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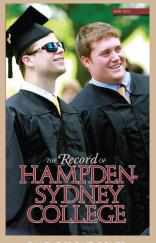
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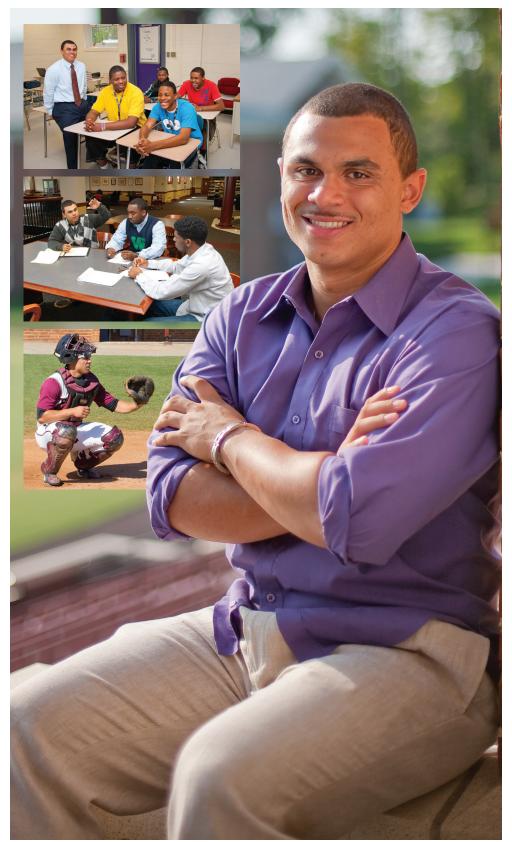


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Truman Scholarship A JUNIOR BRINGS HOME A NATIONAL HONOR

JOHN LEE DUDLEY '95

Leading a life of action and empathy, a Hampden-Sydney junior has been named a recipient of the prestigious Truman Scholarship. Ryan Carter '13, a talented athlete and an outstanding student, is one of only 54 students across the country to receive the honor.

"I am thrilled," says Carter. "It was a daunting process that required a lot of personal reflection and work but it was all worth it."

At Hampden-Sydney, Carter is a Davis Fellow, a captain on the baseball team, a member of Omicron Delta Kappa national leadership honor society, a head resident advisor, a graduate of the Society of '91 leadership program, and the founder of a chapter of the mentoring program Visible Men. He has been recognized for his excellence in the classroom with the Sophomore Academic Excellence Award, the President's Award for Scholarship and Character, the Samuel S. Jones Phi Beta Kappa Award, and the All-ODAC All-Academic Award. He has done all of this as a double major in economics & commerce and psychology.

President Christopher Howard says, "Ryan is a wonderful example of the kind of young men Hampden-Sydney has been producing for centuries. He is a hard worker, an impressive scholar, and a concerned citizen. He certainly deserves this great distinction."

The Truman Scholarship Foundation was established by Congress in 1975 as the federal memorial to the 33rd President, Harry S Truman. The Foundation awards scholarships for college juniors to attend graduate school in preparation for careers in government or elsewhere in public service. The activities of the Foundation are supported by a special trust fund in the U.S. Treasury. Including this year's recipients, there have been only 2,844 Truman Scholars.

Though the Scholarship comes with a significant monetary award to go toward graduate school, Ryan says the most significant benefit of the Scholarship is access to the network of people who are already working for social change and, of course, the Truman Scholarship name. "I think it is the best letter of recommendation I could possibly have. When I go to apply to Harvard or Stanford, it will give me a leg up on the competition. Because those schools are so elite and I don't come from a long legacy, don't come from a ton of money, and Hampden-Sydney College doesn't have a pipeline to the Ivy Leagues, I think every advantage is really important."

The application for the Truman Scholarship requires multiple essays with strict length limitations, including analyzing a public policy problem and providing a solution.

"The policy proposal is probably the most difficult part," says Ryan, "because the word limit is very small—you have to take this monumental problem and put it in a one-page memo and then discuss how you propose to fix it. We have huge education disparity between racial groups, income groups, socio-economic groups, etc., so I chose that as my area of focus. Then I went about fixing that problem in a very ambitious and unique way. The idea is to create a more efficient funding mechanism for non-profit organizations that comes with growth strategies and long-term investment."

"Young people with a passion for social change are faced with the question of 'Should I go and work in a private field where I can take care of myself financially and professionally?' or 'Should I go into social work, which does not often pay well, comes with long hours, and can seem unrewarding because social change is so hard?' So you face the question of choosing one path over the other. My idea lets me create my own path, so I don't have to choose one or the other. It's a path that lets me work at the intersection of business and social change. I learned that I can't live my life just for myself. I've known that for a while, but this made me come right out and say it."

The Truman Scholarship is intended for students interested in careers in publice service through non-profit organizations or government, so Ryan's proposal came under intense scrutiny because it relies on public-private coordination. That scrutiny was palpable during the interview portion of the selection process. He says he was ready for the scrutiny, though, because of the soul-searching he had already done and the incredible preparation for the process he received at Hampden-Sydney.

Dr. Lowell T. Frye, a professor of rhetoric and humanities, also operates the Office of Fellowship Advising, which helped Ryan and other fellowship applicants through the lengthy process. He says, "The Office of Fellowship Advising is a new office—only about four years old—but you are seeing more and more of these kinds of departments at colleges and universities around the country because, even though you can have a student you know is a qualified candidate, many students simply would not apply or likely could not craft an outstanding application on their own. Not only do you have to have the experiences and outstanding academic record to simply qualify for the award, you also have to understand the 'psychology' of the application."

Dr. Frye has been coordinating with the Office of Career Services to find students who have had extraordinary experiences and to connect aspiring young students with internships and summer programs that can help them if they end up applying for a fellowship. However,



Ryan (left) in a planning session with Ibn Salaam '12 (center) and Christian Hebert-Pryor '13 about the "Visible Men" mentoring program they run at Prince Edward County High School.

Frye is quick to add: "You can't just do stuff that looks good on your résumé. You have to do what you enjoy."

The applicants, which also included Alex Cartwright '13 and Christian Hebert-Pryor '13, sent multiple drafts to Dr. Frye, for which he provided criticisms and suggestions. Likewise,

when preparing for the interview portion of the selection process, Frye organized panels of faculty and staff members to grill Carter and other candidates on possible inconsistencies in their essays and their personal career plans.

Ryan says, "Dr. Frye and the faculty did a great job prepping us for the interview. The rumor was that the interview was going to be very intense and pointed. You sit down in the chair and there was no

'Hello. How are you doing?' It's one question; you answer that question and go right to the next one. With some of my questions, if they didn't like the answer, they just asked it again as if I had never answered it. It wasn't like they were mean-spirited, but it was intense. Their questions were very pointed. They wanted specific answers. It was not a tell-me-about-yourself kind of interview. After the first few questions, we were into a back-and-forth and the questions branched off of my previous answer."

Before the real interviews, Ryan faced a panel of faculty and staff multiple times for mock interviews. Ryan recalls that Dr. David Marion immersed himself in his role. "I walked

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into the mock interview and there he was, slouched down in his chair staring at me from behind a piece of paper. When I answered a question, his brow would turn up, and as soon as I finished answering he would say, 'Well, what about this?' He was much like the real interview, which was good because the real one

> felt like my fourth interview, not my first."

"The application will get you an interview," says Frye. "The interview gets you the award."

This summer, Ryan is an investment-banking intern with Morgan Stanley on Wall Street. The skills he picks up there directly complement his overall goal of creating private-public partnerships to improve educational funding.

When Ryan goes

to graduate school, he will likely enroll in a program that offers a joint master's degree in public policy and business administration. First, though, he wants to work in the private sector to "better understand the language and the culture of finance and to develop a professional network to help build partnerships with nonprofit organizations."

As more students learn about the Office of Fellowship Advising and how it can help guide students through the application and interview processes for distinguished scholarships, we plan on seeing more students like Ryan take their place on the national stage.

# The odyssey to honor

### A (NEARLY ANCIENT) HISTORY OF HOW HAMPDEN-SYDNEY'S HONOR CODE CAME TO BE AN INSTITUTIONAL TREASURE

DR. LEWIS H. DREW '60, RETIRED DEAN OF STUDENTS

We like to believe that Hampden-Sydney College is timeless and enduring, but it is not. It evolved into the place we knew as students and has continued to flex and extend in many ways since we graduated into Hampden-Sydney Men.

These changes, though, are slow moving, on a pace somewhere between the growth of an oak tree and the shifting of tectonic plates. The Honor Code at Hampden-Sydney and our student-run government are two systems that seem always "to have been," as if God made them on the eighth day.

In reality, they are much newer conventions. Dr. Lewis H. Drew '60 is intimately familiar with both the Honor Code and student government; as a student he was a member of the Student Council and an officer in his Senior Class. More importantly, though, he was the Dean of Students for 30 years. I asked him to write about the evolution of the Honor Code at Hampden-Sydney, to use his personal experience to give us all a clearer understanding of how this perpetual symbol of Hampden-Sydney College came to be. As he well illustrates, it was not an easy process.—Ed.

In your mind's eye, visualize your first glimpse of the College as you came onto the campus and looked upon that vast landscape. For many of us, this was an uplifting experience, a special moment that introduced us to a place that, as we continued our trek through the campus, more and more "looked like a college ought to look," a place we could very easily see ourselves calling our second home. Over the years I have heard many alumni mention that returning to the College and driving onto the campus, viewing that scene, brought back a flood of memories, lifted their spirits, and, simply, made them feel like better men. Similarly, I have listened to them say that, whatever the setting, when meeting an alumnus for the first time, they sense an instant bond; they can assume he is a person of honor because of their common experience of living under the Honor System. In fact, surveys of alumni over the years have indicated that the Honor System is one of the most cherished aspects of their college experience. For me, an indelible memory of the seriousness with which many students take the Honor System is the interview one of my freshman classmates had with a newspaper reporter writing a story on our Honor System. He was quoted as saying he would rather cut off his arm than violate the Honor Code. That is serious.

More recently, former Student Government President Jonathan McGrady '91 was asked what the Honor System meant to him as a student and now in his personal and professional life, wrote:

"I would say that the Honor Code is the core of our Hampden-Sydney community that we hold so dear. It is what unites us, and keeps us so true to our values. The Honor Code becomes intertwined with each Hampden-Sydney man and forges the backbone of life."

William (Bill) Irwin '94, Student Court Chairman his senior year, responded to the same request as follows:

"I can still remember the night, as a newly minted member of the freshman class, that I attended the opening orientation program on the Honor Code. Following the program, we talked with members of the Honor Court and signed our pledge. Walking back to Cushing, I wondered if it would be possible not to fall on the wrong side of the Code. However, living in a community that believed in Honor ingrained a thought process and way of life into my and my fellow classmates' moral fiber. To this day, I know that the great majority of Hampden-Sydney men act with honor reflexively, not after considered thought, and it is that reflexive action which sets our students and graduates apart."

Has this level of devotion to the high principles of the Honor System always been this strong? If so, or not, how did the Honor Code evolve over the long history of the College? Well, as we shall see, it was an uneven process, with successes and setbacks along the way. However, there were core concepts inherent in the mission of the college that persisted as goals through the years among some faculty, staff, and students:

1. Developing a strong sense of honor and propriety among students

2. Having students play a significant role in their own governance.

Eventually, they bore fruit.

As I investigated the history of the Honor System, I relied on the narrative history of the College, *On This Hill*, by John L. Brinkley '59 to piece together some

of the key steps in the development of the System and its philosophical, foundational principles. Hence, all page references are to this source.

Though the Honor System "did not appear in full form until the twentieth century" (p. 169), there were earlier indications that the seeds of a philosophy of how to handle student misbehavior were being planted, ultimately, over many decades, leading to what we would call today student government. A taste of this can be seen in a statement written in the 1820's about President Jonathan Cushing by his nephew and biographer, Dr. George W. Dame:

"As a disciplinarian, President Cushing had few superiors. He possessed that great secret of good government, knowing when, and in what manner to exert authority, to produce the greatest

effect. He had adequately studied human nature, and knew well how it was modified in an assemblage of young men. Hence it was by considering the students as gentlemen, and treating them as such and by affectionate and conciliating manner towards them, that he was enabled to preserve order and harmony among them" (p. 123).

> Thus, we can see herein the historic roots of the College's modern-day philosophy of respecting students as adults and permitting them as much freedom as possible, expecting high standards, and assuming everyone is honest and a gentleman until proven otherwise. Also, President Cushing understood the need for an appeals process and was willing to review disciplinary actions upon request.

Though it is not clear what the structure or procedure was, there was some student mechanism for

expelling a student for lying during the presidency of Lewis W. Green (1849-56): "... Dr. Green was kindly midwife to what was maturing into the formalized student-run Honor System: lying had become a 'shipping offense,' if not by the Faculty, then by the students" (p. 191).

One can gain some insight into what attitudes student leaders had about matters of honor in

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1868 when student William M. Thornton 1868 wrote:

"The life of the college is always what its best men make it. If they are brave, true, highminded, relentless in rebuking baseness and falseness and cowardice, open and outspoken in their scorn for all that is secret and mean and low, the tone of the college will be like their own. Our *alma mater* was blessed in that day with a few such leading spirits, and to them, I believe, was due the rare nobleness of tone which then prevailed" (p. 330).

Mr. Thornton's point is as true today as it was in his day: one can usually measure the effectiveness of something like an honor system by the types of students elected to bodies such as an honor council. If students who are respected by their classmates and the faculty are elected, then there is a high probability that the system is sound and that students take it seriously.

In this same spirit of trying to establish a system of delegated, student self-governance, we can move on to about 1886, when Dr. Richard McIlwaine 1853 was president. He, as Mr. Brinkley describes, tried to form a student systema collegiate senate, as it was called-with class representatives. The faculty, rightfully and traditionally a powerful factor in the governance of the college, approved this arrangement for one year but chose not to renew the experiment for a second year. President McIlwaine was disappointed, for he still viewed student participation in governance as a good thing. As Mr. Brinkley writes, "and thus died constitutional student government at Hampden-Sydney until 1920" (p. 461).

Despite this flicker of a system, human nature being what it was, and still is, there was the persistent problem of students resisting turning in one another or readily admitting to a possible conduct or honor-type infraction. Thus, as Mr. Brinkley writes, at least until the early 1900s, "The mix of President and Faculty with *ad hoc* student committees seems to have continued to deal with student disorder" (p. 465).

Nevertheless, the struggle to establish an effective student government continued in spite

of what Mr. Brinkley describes as "intractable problems." In June of 1923 President **Joseph D. Eggleston 1886** expressed his strong desire to see this come about.

"The deportment of the students during the past session has been, in the main, good. I believe the Student Council should be credited with its share in the general improvement. The Council has not received the support from all of the students that it should receive, but I believe there has been a growing sentiment in the student body to give the Student Council ample powers looking toward student government, and to give, also, the moral backing necessary thereto...those of us who have been here for the past four years, and who are in sympathy with the student government movement, are gratified at the gain that has been made. "Without going into details, I think it only fair to say that there seem to be two opinions here about student government. Those who are really not in sympathy with the movement can point to failures. Those who are in sympathy with it can point to a decreasing number of failures, and can also point to the fact that if student government has failed in some instances, the students would have a difficult time finding a complete absence of failure among their elders in the matter of obedience to the laws of the Federal Government, the states, the cities, the counties, magisterial districts, towns, and villages of this country. With the constant examples of disobedience to laws, and in many instances, of contempt for it, the wonder to it is, not that there is among a small minority of our students a disregard for some of the College laws, but that there is not much more of it. I am certainly not alone in feeling encouraged" (pp. 669-70).

Perhaps the best summary of the status of the Honor System in that era came from **John W**. **Bishop '37**, who in his senior year was both editor of the *Magazine* and President of the Student Council: "Although the Honor System at Hampden-Sydney is one of the most satisfactory, it fails to come up to the height that it should. The reason for its failure is largely due to lack of cooperation by the student body" (p. 672).

And, he continues, describing the role of the Student Council then, and, by chance, the role of the Student Court today, *vis-à-vis* the Honor System:

"The Student Council is to deal with violations of the Honor Code. Fundamentally the Council should only handle lying, cheating, and stealing. In any of the cases named, the Council is not supposed to act as a police force, but rather as a body of judges. The members are not to be on the lookout for violations of the Honor Code to any greater degree than the youngest member of the Freshman Class. The Council was not intended to find cases of violations of the Honor Code, the Council is only supposed to try them when they are reported (p. 672)."

Bishop goes on to bemoan the frequency of cheating among students and their failure often to report possible violations. Then, he expresses his strong belief that the solutions to fixing these problems must lie with the students (p. 673).

This deep-seated institutional belief in students having a key role to play in their own governance and in instilling values and developing character as parts of the College's educational philosophy began to take its modern form under the presidency of Dr. **Edgar C. Gammon 1905,** 1939-55. In 1946, according to Mr. Brinkley, President Gammon said:

"Vigorous efforts have been made and are being made to instill into the young men the true meaning of liberty, the knowledge that rights without responsibilities are impossible. The method is not by rules and regulations but by counsel, advice, and conference. What we are seeking is student self-discipline growing out of the right sort of student government. There is no greater need than fine citizens and no better way to produce them than to teach in our Christian colleges the vital relationship between privileges and duties, rights and responsibilities" (p. 729).

Thus, the foundation and the philosophical bases were set for what we know today as a strong, student-run Honor System. But, the fits and starts of the past, the sputterings, the challenges to forming an effective system, were not over. For,

in the late 1960s and early 1970s, there swept across the land a general unrest in colleges and universities, challenges to institutional authority and a distaste for strong (or, at times, any) sanctions against those who violated rules. Part of this was fueled by opposition to the

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PRESIDENT GREEN WANTED TO LANDSCAPE THE CAMPUS. HE WAS ADLAI STEVENSON'S GRANDFATHER. civil rights area, and a general restlessness among the country's young people. At Hampden-Sydney indications of this spirit of protest among students were manifested in a number of ways, among them being a push to eliminate expulsion as the long-standing and only penalty for a student found guilty of an Honor Code violation; a desire for female visitation in the dormitories and fraternity houses; and a more generalized, but very serious, demand for what was called self-determination: more student involvement in the governance of the institution. This is a dramatic shift from the general student-held

opinions of a century earlier.

In 1969, the single sanction—expulsion (dismissal from the College with no chance of returning) for an Honor Code violation—was dropped. In its place was established a "dualsanction" structure, which permitted the Honor Council to impose either the penalty of suspension (for one, two, or more semesters, with the right to apply for readmission but no guarantee of acceptance) or expulsion. The idea was that adding the suspension option gave the Honor Council the flexibility it desired to adjudicate cases deemed less egregious. Also, seen as less extreme than the expulsion-only option, the dual-sanction system seemingly created less hesitancy on the part of students and faculty/staff to report possible violations.

**Peebles Harrison '89**, a former President of Student Government and now a trustee, had this to say about penalties, based on his experiences:

"A dual-sanction system is far preferable to a single-sanction system. Because of the draconian penalty, I believe faculty and students handle some matters themselves rather than turn them over to a single-sanction honor court. This all misses the point. Some of the guys I most respect from my days at Hampden-Sydney were those who made mistakes, learned from them, and returned to school to graduate."

Before the dual-sanction system settled in, though, there was in the early-to-mid 1970s some serious stress on our Honor System. This local unsettledness was a reflection of national trends, which resulted in many honor systems being dropped or modified; Hampden-Sydney's system was not immune. Not unlike some of the previously mentioned challenges to the system pointed out in Mr. Brinkley's book, for a brief time the Honor Council resisted applying punishment viewed as severe, e.g., suspension/ expulsion. In some cases the Honor Council would uphold the principle of suspension, in deference to tradition, but would suspend the actual suspension. A student would be judged guilty, would officially be suspended, but would not actually have to leave the College. As strange as it may seem, out of this low point came reforms that began a turn-around, leading to a stronger system in the long run.

One change was the combining of the student Judiciary Board, which handled misconduct cases not covered by the Honor Code, and the Honor Council into one strong board, the Student Court. (Still today the Student Court adjudicates both Honor Code cases and serious misconduct cases arising out of the code of student conduct.)

Another significant change was the creation of a more formal, detailed training program for student leaders, including workshops, off-campus retreats, and meetings with the late **Royal E**. **Cabell '43**, lawyer and long-time trustee, who for many years led sessions with student leaders on the legal, moral, and ethical aspects of the Honor Code. He also stressed the student leaders' responsibilities to the Honor Code and the College, including the responsibility to educate students about the Code.

However, even considering these increased efforts, the resulting strengthening of the system would have been less likely had there not been some key student leaders at that time who had the moral courage, the maturity, and the deep appreciation for the importance of the Honor System to the heritage and the character of the College. Over time, they helped restore faith in the System and in the capacity of the students to run it effectively. They understood that the key was to sustain the students' sense of ownership of the System as theirs and not as something imposed "from above."

Nationally, judicial and academic integrity councils or boards are typically comprised of a combination of students, faculty, and administrators. Hampden-Sydney's students-only panel, the Student Court, while not unique, is atypical. Granted, the students' authority to administer the Honor System is delegated from the trustees to the faculty to the student government, but the authority is real, even though it can be revoked if the System ever breaks down. However, the fact that their authority is real generates among the student leaders, in particular, a sense of pride and an acceptance of the serious responsibilities they have to the College and to their fellow students to administer the system well.

Perhaps there is no better example reinforcing this sense of student ownership than the difficult and demanding role played by the President of the Student Government. No one else may charge a student with an alleged violation of the Honor Code (lying, cheating, stealing) other than this student government officer. After a suspected violation is reported by a student or faculty/staff/ community member and a preliminary investigation is conducted by the president, he, alone, determines whether to drop the matter or to charge the student and send the case to be tried before the Student Court.

Also, emphasis in training programs was placed on having student leaders understand and accept that administering discipline was an opportunity to teach a lesson in hopes that the student, held accountable for his actions, would learn from his mistake and be a stronger, wiser, and better person in the long run. It was crucial, in my opinion, to have the leaders view themselves as fostering, through discipline, institutional mission, the "good man, good citizen" goal, and not to see themselves in the narrow perspective of simply meting out punishment. It was also important that they understand they were helping set community standards through their actions on individual cases.

As one looks back at the history and evolution of our Honor System, just like the College, it has survived many challenges, only to rise over a long history to its present-day position of strength. Of course, while there is no way to have been made and are being made to instill into the young men the true meaning of liberty, the knowledge that rights without responsibilities are impossible. The method is not by rules and regulations but by counsel, advice, and conference."

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document for certain at what level the majority of students over the years have "caught" the true spirit and idealism of the Honor System, the evidence available indicates most have. It is fair to say, I believe, that hardly anyone could attend Hampden-Sydney for any reasonable length of time and not be aware that the Honor System is taken seriously by all constituencies and is seen as an integral part of the institution's mission, "to form good men and good citizens in an atmosphere of sound learning," a gem of a mission statement. Instilling a sense of honor is a defining institutional value. The "good man, good citizen" concept, of course, is broader than honor and encompasses many qualities the College desires to instill in it students. For, how can one be a good man and good citizen without

> having respect for oneself and others, a desire to serve others, and a commitment at some level to a worthy cause bigger than oneself?

> > The underlying aim of the Honor System and of the College is

> > > not just to foster a community of trust within the Hampden-Sydney community at a particular period of time, as noble as that is. It is, in addition, intended to inculcate a lifelong commitment to all the values inherent in the mission statement, not just honor. It is about how one is to live his life.

Upon reflection, we come to understand that the greatest gift to every student who enrolls in Hampden-Sydney is offered that first night during freshman orientation, at the Honor convocation. It is this: that no matter his past, upon signing the pledge that night in front of student leaders and his classmates, he is assumed to be a man of honor. Thereafter, only he,

himself, can take that gift away by his failure to live up to the precepts of the Honor Code.

At the other end, commencement, the hope is that every graduate will have learned that the underlying aim of the Honor System is to send men out into the world who understand, more broadly, that honor is its own reward. The Honor System is a means to an end: creating good men and good citizens, honorable men, Hampden-Sydney men, for life.

Hampden-Sydney College Virginia Tourism Guide

Summer is full of road trips, ice cream in the evenings, baseball games, family picnics, and going to the park. Lazy days at the pool and a round of golf before the sun gets too hot are great ways to drift through June, July, and August, especially in Virginia.

When you're ready to gather up the family and have some fun in the Old Dominion, why not consider stopping by a local restaurant run by a fellow Tiger or drop in a store to chat with another Hampden-Sydney man? There are many businesses across the Commonwealth owned and operated by our alumni, and they would be happy to see another Tiger walk through the front door.

So, as you plan your family vacation or just look for something to do next Saturday, take a look at this *Hampden-Sydney Tourism Guide*.

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22. Owen Suter's Fine Furniture Owen E. Suter III '81 4408 West Broad Street, Richmond, VA (804) 359-9569 www.owensuters.com

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30. Road to Revolution Heritage Trail Founded by Del. Christopher K. Peace '98

31. Virginia Civil Rights in Education Heritage Trail

32. Sailor's Creek Battlefield Historical State Park

33. Patrick Henry National Memorial at Red Hill

34. Appomattox Court House Historical Park





# Setting their sights on success

#### THE CLAY TARGET CLUB GEARS UP FOR ANOTHER YEAR OF COMPETITION

JOHN LEE DUDLEY '95

Southside Virginia in general and the area around Hampden-Sydney College in particular lend themselves to outdoor recreation. Many of our students have grown up camping, hiking, hunting, and shooting. Now they have the opportunity to continue to enjoy that last activity with the Clay Target Club, a recreational club and intercollegiate competitive team.

Though the club has been active since **Braxton Elliot '13** resurrected it as a freshman, the team just completed its first year of competition.

He says, "This year we went to two competitions in Dublin, Virginia. One was hosted by Virginia Tech. The other was a new shoot that was started this year, the Virginia Collegiate State Shoot. They invited all of the Virginia colleges and universities. Our goal for next year is to go to the AUCI Nationals in San Antonio, Texas. That will be against just about every college and university in the country with a shooting team. We held off on going this year because we had only a couple of competitions under our belt. We're building a strong team. I think by next year we'll be ready."

Braxton, from Appomattox, grew up hunting and started shooting clay targets when he was 13 years old. Within two years, he was shooting in the Scholastic Clay Target program and competed for the national title in San Antonio. "Our little team from Appomattox, Virginia, won the national competition that year."

When he decided to come to Hampden-Sydney, he knew he wanted to revive the dormant clay target club and to compete on the collegiate level. Part of that meant attracting other shooters with a passion for clay target competition.

"We've got a good mix. Cody Bailey is one of the top shooters. He made the Junior AllAmerican Team in high school, which is an awesome accomplishment. **Tucker Bulleit** from Kentucky shot with the University of Kentucky's team before he came here, so he has quite a bit of experience. Then we have two or three guys who have fooled around with it, but never had a lot of experience. We also have two avid duck hunters and they are always hunting. I invited them to come down and shoot with us and they've shown a lot of improvement. It's a good mix of guys."

Cody, a rising sophomore, is an avid hunter who grew up in Keysville. He started shooting clay targets in 4-H and quickly moved to the Scholastic Clay Target Program U.S. Team. During high school, Cody began competing in the National Sporting Clays Association (NSCA), as do many of his teammates at Hampden-Sydney. He says, "I was on the road every week traveling to different states. I've been to almost every state in the U.S. and a bunch of different countries."

The NSCA tournament schedule was so demanding that Cody missed 80 days of classes during his junior year of high school. That's serious commitment.

Clay target competition consists of four main categories: skeet, trap, sporting clays, and the relatively new category called five stand. In collegiate competition, teams can have many shooters, but the top five scores are used to tabulate the team's overall score. Because Hampden-Sydney's team is still young, Braxton says they have been able to field only the minimum five-man team in competition, which puts them at a distinct disadvantage against schools like Virginia Tech and

the University of Virginia with more than a dozen shooters each. They hope to improve their chances of a good showing at the 2013 national tournament by taking at least seven shooters.

Tucker, also a rising sophomore, says, "The competitive environment is very different from typical sports, such as basketball and football. It's really cool to travel around and see other schools. You meet a lot of people and can spend time talking with everyone.

You really get to know the people you're competing against."

Though the Clay Target Club is officially a club, the members are quick to emphasize its two distinct sides: recreational and competitive. Through the help of **John Woodard** at the Col-

"The competitive environment is very different from typical sports, such as basketball and football. You meet a lot of people and can spend time talking with everyone. You really get to know the people you're competing against." TUCKER BULLEIT '15 Target clay shooter

lege's Buildings and Grounds Department, the club can practice just 10 minutes from campus.

"Having a place so close to campus is great," says Tucker. "Just like golf or tennis or any sport,

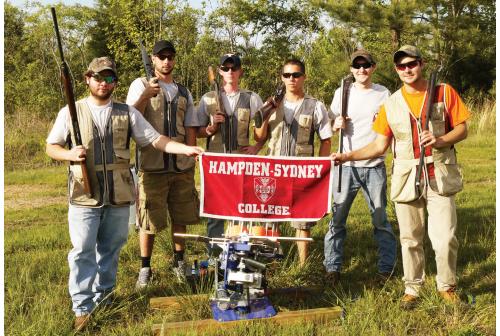
> if you don't practice you don't improve. Now, I can knock out an hour or two a week."

Braxton says, "Having the recreation side is great, too, because we got a lot of guys who come down to grill out some burgers and hot dogs, then shoot and have a good time. A lot of times I'll just go down to watch, and if I see a guy who's just blowing them away I'll invite him to come and try to shoot with the team."

That recreational side also lends itself to the club's

plans for a second wing-shooting clinic for students and alumni. "We did one last fall for a fundraiser," says Braxton. "All morning you get skeet instruction. Then we do a quail hunt in the evening. Last year that got a lot of guys interested."

The Clay Target Club geared up and ready to compete.



In the meantime, they are staying busy this summer, practicing and going to competitions around the country.

Competing on the collegiate level, they win plaques. On their own, they can win considerable money—potentially thousands of dollars from just one tournament.

This definitely is a lifetime sport and possibly

a career. Cody, for one, wants to make enough money at tournaments to support himself. "That's what I did in high school. Instead of having a job, I shot at tournaments. The money I won at one competition would pay for the entry fees to the next competition, and my shells and targets for practice."

For others, the Clay Target Club is a great way to learn something new, make some friends, and have some fun, which sounds a lot like what going



ABOVE, the team at their practice stands. From left are Daniel Adams '14, Tucker Bulleit '15, Ben Gillis '15, and Evan Pinkenstein. TOP LEFT, Tucker Bulleit '15 fires at a target. TOP RIGHT, Braxton Elliot '13 prepares to take his turn shooting as he hands over the controls for the target thrower (in bushes behind them at left) to Evan Pinkenstein.

# Bill Porterfield retires

#### A CHEMISTRY DEPARTMENT MAINSTAY LEAVES AFTER 48 YEARS

JOHN LEE DUDLEY '95

If the weather is nice, you'll likely see Bill Porterfield walking along Via Sacra from his home to Gilmer Hall. If the weather is *very* nice, he'll be driving his convertible 1959 Corvette.

Not many people at Hampden-Sydney have seen as many changes as Bill Porterfield. The inorganic chemistry professor came to the College in 1964—although he likes to point out that he signed a contract in August of 1963, but the pay was so low that he had to stay at his job at the Alleghany Ballistics Lab to save enough money to make the move. When he arrived, academic majors were only seven years old and Hundley Stadium had not been built. Neither had Gilmer Hall—the sciences were still taught in Bagby. The new library was Eggleston Hall, then only half the size it is now.

Dr. William Wendell Porterfield's 48-year full-time teaching career is topped only by that of J. H. Curry Winston 1894, who taught chemistry from 1899 to 1949. (Porterfield says the College didn't have a retirement plan in those days, so that Winston—for whom Winston Hall is named—could not afford to retire.) Many living alumni likely believe that Dr. **Graves H. Thompson 1927** taught for more than 50 years; though his career lasted from 1939 to 1993, he retired from full-time teaching in 1977.

The faculty of the early 1960s was quite different from the current faculty. There were some academically-progressive professors, including the brash and aggressive chemistry professor Tyler Miller, the son of then-James Madison College President G. Tyler Miller.

Porterfield, who earned his Ph.D. at the University of North Carolina in 1962, recalls, "The rest of the faculty at that time had been here since before World War II—or had come here

Dr. Porterfield in the early 1970s.



right after—and were set in a very traditional curriculum. The difference between the BA and BS was that for a BA you had to take a modern language and an ancient language—two years of each. For a BS you had to take only two years of a single language and a full year of each of the three introductory sciences.

"The faculty were incredibly traditional about the liberal arts. Almost all of them were teaching

courses that could have been taught in the 1890s, not that they didn't have any newer material—these were people who were plenty smart—but they were teaching courses the way they were taught in the 1890s, except for a few razzledazzle teachers who had been filtered out by the [public] school closing."

Tyler Miller, who was vocally progressive, was soon pressured by conservative colleagues and townspeople to leave in 1966. It wasn't until 1968, when the department grew by two professors, including Dr. Herbert J. Sipe, Jr., to a total of four, that it could run advanced laboratory classes the way they are done today-a system of which Porterfield has always been a strong proponent and for which he has written a widely-used textbook.

"I'm really struck by what has not changed," notes Porterfield. "I mean, the curriculum has changed enormously: the core [requirement] has gone down from 96 hours to This portrait of Dr. Porterfield, commissioned by the Chemistry department from local artist Deborah McClintock, now hangs in Gilmer Hall.

is completely different.

"But the student body is almost exactly like

it was here when I came-okay, so we have some

minority students now. The students are all polite

and medium-level interested. This is not the MIT-

level of fighting for every morsel of fact, but they

in the classroom. What I have seen for 49 years is

don't flake off either. You get a decent level of effort



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WILLIAM WENDELL PORTERFIELD Retiring Professor of Chemistry

students making a reasonable level of effort. You get a couple of screw-ups in every class, but the density of screw-ups now is neither higher nor lower than it was in 1966. I don't have a problem with this. This is a great bunch of young men to work with."

> Unlike many of the buildings at Hampden-Sydney, for the people of the College change is inevitable. Dr. Porterfield ended his 20-something-year run of high-powered and highly orchestrated July 4th fireworks displays two years ago.

Essential tremor in his hands makes grading papers nearly impossible. After a successful career teaching generations of young scientists, Bill Porterfield is stepping aside.

"I really shouldn't [be teaching] any more; is what it comes down to, and it's too bad, because this has been a fun period. I would like to keep on teaching chemistry; I would like to keep on teaching Western Culture. It just doesn't work very well."

For those who come back looking for Dr. Porterfield, you'll likely find him. After decades of walking down Via

50-ish. And AP [Advanced Placement] is a lot more common than it used to be, which means the bottom edge of the distributive requirements tends to get AP credit so students never really take those courses here. There is much more emphasis on majors ... and of course the faculty Sacra to work every day, serving for 20 years on the County Planning Commission, and attending literally hundreds of Tiger football and basketball games, he and his wife Dorothy have no plans to move away. On warm summer days, they may even go for a ride in his Corvette.

#### Commencement 2012

Commencement this year was marked by lively remarks from keynote speaker Verne Lundquist, the popping of many champagne corks, and the celebration of the a lifelong friendship put to the ultimate test—as well as the conferring of degrees. The beautiful Mother's Day ceremony drew a large crowd to the front lawn of Venable Hall to mark the transition of this year's class from students to graduates.

Lundquist is the lead play-by-play announcer for CBS Sports' coverage of college football.

Throughout his career he has broadcast more than 20 different sports for CBS, including noted coverage of Olympic figure skating and the Masters professional golf tournament. During his remarks, which included references to the movie *Happy* Gilmore and singer Kid Rock, Lundquist recalled his first trip to Hampden-Sydney in 1980, to provide the play-by-play for ABC TV's broadcast of the Tiger football game against Salisbury State, an assignment he was given after famed announcer Howard Cosell mockingly hyped the game during a broadcast of Monday Night Football.

Next weekend, it was Lundquist not Cosell—who arrived on campus to broadcast the game. Standing on the graduation stage this spring, Lundquist recalled, "Some enterprising young guys unfurled a bedsheet from one of the windows of what was then Gammon Gym. On the sheet it said, 'Hampden-Sydney welcomes ABC Sports.' Below that in smaller letters it said, 'Where the Hell is Howard Cosell?' In really small letters it said, 'Who the Hell is Verne Lundquist?' I thank all of you for a slightly warmer reception this time around."

All was not fun and games. Lundquist did

offer advice to the graduates, noting: "Who and what you are on this beautiful Sunday in May is not who and what you will become. Along the way, there are going to be twists and turns. There are going to be some roadblocks, some detours, a boatload of surprises in your life as you evolve. I have vivid recollections of clutching my bachelor of arts degree a half a century ago, my major in sociology and minor in history, wondering 'Well, now what?' I contemplated law school. I considered radio and television. I almost joined the Peace Corps. In the end, in 1962,

I enrolled as a student at the Lutheran School of Theology on the campus of Augustana College in Rock Island, Illinois.

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It was the same seminary from which my father had been ordained into the Lutheran ministry in 1944. I think I wanted to find out a little bit about myself. What I found out really quickly was that I had no business being a Lutheran minister."

He added: "You as graduates have two ways you can lead your lives: you can live a life of selfishness or a life of selflessness. I would strongly urge you to walk through door number two. Share your life. Introspection has its place; it's important in the development of your soul, but look beyond your own soul. All of you here were witness to an amazing example of selflessness in the early morning hours of January 24 when a fire consumed the TAC house. After

all of those present—eight of the nine who lived there took a count, they realized, as the flames continued to roar, that one of their own was not present. **Ben Rogers** was still inside. **Kirk Rohle** took it upon himself to dash back through the flames to try to rescue his best friend, his lifelong teammate. Ben Rogers did escape. Kirk Rohle had a moment when it was really, really looking grim, but at the last minute, hurting by

the flames, he found the will to jump through a window. Both men, of course, were burned. Kirk's burns were very serious. It was an incredible act of love, courage, and brotherhood. Needless to say, we are quite thrilled that both men are with us today."

Kirk and Ben, who completed the requirements for their degrees this summer, were the final two students to walk across the stage and did so just as they have lived most of their lives—together.

In addition to the conferring of degrees, many individuals were recognized during commencement for their outstanding achievements as students.

The Gammon Cup, given in memory of Dr. Edgar G. Gammon 1905, pastor of College Church from 1917-1923 and president of the College from 1939-1955, is awarded to the student-athlete in the graduating class who has best served the College. This year it went to **Benjamin T. Rogers '12.** He earned the President's Award upon entering Hampden-Sydney College and is a Dean's List Student. A two-time football captain, he started in all 43 games of his career and is the only player in program history to be named All-Old Dominion Athletic Conference for all four years of his career. He has been a vital part in helping the Tigers to a 35-5 record, two ODAC Championships, and

"You as graduates have two ways you can lead your lives: you can live a life of selfishness or a life of selflessness. I would strongly urge you to walk through door number two. Share your life." VERNE LUNDQUIST CBS Sports announcer three NCAA appearances.

The Anna Carrington Harrison Award is awarded to students who show the most constructive leadership in a school year. This year's recipient was **S. Barron Frazier** '12. He is a Venable Scholar and is a Dean's List Student. He successfully completed the requirements of the Society of 1791 leadership program and was elected to Phi Beta Kappa and Omicron Delta Kappa honor societies. During his

senior year, he reactivated GMGC (Good Men and Good Citizens), and through his efforts many civic endeavors were taken on successfully.

The Samuel S. Jones '43 Phi Beta Kappa Award for intellectual excellence and outstanding student research was presented to **Osric A. Forrest** '12 for his honors thesis in biology, *The Effect of B16–F1 and D5.1G4 Tumor-altered Dendritic Cells on Killer T Cell Activation.* The project was supervised by Professor **Kristian Hargadon '01**, who himself won the award in 2001.

Given annually to "a Hampden-Sydney faculty member in recognition of outstanding classroom contribution to the education of Christian young



Benjamin T. Rogers '12



David Wilson '63



S. Barron Frazier '12



Mike McDermott III

men," the Cabell Award, created by the Robert G. Cabell III and Maude Morgan Cabell Foundation, was given to Assistant Professor of Biology **Michael J. Wolyniak**. In just three years here he has served as the research advisor for five students doing honors research in his department and three students doing summer research projects. His students have won awards and scholarships from the Virginia Foundation for Independent Colleges, the Council on Undergraduate Research, and the National Science Foundation.

The Robert Thruston Hubard IV Award, named for a member of the Class of 1935 and a Hampden-Sydney College professor of political science from 1946 until 1982, is given to a member of the faculty or staff most distinguished for active devotion and service to the College and her ideals. This year, the award went to the Director of Marketing and Communications, **Thomas H. Shomo '69.** He has served the College for 27 years in many departments, and, as the author of the nationally acclaimed *To Manner Born, To Manners Bred,* has made significant contributions to civility and good manners among students.



Osric A. Forrest '12



Jared Christian Harris '12



Michael J. Wolyniak



Stewart Joseph Neifert '12

The Thomas Edward Crawley Award, named for the late professor whose 38-year career as teacher, scholar, musician, and dean, is given annually to "that professor most distinguished for devoted service to the ideals of Hampden-Sydney and the education of her sons." This year, that person is Dr. Walter C. "Mike" McDermott III, professor of physics and astronomy. Among his many accomplishments, he took the lead in developing cooperative agreements with both Old Dominion University and Virginia Tech to allow our students to earn degrees both in physics at Hampden-Sydney and in engineering at the other institutions.

Each year, members of the graduating class and friends of the College are recognized for their excellence of character and generous service to others with The Algernon Sydney Sullivan Medallion. Among the graduates, this year's honorees were **Jared Christian Harris** '12, a highly motivated and a skilled computer scientist who has been instrumental in helping the College with social media, and **Stewart Joseph Neifert** '12, an outstanding scholar and fouryear member of the Student Court. The third recipient was **David G. Wilson, Jr. '63**, a former

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College Trustee, the president of The Roundball Club, and a mentor to many young men.

Student Body President John Sharp '12 presented the Senior Class Award, which is given to the member of the faculty, administration, or staff who has contributed most significantly to the students during their four years at Hampden-Sydney. This year's award went to the faculty as a whole for the unifying spirit each member has displayed. Then **Taylor Pierce '12**, chairman of the Senior Class Campaign, announced that 100% of the graduating class has contributed \$5,500 to a scholarship honoring Director of Admissions **Jason M. Ferguson '96**.

During commencement, five graduates were commissioned as military officers—three in the

United States Army and two in the United States Marine Corps. Major Stephan Ruppel-Lee commissioned Joshua E. Rivera '12, Austin J. Sheppard '12, Thomas H. Weisel '12, and Lain M. Healey '12 as second lieutenants in the Army, with Lieutenant Rivera receiving his first salute from his mother, First Sergeant Pamela Kaye Rivera. Lieutenant General W. Gerald Boykin, Wheat Visiting Professor in Leadership,

commissioned **Edward F. Thomas III '12** as a second lieutenant in the Marine Corps.

The student graduating with the highest cumulative grade-point average (3.9747) was **DesRaj McCree Clark '12**, a biology major and chemistry minor. In his valedictory address he urged his classmates to acknowledge the changes that have occurred at Hampden-Sydney during the past four years, but also to be reassured by its steadfast nature. "We should expect things to change over four years, but what makes Hampden-Sydney such an interesting place is that the traditions and important elements of this college are still in their proper places."

#### Final convocation: rewards for merit in students and faculty

Among the many awards presented at final convocation, The Mettauer Award for Excellence in Research went to Dr. John C. Coombs, associate professor of history. Between work done before joining the faculty in 2007 and work done since then, he has established himself as a well-regarded scholar in his field of early American history. His scholarly pursuits focus on the 18th-century history of Virginia and the Chesapeake Bay region. An examination of his *curriculum vitæ* reveals an impressive list of conference

"We should expect things to change over four years, but what makes Hampden-Sydney such an interesting place is that the traditions and important elements of this college are still in their proper places." DESRAJ McCREE CLARK '12 Biology major & Valedictorian presentations and invited addresses as well as print publications. Just within the last year he published an edited volume entitled *Early Modern Virginia: Reconsidering the Old Dominion*, in which he contributed a chapter, had two other papers published, and gave three conference presentations and invited addresses. Another book, *The Rise of Virginia Slavery*, has been accepted

for publication. Finally, he maintains an involvement in historical archæology.

Andrew Nance '12 received the Kearfott Stone Memorial Award for outstanding contributions in music. Andrew has diligently practiced his piano during his four years at Hampden-Sydney, performed at numerous events, and even recorded his own album of piano classics.

The inaugural McClintock Award for Visual Arts was presented to **Daniel Frank '12**. The new award recognizes the contributions to the College of Dr. **Richard C. McClintock**, who is retiring this summer after a 37-year



Dr. John C. Coombs



Andrew Nance '12



Daniel Frank '12



Chris Griggs '12

career as a classics professor and director of publications.

The Rhetoric Department recognizes particularly good class essays and speeches from each level of the curriculum. This year, **Nathaniel Stewart Shepherd '14** was selected from the Rhetoric 210 public speaking class for his ironic presentation "The Negative Effects of Single-Sex Education."

**Chris Griggs '12** scored an impressive trifecta at Convocation, receiving The Grace and Hassell Simpson Prize for excellence in English, The Sallie Wright Harrison Poetry Award, and The Shelley A. Marshall Short Story Award. Though he was recognized for his story "Harvest Celebration," other works of his, such as the story "Vivarium," can be found in the latest issue of the student literary journal *The Garnet*. Griggs was editor of the 2011 *Garnet*.

### New Dean of the Faculty

Dr. Dennis G. Stevens has been named provost and dean of the faculty at Hampden-Sydney College. Most recently, Dr. Stevens was vice president for academic affairs and dean of the college at Randolph College in Lynchburg. He assumes his new position on July 1, 2012.

Dr. Stevens holds his A.B. in political science, *cum laude*, from Kenyon College and his Ph.D. in political science from Boston College. Before going to Randolph College in 2008, he held administrative posts at the University of Findlay in Findlay, Ohio, and Lake Erie College in Painesville, Ohio, and chaired the Department of Government and International Affairs at Augustana College in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

He is the author of *Challenges to Peace in the Middle East*, published by Allyn & Bacon/ Longman, 2003, and co-author with Peter Schotten of *Religion, Politics, and the Law* published by Wadsworth Publishing Company, 1995, as well as of numerous articles.

Dr. Stevens and his wife, Bonnie, will live on campus in Penshurst. They have two daughters and three grandchildren.

Dr. Robert T. Herdegen II, who was Dean of the Faculty for three years, is returning to the classroom as professor of psychology.

Dean of the Faculty Dennis G. Stevens



#### Wilson Center gives annual Patrick Henry awards

Three alumni were recognized by the Wilson Center for Leadership in the Public Interest for their contributions to their local communities. This year's honorees were **W. Birch Douglass** '65, Robert P. Roper '68, and G. Michael Pace, Jr. '79.

Birch Douglass is a partner with McGuireWoods law firm in Richmond, specializing in tax law and charitable giving. In 2011, he was named "Richmond Tax Lawyer of the Year." He has served on the Board of Directors for the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts and as its president from 2004 to 2007; he was a founding member of the Hanover Tavern Foundation's Board of Directors, and was its president from 1994 to 1995. He is a current Trustee of Hampden-Sydney College and, in 2005, received an Alumni Citation for his support the College's activities, service to the College, financial commitment to the future of the institution, and "steady demonstration of the excellence that is the hallmark of the Hampden-Sydney man."

Bob Roper is a retired marketing executive with Philip Morris whose career took him from New York to Japan. He and his wife established the Robert & Kathleen Roper Family Fund through the Mathews (VA) Community Foundation with special attention to the needs of at-risk children; he is the former chairman of the Foundation. Mr. Roper also serves on as chairman of the Advisory Council of the Virginia Institute of Marine Science.

Mike Pace is the managing partner of the law firm Gentry Locke Rakes & Moore in Roanoke and served as the president of the Virginia Bar Association in 2008. He is the founder of the Rule of Law Project, sponsored by the Association and the Virginia Law Foundation. The Project teaches youths about the importance of the rule of law in their daily lives and gives them a better understanding of the need to preserve and protect due process of law. In 2009, the World Justice Project selected the Rule of Law Project as one of five international programs featured at the World Justice Forum II in Vienna, Austria. Mr. Pace also serves on multiple boards in his community, is a Trustee of Hampden-Sydney College, and a past president of the Hampden-Sydney College Alumni Association. He is the son of the late **Gerald M. "Jerry" Pace, Sr. '63**.

Regular updates and news about speakers and events at the Wilson Center are available online at *www.hsc.edu/Wilson-Leadership.html.* To subscribe to the Wilson Center's newsletter, contact May Reed at *mreed@hsc.edu* or (434) 223-7077.

Student Body President and fine arts major John Sharp '12 (at right below, with photography professor Pam Fox) was one of five students whose fine arts senior thesis projects were on display at the Atkinson Museum during May. Sharp's project consisted of an installation of 99 photographs of the Occupy Wall Street movement demonstration, which he traveled to New York City to document.



### Hampden-Sydney College JOURNAL OF THE SCIENCES Showcasing H-SC <u>Student Research</u>

Home Welcome to the Hampden-Sydney Journal of the Sciences

The home page of the new student research journal features a micro-photograph by Jonathan Park '12 of proteins called septins at the division points of budding yeast cells, illustrating a paper by Nathaniel Thomas '11.

#### New journal celebrates scientific research

There is a new entry into the world of academic publishing. *The Hampden-Sydney College Journal of the Sciences* was officially launched on March 21, thanks to the efforts of Dr. **Michael Wolyniak**, an assistant professor of biology. The annual *Journal* is a student-edited showcase of the wide variety of undergraduate research activity performed at the College.

Dr. Wolyniak says, "We have an incredible diversity of projects in the journal and the diversity is the most important part. We have research in biology, chemistry, mathematics, and psychology. Students have done work on the division of cells and on the mathematics of sound. It's a wide range of disciplines."

The idea for creating the *Journal* came to Dr. Wolyniak after learning about similar journals at other small colleges.

Submissions come from students in all of the scientific disciplines, including biology, chemistry, mathematics and computer science, physics and astronomy, and psychology. The submissions range from honors theses to classroom research assignments and are edited by the student editorial board into a professional format. The board, which includes **Osric Forrest '12, Yonathan Ararso '13, John Bishop '13, Ke Shang '13,** and Dr. Wolyniak, has quite an international component. Bishop is from the United States (Alabama, specifically), but Forrest, Ararso, and Shang are from Jamaica, Ethiopia, and China, respectively. The Journal provides an outstanding opportunity for Hampden-Sydney students to get involved in an authentic scientific research and publication process and to gain invaluable experiences



Dr. Michael Wolyniak

that will help them in the pursuit of graduate or professional education after their time at Hampden-Sydney. Likewise, the journal's content shows prospective students and their families the kind of research opportunities available at the College.

Dr. Wolyniak says, "Much of the work in the first issue is very heavy research, so we are looking to add more reader-friendly essays in future issues. For example, I am teaching a bioethics seminar this semester and I hope that we will have some essays from that class for the Journal. I would love to see some essays about topics such as 'whether or not athletes should use stem cells in physical therapy' and other controversial topics."

The new student journal is available online at *sciencejournal.hsc.edu*.

# Sports News

DAVIS YAKE '09, SPORTS INFORMATION DIRECTOR

#### FOR TIGER SCHEDULES AND THE LATEST PROGRESS ON THE SEASON, VISIT WWW.HSCATHLETICS.COM

### Great success for golf, O'Connell NCAA participant

Hampden-Sydney golf built on an impressive fall season with solid outings in the spring that led to senior Ronnie Fultz and sophomore Rick O'Connell earning First Team All-ODAC nods while freshman Drew Arnold earned Third Team honors. O'Connell also earned PING All-South Region accolades while representing the Tigers in the 2012 NCAA Championship. Despite posting a 43rd finish individually after the first two rounds at six over par, O'Connell did not make the cut for the third round.

During the regular season, O'Connell led the Tigers with a top-ten individual ranking according to Golfstat. com. He and the Tigers began the spring season with a third place finish in the TaylorMade-Adidas Intercollegiate while Fultz paced the team finishing fourth overall individually. Hampden-Sydney followed with a 13th place finish in the highly competitive Jekyll Island Invitational, featuring 16 teams in the Division III Top-25 and two teams in the Top-10; Hampden-Sydney's 13th place finish was the best of any Virginia team.

After a ninth place finish in the Camp Lejeune Intercollegiate and tenth place finish in the Division I Manor Invitational, the Tigers placed sixth overall in the ODAC Championship. O'Connell again led the way, tying for 17th place overall. Sean Gatz was also solid in the conference championship event, shooting just one stroke over O'Connell and finishing 19th overall.

## Baseball grows around young players

Hampden-Sydney posted a 14-27 record but advanced to and won at least one game in the ODAC Tournament for the eighth time in nine years under head coach Jeff Kinne. The Tigers had a wealth of young talent, including three freshmen All-ODAC honorees and the 2012 Rookie of the Year in starting pitcher Zach Whitaker. Whitaker, also a First-Team performer, was joined by fellow rookies and Second-Team selections Christian Hamlett (OF) and Jeff Gray (DH). Also earning Third Team All-ODAC accolades was senior outfielder Jordan Wind.

Whitaker, who earned ODAC Pitcher of the Week honors in the final week of the regular season, was solid all season for the Tigers, posting a 7-3 record in the regular season with two saves. In conference, Whitaker posted a 5-1 record with three complete games. Against Emory and Henry, the rookie pitched nine shutout innings, and against Virginia Wesleyan and Bridgewater, he allowed one run in each of his nine innings pitched. In 65.2 innings pitched, posted a 2.60 ERA with 50 strikeouts to just 18 walks. He was tied for first in the ODAC in wins, third in innings pitched, fourth in strikeouts and appearances, and tied for sixth in saves.

Hamlett made an immediate impact for the Tigers in left field appearing in 32 regular season games while posting a batting average of .327. He started his career with a bang, recording a hit in each of his first five games, including three two-hit games. Through the regular season, his .327 average and 36 hits were both third best

Tiger golfer Rick O'Connell represented the Tigers in the 2012 NCAA Championship tournament.





The Tiger Baseball team visited Dodger Stadium during a West Coast trip this spring. They played three games, toured the area, and were the guests of honor at a reception in the Los Angeles home of Stella Hall, mother of player Mikey Riva '12.

on the team and his nine doubles were second best. He also added 17 runs and nine RBI. He posted a career-high three hits against Roanoke, and scored two runs four different times.

Gray earned Second-Team honors as a designated hitter, leading the Tigers and placing 16th in the ODAC with a .373 batting average in the regular season. Gray led the team with two home runs, was second on the team with 38 hits, and third in doubles with eight. He was consistent all season posting three separate four-game hit streaks. His top game came against Guilford College as he went 4-for-5 from the plate. Gray also recorded 14 multi-hits games and posted at least one hit in 21 of his 32 games.

Wind rounded out the All-ODAC selections for the Tigers with a Third-Team nod. The senior finished the regular season with a .281 batting on 34 hits in 121 at bats. While starting in 33 of his 34 appearances in center field, Wind lead the team with 22 runs, 10 doubles, and two triples. He also batted in 11 runs with one home run. He posted a season-high five-game hit streak from March 31 to April 7, recording seven hits in the stretch.

### Tennis rebuilds quickly on the court

The 2012 Hampden-Sydney tennis team boasted a 5-8 overall record while going 4-5 in ODAC competition, but the Tigers played a very difficult non-conference schedule that featured numerous ranked teams, even as the ODAC was arguably the most competitive it has ever been from top to bottom.

H-SC was in the midst of a rebuilding year as the Tigers had to replace the four of the five winningest players in school history, one of which was the 2011 ODAC Player of the Year. Hampden-Sydney still found success both as a team and individually, showing some bright spots for the future. The Tigers posted solid wins over Randolph (9-0), Roanoke (8-1), Virginia Wesleyan (8-1), Lynchburg (9-0), and Ferrum (9-0). Senior Ryan Davis was Third-Team All-ODAC and #4 singles and #3 doubles. Kevin Calhoun and Ian Sammler earned Third-Team All-ODAC at #1 doubles, and Franklin Bowers also was a Third-Team honoree at #3 doubles.

Calhoun closed out his collegiate tennis career as one of the top players ever at Hampden-Sydney. He earned All-ODAC honors seven times, earning First-Team on three occasions. He is third in Hampden-Sydney history for overall wins at 88, fifth in overall singles wins with 40, and is third in overall doubles wins with 46.

Sammler also had a decorated career. He is a two-time All-ODACer, 10th at Hampden-Sydney in overall wins (39) and doubles wins (20). Davis stepped into the starting lineup as a senior and responded in kind with a team-high seven singles wins and a team second-best six doubles wins. Davis also rounds out his career 15th in overall wins

Pitcher Zach Whitaker, 2012 Rookie of the Year.





Carter Mavromatis '12 finished his four-year career as one of the most prolific scoring players in school history.

with 23. Barrett Polan was the fourth and final senior and he concludes his three-year tennis career with 10 total wins, five at singles and five at doubles.

Freshman Zack King provided an immediate impact playing at #2 singles. He ended the season 6-6 overall and 5-4 in ODAC play, including a big 6-2, 6-1 win over Randolph-Macon's #2 player. Freshman Houghton Flanagan showed flashes of potential playing primarily at the #5 flight, earning four wins on the season while going 4-4 in the ODAC.

Bowers, a junior, played mostly doubles, going 6-5 overall with a 4-3 mark in the ODAC. He also had some success in singles competition, earning a 3-0 mark at the #5 seed. Junior Watt Mountcastle playing sparingly but stepped up towards the end of the season when the team needed him. He won two of his three singles matches and was winning a third but the match was not completed. Filling in at #1 doubles late in the season due to an injury, he helped propel the Tigers to a win at #1 doubles against Randolph-Macon's #1 doubles team that featured the ODAC Co-Player of the Year.

#### Lacrosse

The Tiger lacrosse team had another successful season this year despite being rattled with significant injuries for the entirety of the year. The Tigers finished 9-7 overall and 5-2 in the ODAC to earn the #3 seed in the ODAC Tournament.

Hampden-Sydney played a difficult schedule this year, including four games against foes ranked in the top-ten in the country. The team posted big wins over Catholic, Colorado College, Washington & Lee, and Randolph-Macon. With the Tigers earning the #3 seed for the ODAC Tournament, H-SC earned the right to host a First-Round ODAC Tournament game before falling to Washington & Lee 9-8 in a thrilling contest. One of the big highlights of the year was a trip to Dallas, Texas, for spring break, where the Tigers defeated Colorado College 9-6 in Gerald Ford Stadium on the campus of Southern Methodist University. Following the game, there was a banquet on the SMU campus with parents, friends, and alumni along with a speech from retired NFL player **Chad Hennings**, the honorary captain for the game.

It proved to be a record-breaking year for Carter Mavromatis. Mavromatis finished his four-year career as one of the most prolific scoring players in school history. He shattered the record for career assists by 18 to finish with 108 and now ranks seventh in career points with 183, good for the second most of any midfielder ever at Hampden-Sydney. Additionally, he ranks fifth in all of NCAA Division III for career assists for active players and seventh in the NCAA when including all three divisions.

Five players earned All-ODAC honors, headlined by Mavromatis placing on the First Team. Earning Second-Team honors was Micah Keller, Nate Norbo, Andrew Pritzlaff, and Cameron Sheppard. Keller also closed out his career as one of the best attackman to ever wear a Hampden-Sydney jersey, ending his career fifth in career goals with 152 and sixth in career points at 192.

Keller and Mavromatis were both selected to participate in the 71st Annual USILA North-South Classic that was played at Harvard Stadium on May 25. The North-South Classic is a senior All-Star game pitting the best seniors in the country against each other prior to the National Championship game that was played two days later in Foxborough, Massachusetts. The honors continued to roll in for Keller and Mavromatis as both were voted as USILA Honorable Mention All-Americans.

#### An Experience for the Ages: A trio of Tigers take American basketball to Europe

BY HARRISON GEORGE '13

Wow, what an experience! Khobi Williamson '13, Coach Dee Vick '94, and I were honored to be part of the *D3hoops.com* All-Star Team and to play against a variety of European teams in France and the Netherlands. For ten days in May, we saw some amazing places, met some great people, and played outstanding basketball. This was a trip I will never forget.

Our journey began with the players and coaches meeting at New York's Kennedy Airport. We all immediately began talking about our lives and our careers, including how our teammate from Grinnell College, Griffin "Mr. 89" Lentsch, scored a DIII-recordbreaking 89 points in one game, a recurring theme throughout the whole trip.

Our first stop was Paris, where we immediately began with some site-seeing. After dropping off our bags at the hotel, we spent the afternoon in Montmartre. I'm glad I decided to go and see this, because it was amazing! It sits at what looked to be the top of Paris. It was a hike to get to the top but it was a beautiful sight to see. This was my favorite part of the city.

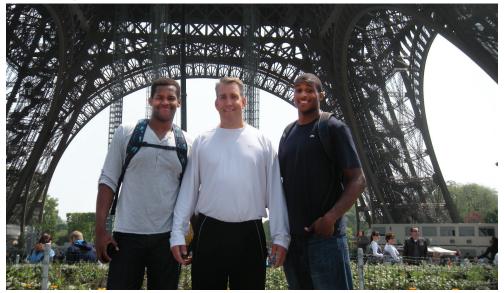
After viewing Montmartre, we headed back to the hotel and grabbed our gear and headed to our first game, which was against the Charenton Basketball Club. We didn't know what to expect, since we hadn't had any practice, and this team was older and more experienced (some of their players were nearly 40 years old.). When the game began, it seemed as though most of us still had jetlag, but we were able to keep the game within striking distance, trailing by two at the half. In the third period, Charenton began to pull away and stretched their lead to as many as 16 before we cut it to nine. In the fourth quarter we began to play the kind of basketball that we believed we could. We began to look like a well-oiled machine and were hitting all of our shots. The crowd was excited. After many three-pointers, dunks, blocked shots, and what was a nine-point deficit, we had a four-point lead. Towards the end of the game with 30 seconds remaining, we were down by two. Coach Vick designed a play and told us to execute and we would get the win. The play worked better than expected. Khobi received a pass along the baseline in which he gathered up and rose for a one-handed game-winning dunk. We were glad we got the first of many hard-fought victories.

The next day we started our morning early with a guided tour of Paris by foot and by barge. We all were able to take photographs of Notre Dame, the Pont Des Arts Bridge, as well as the Louvre, home to DaVinci's *Mona Lisa* (which is a surprisingly small painting). Later that day we were able to see the Eiffel Tower, which was a sight to see. The tower was massive and I was able to cross it off of my personal bucket list. Later the group split and we were given a couple of hours of free time to explore Paris on our own. Half of us went to Napoleon's Tomb, while I and some others went to the Champs Élysées. It was beyond amazing and after going to this I can see why Paris is considered the fashion capital of the world.

When we all returned to the hotel we grabbed our things and took the train to our next game, which was against the Tremblay Athlétique Basketball Club. This team was more around our age, with players ranging from 18 to 30. This team was good and very athletic. We were able to keep the game tight but it was difficult for us to remember the new FIBA rules (FIBA is the international basketball organization). Whistles seemed to be blown against us every other play for traveling or something else. The game was hard-fought, but we came up short losing by about 15 points. After the game the basketball club fed us, and we were able to talk to the players and coaches about France and basketball.

That night some of us went out on the town for some more sightseeing as well as to view the nightlife. We were able to meet French people as well as other Americans

Khobi Williamson '13, Coach Dee Vick '94, and Harrison George '13 in Paris during their European tour with the D3hoops.com All-Star Team.





around Oberkampf and Bastille, which were pretty fun places to go and experience.

The next morning we all packed and bought souvenirs before taking the Thalys Train to Rotterdam and then a bus to Den Bosch, Netherlands. Upon arrival at our hotel, we dropped off our stuff and went to watch the Dutch League Playoff game, which was the championship series featuring the local Den Bosch Eiffel Tower team and the Leiden Basketball Club. Den Bosch was leading the series 3-0 and could close the series at home. The atmosphere for the game was great. The fans were amazing, and it was a sold out game. Fans used blow horns to distract the opposing team, which is banned in America I think. Although Den Bosch lost this game, they were able to close the series out in game five and win the championship.

The next morning we left early to play in a Dutch Police Academy tournament. This tournament was great for us and allowed us to bounce back after suffering a loss in the last game we had played. During this tournament we went undefeated and we were able to put on a show for the Dutch players and fans with many dunks and alley-oops on our way to the championship. That evening, we went to a local jazz festival, which is one of the biggest annual attractions in Den Bosch. It was nice and we were able to hear the different kind of Dutch jazz and music that they listened to. It was a great experience for all of us.

The next morning we all ate breakfast and departed for a huge game against the Den Bosch Eiffel Tower's Pro B Team. This was a high-scoring game for both teams, and we were once again able to wow the crowd with our athleticism and highlight-reel plays, as well as our balanced team effort. We ended up winning the game by six points after leading by double digits throughout the entire game.

After the game we immediately departed for Groningen, a university city tailored for students, so that was pretty cool to experience. Some of the students said this was one of their last few times to go out before they began finals the next week, so the nightlife was at an all-time high.

The next morning we played in a small tournament consisting of three other teams. We again went 4-0 and were able to win another championship while showing off our talents to others. Fans even began to take pictures of us while we were playing and after the games, and were thankful to see us a play. One man even came up to us afterward and said that he thought we were a professional team and that he had just witnessed the most dunks that he had ever seen take place in a game as well as long distance shots being made. Just hearing him say these things was great motivation for us.

After the tournament and taking some pictures, we were on our way to Amsterdam, known for its red light district. Before the district, however, we were introduced to something that was one of our best experiences of the entire trip. This was the Doner Kebab, a lamb and garlicsauce sandwich that I would recommend you to try if you are ever in the Netherlands. The kebab was something that everyone on the team ate multiple times, and it was delicious!

Our last two games of the trip were the next morning in Ljuimen, a quick ferry ride from Amsterdam. We won the first game against ST4R Ballers, who included a member of the Dutch national team. Our last game was by far our toughest due to many factors. The crowd and the refs were big factors for us, and we were tired after the first game. Our five-point halftime lead turned into a nine-point deficit heading into the final period with a few players in foul trouble. We regrouped in the fourth quarter, found a groove, and turned up the pressure. With only 30 seconds to play, we took the lead by onepoint. Their point guard launched a jumper with about 13 seconds and it was a scrum for the rebound. All ten players were in the pack fighting for the ball and Khobi was able to come up with the huge rebound. After the game, the crowd gave us a huge ovation. It was thrilling.

After our last game we all were able to relax and explore the beautiful city of Amsterdam. This trip was a great experience for me and I am humbled, as well as honored, to have been selected to the *D3hoops.com* All-Star Team. Not only was I able to meet different people all throughout this adventure, but also I was also able to experience it with my teammate Khobi as well as my head coach. The trip was unique and will be something I will be telling others all throughout my life.

# Alumni Activities

MARK MEITZ '95, DIRECTOR OF ALUMNI RELATIONS

## A busy spring, full of Tiger gatherings

In what has been one of the most active springs for our Alumni Clubs, we have gathered from coast to coast to fellowship and celebrate the brotherhood. It may be the first time ever that we held events in New York, Los Angeles, and Dallas within the same month. It is definitely the first time Wayne Gretzky turned out to be with usspecial thanks to Stella Hall (mother of Mikey Riva '12) for hosting our alumni and for inviting the special guests. In addition to expanding geographically we are also enjoying many different types of events. From our Baltimore/Annapolis Club weathering a chilly tailgate to come support Tiger Lacrosse at Stevenson to our Raleigh & Virginia Beach Clubs' annual golf outings, our guys have come out to spend time together.

Throughout March, alumni in Atlanta, Charleston, Charlotte, Charlottesville, Columbia, D.C.,

Fredericksburg, Lynchburg, Raleigh, Richmond, and Roanoke gathered to share experiences from H-SC with prospective freshmen and their parents. These efforts continue to pay off as the College will welcome one the largest, strongest, and most diverse classes ever. We need to continue to encourage and support these young men throughout their time on The Hill so that we can welcome them into our ranks in May of 2016. To that end, clubs across the Alumni Association are incorporating welcome parties into their programming. South Hampton Roads welcomed its young alumni with a Cabana party cookout. In Charleston, S.C., the club welcomed new graduates and families to a night with the Riverdogs minor league baseball team. Similarly, the Richmond Club held a family night/ welcome party at a Flying Squirrels game.

In addition to the baseball game outing, The Richmond Club has held

monthly social hours for young (and young at heart) alumni. For their annual Spring Gala, The Club honored Dr. Ronald L. Heinemann and Dr. James Y. Simms at The Westwood Club. The event was a perfect complement to their solid spring calendar, which included luncheons with Dean of Admissions **Anita Garland** and Chairman of The Board of Trustees, **Tom Allen** '60.

Rejuvenated clubs in Atlanta, Charlotte, Charlottesville, Columbia S.C. (Midlands), New York, Roanoke, Farmville (Southside), Washington, D.C., have all held events this spring and are planning more for the summer and fall. If you haven't ten an invitation lately, please corract us (*toverton@hsc.edu*) so that we can include you.

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Longtime history professors Ron Heinemann (left) and Jim Simms (right) were recognized at the Spring Gala in Richmond for their service to Hampden-Sydney College, as was John Hopper '89 (center), the outgoing president of the Richmond Alumni Club. Drs. Heinemann and Simms both came to Hampden-Sydney in 1968 and, with their decidedly different social and political viewpoints, have given history students a lively and well-rounded education.



Kappa Sigs at Homecoming 2012. FROM LEFT: Bill Ferrell '71, Jeff Willis '71, Nicholas J. "Nick" Dombalis II '72, Vince Hardy '71, Jim Geiger '71, Joseph E. Blackburn, Jr. '71, Chris Thomas '71, Frank B. McCann III '71, Robert P. Lecky, Jr. '71, John Genet '73, Gordon L. Mallonee, Jr. '71, John F. "Jeff" Gayle, Jr. '71, and E. Conway Moncure, Jr. '71.

#### John Axsom '05 receives Gammon Medallion

On Saturday, May 5, 2012, during the Young Founders Dinner and Celebration at The Commonwealth Club in Richmond, John Z. Axsom '05 received the Gammon Medallion in recognition for his volunteer service to the College. Named in honor of the fifteenth president of the College, Rev. Dr. Edgar Graham Gammon, class of 1905, the Gammon Medallion recognizes young alumni for their outstanding volunteer service to the College.

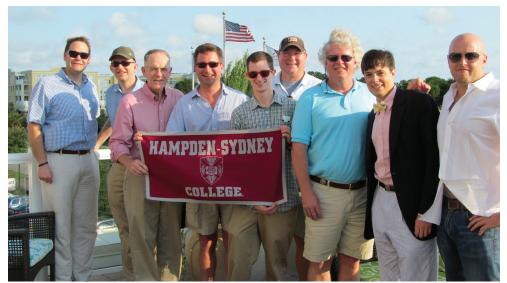
John Z. Axsom '05 (left) is presented the Gammon Medallion by Johnny Ellis '70, Chairman of the Society of Founders.



Since his days as a Student Senator and Student Government President, Axsom has been a leader at Hampden-Sydney. In the seven years since his graduation, Axsom has held a variety of volunteer leadership positions and has gone beyond the call of duty in service to the College.

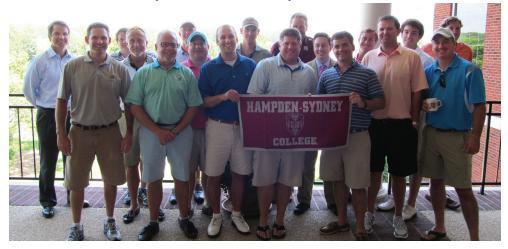
He has been a leader for annual giving, serving as the Brinkley Challenge Agent for the Class of 2005. He has long been a leader of the Peninsula Alumni Club, acting as the club's president since June of 2009. Serving on the Executive Board of the Alumni Association, Axsom is the National Vice President for Admissions. According to Director of Admissions, Jason M. Ferguson '96, "Any time we have an open house, John is there with a van full of high school students."

Axsom has also volunteered to serve on discussion panels at Freshman Orientation and has led Outdoor Options trips for new students. When there's work to be done for our old *alma mater*, John Axsom is there to do it.



FROM LEFT: At the Charleston, South Carolina, alumni club meeting: Mark Meitz '95, Scott Lake '90, President emeritus Dr. Walter Bortz, Matthew Cochrane-Logan '01, Lain Healy '12, Patrick Johnston '02, Bob Calcote '79, Rivers Evans '09, Silas Harrington '99.

FROM LEFT: At the Raleigh, North Carolina, alumni golf tournament on May 31: Wes Andrews '94, Todd Gronewald '02, Tad Thornhill '95, Greyson Quarles '63, Dr Arthur 'Art' Houts '70, Dr Wilson S. 'Sid' Comer '72, Michael York '98, Bo Hargrove '08, Jason Scislowicz '98, Jimmy Cardillo '93, Mark Meitz '95, Thomas Currin '06, Jason Hardy '98, Charles Lockhart '08, Britt Hopkins '95, John Barker '09, and friends Brian Didiano & Hudson Smelcer.



Members of the Class of 1962, who were inducted into the Patrick Henry Society at their fiftieth reunion in April.



## Black alumni reunion 2012

KARLTON DAVIS '13

The 22nd annual Black Alumni Mentorship Reunion was as powerful as any previous event put on at Hampden-Sydney College. The turnout was second largest in history with a number of alumni, faculty, prospective students, and guests totaling around 140.

The weekend's slogan was "Building a Strong Foundation for Future Generations" and the keynote speaker, Myron Rolle, captured that essence in his profound speech. The reunion committee was active all year, meeting many times to ensure that the weekend went off without a hitch. The members of the committee were seniors **Makel Dickerson**, **Herbie Williams**, **Damien Booker, Ronnie Fultz**; Sophomore **John Barber**; and I. We put in the dedication and commitment for a wonderful event.

The weekend started off Friday, March 30, at the Minority Student Union house with a cookout for alumni and food catered by Granny B's. The choice in catering came in hopes of bringing a nostalgic feel for the alumni as they returned through the gates of Hampden-Sydney. Alumnus **Warren Thompson '81** of Thompson Hospitality Corporation shared with cookout guests a brief story of his success and also explained the help he could offer present students in their future careers and graduate school choices. The event was an example of networking at its finest.

Saturday started early with morning workshops pressing the idea of building a foundation for the attendees. **David Coe** '14, **Mark Henson** '08, and I started off with a discussion of how H-SC has improved and also stayed the same in certain areas for minority students. Audience members were free to share input, and they did not hold back their opinions. Questions included "How did professors treat you?" "How many black students did you all have in your freshman class compared to graduation?" and "Did you get all out of H-SC that is promised with the brand name?"

Next, Warren Thompson elaborated on his story and gave tips to entrepreneurs who are trying to achieve their goals. Thompson engaged in numerous jobs until he finally reached his goal to start his own restaurant and hospitality service. Through a PowerPoint presentation, he explained how he came from a two-parent home and raising hogs to be president and chairman of a company that generated \$320 million dollars in annual revenue.

To conclude the workshop portion of the weekend, **Nat Scurry**, a mentor to and close friend of **John Barber** '14, explained his story of being a minority soldier in Vietnam, a graduate of Clark Atlanta University, and a high-ranking government official. Mr. Scurry has served as senior policy and budget executive at the White House Office of Management and Budget and as deputy director of budget and resources for the District of Columbia. Scurry worked on cases under Presidents Reagan, Clinton, and George W. Bush. Though his life was not easy, the amount of work he put in allowed him to gain the equality and respect of his white counterparts. His story was very informative for the younger generation, conveying that your color is not as important as achieving your goals.

Before the banquet dinner, there was a cocktail reception at Middlecourt. President and Mrs. Howard opened their home to all for great food, drinks, and conversation. Prospective students experienced firsthand the tradition of excellence of Hampden-Sydney and saw the men who were once in their shoes.

Myron Rolle, a member of the Board of Trustees and a professional football player, started his speech with an interesting quote from William Shakespeare: "The world's a stage and we are merely players," and constructed his insight around this quotation. Rolle is from New Jersey and has had a successful athletic and academic career. He attended Florida State University and by 2006 was a three-year starting safety. He dedicated his career to being a student before an athlete, and this commitment led him to pursue the Rhodes Scholarship, choosing to earn a master's degree in medical anthropology before entering the NFL in 2008.

Rolle explained how his foundation of a strong family and focused goals kept him on track to achieve all that he had in his hands. Rolle was first introduced to the track of self-knowledge one summer day in New Jersey. He explained how he and his friends would walk the strip chasing girls for their phone numbers. One day, his father commanded Rolle to stay in for the day and do book reports on Nelson Mandela, Malcolm X, W.E.B. Dubois, and others. "At the time, I was furious and disgusted that my father would hold me from fun with my friends on a summer day to do pointless book reports that weren't even graded," said Rolle.

Later in his life, Rolle came to understand the hard work those brave men had put in, so that Myron Rolle could have a chance to be a player on this stage. There were too many people pushing Rolle to continue for him to give up the gifts he had ahead of him.

The audience was in awe of Rolle's profound story. He deserved a standing ovation after his speech and that's exactly what he received. The committee presented Rolle with a Hampden-Sydney clock, and I dedicated a painting to him that captured the event's mission of "building a strong foundation for future generations."

We are lucky to have Rolle as a Trustee to offer his intelligence to help Hampden-Sydney grow and prosper.

This weekend was a positive experience for all in attendance and hopefully the next reunion will be as powerful as the last.



TOP: Randy Williams '96 with Professor and Mrs. Ken Townsend.

CENTER ABOVE: Damien Booker '12, Charles Wesley '10, and Osric Forrest '12.

RIGHT: Jeffrey Harris '90 with Mrs. Ardeania Ward and President Howard.



TOP: Jarvis Mitchum and Karlton Davis '13.

ABOVE: Trustee Myron Rolle told the assembled group how his foundation of a strong family and focused goals kept him on track.

Alumni at the mentorship reunion: (front row, from left) Tim Beatty '97, Thomas Wiley II '08, Hakeem Croom '10, President Howard, Corey Morgan '00, Charles Wesley II '10, Gregory Dear '10, (back row) Jeffrey Harris '90, David Blackwell '87, Olander Fleming '10, Anthony Johnson '10, Warren Thompson '81, and Randy Williams '96.



## Class Notes

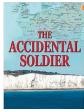
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## 1954

GEORGE E. PILLOW, JR., of Virginia Beach sends "best wishes" to the rest of the Class of '54. He says, "Life has been quite a ride ... and it isn't over yet!"

## 1959

Dr. JOHN W. "BEN" BAILEY, JR.,



has published *The Accidental Soldier,* a historical novel based on events during World War II. Dr. Bailey is a retired history

professor from Carthage College in Wisconsin. He now lives in Naples, Florida.

R. TYLER WHITLEY, a retired



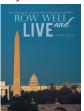
Richmond Times-Dispatch political reporter, is a 2012 inductee into the Virginia Communi-

cations Hall of Fame. His career spanned 50 years and began at the former *Richmond News Leader*.

## 1960

Rev. JAMES H. GRANT, JR., a retired Presbyterian minister, serves on the Ethics Committee at the Tazewell Carilion Hospital and on the Family Assessment Planning Team for the Tazewell County Social Service. He also assists with a reading program at the North Tazewell Elementary School.

JAMES E. HALEY of Santa



Cruz, New Mexico, has published a book, *Row Well* and Live, a spy thriller set in Washington, D.C., in the 1960s. Mr.

Haley is a former faculty member at the University of California who also established a construction company and was a builder for 20 years.

## 1965

Dr. JOHN E. ANFIN is a founding member of The Lexington Artists Co-op, LLC, in downtown Lexington. He is a painter, political cartoonist, and professor emeritus of Winthrop University.

W. BIRCH DOUGLAS III, a partner at McGuireWoods law firm in Richmond, has been named a 2012 BTI Client Services Super All-Star, one of only 30 such designees in the nation.

GORDON D. SCHRECK has been named a 2012 South Carolina Super Lawyer. He is an attorney with the Charleston office of Womble Carlyle with a practice focusing on admiralty and maritime matters. He is a founding director of the Maritime Arbitration Association and chair of the Board of Advisors of the Charleston Maritime Law Institute, which he helped found in 2005 at the Charleston School of Law.

## 1969

ROBERT R. "BOBBY" HATTEN has been named by *Newsweek* magazine as a "Leader in Asbestos Law." He is managing partner at Patten, Wornom, Hatten and Diamonstein and a prominent leader in the representation of mesothelioma and asbestos exposure victims.

## 1970

DAVID S. MERCER is a principal with the law firm MercerTrigiani, which was named by *Virginia Business* magazine as a "2012 Best Work Place in Virginia."

## 197

HAROLD L. ABSHER, JR., has retired as vice president and director of secondary mortgage loans at First Century Bank in Bluefield.

Dr. E. FORREST JESSEE, JR., was named a "Top Doc" by *Richmond Magazine*. He is a rheumatologist with Arthritis Specialists Ltd.

## 1972

ALPHONSO V. O'NEIL-WHITE,

president and CEO of HealthNow New York, Inc., has been elected Class B Director of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York.

JOSEPH T. SAMUELS has been elected to the Board of the Equine Land Conservation Resource, the only national not-for-profit organization advancing the conservation of land for the benefit of horse sports and activity. Mr. Samuels is the president and principal broker of Joe T. Samuels, Inc. Realtors, in Charlottesville. He also serves on the Board of the Charlottesville Area Community Foundation and lives in Free Union with his wife Owie and daughter Kate, who rides at the Advanced Level in the sport of Three Day Eventing.

## 1975

CHARLES T. BASKERVILL was inducted into the Halifax County-South Boston Hall of Fame on April 14, 2012. At Hampden-Sydney College, Mr. Baskervill was an outstanding golfer. In 1975, he won the individual championship in the NCAA Division III golf tournament, was named a first-team All-American Division III golfer, and, with his teammate Gray Tuttle '76, was individual co-champion of the Virginia Intercollegiate golf tournament. Mr. Baskervill was a member of the inaugural class of the Hampden-Sydney College Athletic Hall of Fame in 1988. Since his college days, he has won many regional and local golf tournaments. He is an attorney in Petersburg.

Dr. THOMAS A. CARNES



has been promoted to full professor of accounting and finance at Berry College. Dr. Carnes joined the Berry faculty in 2005. He holds a

B.A. in international relations from Hampden-Sydney, an M.Acc. in taxation from Florida State University, and a Ph.D. in accounting from Florida State University. Before working at Berry, Carnes taught at the University



This portrait of David Martin '52, by Richmond artist B. Louis Briel, Jr. '66, has been acquired by the National Portrait Gallery. Briel's portrait of tennis great Arthur Ashe is already in the Gallery's collection.

of Arkansas and Western Carolina University.

EVERETT A. HELLMUTH III is the owner and president of Passport Auto Group, of which Passport BMW in Marlow Heights, Maryland, received the 2012 Center of Excellence Award.

## <u>1976</u>

Dr. CHARLES A. "CHUCK" WILSON III has been named the first chief science officer for the Gulf of Mexico Research Initiative (GoMRI). The GoMRI Research Board is an independent body that administers BP's ten-year, \$500-million commitment to independent research into the effects of the Deepwater Horizon incident. Dr. Wilson has held faculty and administrative posts at Louisiana State University, including chairman of the Department of Oceanography and Coastal Sciences and vice provost for academic affairs. Most recently he was the executive director of the Louisiana Sea Grant College Program.

## 1977

STEPHEN E. BARIL has been appointed to the J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College Board. Mr. Baril is a business litigation attorney in the Business and Professional Litigation group at the Sands Anderson law firm. He currently serves on the Board of Directors for the Greater Richmond Partnership, the Greater Richmond Chamber of Commerce, Richmond's Future, and in the leadership of the Forum Club and Venture Richmond.

DAVID D. HUDGINS, of Hudgins Law Firm, P.C. in Alexandria, was recently elected to the rank of advocate with the American Board of Trial Advocates, an organization of trial attorneys representing equally the plaintiff and defense bars whose primary mission has been the preservation of the civil jury trial right guaranteed by the 7th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

The Hampden-Sydney team came in first at the December 2011 Hampden-Sydney College Club of South Hampton Roads Rockfish Tournament, handily beating out Randolph-Macon's team. Since 2008, the Tournament has raised over \$6000 for the annual funds at both schools.



### Dr. WILLOUGHBY S.



HUNDLEY III has published a novel about third-year medical students in clinical rotations. *M-81, Emerging Doctors* is based on his

experiences at the Medical College of Virginia in the 1980s. He alludes to H-SC fondly as "four years in an all-male college." Another book, *Ashes of Deception*, about rural medical examiner cases, is scheduled for release in 2012. He still practices emergency medicine full time in South Hill.

## 1978

ORRAN L. BROWN and the Richmond law firm he co-founded with Lynn C. Greer, BrownGreer PLC, were featured in *The Richmond Times-Dispatch* article "BrownGreer law firm works behind the scenes." The article described the firm's expertise in administering large settlements in class-action lawsuits, including those associated with the diet drug Fen-Phen, the pain-killer Vioxx, and the BP oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico.

Dr. WYATT R. "RORY" MURPHY, JR., professor of chemistry and biochemistry at Seton Hall University, received the University's 2012 Bishop Bernard J. McQuaid Medal, which is given annually to employees for distinguished service and commitment to the University's mission. He joined Seton Hall's faculty in 1984 and specializes in bioinorganic chemistry. In 2008, he received The Sister Marian Jose Smith Award for Excellence in Education given by the North Jersey Section of the American Chemical Society.

## 1979

Dr. **PETER R. WATSON** is an oncologist in Kinston, North Carolina.

## 1980

The Rev. JAMES S. "SEL" HARRIS, JR., has accepted the position of assistant professor of history at Norfolk State University beginning in August. He has been the pastor at King's Grant Presbyterian Church. During a recent sabbatical, he researched the negative effect that the Atlantic slave trade had on West African Islam. He is writing a book based on that research.

TRENT S. KERNS has been



elected president of the law firm Allen, Allen, Allen & Allen. Mr. Kerns joined the firm in

1992 and manages the law firm's Chesterfield office. He earned his law degree from Mercer University School of Law and has more than 25 years' experience litigating personal injury cases in Virginia.

VINCÉNT G. THOMAS II is senior vice president of Equity Development, Inc., an investmentbanking firm he helped organize.

### 1982

**R. BRYAN DAVID** is the executive director of the Region 2000 Economic Development Council.

#### 1988

Lt. Col. C. **PATRICK HOWARD** is deployed to Afghanistan with the 508th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 82nd Airborne Division. He serves as the chief of the Maiwand District Stability Transition Team and advisor to the governor of Maiwand District, Kandahar Province.

## 1989

STACY W. ADAMS is an assistant district attorney in the Morgan County District Attorney's Office in Alabama.

**CRISTOPHER T. BELL** has been named head football coach at Oak Mountain High School in Shelby County, Alabama. He had been an assistant coach at Marietta High School.

## 1991

ROBERT L. MONTGOMERY has been promoted to element leader, Natural and Cultural Resources Management, for the Fourth Fighter Wing, Civil Engineering Squadron at Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, North Carolina. His duties include environmental oversight for SJAFB,

## 1986

MAURICE A. JONES has been confirmed by the U.S. Senate as deputy secretary of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Previously, he was publisher of The Virginian-Pilot newspaper. Recently he was recognized for his many contributions to Virginia's Tidewater region. He received Tidewater Community College's Community Distinguished Service Award, which recognizes Tidewater residents who exemplify the life achievements of Martin Luther King, Jr. and was an honoree at the Virginia Center for Inclusive Communities' 48th annual Humanitarian Awards.



Dare County Bomb Range, and Fort Fisher in eastern North Carolina. He remains stationed at the Dare County Bomb Range, Nags Head, North Carolina, where he oversees the training of USAF, Navy, and USMC aircrews.

## <u>1992</u>

SCOTT COOPER was the recipient of the 2012 Horton Foote Award for Special Achievement in Screenwriting at the Natchez (Mississippi) Literacy & Cinema Celebration. Mr. Cooper wrote and directed the award-winning film *Crazy Heart*.

GEORGE M. "TRIP" HOWE III and his wife and two sons moved to London in May 2012. He has taken on a new role with Ernst & Young, LLP, in Europe and will be living abroad for the next three years. He says, "We are very excited to have this opportunity for an international experience, and I am excited as well to have a new professional challenge." G. WILLIAM "BILL"



NORRIS, JR., has been appointed to the Capital Region Workforce

Investment Board, a federallyfunded board that works to increase private sector employment opportunities. Mr. Norris is a director with the Richmond law firm of DurretteCrump, PLC.

Dr. R. REED SKAGGS is a senior policy analyst working for the National Security & International Affairs Division of the Office of Science and Technology Policy at the White House. The OSTP coordinates the development and implementation of U.S. domestic and international science and technology policies, programs, and budgets in support of the President's goals. The Office also supports the Assistant to the President for science and technology and the Chief Technology Officer, and provides a liaison with the White House for the major science and technology agencies that

do not sit in cabinet departments, such as the NSF, NASA, and the Smithsonian Institution.

## 1993

JEFFREY H. BIEDERMAN,

JR., of Huntington, West Virginia, has been promoted to senior vice president in the Wealth Management Office at Morgan Stanley Smith Barney.

ERICH N. DURLACHER, an attorney with Burr & Forman LLP in Atlanta, has been recognized as a leading practitioner in the 2012 edition of *Chambers USA*.

ROGER E. "CHIP" HEFLIN, JR., has been promoted to managing director at Barclays Capital in New York.

JOHN J. REGAN was elected Manhasset Park District Commissioner. He is a managing director with Cantor Fitzgerald in New York.

#### 1994

Dr. B. BOYDEN CLARY III was named a "Top Doc" by *Richmond Magazine*. He is a urogynecologist with OB-Gyn Associates, Ltd.

CHRISTOPHER R. DODSON, director of field operations for Timmons Group, specializing in wetlands and watercourse restoration, was named a "Decision Maker" by the *Richmond Times-Dispatch* in April 2012. He has a master's degree from the University of New Haven and a law degree from the Vermont Law School.

BARTOW MORGAN, JR., received the 2012 Public Service Award from the Gwinnett (Georgia) Chamber of Commerce at the organization's annual dinner in February. Also, he has been elected to the board of directors of the Buckhead Coalition. He is the CEO of Brand Banking Company in Lawrenceville, Georgia.

Dr. MALCOLM K. SYDNOR, JR., was named a "Top Doc" by *Richmond Magazine*. He is the director of vascular and interventional radiology and the Baird Vascular Institute at VCU Medical Center.

## 1995

W. FRAZIER BELL, JR., has been named the executive director of The Johns Hopkins University School of Education's Stocks in the Future program. Previously, he was the director of strategy and development for Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Greater Chesapeake.

TUCKER C. SHUMACK is a founding member of a new tax firm, GDS Strategies, LLC, in Washington, D.C.

### 1997

SEKOU H. KAALUND, head of American Pension Sales for JP Morgan's Worldwide Securities Services, received the Black Achievers in Industry Award from the Harlem YMCA.

W. CRAIG REILLY has been appointed Norfolk president for Monarch Bank.

Dr. ERIC C. SANDS has been granted tenure and promoted to the rank of associate professor of government at Berry College. He lives in Rome, Georgia.

STEPHEN T. SPRAKER has



George M. "Tripp" Howe III '92 is moving to London with his family. He will work for Ernst & Young there.

been promoted to vice president at Davenport & Co. in Richmond.

### 1998

WILLIAM D. "WILL" SELDEN VI has been named an assistant vice president at Scott & Stringfellow, LLC, a subsidiary of BB&T.

JUSTIN M. SWISHER was named the 2012 Virginia Rookie Auctioneer Champion at the Virginia Auctioneers Association Annual Convention held January 13-15 in Charlottesville. He was also awarded the Morris Fannon Auction School Scholarship. Mr. Swisher is a graduate of the Texas Auction Academy and a founding member of the Virginia Auctioneers Association. He specializes in real estate and benefit auctions.

## 1999

W. TRAVIS ELLWANGER has accepted the position of vice president with Swift Air Logistics, a Virginia-based transportation provider. He lives in Richmond with his wife Michelle and two children, Mary Read (6) and Henley (3).

FRANCIS E. "FRANK" ZELLNER is the commercial technology director for GE Capital's small equipment lending business.

Justin M. Swisher '98 was named 2012 Virginia Rookie Auction Champion.



## Jonathan Martin '99 Political reporter

Working in Virginia politics right out of college, **Jonathan Martin '99** would often see the State Capitol Press Corps and long to be one of them. He was not ideologically motivated to work for one particular candidate over another; he just loves the way politics works. He always has.

After toiling through Virginia politics and a U.S. Congressional campaign that took him to Washington, D.C., Martin eventually transitioned to journalism. Now he is a member of the press corps himself, traveling the country as a reporter for the website and newspaper *Politico*.

"We play it straight. We don't take sides, just traditional reporting. My focus this year is largely the presidential race, but I am able to cover a wide variety of things in the political realm. It is a fantastic job because it lets me travel the country, even occasionally go overseas, cover politics, do some pretty intensive reporting, get to meet all kinds of people, and one of the parts I like the most is that I get to eat for free in all kinds of fantastic places. I'm a big foodie, so I love going to new cities and trying out restaurants that I've read about. It's a wonderful way to see the country and to meet people. If you're like me and you love history and politics, being a reporter is a great way to learn about American culture."

Depending on the season, Martin can spend a lot of time on the road, particularly during the presidential primaries. During the end of last year and beginning of this year, he was in all of the usual suspects: Iowa, New Hampshire, South Carolina, and Florida, as well as many others. For the early primaries, he was out of town for long periods; for others, however, he was gone for only two or three days.

"I love journalism.

I read multiple newspapers and magazines every day. It is the job I will always do. I am passionate about traditional journalism—nonpartisan, straightforward journalism. I think it plays an important role in our political system and I think there's not enough of it. We are seeing too much advocacy posing as journalism. The key to democracy is good, hard-hitting, in-depth journalism. That's what I enjoy doing, but there's no question that I also enjoy politics and history."

His areas of expertise are political campaign operations—how politics really works behind the scenes—and the historical context of politics.

Martin's childhood was full of family field trips to historical sites—battlefields, museums, monuments—and his parents instilled in him a love for history.

"One of the best things about Hampden-Sydney is the demand that you learn how to write, because increasingly people do not know how to do that. . . It was a fantastic launching pad for a career in journalism." JONATHAN MARTIN '99 Political reporter



Interviewing Mitt Romney (left) in New Hampshire

He found that this love for history blossomed at Hampden-Sydney, where he spent many hours in the library and in the classroom with some formative professors like Ambassador William B. Jones, Dr. David Marion, Dr. James Pontuso, and Dr. Joseph H. Lane, Jr. '90 (who is now a professor at Emory & Henry College).

However, his biggest influence at the College was undoubtedly Dr. **Ronald Heinemann:** "His passion for history and events was infectious and really got a hold on me. I give him a lot of credit for my pursuing a career in political journalism with an eye for history and the influence of historical events. I can remember being in the classroom and hearing Ron Heinemann doing his impressions of Lincoln and FDR and Nixon; it was so evocative. He really

brought it alive in a way that left a huge mark on me. Especially when it came to 20th Century history, it was hugely influential on my career. It set me on a course to pursue my own studies outside the classroom. Outside the assignments, I became very interested in how politics works and in 20th Century America, and in who some of these people were that Heinemann was talking about every day."

When he wasn't in the classroom, Martin was in the

library consuming the most up-to-date political information he could find. "This was still during the dawn of the Internet. I remember that in Hampden-Sydney, a three-hour drive from Washington D.C., the Washington Post and the New York Times would be days late. It's funny to think about now, but we were reading days-old papers in the library. I remember reading old copies of National Review and New Republic, plowing through the books; that was hugely important to me."

It goes without saying that, as a reporter, Martin writes daily. He credits the College's rhetoric program for giving him the foundation he needs to do his job well.

"I thought I was a decent writer when I went to Hampden-Sydney and I was torn to shreds in rhetoric. It turns out I was not that good of a writer, but I learned how to write at Hampden-Sydney. One of the best things about Hampden-Sydney is the demand that you learn how to write, because increasingly people do not know how to do that. It is a rare commodity these days and Hampden-Sydney gives its graduates a leg up regardless of what they do. It was

a fantastic launching pad for a career in journalism. As someone who writes every day, it was really valuable to be torn up as a freshman in rhetoric and to learn how to put a sentence together. "

Like many of his fellow Hampden-Sydney graduates, Martin worked in politics right out of college. He toured Virginia from the inside of a political campaign, visiting every city and county in the Commonwealth. When he finally started settling down in Richmond, though, he took notice of the State Capitol Press Corps and envied their position.

"They were having a lot of fun. They were skeptical and a little bit sarcastic in a way that appealed to me, much more than doing politics. I knew then that I was more passionate about the 'how' and the 'why' of politics than I was about the actual 'doing' of politics. So, when I saw those reporters in Richmond, that's when I decided 'That's what I want to be doing'.

But he wouldn't get there just yet.

After Virginia politics came a move to Connecticut for a U.S. Congressional campaign, which, in turn, took him to Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C.

"I worked on The Hill and couldn't stand it. I really wanted to be covering politics and writing about it for a living. I wanted more intellectual freedom to be able to cover these guys. As a person who grew up immersed in history and



Writing an article in the hall to beat a deadline

politics, I wanted to write about it, think about it, talk about it, explain it to others. Then I got a lucky break. Chuck Todd, who is now a household name, was then the editor of a publication called The Hotline, which is owned by the National Journal in D.C. It was a daily compilation of daily political news from all around the country. This was early 2005. I didn't know anybody, but I asked around and heard that they had an opening. It wasn't a lot of money, but they were willing to give a chance to folks who love politics. I went over there and didn't earn a lot of money but learned a ton about writing and journalism and even more about politics from guys like Chuck. That also gave me a chance to do some freelance stuff for National Journal magazine and other outlets. I went to work at six in the morning and The Hotline would go to print at noon every day. They had just started a website of their own, so I also did some work for that in the afternoon. That was really the start."

After working at *The Hotline* all morning and running down freelance work in the afternoon, Martin spent his nights doing research for John Harris' book *The Way to Win.* "It was the time of my life. I wasn't making much money but I was learning a lot. I didn't have the time to think about how broke I was."

Through hard work and determination—and a lot more hard work—Martin was on the verge of landing the job he had longed for.

Researching for Harris turned out to be a great opportunity. When Harris and Jim VandeHei left *The Washington Post* at the end of 2006 to create *Politico*, Harrris gave Martin a call.

"I was then working for *National Review* but I had been there for only a couple of weeks. John called and said, 'VandeHei and I are going to announce tomorrow that we are leaving *The Washington Post* to create a website with a paper in D.C. called *Politico* and we want you to join us. I was so flattered and

shocked; it was obviously a pivotal moment in my life. It's been a fantastic ride ever since and I enjoy it every day."

He adds, "The beauty of journalism is that it is a meritocracy. If you show that you can write and you can report and you know what you are talking about, you will establish yourself. I'm grateful for that."

Since then, Martin has toured the country covering politics, including the 2008 Republican convention when John McCain announced Sarah Palin as his running mate and in 2007 when then-Senators Barak Obama and Hillary Clinton marched across the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma, Alabama—the moment Martin says the torch of the Democratic leadership was passed on from the Bill Clinton era.

"All of these are memorable events that will be written about in history books one day. To have a front row seat at them has been extremely rewarding."

*Politico* has been a great fit for Martin and he has no plans to leave, though he is not ruling out writing a book in the future. In the meantime, as another presidential election looms, he has a lot of work ahead of him.

"This is going to be a tough election and I'm looking forward to it. After that, I just want to keep writing about politics and history and public affairs. That's my passion. That's what I want to do." He lives in Lewisville, Texas.

### 2000

THOMAS L. RANSOM was named a 2012 Minority Business Leader by *The Washington Business Journal.* He is the Montgomery County executive for BB&T, which was the bank's most profitable branch and had the lowest level of loan write-offs in 2011.

## 2001

L. GORDON YOWELL is the college counselor at The Carlbrook School in South Boston. Previously, he had been a youth counselor for two years in Campbell County.

JEFFREY A. WOODY is the head football coach at Brookeville High School, which won the 2011 Virginia State AA Football Championship. His assistant coaches include Jamar Lovelace '10 and Deke Summers '67.

## 2002

HAYES S. LUDLUM was selected as a 2012 "Rising Star" by *Super Lawyers Magazine.* "Rising Stars" are the top 2.5% of attorneys under the age of 40 in North Carolina. He is a partner with Ludlum Law Firm in Warsaw, North Carolina. Most of his practice is dedicated to criminal defense with a significant dedication to representing indigent persons.

CHARLES E. McWILLIAMS, JR., has rejoined the law firm of Walsh, Colucci, Lubeley, Emrich & Walsh, PC after spending five years with a boutique tax, trust, estates, and business firm. This lateral move will afford Mr. McWilliams an opportunity to build a tax, trust, and estates practice at WCLEW and assist their staff of approximately 50 attorneys and land-use planners in growing their business and real estate development practice.

## 2003

J. LANDON MOORE, co-head soccer coach at Hollins University, is the founder and director of the Star City Soccer Foundation, which enhances the literacy, English language acquisition, and cultural acclimation of Roanoke's refugee and immigrant population. Over the past seven years, students from more than 40 countries have been involved after-school tutoring programs and academic summer camps.



Brookeville High School head football coach Jeff Woody '01 (center) with his assistant coaches Jamar Lovelace '10 and Deke Summers' 67.

## 2004

R. RHETT OWENS, JR., of the



law firm Burr & Forman LLP, in Birmingham, Alabama, was recently named a "Rising Star of the Birmingham Bar"

by B-Metro Magazine.

## 2005

JOHN Z. AXSOM, the *sensei* and owner of Axsom Martial Arts in Newport News, took 22 students to the AAU State Karate Championships on April 14, 2012, in Richmond. They brought home a total of 55 medals, including 26 golds.

## 2006

S. CURTIS SMITH has been named president of Louis Smith Construction Company, Inc. He is a member of the Associated General Contractors of Virginia.

T. PARTLOW WILLINGS is an analyst for Harbert Management Corporations' Value Fund investment team. Before joining the Fund in January 2009, Mr. Willings was a risk analyst for HMC, assisting in the risk management efforts of multiple HMC hedge fund strategies.

## 2007

ANDREW D. BAKER, a high school history teacher at Glen Allen High School, was recognized as one of Henrico County's top teachers. He was nominated by students and

Matt Brady '05, Chad Southward '06, and Shawn Shurm '05 with the Sweet Frog mascots at Hanover Lanes in Mechanicsville during a fundraiser for burn victim Kirk Rohle '12. The event raised more than \$6,000.



parents for his compassion and ability to engage students.

Lt. LAWRENCE D. GREENE is serving in the U.S. Marine Corps in Afghanistan.

CHARLES J. B. "BERKELEY" HORNE has joined the corporate law practice group at Hancock, Daniel, Johnson, and Nagle in Richmond.

MATTHEW S. STRADER is Virginia Governor Bob McDonnell's assistant secretary of transportation. Among other duties, he is the legislative liaison for Transportation to the General Assembly.

CHARLES C. TEDEN has been promoted to vice president at Davenport & Co. in Richmond.

## 2008

ANDREW M. COMSTOCK is a contractor and volunteer firefighter with the Colonial Heights Fire Department. He attended the housing ceremony for the Department's new heavy rescue truck, Squad 2, with **Travis Bowling '06** and **Taylor Jones** '10, career firefighters in Colonial Heights and Petersburg, respectively. All three are former members of the Hampden-Sydney Volunteer Fire Department.

JEREMY D. FORREST is a legal assistant with the law firm of Kristina Beavers in Yorktown.

**R. WESLEY JULIAN** is a media relations coordinator for the Japan Information Center at the Consulate General of Japan in Chicago.

ERIC LEWIS teaches English and social studies to 11th- and 12th-grade special-education students at a highneed school in Brooklyn, New York, as an NYC Teaching Fellow.

## 2009

1st Lt. CHARLES M. EBERLY is serving in the U.S. Marine Corps in Afghanistan, where he ran into fellow alum Maj. Alston Middleton '92.

T. C. STEVENS, a kicker for the Richmond Raiders of the Professional Indoor Football League, was named the League's Special Teams Player of the Week on March 13, 2012. At Hampden-Sydney, he was a four-year kicker for the Tigers football team a three-time All-ODAC player. During his Raiders debut, Stevens was eightfor-eight on PAT attempts and made two field goals.



Firefighters Andrew Comstock '08, Travis Bowling '06, and Taylor Jones '10 with the new Colonial Heights heavy rescue truck.

## <u>2010</u>

GREGORY A. DEAR, JR., is working for AmeriCorps and City Year in Washington, D.C.

RYAN G. HAYWOOD has been appointed to the Gloucester County Library Board of Trustees.

JAMES T. HOFFMAN has joined Davis Consultants in Richmond as a registered lobbyist.

KYLE A. MARTIN is working in the Virginia Attorney General's Office in Richmond and for Judge Postin in the Norfolk Circuit Court. He is in his second year of law school at the University of Virginia.

**ROBERT B. MURRAY** has reported to Naval Officers Candidate School in Newport, Rhode Island. He plans to continue his training with the Navy SEAL Team in California.

WILLIAM H. SMITH is working in the Virginia Attorney

Charles Eberly '09 and Alston Middleton '92 met in Afghanistan.



General's Office in Richmond. He has completed his second year at George Mason University Law School.

## 2011

CAMERON L. AUKER is a systems engineer at the Naval Surface Warfare Center at Dahlgren Laboratories.

CHRISTOPHER J. MARTIN is director of baseball operations at Rise Baseball Academy.

KENNETH R. SIMON, JR., has a summer staff position with the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee. He has completed his first year at the University of Pennsylvania Law School.

## Friends

MYRON ROLLE, a member of the Hampden-Sydney College Board of Trustees, has signed a futures contract with the Pittsburgh Steelers.

## Advanced Studies

## <u>1999</u>

Dr. MATTHEW D. BITNER completed his master's of education at the University of Cincinnati, with a focus on medical education of the adult learner and instructional system design.

## 2002

DEMAS E. BOUDREAUX was admitted to the Political Leaders Program of the Sorensen Institute for Political Leadership at the University of Virginia. The development program is for Virginians interested in becoming more active in public service, whether as community leaders or elected officials.

## 2004

HUNTER S. MORGAN completed his MBA at the University of Richmond in August 2011.

## 2005

DACRE R. T. KNIGHT graduated from St. George's University School of Medicine in June in New York City. He matched into a three-year residency program at University of Mississippi, Department of Internal Medicine, beginning July 1.

## 2007

**B. CABELL BARROW** is in his first year at the University of North Carolina Law School.

ANDREW D. BOYETT received an MBA in May 2012 from Southern Methodist University's Cox School of Business, where he served as president of the Strategy & Entrepreneurship Club. He is moving back to the San Francisco Bay area to work as a strategy consultant in the Communications, Media, and Technology group at Accenture.

## 2008

GLEN J. CARTER II has been awarded a 2012-13 Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarship for studies abroad to the University of Hong Kong.

## 2010

THOMAS O. GORMLEY earned his master's in international economics and finance from Brandeis International Business School in May 2012. He recently traveled to Cuba to study that country's economy.

## 2011

ZACHARY P. PIERCE was awarded the R. Jess Brown Scholarship from Mississippi College School of Law during its annual Law Day ceremony.

## Weddings

## 1974

STEPHEN R. ECHOLS and ANGEL WRONA were married in Delray Beach, Florida, on November 11, 2011. In attendance were Steve Richards '73, Jeff Poole '74, John Graham '78, and John Genet '73.

## 1993

MICHAEL PAGE TEER, JR., and LILLIAN DUER SMITH were married on April 14, 2012, at First Presbyterian Church in Wilmington, North Carolina. Among the wedding party was Joseph S. Wells '99. The bride is a graduate of the University of North Carolina and was the town clerk of Davidson, North Carolina. The groom earned his MBA from East Carolina University. He is a vice president and senior loan officer with TD Bank in Wilmington, where they live.

## 2002

## MATTHEW DENNISON BURLEE and GIBSON LEE HILL

were married on April 14, 2012, at The Jefferson Hotel in Richmond. **Derek T. Springer '02** was a groomsman. The bride is a graduate of Randolph-Macon College and Bon Secours School of Nursing. She is a registered nurse at St. Mary's Hospital. The groom is selfemployed. They live in Richmond.

## 2005

LOUIS WILLIAM WALKER and ASHLEY DALE LANGFORD were married on April 2, 2011, at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Richmond. The bride is a graduate of Randolph-Macon College and a relationship manager for Blue Heron Capital. The groom is a project manager for Waco, Inc. They live in Richmond.

## 2009

**JOSEPH STEELE PARRIS** and SABRINA ACKLEY were married on September 2nd, 2011, at the Wyndham Virginia Crossings Resort in Glen Allen. In attendance were groomsmen Topher Arnatt '09, Sean Platt '09, Matthew Huff '09, and Cory Neal '09, as well as Tim Wepplo '10, Drake Huzek '09, and Sohale Vu '07. The bride is a graduate of Randolph-Macon Woman's College. The groom will be a process engineer with Intel in Phoenix, Arizona, following his graduation from Virginia Commonwealth University with his master's degree in physics and applied physics.

At the wedding of Louis William Walker '05 and Ashley Dale Langford on April 2, 2011, in Richmond.



## 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.

## Births

## 1997

To DAVID and KATIE

EGERTON, a son, Henry Watson Egerton, on September 13, 2011. To J. DANIEL POND III and

DANI POND, a son, Sawyer Davis Pond, on October 29, 2011. He joins his brothers Jackson (8) and Landon (7) and sister Carmen (3) at their home in Front Royal.

## To FRANCIS and ALLYSON



ZELLNER, a son, Evan Abraham Zellner, on April 27, 2011. They live in Lewisville, Texas.

## 2000 To FRANK H. "CHIP" BABER



IV and TANA BABER, a daughter, Tapanga Leigh Baber, on January 23, 2012.

## 2001

To DENNIS and IZABELA **BISSELL**, a son, Dennis Henry Bissell, on December 15, 2011.

To HUGH HASKINS and CORRINE HASKINS '02, a son. Gavin Wallace Haskins, on March 14, 2012. He joins his brothers Landon (5) and Cooper (2) at their home in Hampden-Sydney. Mr. Haskins is the director of planned giving at the College. Mrs. Haskins, one of Hampden-Sydney's rare female graduates, is the daughter of Dr. Roger Barrus, professor of government and foreign affairs.

## To ASHBY and CARSON



PRICE, a daughter, Garland Fariss Price, on August 15, 2011. They live

## To L. GORDON YOWELL II



in Richmond.

## and MELISSA

YOWELL, a daughter, Haley Ann Yowell, on October 28, 2011. They live in Hurt.

## 2004

#### To The Rev. ALAN T. COMBS and



MORGAN COMBS, a daughter, Mary Alexander, Combs, on October 31, 2011. They live in Richmond. To EDWARD V. LANKFORD



IV and WHITNEY LANKFORD, a son, Samuel Vincent Lankford, on March 7, 2012. He joins his

sister Avery at their home in Emporia.

To HUNTER and JOHANNA MORGAN, a daughter, Iris Kathryn Morgan, on October, 21, 2011. They live in Richmond.

## 2007

To JAKE and NATALIE LEATH-ERBURY, a son, Richard Holden Leatherbury, on March 7, 2012. They live in Virginia Beach.

## 2009

To ASHLEIGH and JESSICA KIMMONS, a son, Arden Kenneth Kimmons, on April 1, 2011. They live in Middletown.

To WILL and LAUREN



SHOWAL-TER, a daughter, Kinsley Jane Showalter, on January 11, 2012. They live in Farmville.

## Deaths

JAMES WHARTON GULICK of Martinsville died on March 17, 2012. He was a member of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity. He was a graduate of the National University School of Law in Washington, D.C., a veteran of the U.S. Army, and a career civil servant. He was responsible for the adoption of both national and international standards of size for shipping containers, which revolutionized maritime transport. He is the father of Dr. James W. Gulick, Jr. '70.

## 1933

#### Dr. JOHN L. GUERRANT of



Charlottesville died on February 11, 2012. He earned his M.D. from the University of Virginia in

1937 and was a veteran of World War II, serving with the University of Virginia's 8th Evacuation Hospital in the North African and Italian campaigns. At UVA's Hospital in Charlottesville he was chief of the Pulmonary Allergy Division and founder of the Pulmonary Function Laboratory. After retirement he developed a second career as the chairman of the Medical Society of Virginia's Professional Review Organization. In 2006, he received the Raven Award in recognition of excellence in service and contributions to the University of Virginia.

### 1937

FRANK DODSON POLLARD of Springfield died on March 13, 2012. He was a veteran of World War II and a retiree from the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

## 1938

## Dr. JETHRO HURT IRBY, JR.,



of Martinsville died on March 26, 2012. He earned his medical degree from the University of Virginia and War II in the

served during World War II in the

U.S. Army's 82nd Airborne Division as captain of a battalion aid station. As a family doctor in Martinsville, he delivered more than 5,000 babies.

## 1940

The Rev. Dr. ROBERT C. BYRD, JR., of Midlothian and Petersburg, died on April 23, 2012. He was a member Phi Beta Kappa and a veteran of the U.S. Army, earning the rank of captain. He earned a bachelor's and a master's degree from Union Theological Seminary. He served as a Presbyterian minister at many churches in Virginia, including 27 years at Second Presbyterian Church in Petersburg. He served on the Hampden-Sydney College Board of Trustees and in 1960 was awarded an honorary doctor of divinity.

The Rev. Dr. JAMES DAVI-SON PHILIPS of Decatur, Georgia, died on March 25, 2012. He was president emeritus of Columbia Theological Seminary. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II and earned his Ph.D. from the University of Edinburgh, Scotland. He was the senior pastor of Decatur Presbyterian Church for 21 years before serving as president of Columbia Seminary for ten years. Dr. Philips also served as a trustee of Agnes Scott College for 30 years.

#### The Rev. ROBERT C.



VAUGHAN, JR., of Midlothian died on April 23, 2012. He was a member of Phi Beta Kappa, a

veteran of the U.S. Army, and a graduate of Union Theological Seminary. He was a Presbyterian pastor throughout Virginia, as well as in Bermuda and Scotland. He was a trustee of Hampden-Sydney and, in 1960, was awarded an Honorary Doctor of Divinity degree from the College.

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#### JAMES TREDWAY SPRATLEY of



Newport News died on March 25, 2012. He was a member of Chi Phi fraternity. He was a U.S. Air Force veteran and a graduate of Georgia Institute of Technology and Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He was a retired vice president of Basic Construction Company and R.E. Lee Company. Among his projects were the Indiana State Office Building in Indianapolis, the IBM building in Philadelphia, NY State University in Albany, and the Bank of America building in Norfolk.

## 1950

SAMUEL DAVIDSON MAY, JR., of Marion died on February 1, 2012. He earned a master's degree from the University of Michigan and was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force. He was a teacher at Tazewell High School and Marion Junior High, where he served as the assistant principal. He taught Latin at Marion Senior High School for 20 years.

## 1951

WILLIAM ALEXANDER "SANDY" MOORE of Woodstock died on March 3, 2012. He worked for 22 years as a civilian in the U.S. Army. He is the son of Dr. Ray A. Moore, Sr. 1900, the former College physician after whom the Moore Health Center is named, and the brother of Dr. Ray A. Moore, Jr. '41, Robert P. Moore '43, and John A. "Jack" Moore '45. Mr. Moore grew up at Hampden-Sydney and married Rosemary Clower, the daughter of Dr. Joseph Clower, professor of religion.

#### Dr. ANDERSON M. RENICK,



JR., of Lutherville, Maryland, died on April 10, 2012. He earned his medical degree from the University of Virginia and

practiced as an internist. In 2000, he established The Anderson M. Renick, Jr. M.D. Scholarship, given to Hampden-Sydney students who are pursuing health sciences or medicine as a career.

#### JOHN DENNIS WILSON of



Farmville died on April 24, 2012. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army and a graduate of the National Academy of Broadcasters in

Washington, D.C. He was the general manager of WFLO for 37 years and a consultant after retirement. He was active in the community and the broadcast industry. He was the brother of the late Rev. William Lockett Wilson '49 and of Hampden-Sydney College President Emeritus Samuel Vaughan Wilson.

## 1952

JACOB HUNTER "DICK" MILL-ER of Roanoke died on March 14, 2012. He was a U.S. Navy veteran. He founded J. Hunter Miller Construction Company in 1956 and continued to run the company until his retirement.

## 1953

#### BENTON LLOYD MIZE, JR.,

of Ruther Glen died on March 26, 2012. He was a veteran of the Korean War, serving in the U.S. Army. He was also a member of St. Paul's United Methodist Church.

#### IVAN JOHN SLAVIN of



Walkerton died on March 10, 2012. The only child of Muriel Clark Slavin and John D. Slavin (famed portrait artist

of his time), Mr. Slavin graduated from Benedictine and headed to Hampden-Sydney with the portrait of President Gammon in the back seat of his car (his father later painted our portrait of Board Chairman Frank S. Johns as well). While serving in the Coast Guard he didn't let his seasickness keep him from his duties or from performing many pranks on his fellow Guardsmen. Ivan always enjoyed a big laugh, a good joke and practiced the art of storytelling. His favorite pastimes were meeting new people, reminiscing with old friends, driving on roads less travelled, concocting the perfect libation, and boating on the Mattaponi River.

### 1954

JOHN PENN OLIVER of Big Island died on February 19, 2012. He was a pitcher on the Tiger baseball team and a member of Kappa Alpha fraternity. He was a teacher and coach at Boonsboro High School and Hargrave Military Academy and retired from Owens-Illinois after 30 years. He also served on the Bedford County Board of Supervisors.

## <u>1960</u>

CARL EDLOE KAUFMANN of Seminole, Florida, died on April 15, 2012. He was a veteran of U.S. Marine Corps and earned a master's degree from the University of South Carolina. He was a retired auditor with Chesapeake Corporation.

#### 1963

#### RODERICK BELL MATHEWS of



Richmond died on April 27, 2012. He practiced law at the office of Christian Barton LLP for more than 20 years,

worked as a senior vice president of Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Virginia, and retired as a partner of the law firm Troutman Sanders LLP. He was a former president of the Virginia State Bar and was a member of the Virginia Law Foundation. He served as Virginia's delegate to the American Bar Association's policymaking House of Delegates for 23 years. After retiring, Mr. Mathews worked as an arbitrator in health law cases. He was a certified mediator under the rules of the Supreme Court of Virginia. Best Lawyers in America recognized him for alternate dispute resolution. He was very active in the legal community, the World Justice Project, the Virginia Holocaust Museum, and the Children's Hospital of Richmond. He earned a law degree from the University of Richmond, where he was on the Law Review. He also graduated from the executive program of the University of Michigan School of Business.

#### GERALD MICHAEL



"JERRY" PACE, SR., of Salem died on April 18, 2012. He was a member of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity. He

was a leader in machine tool manufacturing and president of Pace Management Systems, Inc. He served on the Salem School Board and Salem City Council. He also served on the Board of Trustees of Virginia Intermont College and on the Board of Directors of the Virginia Western Community College Foundation. He is the father of Hampden-Sydney College Trustees G. Michael Pace, Jr. '79 and Jon A. Pace '82.

### 1968

#### ROBERT LEE WATT III of



Reidsville, North Carolina, died on March 29, 2012. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army and was awarded

the Bronze Star for his tour of duty in Viet Nam. He earned his law degree from the University of North Carolina and practiced for 38 years at Holt and Watt in Reidsville.

### 1970

#### DONALD WAYNE WINGFIELD

of Franklin, Tennessee, died on February 15, 2012. He was a member of Pi Kappa Alpha and worked as a customer service representative with Verizon Wireless.

## Staff

NANCY SMITH VAN DER VEER died on February 10, 2012. She worked in the College Post Office for more than eight years. She was the sister-in-law of **Beckie Smith**, the academic secretary in Gilmer Hall.

## Another successful Summer College

The race for the presidency and the election of 2012 were the topics of this year's Summer College, held on campus June 1-3. The keynote address on Friday night was given by the Honorable Gerald L. Baliles, the 65th Governor of Virginia and the Director of the Miller Center of Public Affairs at the University of Virginia. The following two days were filled with insight and expertise on the election process and the current state of politics in America. Attendees heard from a host of Hampden-Sydney professors, including Jim Simms, John Eastby, Ken Lehman, Roger Barrus, David Marion, and Jim Pontuso.

Jim Young '86, an attorney for the National Right to Work Legal Defense Foundation who recently argued before the U.S. Supreme Court, and Dr. Celia Carroll Jones of the government department discussed the role of Congress and the courts in the next election. Later, Chris Cooper '93 of the strategic communications firm SKDKnickerbocker joined Drs. Mike Utzinger and Matthew Bowman to dissect the presidential candidates and their chances for victory in November.

The highlight of the weekend for many present was the Saturday afternoon talk by President Emeritus Samuel V. Wilson, "Presidents I Have Known"-although he admitted it should have been titled "Presidents I Have Observed," as his contact with some of them was rather limited. He started with Franklin Roosevelt and continued through George H. W. Bush. His recollections were both fascinating and insightful.

Preparations are already underway for next year's Summer College. Make plans to be there.



ABOVE: Frank S. Johns II '70, Lacy Ward of the R. R. Moton Museum, and Governor Baliles.

RIGHT: Governor Baliles and President Howard



ABOVE: Professors Jim Simms, Ken Townsend, and Jim Kidd entertaining at the Saturday festivities.

RIGHT: President emeritus Samuel V. Wilson talking about U.S. presidents he has known.



ABOVE: Jim Young '86. RIGHT: Chris Cooper '93.





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