century mansion he rescued from Farmville.

MICHAEL C. MELVIN has been promoted to assistant vice president/commercial banker at the Charlotte-based Bank of Commerce. Mr. Melvin has previously held business banking and bank branch management positions. He is a graduate of the South Carolina Bankers School at the University of South Carolina.

1998

JASON D. HARDY is a commercial relationship manager at Capital Bank in Clayton, North Carolina.

DAVID G. LAWRENCE, JR., made the Professional Ski Instructors of America (PSIA) National Nordic Teaching Team, a national team of elite cross-country and telemark skiing instructors from around the country. Mr. Lawrence lives part time in Winthrop, Washington, teaching cross-country skiing, and spends the other half of the year as the owner of Pangaea River Rafting near Missoula, Montana, with his wife Brooke Lawrence and their daughter Tara Cascade Lawrence (l).

ANDREW W. LEGGE has been appointed non-independent, non-executive director of Vietnam Property Fund Limited. Mr. Legge had been chief operating officer of Danao International Holdings, which included three hotels, two golf courses, and an apartment complex. He currently serves on the Board of Directors of Danao International Holdings.

1999

WILLIAM G. “BILLY” BALDWIN, JR., is a project manager/agent at Greg Baldwin Realty, Inc. He lives in Charlottesville.


R. CHRISTIAN RICKERS was the general consultant for the successful campaign by Tom Perriello in Virginia’s 5th Congressional District. He is also a lobbyist in Richmond with David Bailey Associates and the assistant editor of Virginia Capitol Connections.

2000

NATHANIEL D. BREEDING served as a member of the press advance team for President George W. Bush’s visit to Slovenia for the EU-US Summit in June 2008 at Brdo Castle in Kranj. Mr. Breeding helped coordinate the press conference between President Bush, Slovenian Prime Minister Janez Janša and the President of the European Commission José Manuel Barroso.

STEVEN C. HURET has been named a shareholder in the law firm Wilson Worley Moore Gamble & Stout PC, in Johnson City, Tennessee. He earned his juris doctorate from the Cumberland School of Law at Samford University in Birmingham, Alabama, in 2003. Mr. Huret is a member of the firm’s practice groups in litigation and alternative dispute resolution. He also serves as chairman of the firm’s personal injury practice group.

TODD R. KETCHAM was sworn into the Bar of the State of Maine on October 10, 2007. He is the director of Northern New England Legal Research Associates, LLC, and an attorney. He lives in South Portland, Maine.

THOMAS L. RANSOM has been named the Loudon County area executive for BB&T. He joined BB&T in 2000 as an associate in BB&T’s Management Development Program. He earned a master’s...

degree from the University of Baltimore and is also a graduate of the Stonier Graduate School of Banking.

2001

Dr. KRISTIAN M. HARGADON has accepted a position as assistant professor of biology at Hampden-Sydney College.

J. HUGH HASKINS is director of development at Ferrum College. He lives in Martinsville.

SEAN M. MATHENY is a manager at Sea Craft Limited in Auckland, New Zealand.

Cpt. ANDRÉ J. SESSOMS has been deployed twice in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, to Kuwait in 2003 and to Iraq in 2006. After serving in Germany for three years, he and his wife Krystal (who is also in the military) are living in Washington State.

JAMES F. “JIMMY” WILSON III is an appraiser for the City of Richmond.

GREGORY L. YUSI is a commercial sales manager for ADT Security in the San Diego and Imperial Counties in California.

2002

KEMPER M. BEASLEY III is running as an independent for the position of Buckingham County Commissioner of Revenue. He is the assistant vice president of The Farmers Bank in Appomattox. Mr. Beasley earned a master’s of theological studies at Duke University.

ROBERT C. CRAWFORD III has started his own business, Urban Proper Redevelopment, LLC, which focuses on renovating or converting older properties in downtown Charleston, South Carolina, and adapting them for office, medical, multi-family, or mixed use.

B. NEAL HERNOND is president of Rocking H Fencing LLC. He lives in Chatham.

R. SCOTT KEEL is finishing his internships with Chesterfield County Mental Health Support Services as the Medical Service Coordinator and working in the Emergency Room at Johnson-Willis Hospital. He will be heading back to Europe to finish his universal medical degree at Charles University 3rd Faculty of Medicine. He hopes to participate in Doctors Without Borders/Médecins Sans Frontiers when he completes his studies. While attending medical school in Europe, Mr. Keel helped start a luxury crystal stemware company called Phoenix Crystal. After successful introductions to both the United Kingdom and Norwegian markets, Phoenix Crystal will be coming to the United States in May.

THOMAS L. RASEY, JR., is an account executive with Scott Insurance in Lynchburg.

2003

ALLEN L. KIDD is an associate at Sinnott Nuckols & Logan, P.C., in Midlothian.

CHARLES E. “TREY” GREGORY III was selected for the 2009 Leadership Development Award given by the American Chemical Society (ACS), enabling him to participate in the Younger Chemist Committee (YCC) Leadership Development Workshop. This YCC program recognizes emerging leaders in the profession and helps them prepare for the leadership opportunities at volunteer organizations, such as ACS, and in their professional career.

DONALD M. “MAC” RUSSELL III, a former Tiger quarterback, and his father Donald Russell hosted the Hampden-Sydney College football team in Selma, Alabama, as the team traveled to Montgomery to play Huntingdon College. The team visited two of the most important sites of the Civil Rights movement: Brown Chapel AME Church and Edmund Pettus Bridge.

MARIO J. STELLUTE is in private legal practice with his father and sister at The Stellute Law Firm in Hampton. He received his Juris Doctorate from Loyola University School of Law, New Orleans, in 2007.

2004

The Rev. ALAN T. COMBS is the associate pastor at Heritage United Methodist Church in Lynchburg.

JAMES R. “RUSTY” FOSTER was named the director of planned and major gifts with Randolph-Macon Academy in Front Royal.

THOMAS L. RASEY, JR., is an account executive with Scott Insurance in Lynchburg.

2005

KENNETH W. BRADLEY works for the Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Student and Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP). He is a member of the School Certification Branch where he serves as a team lead and is a member of the liaison development team, which is currently working on a project to create a SEVP Liaison Branch. He lives in Arlington, Virginia.

JOHN K. NIELSEN is relocating to Roanoke where he will continue working for Thalhimer, a commercial real estate firm. Mr.
Nielsen has been with Thalhimer since 2004 when he joined the company as an intern.

J. HUNTER PICKELS has returned to Washington, D.C., from Minnesota where he served as field director for the Republican Party. While in Minnesota, he coordinated and executed the grassroots voter-turnout effort. He has now resumed his position as an aide to Congressman Charles Boustany, in his Washington office.

Lt. MICHAEL R. SCHULZ (USMC) returned from a deployment to Afghanistan in November 2008. He will be returning to Afghanistan in June 2009.

2006

STAFFORD ANDREWS BUCHANAN was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in the U.S. Marine Corps on December 14, 2008, following successful completion of Officer Candidates School. He is stationed in Quantico where he is attending The Basic School.

Lt. CARL ALVAR SUNDIN II, a Cavalry Officer in the 3rd Infantry Division, returned from a 14-month combat deployment to Iraq in December 2008. Lt. Sundin and his mother Nancy Sundin were featured in an article in The Richmond Times-Dispatch for their efforts to donate toys, clothes, and sports equipment to Iraqi children while he was deployed there in 2007 and 2008. Through his mother’s efforts at home in Henrico, Lt. Sundin forged positive relationships with local Iraqis by distributing these simple gifts.

2007

ANDREW D. BAKER was named Deep Run High School’s New Teacher of the Year.

D. STEPHEN BROWN, JR., is an investment consultant for SunTrust Investment Services in Atlanta.

ROBERT N. CORWIN is a project manager at Brian A. Miller Painting Company, Inc.

SPC CHARLES C. “CLIFF” EDAHL, JR., has deployed with 1 Corps to Camp Victory, Iraq, in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

ROBERT M. HOLLINGS III is a business relationship manager for SunTrust Bank. He lives in Charlotte, North Carolina.

ANDREW J. MITAKIDES appeared in the musical One Red Flower at The Kensington Theater in Kensington, Maryland. The text of the play comes directly from letters written by actual soldiers and a mother portrayed in the show.

S. RYAN NEWCOMB will begin work with BP’s Gulf of Mexico group as a project and operations engineer in June. He lives in Austin, Texas.

MATTHEW S. STRADER is a paralegal at McGuireWoods LLP. He lives in Richmond.

2008

GEORGE A. “JORGE” ALOUPAS is a registered representative at First Investors Corporation in Hampton.

ROY B. HARGROVE IV works for Drucker and Falk, LLC, in Raleigh, North Carolina.

R. WESLEY JULIAN, ERIC B. LEWIS, and JOHN N. ROTHGEB are all in Japan teaching English through the Japan Exchange and Teaching Programme (JET). They are working as assistant language teachers and have been placed in different parts of the country.

JAMES P. “JIMMY” PHILBIN IV is an analyst in the Private Wealth Management Division at Deutsche Bank in New York City.

ROBERT D. SHRADER III is a management analyst intern with the U.S. Army at Ft. Belvoir in Northern Virginia.

GARRETT D. TREGO has begun a one-year program with the National Civilian Community Corps, an AmeriCorps program. He is based at the program’s Denver office but will working in Colorado and along the Gulf Coast doing hurricane recovery.

2009

DAVID W. WELSH, JR., was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in the U.S. Army on December 19, 2008, through the Hampden-Sydney College ROTC Program. He will be assigned as an infantry officer to the 29th Infantry Division in the Virginia National Guard. He reported to Fort Benning, Georgia, in early April for his training as an infantry officer.

College Friends

ANNE MARIE WHITTEMORE, a Trustee of Hampden-Sydney College, was on the cover of the November 2008 issue of Virginia Business magazine. She also was featured in the issue’s article regarding those who sit on the boards of major Virginia companies. Ms. Whittemore is a partner with the Richmond-based law firm McGuireWoods.
Advanced Studies

1987
MICHAEL F. McINTYRE is pursuing a master’s degree in middle grades education from Brenau University. He teaches seventh grade language arts at Osborne Middle School in Gwinnett County, Georgia.

1996
Dr. COLE S. CONDRA graduated from a fellowship in Pediatric Emergency Medicine from the University of Louisville in June 2008. In addition, he completed his masters of science in epidemiology and clinical investigational sciences (MSc) from the University of Louisville in May 2008. He has accepted a position as an attending physician of pediatric emergency medicine at Children’s Mercy Hospital in Kansas City, Missouri, as which he also will serve as an assistant professor of pediatrics at the University of Missouri-Kansas City.

1998
MATTHEW GULTNIEKS has been accepted into the California State University, Long Beach, master of business administration program.

1999
ROBERT D. “BERT” ENGLISH graduated magna cum laude from George Mason University School of Law in May 2008. He currently works for the Department of Justice and is a member of the Virginia Bar.

The Rev. MICHAEL J. KOCH is pursuing the doctor of ministry degree from the University of Aberdeen.

2000
THOMAS L. KREBS, JR., is pursuing a master’s of business administration with a concentration in economics at Virginia Commonwealth University.

2002
J. LLOYD ALLEN is pursuing a Ph.D. in sociology at Georgia State University in Atlanta.

2003
Lt. NICHOLAS D. BEAZLEY graduated from U.S. Army infantry basic training at Fort Benning in Columbus, Georgia.

2004
SIMON T. EVERETT is a first-year student at Wake Forest University Babcock Graduate School of Management.

2006
ANDREW S. McGOWAN is pursuing a physician assistant master’s degree at Drexel University in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

2007
BRENNAN P. BREELAND is a student at the University of Mississippi School of Law in Oxford, Mississippi.

2008
JAMES L. GRESHAM II will attend Virginia Tech to pursue a master’s degree in higher education with a concentration in educational leadership and policy studies.

2009
ROLLO W. G. KNIGHT is pursuing a master’s in business administration with a concentration in finance at Florida State University and is working for Vision2020 LLC as an analyst on their Venture Capital Fund which focuses on high-tech early-stage companies.

TAYLOR S. NEAL is a first-year graduate student at Virginia Tech pursuing a master’s degree in building construction.

JAMES W. RAWLES III is a first-year student at Eastern Virginia Medical School, as well as the focus of the cover story of the premiere issue of the school’s alumni magazine. Mr. Rawles discussed his passion for making surfboards and how his own medical condition led him to pursue a career in medicine.
Weddings

1993
ANDREW CLARE MORRIS McClintock and MALISSA THERESA Dewindt were married on October 18, 2008, in College Church at Hampden-Sydney. John Meadows ’94 was best man. Karlo Arozqueta ’97 was a groomsman. Dean of Admissions Anita Garland was a reader. The groom is the son of Richard McClintock, director of publications at the College. He is a senior Unix system administrator for the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. The bride is a graduate of Mary Baldwin College and teaches in a private school; she is the sister of William DeWindt ’96. They live in Reston.

1995
ALBAN KINGSLEY BARRUS III and ELIZABETH GRAY BLOUNT were married on January 17, 2009, at Bethel United Methodist Church in Bethel, North Carolina. The bride is a graduate of North Carolina State University and works as a corporate accounts manager for Maxwell Marketing. The groom is a leasing representative for Duke Realty Corporation. They live in Raleigh, North Carolina.

1996
CARTER R. HALE and JANE E. BAGWELL were married on August 18, 2007, at Sinking Spring Presbyterian Church in Abingdon with reception at the Martha Washington
In attendance were J. Andrew Reynolds ’96, Leland T. Moore, Jr., ’96, E. Barksdale Watkins ’96, and Justin D. Merrick ’97. The groom is an attorney at Scott, Sullivan, Streetman and Fox, PC. The bride is a physical therapist at Azalea City Physical Therapy. The couple lives in Mobile, Alabama.

DAVID BRANNIGAN SPENCE and ASHLEY BINGHAM JONES were married on July 19, 2008. The bride works for Jones Realty and Construction Company in Richmond. The groom is a business development manager for the Charlotte-based United Sleep Medicine. They live in Henrico.

MATTHEW GULTNIEKS and ALLISON JOY ASSAD were married on July 23, 2005, at the Ocean Institute in Dana Point, California. The bride is a graduate of California State University, Chico, and works as a HR Business Partner for JP Morgan Chase & Co. The groom is a Senior Technical Product Consultant for Edwards Lifesciences. The couple lives in Laguna Hills, California. (See Advanced Degrees.)

1999

CHRISTOPHER D. JACK and LAUREN VIRGINIA SHIFLET were married on February 15, 2009. The bride is employed by Sports Clips. Mr. Jack is employed by Superior Plumbing Systems.


DOUGLAS LAWRENCE BANKS and ERIN ELIZABETH BAILEY were married on October 25, 2008 at White Hall Plantation, home of the groom’s parents in Gloucester. Croft Meeker ’00, Erik Jensen ’00, and Sherwood Bowditch ’99 served as groomsmen. In attendance were Frank Roach ’73, The Hon. Paul S. Tribe Jr. ’68, Doug Webb ’99, Joseph DelPietro ’00, Justin Keith ’00, Casey Sweeney ’00, and Will Parks ’00. The bride is a graduate of James Madison University and received her master’s degree from Wake Forest University. She is a physician’s assistant for Richmond Surgical Group. The groom is director for Career & Workforce Development for the VFIC. They live in Richmond.

TODD R. KETCHAM and CORINNE ELIZABETH FINNEGAN were married on October 20, 2007 in Sebasco Estates, Maine. In attendance were Christian Rickers ’99, Charles P. Gorry ’01, John A. Mosher III ’01, Scott P. Ketcham ’99, and Andrew L. Kemp ’01. The bride, a graduate of Queens College, is the Northeast technical manager at Regenesis. Mr. Ketcham graduated from the University of Maine School of Law in 2004. He is self-employed as an attorney and is the director of Northern New England Legal Research Associates, LLC. They live in South Portland, Maine.

ROBERT LIVINGSTON WAINS COTT and AMANDA ELIZABETH SVETZ were married on August 23, 2008, at Grace Episcopal Church in Keswick. In attendance were Charlie Bigley ’99, Charles Dickinson ’00, Randolph Trow ’96, James Galanti ’98, Bill Wainscott ’96, Henry Christner ’00, Carl Johnston ’97, David Hamnett ’00, Morgan Tribe ’00, James Kelly ’00, Michael Palmore ’97, Will Hamnett ’97, Jacob Fleck ’99, Charley Smith ’00, Randy Marcus ’00, Ross Svetz ’08, and Broderick Mullins ’00. The bride is a graduate of Hollins University and works at Shades of Light. The groom earned an MBA from the College of William and Mary and works at Genworth Financial. They live in Richmond.

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MATTHEW P. SCOTT and AMANDA RENFROW were married on March 3, 2007, in Portsmouth. The bride is a graduate of Virginia Wesleyan College. The couple met while working at P&O Nedlloyd in 2003. They both continue to work
for the company, now owned by Maersk, Inc. She works in the finance department, while he works in the equipment department. They live in Charlotte with their golden retriever Gibby.

**PATRICK LAWRENCE STROLLO** and **ALLIE PATTON ADAMS** were married on October 25, 2008, at St. Benedict Catholic Church in Richmond. Bryan F. Sheridan ’97 and Jonathan T. Antonelli ’00 were groomsmen. The bride is a graduate of Longwood University and earned a master’s degree from Virginia Commonwealth University. She is an elementary technology integrator for Chesterfield County Public Schools. Mr. Strollo is the memorial consultant for Bennett Funeral Home. They live in Richmond.

**HUNTER DALTON SMITH** and **LESLIE ANN ALLGOOD** were married on October 18, 2008, at Second Presbyterian Church in Roanoke. In attendance were Matthew B. Romani ’01 and Adam C. Ward ’01. The bride is a graduate of Hollins University and earned a master’s in public administration from Virginia Tech. She is the regional director of the Virginia Wounded Warrior Program. Mr. Smith earned his master’s of business administration from the University of Virginia and is the vice president of development for Smith/Packett Med Com. They live in Roanoke.

**ANDREW W. WALSHE** and **SARA A. BROMBERG** were married on June 14, 2008, in Washington, DC. In attendance were Jeff Hubbard ’02 and Stephen Sharpe ’02. The couple lives in Arlington.

**2003**

**MATTHEW LESLIE BAKER** and **LINDSEY CAROL GOODMAN** were married on June 16, 2007, at Bon Air Baptist Church in Richmond. Kevin Turner ’03 was the best man. Groomsmen were Nick Hart ’03, Chad Madison ’03, and Drew McIlreavy ’03. In attendance were Lt. Nicholas Beazley ’03, Judson Root ’03, and Jimmy Champion ’05. The bride is a graduate of Elon University and is the manager of business relations for The Club Foundation/CMAA. The groom received a
Charles William Dodson and Natalie Franklin were married on August 16, 2008, in Mobile, Alabama. In attendance were John Dodson ’06, Camper O’Neal ’04, David Batt ’05, Brad Israel ’04, Lex Rickenbaker ’04, Will Israel ’03, Matt Anderson ’04, Cooper Wilson ’04, Christian White ’03, Andrew Reed ’04, Jimbo Shepard ’03, and Austin Christen ’04.

Wesley S. Lawson and Amy Hunt were married on September 13, 2008, in Lynchburg. In attendance were Dallas Christian ’03, E. Judson McAdams, Jr. ’04, Bryan Horner ’03, Justin Azar ’07, Kieran Kobell ’07, Adam Lawson ’00, Dr. Aaron Marks ’98, Tyler Hustrulid ’04, Tom Melton ’06, William H. Putegnat IV ’04, Perry E. “Rett” Turner III ’04, John Neal ’05, William Horner ’05, Watson Mulkey ’08, Edwin B. Horner III ’76, Fitz Robertson ’09, John Boswell, Jr. ’08, Mladen Cvijanovic ’08, Dr. David Klein ’78, Meade Whitaker III ’99, and John Ramsay ’05. The bride works at James River Day School. The groom is the assistant dean of students for resident life at the College. They live in Lynchburg.

Richard Rhett Owens, Jr., and Gunter Davis were married on May 10, 2008. In attendance were Ingram Smith ’06, Will Israel ’03, Hilton Crosby ’04, Thomas Nelson ’05, Camper O’Neal ’04, Christian Zaleski ’04, Drew Riley ’05, John Simpson ’05, John Dodson ’06, Christian White ’03, Charlie Dodson ’04, Lex Rickenbaker ’04, Will Heinitsh ’05, George Palmer ’05, Alec Ridley ’05, and Andrew Reed ’04. The bride is a graduate of Hollins University. They live in Birmingham, Alabama.

Richard Kagey Parrish and Laura Wortman, also known as “The Honey Dewdrops,” were married on September 27, 2008, at The Inn at the Crossroads in North Garden, Virginia. They are both teachers and continue to pursue their song writing and performing.

Kevin William Burke and Sophie DeCormis were married on October 11, 2008, in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. In attendance were Ryan Burns ’05, Ryan Fassnacht ’05, and Matthew Fassnacht ’04. The bride is a graduate of Longwood University.

William North Welsh and Kendra Lee Boehme were married on October 4, 2008, in Charleston, South Carolina, at The Belvidere Club. They live in Atlanta, Georgia. In attendance were Dacre Knight ’05, Elliot Howell ’05, Spencer Lippman ’05, Zach Shaw
At the wedding of Kevin Burke ’05 and Sophie deCormis on October 11, 2008.

‘05, Taylor Mann ’05, and John Perry ’05.

2006

JAMES EDMUND BARTON, JR., and NATALIE ANN BATMAN were married on October 4, 2008, on the campus of Sweet Briar College. Attendants in the wedding included Thomas Jennings ’07, Greg Danahy ’08, and Robert Harem ’06. Also in attendance were Michael Via ’07, Patrick Rowe ’09, Blake Dozier ’05, Jeff Kent ’06, Ryan Ash ’07, Judson Root ’03, Dr. Aaron Marks ’98, Sutton Tinsley ’07, Dr. David Klein ’78, and Greg Smith ’07. Mr. Barton is director of annual giving at Hampden-Sydney College.

JOHN ARlington DODSON and BROOKE BEARD were married on January 12, 2008. In attendance were Lex Rickenbaker ’04, John Fountain ’06, Gram Smith ’06, Charlie Dodson ’04, Thomas Nelson ’05, Tom Melton ’06, Doug LaBrosse ’06, Billy Allison ’06, George Palmer ’05, Robbie Hollings ’07, Rhett Owens ’04, Nick Fox ’06, Johnny Pritzlaff ’06, and Mike Sebeniecher ’06.

JOHN NICHOLAS FOX and

At the wedding of John Dodson ’06 and Brooke Beard on January 12, 2008.

At the wedding of James Barton ’06 and Natalie Batman on October 4, 2008.
ADRIA KENDALL were married on October 4, 2008, at Green Memorial United Methodist Church in Roanoke. Brother of the bride Adam Bruce Kendall ’09, Benjamin Cabell Barrow ’07, and Michael Kraemer ’05 were groomsmen. The bride is a graduate of Virginia Commonwealth University and works at Blue Ridge Surgery Center. The groom is the owner of Fox Renovations.

JAMES LOWELL ROCK, JR., and SALLY BEATHWAITE EYRE were married on September 28, 2008, at Alhambra Hall on the Charleston Harbor. The best man was Brad T. Benedetti ’06. The groomsmen were Stephen R. Diegelmann ’06, Russell W. Wood ’06, and Jonathan Andrew Hunt ’06. The bride earned a bachelor’s degree in architecture from Virginia Tech and works with Herlong and Associates. The groom is a science teacher at Charleston Collegiate School. They live in Mount Pleasant, South Carolina.

STANTON CURTIS SMITH and ALISON ELIZABETH KELLY were married on December 20, 2008, at Saint Bridget Catholic Church in Richmond. James L. Timberlake ’06 was the best man. Steven E. Ash, Jr., ’06, Justin F. Domurat ’06, and Sean V. Davis ’06 were groomsmen. In attendance were Christopher Joyce ’06, Miller Ruff ’06, Christopher Lindsey ’06, David McKnight ’06, William McNaughton ’06, Clarke White ’06, and Jay Kiley ’06. The bride is a graduate of Virginia Commonwealth University and works as a registered nurse at VCU Health System. Mr. Smith works for Louis Smith Construction Company, Inc. They live in Richmond.
2009, in Wimberley, Texas. In attendance were Gerrit von Holt ‘07 and Lucas Wadsworth ‘08. They live in Austin, Texas.

RICHARD ORRIN WIGHTMAN III and CHRISTINA ELIZABETH BLACK were married on October 4, 2008, in Virginia Beach. In attendance were John Franklin ‘07, Chris King ‘06, Rob Brinkley ‘06, Matt Heartwell ‘06, Tripp Kelly ‘06, Torrey Rainey ‘06, Paul Allen ’05, Tom Olcott ‘06, Will Beasley ‘07, Nate Toleton ‘07, Brian McLellan ‘08, Mathew Fluharty ’94, and Jim Richards ’80. The bride is a graduate of Virginia Tech and is a sales and marketing representative for Ryan Homes. The groom is an analyst for Northrop Grumman’s Defense Group and is also a military intelligence officer in the Army Reserves. They live in Woodbridge.

ROBERT WADE WINNER and ROSANNA LOUISE HAWKINS on December 13, 2008, at St. Paul’s Lutheran Church in Edinburg. Among the groomsmen was Tommy Watson ’07. The bride is a graduate of Sweet Briar College and is an educational assistant at Peter Muhlenburg Middle School. The groom is a biologist at HSRL Research Lab. They live in Mount Jackson.

2008

MATTHEW BRANDON VENEZUELA and KATIE LEIGH HAMPTON were married on January 2, 2009, at The Jefferson Hotel in Richmond. Daniel Venezuela ’10 was best man. Anthony Denale ’07, Daniel Prieto ’08, David Toney ’08, and Daniel Hadra ’08 were groomsman. In attendance were Mark Ranson ’07, John Apperson ’07, Todd Harrell ’08, Brock Ward ’08, Kevin Hill ’08, Ben Brawley ’09, and Allan Appling ’10. The bride graduated summa cum laude from Longwood University and is a second grade teacher at Shady Grove Elementary in Glen Allen. The groom is employed by the law firm of Brown-Greer PLC. They live in Richmond.
Births

1981
To J. BOLLING LEWIS III and SUZANNE LEWIS, a daughter, Suzanne “Anne” Carter Lewis.

1992
To GEORGE M. “TRIP” HOWE III and STEPHANIE HOWE, a son, George William Oates Howe, on December 20, 2007. They live in Charlotte, North Carolina.
To ROSS and HEATHER SALLADE, a daughter, Elizabeth Grier Sallade, on June 17, 2008. She joins sisters Emma Ainsley (6) and Hayden Reese (3) at their home in Raleigh, North Carolina.

1994
To GEORGE THOMAS MINTON III and ELIZABETH MINTON, a daughter Charlotte Lynne Minton, on February 8, 2008. She joins her brother George Thomas Minton IV (4) at their home in Norfolk.

1995
To CHRIS and ALYN BEDFORD, a son, Ellis Reid Bedford, on November 4, 2008. They live in St. Paul, Minnesota.
To BERKELEY and CHENEY EDMUNDS, a daughter, Serpell Pocahontas Edmunds, on September 21, 2008. She joins her brothers Berkeley, Jr., (2) and Bower (1).
To TUCK and KRISTINE SHUMACK, a son, Tucker C. Shumack, Jr., on August 18, 2008.

1996
To JAMIE and KRISTA BLACKBURN, a son, James Davis Blackburn, on September 22, 2008. They live in Atlanta, Georgia.

1997
To DAVID and KASEY McDANIEL, twin boys, Avery Graham McDaniel and Brennan Kole McDaniel, on May 25, 2008. They join their sister Taylor Brook (15) at their home in Glasgow.

1998
To JOSHUA and HEATHER BETTRIDGE, a son, Major Colt Bettridge, born December 29, 2008. They live in Austin, Texas.
To JOHN and CARIN EVANS, a son, Jackson Kindley Evans, born January 23, 2009. Jack joins his big sister Annabelle (2). They live in Fort Worth, Texas.
To Lt. Cmndr. JOHN M. LONG and SANDY LONG, a daughter, Madeline Anne Long, on February 19, 2009.

1999
To GEORGE F. ALBRIGHT III and STEPHANIE ALBRIGHT, a son, George Franklin Albright IV, on May 31, 2008. They live in Charlotte, North Carolina.
To JOHN and NANCY LOWRY, a son, John Miller Lowry, Jr., on January 21, 2009. John, Sr., is the son of William F. Lowry, Jr. ’66.

2000
To JACK and WHITNEY JIRAK, a daughter, Annette Marie Jirak, on March 4, 2009.
To JARED and JENNIFER TULLY, a son, Jackson Marshall Tully, on August 11, 2008. They live in Scott Depot, West Virginia.
To PETER and JENNY WINTERMUTE, a daughter, Kinsey Chancellor Wintermute, on August 12, 2008. They live in Alexandria with their dog Sydney.

2001
To RUSS and TRACY BRADLEE, a son, Jonathan Thomas Bradlee, on August 21, 2008. They live in Timonium, Maryland.
To MATTHEW and TAYLOR BROWN, a son, Connor Crisman Brown, on August 18, 2008. They live in Atlanta, Georgia.
To JEREMY and ANNA MAULDIN, a daughter, Lacey Abigail Mauldin, on October 1, 2008, in Temple, Texas.
To ADDISON and APRIL TILLAR, a son, Benjamin Addison Tillar, on October 29, 2008. He joins his sister Anna at their home in Richmond.

2003
To JOHN-DAVID and ERIN WILLIBY GARLETTs, a daughter, Sydney Lane Garlett, on October 2, 2008. They live in Savannah, Georgia.

Faculty & Staff
To ERIC and SACHIYO DINMORE, a son, Kazu Alexander Dinmore, on November 25, 2008, in Farmville. Dr. Dinmore is an assistant professor of history.
To ANGELO and NICOLE SOZOS, a son, Andrew William Sozos, on December 18, 2008. Mrs. Sozos works in the post office at the College and is the daughter of Ernie McAbee ’78 in Buildings & Grounds.
Deaths

1933
The Rev. MILTON CHICK WILKЕRSON of Roanoke died on December 10, 2008. He was a minister and nursing home administrator across Virginia.

1934
Dr. FRANCIS RECORD “FRANK” WHITEHOUSE, a physician and sportsman from Lynchburg, died on January 10, 2009. Dr. Whitehouse served two terms on the Board of Trustees at Hampden-Sydney College and funded both a dormitory in memory of his parents and the Rare Book Room in Eggleston Library in memory of his wife’s parents, Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Watts.

1935
ROGER LEE CHAMBLISS, JR., of Salem died on February 1, 2009. He was an avid gardener and taught agriculture economics at Virginia Tech.

JOHN ROLAND MARCHANT of Irvington died on December 2, 2008. He worked for Miller & Rhoads Department Store for 42 years, retiring as president and CEO.

TRIGG MOSBY PHLEGAR of Norfolk died on January 14, 2009. He worked for Phlegar and Phlegar, a court reporter firm.

1938
KENNETH L. HUDSON, SR., of Daytona, Florida, died on February 22, 2006. He was a Navy veteran of World War II and worked for 35 years as a tobacco buyer for L&M Tobacco Company in Hartsfield, Tennessee.

ROBERT BOLLING “BO” WILLCOX III of Richmond died on January 10, 2009.

1939

1942
The Rev. PAUL JOHN COBLENTZ of Columbia, South Carolina, died on January 11, 2009. He and his wife Adele served as missionaries in Brazil from 1948 until their retirement in 1984.

1943
Dr. ROBERT PATRICK MOORE of Richmond died on December 2, 2008. He grew up at Hampden-Sydney, where his father, Ray A. Moore, Sr. 1900 served nearly half a century as the college physician for Hampden-Sydney College and Longwood College. He too became a physician, practicing in North and South Carolina. He is the brother of the late Dr. Ray A. Moore, Jr. ’41, Dr. John A. Moore ’45, and William A. Moore ’51.

1945
Dr. CHARLES RANDOLPH CREWS, a dentist in Radford, died on November 8, 2008.

1946
FORREST BYRD HOLLOWAY of Fredericksburg died on August 22, 2007. He worked in investing and real estate development and owned a tennis shop.

1950
PRESTON SAWYER, JR., of Lynchburg died on March 30, 2009. He was a lawyer and served as the commissioner of accounts for the City of Lynchburg for more than 30 years.

THOMAS C. VAIL, SR., of Milford, New Hampshire, died on October 24, 2008. Mr. Vail had been a salesman for Phoenix Insurance Company of Hartford, Connecticut.

1951
JAMES HUBERT LINDSAY of Atlanta, Georgia, died on October 19, 2008. He was a graduate of the University of Virginia Law and Engineering Schools and worked for the Georgia Highway Department and Gifford-Hill.

1952
JATHAN NOELL “JAKE” STONE of Richmond died on December 13, 2008. He was the head of safety at the Naval Research Lab in Washington, D.C., in the Health Physics Department.

1953
WILLIAM W. NORCROSS, SR., of Jackson, Mississippi, died on March 27, 2007. He worked for Bradshaw & Hoover Insurance Company.

1954
GLEN GROVE VOUGHT of Harrisonburg died on December 24, 2008. He taught science in the Danville public schools and was a member of the counseling faculty of Old Dominion University and Christopher Newport University.

1955
WILLIAM CABELL RIVES III of Southport, North Carolina, died on March 29, 2009. He worked as a business development manager with Cigna.

1959
STUART W. COPELAND of Norfolk died on March 1, 2009. He was a retired congressional investigator for the Inspector General at Fleet Forces, U.S. Navy Headquarters Command; a retired vice president for Crestar Bank; and a retired captain in the U.S. Navy Supply Corps Reserves.
1960
VINCENT LEGRAND SEXTON III of Athens, Georgia, died on December 20, 2008. He was a professor at Truett McConnell College for more than 20 years.

1961

1963
BOYD V. SWITZER of Richmond died on December 13, 2008. Mr. Switzer was a retired attorney.

1970
JAMES R. WHORLEY of Forest died on December 27, 2008. He was an educator, coach, and administrator at Brookeville High School and at Rustburg Middle and High Schools.

1980
Dr. DOUGLAS S. PRICE, JR., of Danville died on March 14, 2009. He was a dentist in Chatham.

1981
WILBERT J. PARKER of Silver Spring, Maryland, died on December 3, 2008. He worked in city administration in northern Illinois and Washington, D.C., and for the federal court services.

1995
CHRISTOPHER H. HARLAN of Morrisville, North Carolina, died in November 2008. He worked as a library assistant at the National Institutes of Environmental Health Sciences.

Faculty & Staff
Dr. ANTONY CRISTO of Spring Hill, Florida, died on November 26, 2008. He was a professor of economics at Hampden-Sydney College and Longwood University. He earned his Ph.D. from Duke University in 1972.

WILFRED R. “WILL” CHASSEY of Bracey died on February 18, 2009. Mr. Chassey served as the Hampden-Sydney College athletic director in the 1980s. He earned a master’s degree in educational administration at Springfield College, where he won the NCAA regional wrestling championship in his weight division. Before coming to Hampden-Sydney, he was an associate professor at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He is the father of Dr. Richard A. Chassey ’83.

College Friends
Mrs. WILEY HARDY WHEAT, a Richmond philanthropist and former Trustee of Hampden-Sydney College, died on February 15, 2009. A national leader in the historic preservation movement, widely recognized for the restoration of Blandfield, her 18th-century home in Essex County, Mrs. Wheat was the widow of James C. Wheat, Jr., chairman of the board of Wheat, First Securities, Inc., and the mother of James C. Wheat III ’75. She was also the granddaughter of John Jarman, longtime president of Longwood University.

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For more information or to make a gift, please contact James Barton ’06, Director of Annual Giving, toll-free at 1-800-865-1776 or online at www.hsc.edu/development.
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Reunions for the Classes of 1964 and 1969 will be held Friday night. Game Day reunions on Saturday will be held for the Classes of 1974, 1979, 1984, 1989, 1994, and 1999-2009.

The weekend’s events will include annual favorites such as the Colonel Franke Memorial Golf Tournament, the Graves Thompson Tennis Challenge, the Lacrosse Alumni Game, football and soccer games, and the Homecoming Lunch and Awards Ceremony.

New this year are a Veterans Reunion, Veterans Remembrance at Memorial Gate, and a Veterans Reunion Dinner.

Additional event and registration information will arrive in the mail soon.

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