Royal B. Cabell, Jr. ’43 Memorialized

On May 7, 2009, friends and family of Royal B. Cabell, Jr. ’43 gathered for the dedication in his honor of the rare book room in the Bortz Library.

Mr. Cabell was a steadfast supporter of Hampden-Sydney College throughout his life, including serving 31 years as a trustee. As noted by President Walter Bortz, he exemplified the good man and good citizen and carried on the tradition of service that his ancestors have provided since the College’s founding.

Roy Cabell’s son, Charles L. Cabell ’74, remarked that his father was a man of many contradictions: “He had many talents and almost no vices. He gave to many and took from few. He was always a wise man and never a wise guy. Also, he was liberal with his generosity and conservative with his politics. To me, that is what a Hampden-Sydney man is.”

The Cabell Room, which houses many of the College’s rare books on the fourth floor of the Library, was funded through the generosity of The Robert G. Cabell III and Maude Morgan Cabell Foundation.
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MEET THE 24TH PRESIDENT OF HAMPDEN-SYDNEY COLLEGE

CHRISTOPHER & BARBARA HOWARD
WITH THEIR SONS
COHEN (LEFT) AND JOSHUA
ON THE LAWN
AT MIDDLECOURT
The 24th President of Hampden-Sydney College has all the requisite qualifications: advanced degrees, experience in higher education, a level of success in a chosen field (or two). Without looking too hard, the casual observer will find that Dr. Christopher B. Howard goes far beyond the requisite qualifications for president.

He was an Academic All-American football player at the Air Force Academy. He was a Rhodes Scholar at Oxford University where he earned a doctorate in politics. He earned an MBA at Harvard and was one of the principal leaders of the HIV/AIDS initiative at Bristol-Myers Squibb. He founded and leads a non-profit organization. He is a decorated veteran of the war in Afghanistan. He served as vice president of Leadership and Strategic Initiatives at the University of Oklahoma. In short, if Chris Howard has not done it yet, he will get around to it in due time.

As the son and nephew of military veterans, Dr. Howard knew at an early age that he would serve his country in the Armed Forces. The image of a West Point cadet was a driving force for the young teenager as he joined the local Army JROTC. "I have had a uniform in my closet since I was 14 years old. It is a big part of who I am, but it isn’t everything about me. I was one of those kids who got a Ph.D. in himself pretty early in life. I really understood how I ticked and I was fairly disciplined. I’ve always thought that I have been given great opportunities and I know who I am, so there are no excuses for me not to do the best that I can.”

Howard has always been a good student, but says his success in the classroom has come not from natural brilliance but from hard work. His grandparents worked as sharecroppers in Texas early in their lives and their house, he recalls, did not have an indoor toilet. The stories they told him, along with those of his parents, and lessons they taught him as a young man had a profound effect on how he has lived his life. “Being around my parents and grandparents, I embraced their philosophies and lessons on life without having to live it. I could live a very positive way vicariously through their hardships.”

When Dr. Howard and his older brother Reggie were growing up in Plano, Texas, their family’s work ethic was passed on. “I remember when I was a kid wanting to wait to cut the yard because it was really hot outside. My mom would say, ‘You think it’s hot now? Imagine having to pick cotton all day like I did during most summers as a child. Put on a straw hat and wrap a towel around your neck. You’ll be okay, son.’ That instilled a bit of mental and physical toughness in us that served us well in Texas high school football. It served us well in a very good public school system. What were we going to do? We weren’t picking cotton. We had a school, a house to live in, meals to eat. What’s there to complain about? That’s how I was raised.”

**Passion for Service**

When Dr. Howard first saw that picture of a cadet and decided that he wanted to attend the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, he set in motion a lifetime of service for others. This first manifested itself in military service for the country. It has grown to include mentoring students at the University of Oklahoma, founding the non-profit Impact Young Lives Foundation, and leading public health initiatives at a major pharmaceutical company.

Despite his early fixation on West Point, Dr. Howard did not attend the school. He had the grades, the football prowess, and the support of his Congressman, but life threw him a curve. He began pursuing a service academy appointment as early as the 8th grade. “About that time I wrote a letter to my congressman. I remember saying, ‘My name is Chris Howard. I’m a good student. I’m a good athlete, and I’m a student leader. I want to go to West Point for four years.’ The congressman sent a note back saying, ‘Thank you for your letter. You sound like a fine young man, but I’m not your congressman.’ I had sent it to the wrong person.” Ultimately, the letter got to the correct congressman, Steve Bartlett, who eventually did give Dr. Howard an appointment to West Point.

When it was time for the young Chris Howard to select a school, he had earned scholarships to a number of universities as well as appointments to
West Point, the Naval Academy, and the Air Force Academy. His parents, head football coach, and JROTC Commander conspired to keep the news of his West Point appointment from Howard until after his high school football team played in (and won) the state championship game. Even though he loved West Point, the beauty and the challenge of the Air Force Academy won him over. He says, “I’d never seen mountains like that; I’d never been in a place like that, so I decided to choose Air Force. The football coaches at the service academies were talking to me. The coaches at Navy and Army were saying, ‘Chris, you can come and you’ll get to play early. You might even start as a freshman. You’ll certainly start as a sophomore.’ The coach at Air Force, Coach Fisher DeBerry, said, ‘Chris, I can promise you one thing: I’m going to work your tail off.’ That’s all he said to me. I decided to accept his challenge and to go to the Air Force Academy.”

Dr. Howard’s service for his country has taken him to Bosnia and the combat zone in Afghanistan. In 2003, he served as the chief of Human Intelligence Operations for the Defense Intelligence Agency at Bagram Air Base. He was awarded the Bronze Star for distinguished service in combat, then assigned to US Pacific Command working counter-terrorism. Now a lieutenant colonel, Dr. Howard still serves in the Air Force Reserves as the Air Attaché to Liberia.

Years later, Dr. Howard had moved from the role of student to that of teacher. At the University of Oklahoma he served as the Vice President for Leadership and Strategic Initiatives and as the Director of the Honors College Leadership Center. He taught leadership using the great books method and counts among his greatest achievements there the mentoring of individual students like Heisman Trophy winner Sam Bradford. “I did programs. We raised money. All of that’s fine,” says Dr. Howard. “On an emotional level, though, what I will remember is that there is a significant number of minority students at Oklahoma and I think they wanted a role model who looked like me, who was accessible, who offered tough love and guidance—and I gave that to them. There are many students at OU, who happened to be minorities, who tell me that I helped them exceed their expectations. When you are working on the individual level to help someone achieve more than they ever thought they could—it doesn’t get any cooler than that.”

Service took on new meaning for Dr. Howard and his wife Barbara when they co-founded the Impact Young Lives Foundation. The foundation’s mission is to identify exceptional young leaders among previously disadvantaged South African university students and to transform them into global-minded citizens by providing scholarships and opportunities to travel. “Travel has meant a lot to me. Being exposed to different cultures and seeing the world has made me what...”
I am today. So, I thought wouldn’t it be neat if kids of color, previously disadvantaged kids in South Africa, could have this same transformational experience. In a very Jerry-McGuire sort of moment, I sat down and wrote what was my personal manifesto, which said at the end of the day I want to impact young lives of people of color in South Africa.” Since 2000, the IYL Foundation has provided more than $30,000 in scholarships and produced 33 scholars who have traveled to the United States to meet with business leaders, politicians, and educators who have provided the guidance and support for these South African youth to become positive influences in their own country.

At Bristol-Myers Squibb, Dr. Howard took part in the multi-national team to provide $100 million in grants for HIV/AIDS research. The Secure the Future project is creating solutions for women and children in sub-Saharan Africa as they build healthier communities.

Amazingly, during all of these activities, Dr. Howard also became an Aspen Institute Henry Crown Fellow and a member of the Council on Foreign Relations. He has since become a senior advisor on African affairs at Stonebridge International.

**Supporting the Hampden-Sydney way**

Hampden-Sydney College’s dedication to the liberal arts, rural setting, and close-knit community create a unique learning environment that some might find difficult for a new president to penetrate. However, Dr. Howard sees much of his own learning experiences unified at Hampden-Sydney. “My running joke is that the Air Force Academy is a liberal arts college masquerading as an engineering school. It’s small. It’s high-touch. It’s the whole person. It has an honor code. Sound familiar? It says research is important. Scholarship is important. But educating—not just schooling, but educating—the young man or woman is critical.”

He recalls professors living on campus and giving students their home telephone numbers. Classes there rarely had more than 20 students. “The Air Force Academy was all about the ‘complete person’. We were jumping out of airplanes and learning physics and playing football and reading American literature.”

The concept of “high-touch” sounds like an innovative (and somewhat provocative) teaching technique, but Hampden-Sydney faculty have been doing it since our beginning. The one-on-one interaction between students and faculty, students and coaches, students and staff is the teaching environment we have been perfecting for more than 200 years.

Dr. Howard got another dose of high-touch at Oxford University where he earned his doctorate in politics as a Rhodes Scholar. Oxford, which has been around since 1096, might have a little more experience
at it than we have.

“At Oxford, they have one-on-one or two-on-one tutorials,” recalls Dr. Howard. “That makes it hard to hide when you are reading your essay and your professor says, ‘Christopher, you don’t write very well, now do you?’ Thankfully, that same professor then works tirelessly with you for three years to help you earn your doctorate.” That experience also prepared him for understanding and appreciating Hampden-Sydney College’s strong student-faculty connections. As at Hampden-Sydney College, students at Harvard Business School, where Dr. Howard earned his MBA, must complete a core curriculum. Also, Harvard MBA students develop a strong sense of community and create a sense of purpose.

Dr. Howard sums it up like this: “Instructed methodology as a cadet; whole-person concept; one-on-one, highly intellectual discourse with professors; hard-core analytical training and skill-set at Harvard Business School, with a real sense of purpose and of community; work hard and play hard, as well. All of this sounds a lot like Hampden-Sydney to me. It sounds like the bits and pieces of what we expect a Hampden-Sydney education to be.”

Hopes and dreams for the College

Dr. Howard knows he is the new kid on the block. He understands that Hampden-Sydney is a place proud of its traditions and heritage. For these reasons he says he will commit to listening and learning during his first six months in office before launching any initiatives of his own.

Dr. Howard will not deviate from Hampden-Sydney College’s all-male status. “I think that we offer up an option for boys that is relevant,” he told The Farmville Herald. “There is a place and a space for ... a place like Hampden-Sydney, like Morehouse, and like Wabash. So to say there are a couple of schools out there that say, ‘We’re going to focus on men and to ensure that these young men are privy to an institution that focuses on their unique needs,’ I think is okay.”

There are guiding principles, however, that he is ready for Hampden-Sydney students, faculty, staff, coaches, alumni, and parents to adopt. “Let’s bring the life of the mind out of the classroom and into the dorms and the frat houses. Let’s also bring the character building from the football field and the student government into the classroom.

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He adds, “A college president can have hopes and dreams for a college. My hopes and dreams for Hampden-Sydney fall into three categories. I think a college has a mind, a body, and a soul. I think that the College has done an exceptional job under the leadership of Dr. Bortz working on the mind; the faculty is outstanding. We have a fine, fine faculty. The body of the College is in wonderful shape. The Bortz Library is looking great. Everett Stadium and Kirk Athletic Center look great. We do have some work to do, but generally the body of the College looks great. The soul of the College is wonderful. There is a seamless web that runs back over 200 years that speaks to this ‘Long Garnet Line’—to borrow a phrase from my sister college, West Point—and it is very special. But I want to spend some time working on the soul of the College. I want us—as alumni, students, faculty, staff, parents—to think about collective and individual responsibility. Every student at this College has an individual responsibility, and there is a collective responsibility. In essence, you are your own keeper and you are your brother’s keeper.”

To achieve his hopes for Hampden-Sydney College and to oversee the operation of this historic institution, Dr. Howard must exercise tremendous leadership. As a student of leadership, Dr. Howard has had many mentors. Most recently, when he was Vice President for Leadership and Strategic Initiatives and Director of the Honors College Leadership Center at the University of Oklahoma, he worked and studied under University President David Boren. He served under Major General Stanley McMurtry, who is now the top U.S. commander in Afghanistan. He also credits former supervisors at General Electric and Bristol-Myers Squibb for teaching him adaptability and management skills.

Dr. Howard says, “What happens over time is that your paradigm for leadership becomes a composite. You have so many influences that you can’t remember who said what. You just remember the ‘it’. That’s what’s happening to me now. It has been a wonderful journey to be able to draw from a book I read, a coach I played for, a boss I worked for, a subordinate in my organization, a student—I’ve learned a ton from students. So all of that has amalgamated to create a paradigm of leadership for me.”

President Boren drew Dr. Howard away from the corporate world and into higher education. He says, “Chris Howard is a leader of enormous ability. During his time at the University of Oklahoma, he constantly put students first and became a mentor and role model. I predict that he will be an outstanding president for Hampden-Sydney College.”

There are three parts to leadership, according to Dr. Howard: empathy, intelligence, and audacity. He explains: “I don’t think you can be a good leader if you don’t have the ability to put yourself in other people’s shoes. That doesn’t mean that you can’t make tough decisions that impact these folks, but if you can’t see
the humanity in your fellow men and women, I think it’s hard to be a good leader. Intelligence—you’ve got to be reasonably bright to be a leader. The world is complex. There are a lot of management issues involved with leadership. Folks are counting on you to understand the nuances and complexities. Also, not to sound derivative of our President, but audacity is important in the sense that no matter what you do, you are going to alienate people when you take a stand and you lead. You don’t need to do it intentionally, but if you can embrace the need to push forward a little—if you don’t have that audacity—then it is hard to be a leader.”

Dr. Howard says he has worked under many wonderful leaders throughout his career—he is a military man after all—but he credits his mother for giving him the skills to lead. “I know I’m going to get all sorts of brownie points for this, but my mom is a ‘no excuse’ kind of person. I grew up in a house with a mother who is very loving and very caring, but says ‘get on with it,’ ‘stop whining,’ and ‘you can’t control how you acted, but you can control how you react.’ She had a profound influence on me.”

**Coming to Hampden-Sydney College**

While working for Bristol-Myers Squibb, Dr. Howard was called back into military service, this time to Afghanistan as an intelligence officer. Following his deployment, he had some time to think about his future, to think about whether working in a corporate environment was right for him. He says, “I found in the corporate world that I tended to gravitate to projects where you could do well by doing good, whether it be in the pharmaceutical industry, whether it be with General Electric working on infrastructure initiatives that helped the impoverished world. I was always kind of different.” He wanted to keep “doing well by doing good,” so he weighed his options. He considered staying in active duty. He also considered entering the non-profit sector or higher education. “I called several people and one who really stuck with me was Ben “Bernie” Dunlap, the president of Wofford College; he and I were at the Aspen Institute together. I remember his saying, ‘Chris, you should have come to higher education yesterday. You have the academic credentials, but you...”

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**STEPHEN TRACHTENBERG**

President emeritus of The George Washington University

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*President Howard discussing South American musical traditions with Ken Lehman, Elliott professor of history and an expert on Bolivia.*
also have a real-world approach to leadership. With what you've seen, you would be great for the students, faculty, staff, and the whole higher education community. I think you should do it. That just kind of sat in my craw for a while. Over time, I met President David Boren at the University of Oklahoma. He made me an offer I couldn't refuse, which got me to transition to higher education."

The move to Hampden-Sydney came after Dr. Howard met The George Washington University’s President Emeritus, Stephen Trachtenberg, through mutual friends. When Dr. Howard began considering long-term career plans, his friends recommended he contact President Trachtenberg, and as Mr. Trachtenberg says, "Being Chris Howard, he found his way into my office." He continues, "We looked at some college presidencies and none of them really suited Chris' personality. When Walter [Bortz] announced his retirement and the Hampden-Sydney presidency became available, Chris looked it over and said, 'This could be it. This could be home'.

Mr. Trachtenberg knows more than a thing or two about Hampden-Sydney College. He also recommended former president Walter Bortz to the Board of Trustees. "I talked to Walter," says Trachtenberg, "to get a sense of what the Board was looking for. I think that in Chris you combine many of the great aspects of his predecessors. So I wrote a letter of recommendation and my letter got read because I started by saying, 'I don't know if you remember me, but I recommended your last president. I think I have another one for you.' I think Chris and Walter have been two wonderful choices for Hampden-Sydney; I'm not going to go for three."

"Being a college president is a daunting job that calls for a range of skills," says Mr. Trachtenberg. "Chris has all of the necessary requirements; he is an academic, a leader, and a manager. These are times when college finances require more attention than when money was easier to come by. He can do that. He has great political skills. He is a terrific role model. I firmly believe that he will add value not only to the College, but also to the Commonwealth. His standing will rise beyond the campus to American higher education. This is a very special guy."

Hampden-Sydney College Chairman of the Board Tom Allen '60 echoes these sentiments. He says when the board met to discuss Dr. Bortz's announced retirement and his replacement, they decided they wanted someone "outside the box" who would "shake things up" and "think big."

"Mission accomplished," says Mr. Allen. "Chris has a C.V. like no one I have ever met at his age. He is so accomplished, young, and dynamic. He is the real deal."

When asked whether or not it is significant that Dr. Howard is the first African-American president at Hampden-Sydney College, Mr. Allen says, "His experience and character make color insignificant. He is a tremendous listener, which will stand him in good stead. He has one of the broadest spans of friends and acquaintances that I have seen, and he puts it to good use. He showed amazing due diligence, having long conversations with numerous people as he approached this job. We are just lucky to have him land in our lap." Mr. Allen is quick to add, "Don't discount his wife Barbara. She is just as bright as he is, if not brighter. And, I must say, she was the only candidate's wife who wanted to go down to the Commons to talk to students. She will be a tremendous asset. They are a remarkable couple and we're lucky to have them."

Lucky indeed. As Hampden-Sydney College, like the country at large, enters a period of economic uncertainty, we are lucky to have such a dynamic and intelligent leader at the helm. His enthusiasm and accomplishments can attract prospective students, students who will benefit from his high expectations and mentorship. Dr. Howard’s personal academic successes at the Air Force Academy, Oxford, and Harvard, as well as his time teaching in the classroom at the University of Oklahoma, give him an understanding of the needs of our dedicated faculty. His commitment to Hampden-Sydney’s mission—to create good men and good citizens in an atmosphere of sound learning—will quickly endear him to our alumni.

As Dr. Howard begins his new career at this old college, we can agree without a doubt that we are lucky to have him.
Barbara Howard

While President Howard meets with faculty and readsies the campus for 1,100 students, his wife Barbara Howard is a short distance down Via Sacra preparing their own children for life in a new town and a new home. A strong believer in the role of a nurturing family in the lives of children, she says she is eager to ingratiate herself with the community, but only after her sons Cohen (16) and Joshua (11) are comfortable. It should not take them long to unpack and feel at home; since the Howards were married, they have moved 12 times.

Barbara Howard’s down-home ease is coupled with international sophistication as she balances motherhood, charity work, and, until moving to Hampden-Sydney, her own career as a fundraiser at the University of Oklahoma.

Though she has lived in more parts of the United States than most of its citizens have ever visited, Mrs. Howard was born in South Africa and raised under the oppression of apartheid, an experience that has shaped who she is.

“I grew up going to a so-called colored school in South Africa,” she explains. “We had four different groups in South Africa: black, white, colored, and Indian. I am colored and I grew up in a colored community.”

When asked about living under apartheid, she says she has two particular memories. One was when new international sanctions were being levied against the country and her father had to choose between taking a 50-percent cut in pay or losing his job. He took the pay cut and the family learned to live with less.

“Another thing I remember was something my mom did one year close to Christmas time. It’s like Easter here and everyone gets dressed up, so we went to a dress shop and I was going to try on a dress. The woman there directed us, my mother and me, to the kitchen. I asked, ‘Why are we in here?’ And my mother said, ‘Well, it’s just part of the system.’ You could tell that she was embarrassed, but right there in the kitchen she explained everything to me. From then on it was always in your face. I went from being an innocent and comfortable child to going to a hamburger place a week or so later where we had to stand in a separate line to place our order and then go to a different window to pick up our order. Everything was separate.”

She says the hatred associated with treatment under apartheid is deeply rooted, but the younger generations are moving forward. Mrs. Howard can see evidence of this in the young students who participate in the Impact Young Lives Foundation scholarships and overseas trips, opportunities she and her husband provided when they created the non-profit organization.

Education has always been important to Mrs. Howard. She remembers being able to read at an early age and having a teacher pull her aside and give her more advanced books. Her passion for reading is one reason she and President Howard hope to continue a program begun by the Bortzes. “I think Walter and Lorraine started a great thing by giving out dictionaries to second graders in the elementary school. We want to continue that tradition. I would love to work with reading programs in the school, but also I want to teach the children about South Africa. I would like to share my experiences growing up in South Africa, as it relates to Prince Edward County’s own history, but also to tell them about life in South Africa and what children are like in South Africa.”

Of course, she is eager to work with Hampden-Sydney students too. She says, “I really love the students; I enjoyed interacting with them at OU where we were faculty in residence. I really just look forward to talking with them and seeing how they develop over the four years that they are here. That’s what I am looking forward to the most: getting to know the students, meeting the many members of this community, and contributing to this wonderful, historic college community.”

Chairman of the Board Thomas Allen ’60 remarked that Mrs. Howard was the only presidential candidate’s spouse who wanted to meet any students. “The fraternity members I have spoken with have been very welcoming. When Chris met with the faculty during the interview process, I asked Paul Baker to arrange for me to meet with some of the students. On the spur of the moment I asked them if I could come see their fraternity house and they said, ‘Yes.’ So, I went and they were very
welcoming. We had a deep discussion. I asked them questions about Hampden-Sydney and then opened the floor and asked them if they had any questions for me and they were honest. They asked me deep questions about single-sex education and whether Chris would maintain Hampden-Sydney's single-sex education. In turn, I asked them how their parents would feel if the College had to raise its tuition to remain all-male. One student said if the tuition went up his family might not be able to afford it, while another said he would pay more to keep it all-male. We had a wonderful, frank, honest discussion. I know they are known for being party boys but I saw a completely different side of them.”

President and Mrs. Howard met while he was a Rhodes Scholar at Oxford University. “He wanted to know more about the history of Cecil Rhodes and how Rhodes helped to develop the modern South Africa, so he came to visit. A mutual friend of ours was also a Rhodes Scholar; he used to bring all of his foreign friends to visit our home. That’s how I met him. I joke with people that Chris couldn’t find a wife here in the big ole U.S.A. He had to go all the way to South Africa.”

Their courtship was just as unique as how they met. “In terms of years, it was two years, which seems long. In terms of time spent together, it was very short, because he was in England and then went back to the U.S. for flight school. This was before e-mail, before good calling-card rates. It was very expensive.”

Mrs. Howard says her hobbies include reading and what she describes as “a little obsession” with organizing things. “I wouldn’t say I am obsessive compulsive,” she says with a laugh. “I don’t do a lot of labels anymore, but I do enjoy organizing things in big containers. I remember Laura Bush talking about how she likes to organize closets. I am the same way. It feels great and really gets me going. Also, I like going out in the yard and working. That is therapy for me. I am not on the level of Lorraine [Bortz] and Susie [Wilson], but I do enjoy gardening. My son Joshua also enjoys planting and growing vegetables with me, so it is a wonderful activity for us to do together.”

The Howard boys will certainly become campus fixtures. Cohen, the older of the two, attends Virginia Episcopal School, a boarding school in Lynchburg. Joshua attends Fuqua School in Farmville and lives with his parents at Middlecourt, where he is the first full-time resident under the age of 18 in nearly 20 years. After he gets the dog his parents promised him, he will undoubtedly remind the 180-year-old house what it was like having the Bunting children running around.

With Hampden-Sydney students arriving and meeting Dr. and Mrs. Howard for the first time, she wants them to understand that they are all welcome at Middlecourt. “We want all of the students to know that we are here for them; it does not matter whether or not they are athletes or in a fraternity or in the student government. They will all be treated equally here.”
Dr. Palmer recognized by Sigma Nu

For her dedication to the brothers of Sigma Nu Fraternity, Dr. Julia Palmer received the national Chapter Advisor of the Year Award. She was presented the award at the Sigma Nu College of Chapters in Lexington, June 27-30.

Dr. Palmer, an assistant professor of modern languages, arrived at Hampden-Sydney College in 2006 and quickly became involved in fraternity life, becoming the Sima Nu advisor in the fall of 2007. She says, “Many of the Sigma Nu brothers take Spanish, so I met many of them in my class. The animal rescue project took off, though, after two Sigma Nu brothers, Chris McMeekin ’10 and Chris Tangard ’09, and I rescued a black and white pit bull named Petey from a really bad situation at a local home. The guys and I loved helping Petey so much that we decided to do more.”

Sigma Nu and Dr. Palmer volunteer at Prince Edward County Animal Control, which gathers stray dogs and cats with the hope of placing them in a new home. Each week, the brothers go to the animal shelter to spend time with the animals, giving them much-needed exercise and affection. The brothers also take pictures of the animals and post them on a pet adoption website. Dr. Palmer and more than a dozen Sigma Nu brothers presented information at a Prince Edward County Board of Supervisors meeting and influenced local lawmakers to pass an ordinance to keep dogs from running wild in the county.

Dr. Palmer says Dean of Students David Klein ’78 and his office have provided the support for Sigma Nu’s recent accomplishments. John Ramsay ’05, assistant dean for student activities and organizations at Hampden-Sydney, quickly hands the credit back to Dr. Palmer: “Dr. Palmer brings an excitement and enthusiasm to fraternity advising such as I have never seen. In this year alone, I have watched the men of the Eta Pi chapter take responsibility for their business affairs, implement a weekly community service program, hold each other personally accountable for his actions, abandon any remotely questionable practices during pledging, and embrace the ideals of ‘fraternity’ by uniting on several occasions to support brothers facing potentially devastating personal challenges. The fact that most of these changes took place during one academic year indicates exemplary leadership by Dr. Palmer and the officers of Sigma Nu.”

Being selected as the national Chapter Advisor of the Year Award came as a huge surprise to Palmer. “All of the other nominees that night were men, and I think they were all Sigma Nu brothers,” she says. “I was very honored to win the award.”

New Faculty

Two Hampden-Sydney College alumni are among eleven new faculty at the College this fall. Additional new faculty fill positions related to our Quality Enhancement Plan, “Preparing Good Men and Great Leaders for a Culturally Diverse World.” Implementing the Plan was a core requirement for the College’s reaccreditation process.

Dr. James Walter Frusetta is an assistant professor of history. He earned a B.A. at the University of Southern California, an M.A. at Arizona State University, and a Ph.D. University of Maryland (2006).

Monwabisi Sabatha Macdonald Gantsho is an international visiting scholar. He earned an MB.Ch.B. at the University of Natal, Durban, and an M.Phil. at the University of Port Elizabeth (2002).

Rachel Madeline Goodman is an assistant professor of biology. She earned her B.A. at Columbia University and her M.S. at the University of Tennessee-Knoxville (2004).

Dr. William John Green is a lecturer in history. He earned his B.A. at Baylor University and his M.A. and Ph.D. at the University of Texas at Austin (1994).

Dr. Kristian Michael Hargadon ’01 is an assistant professor of biology. A biology major at Hampden-Sydney, he earned his Ph.D. at the University of Virginia (2007).

Verna Lee Kale is a lecturer in English. She earned her B.A. at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill and an M.A. at The Pennsylvania State University (2005).

Moloko Priscilla Ramashala-Gantsho is an international visiting scholar. She earned her MB.Ch.B. at the Medical University of Southern Africa-Medunsa and her M.A. at Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University (2007).

Richard David Salvage is an assistant professor of fine arts. He earned an A.B. at Harvard University, an M.Mus. at Manhattan School of Music, and an M.Phil. at The Graduate Center of the City University of New York (2007).

Nolan Andrew Wages ’04 is an assistant professor of mathematics and computer science. A mathematics and economics major at Hampden-Sydney, he earned an M.S. at the University of Virginia (2006).

Dr. Michael John Wolyniak is an assistant professor of biology. He earned his A.B. at Colgate University and his Ph.D. at Cornell University (2004).

Jinzhou Zhao is an assistant professor of economics. She earned her B.A. at Wells College and her M.A. at the University of California-Santa Cruz (2005).
David Lewis portrait earns national acclaim in National Portrait Gallery competition

Students of Fine Arts Professor David Dodge Lewis may plan a road trip to Washington, D.C., when they learn that their professor has been named a finalist in the 2009 Outwin Boochever Portrait Competition at the National Portrait Gallery. Lewis’ portrait “Claire and Bev” is one of only 49 selected to hang in the museum from October 23, 2009, through August 22, 2010.

The Outwin Boochever Portrait Competition is a triennial event that invites figurative artists to submit entries in all media to be considered for prizes and display at the National Portrait Gallery. One particular stipulation of the competition is that the entries much reflect the artist’s direct contact with the subject.

The competition received 3,300 entries and Lewis says it was an honor to make the cut down to the final 100. “I was very pleased then because that was the major hewing. I thought I had a pretty good chance to make it to the final 49 because I knew at that point in the competition they would be viewing the original piece. My work is better viewed in person, rather than as a slide.”

Lewis is no stranger to artistic competition. His drawings have been selected Best in Show at five competitions across the country as well as garnering the 1989 Virginia Prize for the Arts in the prints and drawings category. However, this time, he says, is different. “As a finalist I get a one-year show at a national museum. This is a new level. This really is a national competition, and you’re up against the best in the country. I entered this competition three years ago and got nowhere, but I went to Washington to view the exhibit and realized this is what they mean by a portrait’ and I aimed my portrait at this particular show.”

The concept of “competitive art” is one that Lewis says is not for every artist, “You have to have your head on straight. You have to know who you are and not be dashed if you don’t get into a show or chosen for an award. It’s important to have several submissions out at once so the rejections don’t seem like the end of the world.”

While artists work for their own satisfaction, professional artists also need to make money. “It’s important on the professional side that art is interesting because it is a business. Art is like few other professions, though. If there were no demand for it, people would continue doing it because they love it. My Econ students don’t get that aspect of it. It’s a strange profession.”

During the exhibition, visitors to the museum and its website will be able to cast their vote for the “People’s Choice Award,” the winner of which will be announced in January.

His perseverance and directed approach paid off. David Lewis’ ascendance to the halls of the National Portrait Gallery is one highly visible example of how accomplished Hampden-Sydney faculty members are.
Daliances: Dr. Bill Goes to China

IN E-MAILS FROM ABROAD AND RECOLLECTIONS OF PERSONAL ADVENTURES, CHEMISTRY PROFESSOR BILL ANDERSON WRITES ABOUT HIS SABBATICAL YEAR TEACHING CHEMISTRY AT A BUSINESS SCHOOL IN DALIAN, CHINA.

Hampden-Sydney chemistry professor William Anderson, who spent a year in China on a faculty exchange program, with his son Cooper Anderson ’10 on the Great Wall.
At the heart of a sabbatical is the opportunity for a refreshing change of perspective that allows faculty to gain improved insight for students. Inspired by years of listening to Alistair Cooke’s “Letter from America” on the BBC, I like to send home little anecdotes and observations that can only happen in far-away lands. I call this “Daliences: Doctor Bill Goes to China.” I bet they don’t make an opera out of this, though.

I taught in the “College of International Business,” a joint venture of Liaoning Normal University and Missouri State University; it has three interesting aspects. First, its tuition is roughly five times that of other schools; it must be paid by the students, not the state. There are no school loans, either. Second, the entire curriculum is taught in English (thank God). Third, the students in the College of International Business are an interesting breed.

No discussion of university students in China would be proper if it didn’t start with the gaokao. (Hampden-Sydney economics professor Jinzhuo Zhao likely still wakes from a deep sleep in a cold sweat when she remembers this test.) The National College Entrance Exam (the gaokao) is like the SAT, except that it is two days long, covers every subject taught in “high school,” and is taken by 10 million students. Student scores determine which schools they may apply for. The highest-tier schools (like Beijing University or Tsinghua) take the top fraction of a percent. The next 1-2 percent are taken by “first-tier” schools. Liaoning Normal University (where I was) gets the next 5 percent. This equates roughly to having a minimum of 1420 combined math and verbal score on the SAT even to be accepted.

This means that the students waltzing into my classroom each have the test scores of an average Princeton student, and that their family will spend many times the average annual income per year for this education. These students are both able and connected to a significant support network. They will be influential in China for decades to come. I wish some Hampden-Sydney men could meet them.

Thirty students are grouped in a “section.” They live, eat, and go to class together, and sleep in the same 4-person rooms, so each class is made up of squads of roommates. Privacy is not even an illusion. Students must be in the dorms by 10 pm or they are locked out and reported as missing. The dorm’s electricity is turned off at 10:30; it gets pretty quiet in the dorms at night. Dorm rooms, by the way, do not have showers; they are in nearby buildings.

On my first quiz, I asked students where they were from and what hobbies or interests they had. There were some popular hobbies like “sleeping” and “eating,” which I hadn’t thought of as hobbies. Several said they liked “taking showers with friends after 9 pm.” Once you see the living arrangements, that makes sense. I’m pretty sure that most H-SC students wouldn’t take that hobby at its intended face value.

My students are majoring in International Business, so chemistry is a bit of a stretch for many. I had some...
success in showing them its relevance for international trade, using news stories like the SanLu infant formula tainting: melamine doping of soy protein powder. (Earlier, infant formula had been loaded with non-nutritive things like chalk. The kids starved. The government swore it wouldn’t happen again. Welcome to again.)

There is one student here whom I can actually imagine sitting in classes at H-SC. He always shows up and has a clue; in one class he forgot to do his homework, but made no excuses, just owned up to it.

Every student here has to have an English name to use during classes—Sun Nan becomes Nancy Sun or Zheng Yilin becomes Angela Zheng. This makes interaction with the western business world a bit easier, though sometimes the English names are not what I would expect: Daybreak (Dawn?) or Prometheus or Garfish (a woman) or Flower (a man). I tried to learn both English and given names. About 25 percent of the students are Korean or Indonesian or African—taking classes in their third language.

Students must use their English name and student I.D. number when signing tests. Since very few of them selected their own English names—and no one selects an ID number—it is a bit like taking an exam under a stage name; doesn’t exactly bind students to intellectual ownership or what “your own work” means. I changed my naming section to include a place to sign in characters or the Korean alphabet or whatever the home signature used. They included the English name for the convenience of their instructor, but this went over well with the students. Something about respect.

Students are allowed to drop classes up to the last week; some with as high as a C asked to drop the course. Pressure for students to perform is high. With about ten days to go, another professor decided to move her final exam to the night before my last hour exam. That didn’t sit well with my students or me. Most students did fine, despite the time constraint. A few lost their composure, and two tried to drop the course during the test. One showed up for it in tears. Too much pressure.

After finals, my son Cooper (H-SC class of 2010) arrived; we went to the city of Dandong, on the border with North Korea, escorted by (Sundae) Liu Chen, a spectacular student who would like to get into the event-planning field. About five of my students live in the Dandong area, and each insisted on taking us to lunch or dinner. The Chinese food table is conducive to conversation and each meal took two to three hours. It was great.

First, we went to Catherine Yao’s family rice farm and packaging facility. Her family grows rice, fish, and poultry in an innovative three-way growing arrangement. It is pretty far north for rice growing, but they get one good crop a year rather than the two or three grown in the south. They also are fortunate to have the Yalu River adjoining their fields. This river separates China from North Korea; it is amazing to stand on the riverbank at night and see a lit-up Dandong, buildings outlined in neon lights, and then see North Korea with a single visible incandescent light bulb. In Dandong restaurants, all the lettuce, greens, peppers, and apples were clean, crisp, and fresh, produced locally in miles of hothouses in the countryside—in January. Clearly, it is quite possible to grow food in the climate and conditions of North Korea, only the North Korean government won’t let their farmers find out how. We did get to board the boat where “illegal, but ethical” talks between North Korean and Chinese farmers took place in mid-river. I won’t say how far we went into North Korea now, but I was neither shot nor arrested. I did manage to escape with a small rock just large enough to house a radio transmitter.

Cooper, Sundae, and I spent a blisteringly cold and windy day keeping the Mongolians out of China as we took our turn manning the easternmost point on the Great Wall. The trip across the 50-meter long wood and rope bridge was memorable, as was the -15 C temperature and the 30 mph winds. We spent another day hiking in the Wu Long Shan park (Five Dragon Mountain). There was absolutely nobody else there.

I enjoyed seeing Cooper having conversations with cab drivers, street vendors, and students in Chinese. It is true to say that our pronunciation is far from native, but he was able to make himself understood. His effort was uniformly met with praise and appreciation. My thanks to H-SC for implementing Chinese language classes!
Our students will need to know how to communicate with the Chinese in the future. We can't wait for then.

Nothing prepared me for the “Spring Festival” or “Chinese New Year.” Absolutely everyone goes to the family home, so the cities empty out. If you can imagine being able to walk the entire length of Broad Street in Richmond without seeing a car or an open store, you are in the neighborhood. Every night brought more volleys of explosions and streaks across the sky. When the real celebration hit, at any instant I saw 30 to 100 chrysanthemum-style mortars exploding 200 feet above the ground.

Throughout this period I got lessons in what was supposed to happen in the Chinese family from Liu Chen. Her family included me in the meal at her father’s parents’ farm home. Grandfather made most of the amazing meal and the eight of us ate in a ten-foot square room that had a three-foot high “floor” occupying most of the room. There was a wood fire going on underneath, heating us as we ate. Toast, eat, toast, drink, toast, and absorb life . . . then nap when commanded to. I still can taste it. The people were inviting, friendly, upbeat, and gracious. I know how the Hampden-Sydney family can be openly hospitable. I want to encourage everyone who reads this to host a lonely foreign traveler at some time. Through moments like these that we can get some positive insight into each other.

My wife Katy came to Dalian for a few months and got the taste of living in a modern Chinese city. She was in Shenyang 22 years ago and is as stunned by the progress as I am. After being in Dalian for about 10 days, Katy had a “change of plan.” One of the EFL (English as a Foreign Language) instructors left mid-semester and they needed a native speaker to take over those classes. Surprise! Katy had the opportunity to teach a group of students and get the personal attachment to the place.

These spontaneous “opportunities” seem to happen all over China and require a certain flexibility. When you read about the lack of “thinking outside the box” or creativity as a feature in China, be informed that there is an uneven distribution of that quality. Yes, the classroom motif may be rigid, but not much else is.

Katy and I visited Thomas Robinson ’91 in Hangzhou for our May holiday week. Thomas was an active, involved student at HSC. He is now teaching at an exceptionally high-end school in China. After teaching in Charleston, South Carolina, for several years, Thomas and his wife Suzanne moved to Kuwait (American International School) where they had been for the last several years until this past fall. They are now in Hangzhou at the Hangzhou International School. Thomas runs the Model U.N. program, in addition to heading the science department there. We boated West Lake and hiked through the Long Jin tea plantation where I tasted tea for the first time.

Walking. On foot is a great way to get to know a place, so I started doing all my shopping (five miles round trip) on foot and then walking all day once a week. Dalian has several miles of walking roads, boardwalks, and trails. Most of the other faculty considered walking to the next room an imposition, so I had no company from them. Then Zheng Yilin told me that she regularly walked 20-30 kilometers for fun and suggested we explore together.

That was the start of a months-long conversation about life, nature, personal growth, and how you didn’t really notice the cold if you walked briskly. I think we logged over 500 km during the year. It was great practice for the Dalian International Walking Festival, a two-day walk-a-thon held on a 30-mile stretch of coastal highway. Nearly 300,000 people came from

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Elliott Professor of Chemistry
all over the world for a series of 10, 20 or 30 km walks. Needless to say, we opted for the longest route.

A month before the end of the spring semester, my student Derek Li invited me to Section 6’s end-of-year beach barbecue. It sounded like fun, so I accepted. Dalian occupies a peninsula with miles of beaches in every direction. I asked for a time, as I wanted to make some plans. He answered, “We will get back from Zhong Dao on Sunday evening.” I wasn’t really expecting a weekend affair, but after the initial worries, I packed bathing suit and sunblock and met the bus at the dorms. The four-hour trip passed quickly since they had planned games and karaoke (which was built into the bus) to pass the time.

The weekend included swimming, cooking barbecue, eating barbecue, cooking barbecue, flying kites, cooking barbecue, and, after no one could manage to eat another thing, cooking barbecue. I was honored to go on this trip to see the students on their own turf.

Students at the College of International Business have to take one or two required courses from mid-June to mid-July—leaving only twenty days of summer break. Since Katy had returned to the U.S., I was left with a three-bedroom apartment to myself, so I offered to let Zheng Yilin’s family stay there. Mr. Zheng (a policeman in a small city), Mrs. Zheng (a librarian in a middle school), and Grandmother Zheng (the source of all wisdom and cool) settled in for a few weeks. They had a pet professor, and we each had about the same pitiful amount of each other’s language. Every day, there was family-style food prepared largely by Mr. Zheng and Grandmother Z. My exploration of proper Chinese mealtime manners resulted in great laughter. At the end of their time in Dalian, Zheng Yilin and her family took me on a trip with them. All I had to do was follow along as most pets do. We went to Jinan, an exceptionally ancient and important city in China. There we climbed a granite-stepped staircase—with five times the number of steps as the Empire State Building—to the summit of Taishan, one of five sacred mountains in China; the summit, about 2000 feet above the clouds, has temples, steep cliffs, and no protective railings. People stay there overnight in modest accommodations to rise at 4 am for the spectacular sunrise. On the second day, we were treated to a solar eclipse, with about 90 percent occlusion! It got pretty dark. That was a moment to live in my head forever.

Well, there you have it—exactly what a sabbatical is supposed to do: return me to The Hill with a fresh outlook, improved insight, and a story to tell our students. I hope I carried the H-SC flag well and gave my best in Dalian. I have returned with new friends, new friends of the College, and a completely different understanding of the world.

We need to pay more attention to the people of China. They are paying attention to us and right now have national momentum and unbounded enthusiasm about their future . . . and the students are doing it with a curfew, no showers in the dorms, and no electricity at night. Think about it.
Hampden-Sydney College will pay a special tribute to alumni veterans at Homecoming 2009. Saturday, October 17, will include the forum “The Changing Face of War” in the morning, followed by a wreath-laying ceremony at Memorial Gate. Halftime of the football game against Washington & Lee will include a ceremony honoring our veterans, who are all invited to a post-game reception at Crawley Forum.

The College has a long association with military service, including The Hampden-Sydney Boys of the Civil War, the V-12 Navy unit stationed on The Hill during World War II, and the commissioning ceremony during commencement for our graduating ROTC members. We are honored to recognize the sacrifice so many Hampden-Sydney men have made for their country.

Don’t forget the many other activities: Friday includes the Col. Franke Memorial Golf Tournament, the 31st annual Graves Thompson Tennis Challenge (in honor of the ODAC-Champion tennis team), the Alumni Public Service Forum, the Homecoming Concert with Sister Hazel and The Spin Doctors, as well as the reunion dinners for Classes of 1964 and 1969. The fun continues on Saturday with game-day reunion gatherings, the lacrosse alumni game, football and soccer games, plus the Homecoming Lunch and Awards Ceremony. Stick around after the game for a concert with Maurice Williams and the Zodics.

Check out the Homecoming page on www.hsc.edu or call the Alumni Office at (434) 223-6148.

Dr. and Mrs. Howard returned to his home state of Texas for an alumni gathering on May 30 at the Dallas home of David Ball ’97 and his wife Barrett. 

AT LEFT: Dallas alumni with President-elect Howard: Wilson Schoellkopf ’93, Mike Spencer ’04, Tony Morris ’87, David Ball ’97, Dr. Howard, Jarrod Atkinson ’02, Bo Conrad ’91, Hollis Merwin ’04, Coach Ray Rostan, and Andy Pritchett ’99.
Summer College considers China

Alumni from locations as far flung as New Mexico, Florida, and Pennsylvania gathered on The Hill on June 5-7 for the twentieth consecutive Summer College.

“After the Olympics: China’s Place in the World” was the subject of the 2009 Summer College, with 72 participants attending lectures and panel discussions featuring Hampden-Sydney College Elliot Professor of Economics Kenneth N. Townsend and Professor of Economics Saranna R. Thornton, as well as incoming Assistant Professor of Economics Jinzhuo Zhao. Gen. Samuel V. Wilson, President emeritus of Hampden-Sydney College, and William Dorrill, President emeritus of Longwood University and a China expert, also gave their perspectives on China.

The Honorable Randy Forbes, who represents the 4th District in the U.S. House of Representatives and serves as the chair of the Congressional China Caucus, discussed U.S.-China relations. Retired Admiral Joseph Prueher, a former U.S. Ambassador to China, delivered the keynote address, “China’s Present, China’s Future.” Other speakers included Air Force Academy Associate Professor of History Carson Tavenner and James Madison University Professor of Political Science Yi Edward Yang. Hampden-Sydney College Environmental Studies Research Fellows Benjamin Brown ’09, Benjamin Cherry ’10, Sullivan Daves ’10, and Todd Magee ’09 also took part in the panel discussion “Changing Perceptions of Government in China.”

Dr. Townsend, professor of economics and the planner of this year’s Summer College, says, “On this 20th anniversary of the
crackdown against the protests by students and intellectuals at Tiananmen Square, which occurred June 4-5, 1989, we surveyed the tremendous pace of change that has taken place in China in only twenty years. It was an opportune time to convene to consider all that China has been, is, and is becoming. Many of us in the room came of age at a time in which China seemed a slumbering giant to Westerners. To those who will come of age in the next several decades, this giant will likely become the foremost economic force in the Global Economy. Our young people will never know a time not dominated by Chinese economics, Chinese politics, Chinese environmental activity, and Chinese military decisions. For people on the continent of Asia this is especially portentous. And, Asia is becoming the center of the Global Economy, much as North America and Western Europe arguably were in the 20th century. Thus together we took a three-day journey, “After the Olympics: China’s Place in the World.” We had an excellent series of sessions featuring some of the foremost experts on Chinese history, trade, diplomacy, economy, and environment that could be convened anywhere for a symposium on China’s rise to prominence.”

Max Meador ’58 says, “I have attended 19 of the 20 Summer Colleges. Each one has been interesting and stimulating, but it is not so much the topic as the opportunity to enjoy once again the Hampden-Sydney experience which brings me back every year.”
Highlights from The Presidential Tour

During a whirlwind tour, taking in 19 cities in less than six weeks, President Howard and his family travelled to most major constituency areas to meet Hampden-Sydney alumni, parents, and friends. Here are a few random shots from the cities he had visited by press time.

The Presidential Tour

AUGUST 4  ROANOKE
AUGUST 5  CHARLOTTESVILLE
AUGUST 6  LYNCHBURG
AUGUST 9  CULPEPER
AUGUST 10  WINCHESTER
AUGUST 11  WASHINGTON, DC
AUGUST 11  BETHESDA, MD
AUGUST 12  ALEXANDRIA
AUGUST 13  BALTIMORE, MD
AUGUST 16  RAPPAHANNOCK
AUGUST 17  FREDERICKSBURG
AUGUST 31  RALEIGH, NC
SEPTEMBER 1  CHARLOTTE, NC
SEPTEMBER 2  COLUMBIA, SC
SEPTEMBER 3  CHARLESTON, SC
SEPTEMBER 8  NORFOLK
SEPTEMBER 9  NEWPORT NEWS
SEPTEMBER 15  ATLANTA, GA
SEPTEMBER 16  BIRMINGHAM, AL

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News from Alumni

Class Notes

Compiled from information received before July 1, 2009

1952
Dr. FRANCIS “NASH” BONEY, an American history professor at the University of Georgia for 28 years, is having a collection of his works donated to the University of Georgia Miller Learning Center. He has published nine books and contributed large sections to three others. Also, he authored over one hundred articles and over one hundred book reviews.

1954
ROBERT F. “ROSY” ROSENBAUM, SR., of McLean was named a Community Champion by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors. Mr. Rosenbaum has played a series of free piano concerts and sing-alongs at local senior citizen centers and retirement communities almost every week for 22 years. When he plays at weddings or parties, he gives his fee to charity. He is active in the Rotary Club of McLean and enjoys raising money for local non-profit organizations.

1960
Dr. ERRETT H. CALLAHAN, JR., has released a CD of his work, Old Rag Archaeology: Experimentation and Excavation. He is a flint-knife maker, an anthropologist, and experiential archaeologist living in Lynchburg.

1968
Dr. W. RANDOLPH CHITWOOD, JR., received the Ellis Island Medal of Honor on May 9, 2009. The award was established in 1986 and officially recognized by the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives as one of the most prestigious awards in the United States. Dr. Chitwood received this honor for his national and international contributions in the field of cardiac surgery and minimally invasive mitral valve surgery, for his leadership in the largest society in the world for thoracic surgeons, and for training other cardiac surgeons worldwide to perform minimally invasive heart surgery. Other 2009 recipients include General John Abizaid and John Podesta, former Chief of Staff to President Clinton.

DOUGLAS P. RUCKER, JR., a lawyer with the Richmond firm Sands Anderson Marks & Miller, P.C., has been included in this year’s Super Lawyers of Virginia.

RONALD R. TWEEL has been elected to the American College of Family Trial Lawyers, a group of 100 of the top family law trial lawyers from across the United States. Mr. Tweel, who is a partner in the Charlottesville-based firm Michiehamlett Lowry Rasmussen & Tweel PLLC, is one of only two Virginia-based lawyers selected to join the group. He earned his law degree from the University of Virginia Law School and concentrates on the practice of domestic relations. In 1979 he was appointed substitute judge for the Sixteenth District and remained there until 2003 when he resigned in protest of the Iraq invasion. Mr. Tweel has taught at various times at the University of Virginia School of Law. He is the Past Chairman of the Family Law Section of the Virginia State Bar and of the Virginia Trial Lawyers Association. He was selected into the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers and the American College of Family Trial Lawyers, and is a Fellow of the American Bar Foundation and the Virginia Law Foundation. He was recently selected to be a member of the Virginia Bar Council. Mr. Tweel has been listed since 2006 in Super Lawyers, a listing of outstanding lawyers from more than 70 practice areas who have attained a high degree of peer recognition and professional achievement.

JOHN B. YOUNG, the chairman of the English and humanities departments at Blue Ridge School, was recognized on May 11, 2009, in the Rotunda of the University of Virginia for his outstanding contributions to education. Mr. Young has taught at Blue Ridge School for the past 38 years and has been listed in Who’s Who Among America’s Teachers twice since 2003. The school’s graduating class of 2008 presented Mr. Young with the Faculty Award “in recognition of his unselfish dedication to the boys of Blue Ridge School and with deep appreciation for his guidance, inspiration, and leadership.” He has just completed his 41st year of prep school teaching. Before coming to Blue Ridge, he taught at Episcopal High School in Alexandria. He says he looks forward to teaching and coaching at Blue Ridge School for the foreseeable future.

1970
LLOYD O. GOODE, JR., was recognized by North Carolina Ducks Unlimited for his commit-
1973

GARY B. O’CONNELL, the city manager of Charlottesville, has been named chairman of the Virginia Innovation Group, a subsidiary of the Alliance for Innovation based in Phoenix, Arizona. VIG serves as the state collective for the Alliance for Innovation, considered the premier source for progressive thinking and innovative practice in local government.

Captain GEORGE C. SAKAKINI, MD, staff family physician for the U.S. Navy’s Naval Health Clinic Hawaii, has been recognized as a VIP member by Cambridge Who’s Who for showing dedication, leadership, and excellence in military healthcare. In February 2009, he returned from a six-month tour of duty treating trauma casualties on the front lines in Iraq.

1974

STEPHEN R. ECHOLS has been re-elected to a second term as president of the Board of Directors for Habitat for Humanity of South Palm Beach County, Florida.

CHARLES R. HENDERSON, JR., of Suffolk received the 2009 Tidewater Humanitarian Award from the Virginia Center for Inclusive Communities. Mr. Henderson is a senior vice president at Bank of America, specializing in community development services. He serves as a trustee of Hampton Roads Chamber of Commerce and sits on the boards of Hampton Road Economic Development Alliance, Hampton Roads Partnership, and Virginia Community Development Corporation. Past service includes board service with Obici Healthcare System, Urban League of Hampton Roads, and Southeastern Tidewater Opportunity Program. He is also an active member of Suffolk Christian Church.

ROBERT B. McALPINE, JR., is plant manager of Virginia Shrimp Farms, a research pilot facility of Blue Ridge Aquaculture in Martinsville.

1975

HUNT H. HARRIS is the founder and director of the Ragged Mountain Resource Center, a community-oriented organization that focuses on sustainability in the Rappahannock River Watershed and neighboring bio-regions of the Blue Ridge Mountains and the Chesapeake Bay. Mr. Harris is also a guide for Blue Ridge Workshops, which offers classes, workshops, and lectures on nature photography.

Dr. JAMES B. TUBBS, JR., a professor of ethics and religion at the University of Detroit Mercy, is author of A Handbook of Bioethics Terms, published by Georgetown University Press in March 2009.

1976

CHARLES L. CAPITO, JR., and his wife, West Virginia U.S. Representative Shelley Moore Capito, were guests in April of President Barak and First Lady Michelle Obama at the White House. Mr. Capito recounted the occasion in...
Sons of alumni in the Class of 2013

The Class of 2013 has 17 sons of alumni and 52 other students with relations among alumni, including 11 brothers and one sister. As a sample of the kind of freshmen we get, among the Class of 2013, entering this fall, are a rifle team member, son of former Governor of Virginia, FBLA member, “Open Heart” Kitchen volunteer, saxophone player, All-district and regional lacrosse goalie, scuba diver, grandson of Stokely Fulton, student government vice president, church acolyte, director of “Winterfest” play, YMCA Youth basketball coach, Tae Kwon do black belt, guitar and piano player, Tidewater Sports Car Club member, mountain biker, boating club vice president, cotillion instructor, a People to People student ambassador, and many Eagle Scouts.

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

Send their names to Anita Garland, Dean of Admissions at the College, agarland@hsc.edu.

“It was a chance meeting and a good one,” says D. Bret Barger ’74 (right, above) of meeting Scott St. Clair ’10 in a local gym in Carlsbad, California. Seeing a young man wearing a Hampden-Sydney Fire Department T-shirt, Bret introduced himself as a former member of the department, and learned that Scott was working out west for the summer as a marketing intern at Alphatec Spine, Inc., a company which designs and manufactures products for the surgical treatment of spine disorders. The two had fun talking about “the old” and “the new” Hampden-Sydney. Bret says, “We had a great time and intend to keep in touch.”
THOMPSON NAMED TO PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH

WARREN M. THOMPSON ’81, chairman and president of Thompson Hospitality, has been named to the Presidential Search Committee at the University of Virginia. As a member of the University’s Board of Visitors, he serves on the finance, student affairs, and audit and compliance committees; he is chair of the diversity committee.

Mr. Thompson serves on many corporate boards and has been named Entrepreneur of the Year by the National MBA Association. In 2006, he received the Hitchcock Humanitarian Award.

After earning his MBA from the University of Virginia, Thompson founded Thompson Hospitality in 1992. He was recently featured in an article in the Washington Business Journal, when Thompson Hospitality, the largest minority-owned food service company in the United States, purchased the Marvelous Market chain of stores.

His brother Fred Thompson ’79, who earned his master’s in public administration from the University of Virginia, is the company’s chief administrative officer.

Warren Thompson ’81 is president of the largest minority-owned food service company in the United States.

KINSEY MARABLE, a creator of upscale, private libraries, was featured in an article in The New York Times. In “Shelving Done Right” he discusses the merits of bookshelves in a variety of price ranges. Mr. Marable has created libraries for the likes of New Jersey Governor John Corzine, designer Donna Karan, and entertainment magnate Oprah Winfrey.

SCOTT S. ARON, SR., is a financial services manager for Nissan Motor Acceptance Corporation in Atlanta. He says, “My son Scott S. Aron, Jr., will attend the United States Military Academy at West Point, Class of 2013. Scott received recognition as a USA Swimming Academic All-American in 2008 and 2009. My daughter, Ashley Aron, will graduate from the University of Georgia Terry College of Business in May 2009.”

WILLIAM N. WATKINS, a lawyer with the Richmond firm Sands Anderson Marks & Miller, P.C., has been included in this year’s Super Lawyers of Virginia.

VINCENT G. THOMAS II of Norfolk is a senior vice president at Griffin Financial Group. He had been a vice president with Anderson & Strudwick, an investment banking and brokerage firm.

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.

EDWIN N. JAMES and J. C. DEE O’DELL II have joined U.S. Bank as a senior vice president and southeast division manager of national corporate banking. He is based in Charlotte.

MICHAEL P. MULLEN is a creative director at Barber Martin Agency in Richmond, where he works with Austin Stracke ’00.

S. BARRON SEGAR III is senior director of regional fundraising and continues to lead the Southeast Regional Office of the U.S. Fund for UNICEF. Mr. Barron has served as the Southeast Regional Director in Atlanta since 2000 and was recently recognized by Fundraising Success Magazine as one of the 2009 Fundraising Professionals of the Year.

CHARLES H. CANTUS has been named vice president of government relations for the North American Public Sector of CSC.

MICHAEL F. McINTYRE teaches seventh-grade language arts at Osborne Middle School in Gwin-
mand the Headquarters Battalion, US Army Garrison, Fort Belvoir, Virginia. LTC Bowyer and his family are moving to Fort Belvoir, where he will work for the Army G3 in the Pentagon until taking command at Fort Belvoir in June 2010.

SCOTT M. COOPER, an actor and producer, appeared at a benefit for Thomas Jefferson’s home, Poplar Forest, alongside Robert Duvall and Connie Britton. Mr. Cooper has written, directed, and produced the film Crazy Heart, which stars Mr. Duvall, Jeff Bridges, and Maggie Gyllenhaal. He and Duvall also appeared together in the film Gods & Generals.

ANDREW W. FREITAS is the owner of Colonel’s Limited, LLC, which was selected as the 2009 Papa John’s National Franchise of the Year. The award is based on sales, customer service, cleanliness of stores, operations, and marketing. Freitas’s Washington, D.C. company recently opened its 50th location.

1990

The Rev. JAMES BRIAN McVEY is a parish priest at St. Alban’s Episcopal Church in Davenport, Iowa.

1991

Dr. GARY H. DARDEN, an assist-
tant professor of history at Fairleigh Dickinson University, has published “The New Empire in the ‘New South’: Jim Crow in the Global Frontier of High Imperialism & De-

Dr. MARK A. NEWCOMB has been appointed the assistant dean of academic affairs at Belmont Abbey College in Belmont, North Carolina.

1992

R. DWAYNE BOWYER was promoted to the rank of lieutenant colonel on April 1, 2009. In May 2009 he was selected to com-
mmand the Headquarters Battalion, US Army Garrison, Fort Belvoir, Virginia. LTC Bowyer and his family are moving to Fort Belvoir, where he will work for the Army G3 in the Pentagon until taking command at Fort Belvoir in June 2010.

1993

CHRISTOPHER D. HADDON is a teacher, assistant athletic director, and head football coach at Fairfax High School.

JAMES C. “JIM” HICKEY III was named 2008 Guide of the Year by The Orvis Company. Orvis has recognized the outstanding Orvis fly-fishing guide for each year since 1989. Mr. Hickey is a partner and guide at WorldCast Anglers. He has fished around the world and is a former member of the U.S. Fly Fishing Team. He has appeared on numerous TV episodes for ESPN and the Outdoor Life Network, including The Great Outdoor Games and Fly Fishing Masters.

1998

JOHN W. MALONEY has been named vice president of wealth management in the Richmond office of Janney Montgomery Scott, a financial advisory firm based in Philadelphia.

Dr. A. DOUGLAS SPITALNY is a podiatric surgeon at General Leonard Wood Army Community Hospital at Fort Leonard Wood in Missouri.

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Dr. Allen B. “George” Nock is an instructor of physics at Northeast Mississippi Community College and the chair of the two-year college section of the Mississippi Association of Physicists, the state section of the American Association of Physics Teachers. (See Advanced Studies.)

1997

John “Robby” Greenwood is a transportation manager for C.F. Sauer. He lives in Richmond.

Cameron R. Heck concluded an overseas tour with the U.S. Department of State in Panama City, Panama, in late June 2009. He and his family have returned to the Washington, D.C., area. (See Births.)

Dr. Eric C. Sands has published a book, American Public Philosophy and the Mystery of Lincolnism, through the University of Missouri Press. He is an assistant professor at Berry College. He earned his Ph.D. in government from the University of Virginia.

1998

Vance Edwin Tysor III is a construction claims analyst with Vandeventer Black LLP. He lives in Norfolk.

1999

Andrew M. Habenicht is an attorney with K&L Gates LLP, formerly Kennedy Covington, Lobdell & Hickman LLP.

2002

Alexander A. Ayers has passed the Virginia Bar Exam. He is a civil litigator at Ayers & Stotle, P.C., in Richmond.

Dr. Ryan H. Fitzgerald completed his residency training at the Washington Hospital Center in Washington, D.C., on June 13, 2009. Dr. Fitzgerald received extensive training in elective and reconstructive lower extremity surgery. In his final year, Dr. Fitzgerald served as chief resident and received additional instruction in diabetic limb salvage and wound care at the Southern Arizona Limb Salvage Alliance (SALSA) at the University of Arizona. Dr. Fitzgerald will join Hess Orthopedics & Sports Medicine in Harrisonburg. James J. Gillenwater is the owner of Gillenwater Construction Company in Bristol, Tennessee.

Whitney A. Reid is a bodybuilder and fitness model. As a senior in college he started a gym with his brother; more recently they owned Wolfgang’s Gym in Richmond. He has appeared in FitnessRX Magazine, Ironman, REPS, and Muscle & Fitness.

Lt. Jason T. Ritchie (USN) has completed his tour with NATO in Heidelberg, Germany, and has transferred to Stuttgart, Germany, to work for U.S. Africa Command (USAFRICOM).

2003

Lt. Michael R. Leader is a U.S. Navy flight surgeon assigned to Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 165, based out of Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, California. (See Advanced Studies.)

Robert Luther III will publish his article “Unity Through Division: Religious Liberty, Public Virtue, and Pluralism in the Context of Legislative Prayer Controversies” in the winter 2009 edition of the Creighton Law Review. This is his fifth law review publication and his fourth on first-amendment issues. He is an associate at Knicely & Associates, P.C., in Williamsburg.

2004

R. Rhett Owens, Jr., is a commercial litigation associate in the Birmingham office of Burr & Forman, LLP. Andrew C. Reed and Ned T. Towell are the owners and operators of Smitty’s Printing Company, with two facilities near Columbia, South Carolina.

2005

John Z. Axsom was the Newport News Floor Leader for Republican Attorney General convention candidate John Brownlee at the 2009 State GOP Convention on May 29-30 in Richmond. Also, he has been appointed educational advisor to John Amirat’s House of Delegates campaign. Mr. Axsom will be helping Mr. Amirat craft policy regarding Virginia’s Public Schools. He was introduced to Mr. Amirat by Shawn Pattison ’01, Mr. Amirat’s campaign manager.

Christopher R. Brewer is a lead annual gifts officer for the Fund for William & Mary in Williamsburg.

Curtis “C.W.” Clemons is a senior recruiter at Digital Management in Bethesda, Maryland.

William D. Heinitsch has been promoted to banking officer at Blue Ridge Savings Bank in Asheville.
TIGER LAX ALUMNI COMPETE IN VAIL

The Collared Greens lacrosse team came in 6th at the nationally-recognized Vail Shootout in Colorado.

Athletes from across the country gather annually in Vail, Colorado, for the Vail Lacrosse Shootout, a ten-day lacrosse tournament featuring some of the sport’s top players. This year, John Pritzlaff ’06, Jeremy Bull ’05, Dalton Grein ’05, and Randy Ashton ’01 gathered sixteen additional Hampden-Sydney College alumni and four current lacrosse players to compose Team Collared Greens. The team, which was sponsored by Ashton’s clothing company, Collared Greens, competed in the Elite Division, a division whose members are typically college-age to mid-30s. With a record of 3-2, Team Collared Greens finished sixth in the 20-team field. Although many Hampden-Sydney alumni and students have competed in the Vail Shootout, this is the first time an entire Hampden-Sydney team has taken the field.

“As a Colorado native, I thought it was great to get 24 H-SC grads from around the country to meet in Vail, play lacrosse, and reconnect,” says Pritzlaff. “It really demonstrates how committed the H-SC lacrosse alums are to each other and how our network expands beyond the southeast. We also believe in giving support to the various H-SC alumni-owned companies, such as Collared Greens. The guys played well and ended up in 6th place in a nationally-recognized lacrosse tournament, so that speaks to the level of play we experienced at Hampden-Sydney. I think this will become an annual tradition, and we hope to expand beyond the Elite into the Masters and Super Masters divisions.”

Ashton says, “I sponsored the team because Dalton Grein, John Pritzlaff, and Collared Greens retail manager Jeremy Bull wanted to organize an H-SC Vail team to play in the tournament year after year and reconnect Hampden-Sydney alumni. After organizing Team Smith for Vail many years ago, I thought it was a great idea to showcase H-SC lacrosse. Cherry Creek Insurance and the conservation organization Call of the Wild also sponsored the team.”

“The Vail shootout is great for alums because it reconnects us all in a wonderful part of the country during the July 4th weekend,” adds Ashton. “Vail offers many more activities than just lacrosse. Roger Dael and I had a great time riding mountain bikes down the ski mountain one afternoon after our morning game. I would like to thank the entire H-SC family who came out to support Team Collared Greens. Hopefully next year even more alumni will come out. It was a huge success.”

Members of Team Collared Greens included Roger Dael ’02, Alexander Ayers ’02, Middleton Smith ’07, Ryan Fassnacht ’05, Ryan Burns ’05, Joe Daugherty ’08, Dalton Grein ’05, Andrew Mahoney ’09, Michael Via ’07, Ben Clarke ’12, Andrew Pritzlaff ’12, Alex Pritzlaff ’08, John Pritzlaff ’06, Kyle Jett ’10, Kelly Matte ’08, Jeremy Bull ’05, Randy Ashton ’01, Kevin Burke ’05, Vince Smith ’07, Chris Lucas ’03, Ryan Harrington ’07, Tim VanBenthuyzen ’11, Scott Russell ’07, and Alec Floyd ’08. Also on the team were Josh Reichert (Gettysburg ’10), Joe Brody (Gettysburg ’10), Kyle McGrath (Gettysburg ’10), and Jordan Hendry (UMass ’09), who plays for the Chicago Black Hawks.
**Advanced Studies**

**1985**  
The Rev. Dr. JEFFERY W. JONES, of Nathalie graduated on May 28, 2009, with a Doctor of Ministry degree from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). His doctoral paper was titled “A Long and Difficult Joy: From Disability to Resurrection.”

**1987**  
MICHAEL F. McINTYRE received his master’s degree in middle grades education from Brenau University.

**1994**  
The Rev. PETER SMITH of Blackstone graduated in May with a Doctor of Ministry degree from Union Presbyterian Seminary (Union-PSCE) in Richmond. He is pastor of Blackstone Presbyterian Church in Blackstone.

**1996**  
ALLEN B. “GEORGE” NOCK graduated in May 2009 from School of Education at the University of Mississippi with a Ph.D. in physics education.

**1997**  
ROBERT C. BOYDE, JR. has earned a Ph.D. in public policy from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. He also serves as an affiliate with Academy Leadership, LLC, providing leadership courses and facilitation to public- and private-sector organizations.

**2000**  
CHARLES F. KOONTZ is pursuing an MBA at Emory University’s Goizueta School of Business.

**2001**  
MATTIWH J. SCHOLL has enrolled in Georgetown-ESADE’s Global MBA program, an alliance between Georgetown University’s McDonough School of Business, Georgetown’s Walsh School of Foreign Service, and the ESADE Business School in Barcelona, Spain.

**2002**  
JOSHUA E. VAUGHN is a post-doctoral fellow at the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science at the Tokyo Institute of Technology.

**2003**  
Lt. MICHAEL R. LEADER graduated from aeromedical officer training in Pensacola, Florida, on May 29, 2009, as a U.S. Navy flight surgeon.

**2004**  
ANDREW W. SCHARF graduated from the Medical College of Virginia at VCU on May 15, 2009. He graduated at the top of his class and was inducted into the prestigious Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society. Dr. Scharf will continue his training at Vanderbilt University Medical Center in Nashville, Tennessee; he plans on becoming a cardiologist.

**2005**  
JOHN Z. AXSOM was awarded his post-master’s degree in educational leadership and policy studies at The George Washington University, and is now pursuing his doctorate in educational leadership at GWU.

**2006**  
CHRISTOPHER R. BREWER graduated with a master’s degree in higher education administration and student affairs from the University of South Carolina.

**2007**  
Michael Rutkowski ’07 beside the mirror of the telescope in Arizona with which he collects his astronomical data.

**2009**  
Dr. JOHN TIMOTHY “JACK” COINER II graduated on May 30, 2009, from the Virginia College of Osteopathic Medicine at Virginia Tech. Dr. Coiner will continue his training as a resident physician in obstetrics and gynecology at East Carolina University’s Brody School of Medicine.

**2009**  
ALBERT A. COLL graduated from the DePaul University College of Law with a Juris Doctor degree on May 17, 2009. During the ceremony he was hooded by his father, attorney and professor Alberto R. Coll.

**BRYAN P. HICKS** graduated from the Virginia Commonwealth University SportsCenter program on May 16, 2009, with a master’s degree in sports management and leadership.

**2009**  
Peter Smith ’94 with his family after his graduation from Union Presbyterian Seminary.
1958
MAX and JACKIE MEADOR of Lynchburg celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 19, 2009, at the Hotel Roanoke.

1958
WILLIAM STAIR MITCHELL and NELL POWELL CUSTIS were married on October 4, 2008, at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in Onancock. In attendance were Thomas Minton '94, Lane Moore '96, Peter Sheffield '96, Marshall Melvin '95, Bill Mitchell '96, Charles Williams '67, Barry Hackney '67, Scott Taylor '97, David Ware '96, Michael McCabe '96, TW. Johnson '96, Jamie Rankin '99, and father of the bride Henry Custis '67. The bride is a graduate of the University of Virginia and Vanderbilt University; she is a consultant with The Hay Group. The groom graduated from the University of Georgia and is a commercial real estate mortgage broker with iCap Realty Advisors, LLC. They live in Atlanta, Georgia.

Weddings

2007
MICHAEL J. RUTKOWSKI is a Ph.D. candidate in astrophysics at Arizona State University.

BRETT D. SMITH earned a master’s degree in industrial and organizational psychology from Clemson University.

2008
BRIAN B. COX is pursuing a master’s degree in teaching at Virginia Commonwealth University.

2nd Lt. DAVID J. GRISDALE graduated from the U.S. Army Ranger School on May 22, 2009. He is stationed at Ft. Riley, Kansas, as an armor platoon leader with the 1st Brigade, 1st Infantry Division.

SHAWN MIDDLEBROOKS is in his second year at North Carolina Central University School of Law.

PHILLIP G. MISKOVIC is pursuing a master’s degree in homeland security and emergency preparedness at Virginia Commonwealth University.

2009
GREGORY T. WILLIAMS is a student at Washington & Lee University Law School.

1989
MATTHEW LYON AREFORD and SALLIE RUTH COLEMAN were married on May 16, 2009, at First Baptist Church of Spartanburg, South Carolina. The bride is a graduate of the University of South Carolina and the University of South Carolina School of Medicine. The groom is a graduate of Duke University School of Medicine and the chief resident in general surgery at Palmetto Health Richland Hospital in Columbia, South Carolina. They live in Greenville, South Carolina.

NICHOLAS THOMAS PIRAINO and SUSAN CAREY BAUGHER were married on October 18, 2008, in Baltimore, Maryland. Christopher Schickling ‘01, Thomas Carson ‘01, and Christopher Biddison ‘03 were groomsmen. In attendance were Zan Baughan ’60, Matthew Yancey ’00, Huston Green ’01, Scott Fava ’01, John Neal ’02, Roger Dael ’02, and Francis Pilcher ’02. The bride is a graduate of Washington & Lee University and is shown with Nicholas Thomas Piraiano and Susan Carey Baugher.

1996
JAMES DANIEL LATHAM and LESLIE HIATT were married on June 16, 2007, at Tabernacle Baptist Church in Richmond; the reception was held at the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts Pauley Center. In attendance were Adam Ward ’01 and Karl Tuhey ’01.

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GUIDELINES FOR SUBMITTING PHOTOS FOR CLASS NOTES

1. Color or black-and-white both work. Photos can be returned if you request it; otherwise they will be kept on file. Please send only real photographs or a high-resolution scan; color prints from a scan do not reproduce well.

2. Electronic photo submissions need to be large enough to allow for 300 dpi resolution at the final printed size.

3. Alumni group shots at weddings should always include the bride. Please identify everybody.

4. Children should be photographed with the father or both parents.

At the 50th anniversary celebration of Max and Jackie Meador ’58: Sam Nock ’58 (groomsman), Jim Boyd ’58 (groomsman), Jackie, Rod Goggin ’67 (cousin of the groom), Max, John Waters ’58 (groomsman), Jim Trammell ’58 (groomsman), and Lloyd Goode ’70 (cousin of the groom).
At the wedding of
William Mitchell ’96
and Nell Custis on
October 4, 2008.

At the wedding of
Chris Lucas ’03 and Molly Pierce
on October 18, 2008.

At the wedding of
Nicholas Piraino ’01
and Susan Baugher on

a senior account executive at Advertising.com. The groom is a member of the commercial leadership program for GE Capital-Corporate Finance. They are both pursuing their master’s degree in business administration. They live in Baltimore, Maryland.

2003

CHRISTOPHER EDWARD LUCAS and MOLLY CLAUS PIERCE were married on October 11, 2008, in Casanova. In attendance were Scott Claiborne ’02, Jimmy Ibara ’02, Patrick Martin ’02, John MacDonell ’03, Pat Kelly ’00, Brett Polvinale ’04, Tom Fitzgerald ’04, Chris Schaaf ’04, Phil Dick ’03, Mike Olsen ’02, and Jason Archbell ’02. The bride is a graduate of William and Mary and the University of Richmond School of Law; she practices civil litigation. The groom received his master’s degree in physics from Old Dominion University; he is an electrical engineer at Lockheed Martin. They live in Denver.

ANDREW M. SINCLAIR and LAUREN MARIE NEPLESKY were married on November 1, 2008, at Christ & St. Luke’s Episcopal Church in Norfolk. In attendance were John Blackwell ’09, Jamie Summs ’06, James Carroll ’02, Baxter Vendrick ’98, and Roy Martin ’02. The bride is a graduate of Old Dominion University; she teaches...
ballet and dances professionally. The groom is employed by the Hampton Roads Partnership. They live in Portsmouth.

2004

BRIAN MATTHEW HOLDER and KATHRYN KESHIAN O’BRIEN were married on May 30, 2009, at St. Benedict Catholic Church in Richmond. Jason R. Luxton ’04 was the best man. Nicholas R. Camara ’04, Brian G. Clibbens ’04, Matthew W. Jones ’03, and Ryan K. Rilee ’04 were groomsmen. The bride is a graduate of Tulane University and is the assistant director of marketing and guest services at the Children’s Museum of Richmond. The groom is a project manager for Holder Brothers Construction. They live in Richmond.

MARTIN JEFFERSON SCHMIDT and ALEXANDRA CHRISTINE LUNT were married on May 22, 2009, in Nashville, Tennessee. The bride is a graduate of the Johns Hopkins University, earning both bachelor’s and master’s degrees in neuroscience. She is in medical school at Vanderbilt University. The groom is pursuing a Ph.D. in neuroscience, also at Vanderbilt. They live in Nashville.

BENJAMIN GRAHAM WILSON and REBECCA ANNE DAVIS were married on May 29, 2009, in Decatur, Georgia. The bride is a graduate of Texas A&M University and works as a CPA at Equifax in Atlanta. The groom works at the Georgia Dome in Atlanta. They live in Decatur.

2006

STEVEN EURRELL ASH, JR., and COURTNEY LITTLEPAGE MARSHALL were married on May 30, 2009, at Historic Christ Church in Weems. The bride is a graduate of Virginia Tech and earned a master’s degree from Virginia Commonwealth University School of Nursing. She works for VCU Health Systems. The groom works for Dominion Interior Supply Corporation. They live in Richmond.

Captain CARL A. SUNDIN and MARIANNE JUDITH BEARE were married on May 23, 2009, in Savannah, Georgia. In attendance was Adam Crutchfield ’06. The bride is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin-Madison and is studying to become a nurse-practitioner. The groom will begin the Maneuver Captains Career Course at Ft. Benning, Georgia, in January; he is a Cavalry Officer with the 3rd Infantry Division. They live in Savannah.

At the wedding of Andrew Sinclair ’03 and Lauren Neplesky on November 1, 2008.

At the wedding of Martin Schmidt ’04 and Alexandra Lunt, married on May 22, 2009.

At the wedding of Carl Sundin ’08 and Marianne Beare on May 23, 2009.
Births

1984
To WILLIAM E. LINDEN III and LINDA LINDEN, a daughter, Hannah Grace Matisans Linden, on January 23, 2009. They live in Ashburn.

1992
To JACK and AMANDA GARBER, a son, John Robert Garber, on September 7, 2008. He joins his sister Abigail Kate (4). They live in Harrisonburg.

1994
To JAKE and JORDAN HORSTMANN, a daughter, Jane Larson Horstman, on April 22, 2009. They live in Charlotte, North Carolina.
To BILL and JOY IRWIN, a son, Walter Irwin, adopted on February 29, 2009, in Chongqing, China. They live in Richmond.
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 D. LAURENS SMITH, JR., and KELLER SMITH, a daughter, Mary Eleanor Smith, on March 25, 2009. They live in Charleston, South Carolina.

1997
To CAMERON and PAIGE HECK, a son, Cullen Jackson Heck, on March 30, 2009.
To SHAWN and CALLIE McMATHON, a daughter, Macy Alexis McMahon, on May 3, 2009. They live in Roanoke.

1999
To ANDY and SHANNON HABENICHT, a son, Macklin Gardner “Mac” Habenicht, on September 5, 2008. He joins his sister Finley Grace Habenicht (4) at their home in Charlotte, North Carolina.

2002
To RICHARD and REBECCA WHITAKER, a daughter, Kara Leigh Whitaker, on October 19, 2008. They live in Birmingham, Alabama.

2005
To JOHN TIMOTHY “JACK” COINER II and CHRISTI COINER, a daughter, Sarah Grace Coiner, on March 30, 2009. They live in Greenville, North Carolina.

Faculty
To STEELLE NOWLIN and Verna KALE, a daughter, Betty Teresa Nowlin, on June 6, 2009. Dr. Nowlin is an assistant professor of English at Hampden-Sydney College.
To CRISTINE VARHOLY and MICHAEL SIMONS, a son, Daniel Roarke Simons, on May 18, 2009. Dr. Varholy is an assistant professor of English at Hampden-Sydney.

Deaths

1936
HENRY C. REED of Martinsville died on May 20, 2009. He was past president of First National Bank of Martinsville and Henry County, as well as a civic leader. Mr. Reed served as a member of the Hampden-Sydney College Board of Trustees from 1964 to 1974.

1937

1939
JOSEPH PATTERSON LAWSON of Roanoke died on February 11, 2009. He was a decorated World War II veteran, the president and chairman of Lawson Company, Inc., and the director of the former Colonial-American National Bank.

1940
Dr. ROBERT P. BARRELL of Richmond died on April 7, 2009. He worked as a clinical psychologist in the U.S. Army during World War II, the Veterans Administration Hospital System, and in the Social Security Disability Determination Service.

1941
THOMAS CHALMERS RUFF of Charlotte, North Carolina, died on April 13, 2009. He was a veteran of World War II before practicing law...
in North Carolina. He is the brother of John A.L. Ruff ’44 and Samuel Oliver Ruff ’38.

1945
WILLIAM NICHOL ESKRIDGE of Roanoke died on February 11, 2009. He worked as an accountant and tax advisor but his lifelong passion was playing bridge.

1949
Col. WILLIAM T. BONDURANT, JR., of San Antonio, Texas, died on June 12, 2009. He was a World War II veteran and a longtime educator. Mr. Bondurant served as president and chairman of the Board of San Antonio Academy and sat on the board of the Texas Military Institute.

1950
THEODORE F. COLLINS of Milton, Florida, died on May 21, 2006. He lived many years in South Boston before moving 1985 to Florida. PRESTON SAWYER, JR., of Lynchburg died on March 30, 2009. He served in the U.S. Navy as a JAG officer before practicing law in Lynchburg, later becoming a substitute judge. He served as the commissioner of accounts for the City of Lynchburg for more than 30 years.

1952
LEON CLAY CAMP of Charlottesville died on May 3, 2009. He spent the majority of his career as a consigner of thoroughbred racehorses under his Glenmore Farm banner. He served as a director on a variety of boards, including the Atlantic Rural Exposition (now the Virginia State Fair) and the Virginia Thoroughbred Association.

1954
JOSEPH S. GILLESPIE, JR., of Severna Park, Maryland, died on June 29, 2009. Mr. Gillespie worked for the C&P Telephone Company and was a longtime youth coach in Anne Arundel County. He is the grandson of W. Jeff Gillespie 1900, the son of Joseph S. Gillespie, Sr. ’25, the nephew of Dr. Albert Gillespie ’33, and the cousin of Robert G. Gillespie ’62 and William A. Gillespie, Sr. ’67.

1961
OTHO LEE “TOBE” GLADDING III of Franklin died on June 15, 2009. He was a longtime educator and retired from the Southampton Public School System. Mr. Gladding was also an Army veteran. SAMUEL LEWIS TARRY of Chesterfield died on May 18, 2009. Mr. Tarry worked for Philip Morris USA and was active in several historical preservation groups.

1962
ROBERT C. LEONARD, JR., of Lanexa died on May 11, 2009. He was a banker and real estate appraiser until joining his wife Vicki in her business, Interior Source.

1964
EDWIN BOYD BAKER of Keysville died on June 9, 2009. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army before practicing law in Keysville. He was Commonwealth’s Attorney of Charlotte County from 1978 to 1999. He is the father of Daniel Baker ’97.

1970
PETER MARSHALL BROWN YOUNG, JR., of Rocky Mount, North Carolina, died on January 29, 2009. He is the stepbrother of John Augustus Moore, Jr. ’78.

1972
WILLIAM FAWCETT BANNER of Greensboro, North Carolina, died on March 10, 2006. He was a management consultant and enjoyed watching local sports and studying the Civil War.

1974
The Rev. JACOB “JACK” BEVERLY GLASS EMERSON of West Plains, Missouri, died on May 6, 2006. He was pastor of First Presbyterian Church in West Plains, and was active in ministerial alliance and Habitat for Humanity and the South Central Missouri Rehabilitation.

1977
ROBERT DANIEL GROSECLOSE of Evans, Georgia, died on May 8, 2009. He had been an environmental scientist. He is the brother of Bernard S. Groseclose ’75 and Samuel L. Groseclose ’78.

2008
ROLLO WILLIAM GILBERT KNIGHT of Thomasville, Georgia, died on June 24, 2009. At Hampden-Sydney College, he was the Warren W. Hobbie Scholar in Business Ethics, a two-year letterman in football, and president of the Sigma Chi fraternity. He was an avid outdoorsman and an Eagle Scout. He had just completed a master’s of business administration with a concentration in finance from Florida State University in May 2009.

Faculty
Dr. ROLAND V. LAYTON, JR., a former history professor at Hampden-Sydney College, died on June 21, 2009, in Lewisburg, West Virginia. He also taught for 22 years at Hiram College in Ohio before retiring to West Virginia.

College Family
CECIL CASON of Hampden-Sydney died on June 3, 2009; he was 83. He had worked for Buildings & Grounds from 1965 until his retirement in 1995. He was most proud of his part in unloading and installing the massive stone Pennsylvania Station eagle at Yanks Corner on the football field.

LELIA CHRISTIAN McBRATNEY of Lynchburg died on May 20, 2009. She was a member of the Hampden-Sydney College Board of Trustees from 1976 to 1981. She was also a member of the Parents Council. She was the mother of William E. McBratney III ’75.
Following the announcement at commencement in May, the library is now officially the Walter M. Bortz III Library in honor of the tremendous efforts the former president undertook to construct and pay for the new facility.

A portrait of Dr. Bortz, painted by Stephen Craighead, now hangs beside the circulation desk in the library and the building’s new name is above the front steps. Dr. and Mrs. Bortz have long been advocates for reading, as well as avid readers themselves. The Walter M. Bortz Library is a fitting monument to his leadership at Hampden-Sydney College and to their combined contributions to the institution.
The Hampden-Sydney Fund
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Annual support from alumni, parents, and friends of Hampden-Sydney College has provided the College with the necessary resources for the formation of “good men and good citizens in an atmosphere of sound learning” for centuries. It is appropriate that this foundational support, previously known as the Annual Fund, be given a name descriptive of its place in the life of the institution.

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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16
COLONEL FRANKE MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT
NEW EXCITING FORMAT!
11:30 am Registration, 1 pm Shotgun Start, 6 pm Awards Reception—The Manor Golf Club Visit www.colonelfrankegolf.com to register. Entry fee is $145 ($100 for alumni from 2004 to 2009). Tournament is open to all alumni, parents, and friends. Proceeds benefit the Hampden-Sydney golf team.

THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL GRAVES THOMPSON TENNIS CHALLENGE
1 pm—Varsity Courts
Register now with toserton@hsc.edu or call Head Coach Murrie Bates at (434) 223-6154. No charge!

ALUMNI PUBLIC SERVICE FORUM: CAREERS IN THE MILITARY
4 pm—Parents & Friends Lounge

1964 AND 1969 REUNION DINNERS
5:30 pm—Settle Hall

CAC HOMECOMING CONCERT
9 pm—Lagoon Field (Rain site: Kirby Field House)
Featuring Sister Hazel & the Spin Doctors. Gates open 8 pm.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17
ADMISSIONS OPEN HOUSE
9 am to 12 noon—Venable Lawn

CLASS REUNION GAME DAY ACTIVITIES
11 am to 4 pm—Hampden House Lawn
Specific details will be mailed later to reunion classes.

LACROSSE ALUMNI GAME
10 am—Hellmuth-Pritzlaff Field

VETERANS REUNION
OPEN FORUM: “The Changing Face of War” 9:30 am
WREATH-LAYING CEREMONY
11 am—Memorial Gate
HALFTIME CEREMONY HONORING VETERANS, Fulton Field
VETERANS RECEPTION
4:30 pm—Crawley Forum
Specific details will be mailed later to all Hampden-Sydney veterans.