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A campus legend passes

Mr. Brinkley in his office

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John L. Brinkley ’59, retired professor of classics, passed away on September 14, 2012.

Professor Brinkley graduated summa cum laude and first in his class at Hampden-Sydney College. As a student he was active in several organizations, including the Union-Philanthropic Literary Society and the Tiger. He was Hampden-Sydney’s first Rhodes Scholar and earned bachelor’s and master’s degrees from Trinity College, Oxford, as well as a master’s degree from Princeton University. In 1967, he returned to Hampden-Sydney’s Classics Department to teach. Professor Brinkley remained at the College until his retirement in 2007.

He was an institution at Hampden-Sydney, in and out of the classroom. In addition to teaching classes such as Latin, Roman history, and mythology, he served as Clerk of the Faculty and as College Historian for decades. His definitive history of the College, On this Hill: A Narrative History of Hampden-Sydney College 1774-1994, was published in 1994. Professor Brinkley was a faculty advisor to Kappa Sigma fraternity and became an honorary brother. During his career he was recognized with numerous accolades, including the Algernon Sydney Sullivan Medallion, the first Hubard Award, the first Crawley Award, and the Keating Medallion.

Professor Brinkley was a tireless supporter of Hampden-Sydney athletics, particularly baseball, football, and lacrosse. When he was not on the sidelines of a football game, he could be found watching the baseball team from behind home plate, giving helpful advice to the umpire. In 2007, he was inducted into the Hampden-Sydney College Athletics Hall of Fame.

Professor Brinkley had a profound influence on decades of Hampden-Sydney men. From his residence on Fraternity Circle to his book-filled office in Morton Hall, his life was this College and its students.

In the next issue of The Record, we will be sharing more about Professor Brinkley’s life and influence. If you have a story about him or a photograph that you would like to share, please e-mail therecord@hsc.edu.

Photo: Ian Bradshaw
The many faces of C Day: (clockwise from upper left) Mark Meitz ’95, Director of Alumni Relations, discusses personal finance; Ryan Carter ’13 gives the charge to freshmen; sophomores receive their pins from alumni; ‘Thad Shelly ’75 encourages seniors; and Dr. Ken Townsend shares his passion for music.
Inspiration does not start with the letter C. For the first time in the history of Hampden-Sydney College, the entire community gathered for a day of reflection, personal discovery, guidance, and fun. The result was an inspired student body.

September 4 began with the traditional Opening Convocation for the new academic year. Student government leaders were sworn into office and outstanding students were recognized for their academic achievement. College President Chris Howard and Student Body President Brit McKenzie ’13 addressed the crowd. However, it was with the charge to the freshmen, given by Ryan Carter ’13, that everyone knew this day was different.

“It no longer matters what your high school GPA was or how fast your 40 time was,” said Ryan. “It no longer matters whether you come from a good background or a tough background. At this point, it no longer matters what obstacles you have overcome to get into that seat. Because the reality of the situation is that you are in that seat, and by being in that seat, on this campus, on this day, you have the opportunity to rebrand yourself, recreate yourself, to essentially redefine who you are and what you stand for.”

Ryan urged the freshmen—and reminded every student—to take advantage of all of Hampden-Sydney’s opportunities. He closed his remarks with this: “The time passes quickly. Just ask any of us staring graduation in the face. And it’s very possible to cheat yourself out of four years by succumbing to the distractions that plague H-SC, as well as many other college campuses. Whether it’s something as simple as too much Xbox, or as serious as drugs and alcohol. Be aware. Be cognizant of the fact that this time is fleeting and you can easily steal four years from yourself. My charge to you is this: when the alarm goes off, every morning, you put your feet on the floor and go to work.”

With that, C Day began.

Following convocation, students gathered in different venues around campus according to their class year for the chance to learn a little more about that particular stage in their college career. Among the speakers were Thad Shelly ’75, Hiter Harris ’83, and Tulane Patterson ’78.

Mr. Shelly, the CEO of Lazard Wealth Management, tapped into his experience in the financial services industry and talked to the senior class about “Marketing Myself When My Product is Me.”

He was excited to be a part of the inaugural C Day activities and to interact so closely with the students. “As a member of the Board of Trustees, I think being active with the College ensures the growth and stature of the institution and the fact of the matter is that the better our institution does, the better our own credentials become. There is also a great feeling of camaraderie that we all hope many will continue to enjoy.”
Sophomores gathered in Kirk Athletic Center’s Snyder Hall to hear Mr. Harris’s talk “It’s Your Time to Dream.” As a young Hampden-Sydney freshman, Mr. Harris languished in the classroom and spent much of his time on the football team bench. He turned around his college career, becoming an excellent student and a football kicker followed by professional scouts. Now a partner and co-founder of the investment banking firm Harris Williams & Co., Mr. Harris inspired second-year students to make the most of the collegiate experience.

He says, “I think C Day is incredibly innovative and know of no other school that does anything like this. This is one of many examples that H-SC is on the cutting edge of innovation for educating men in this complex world. It really says something that H-SC would embrace a full day to experiencing the tenets of C Day together, as a community. This program also shows the dedication to educating the whole man, academically of course, but also experientially as a person. Developing the drive, determination and the desire to learn, as well as the traits of an honorable man, are as important as academics. All of this shows that H-SC forms an environment that prepares young emerging leaders to dream about their futures, and then to go out and grab that dream. This complex and confusing world is a perfect environment for an emerging H-SC leader.”

The Class of 2015 was the first class to take part in what is likely a new tradition at Hampden-Sydney College: the sophomore pinning ceremony. Many alumni were on hand to pin an interlocking H&S on the lapels of sophomores, signifying the beginning of this stage of their Hampden-Sydney experience. The sophomore year is typically the year that students declare their academic major. It marks a shift in their coursework, from focusing on the core curriculum to an individual path.

Rand DuPriest ’92 took part in the sophomore pinning. He said, “Hampden-Sydney has taken this first step in creating a new tradition on The Hill. The interaction between current students, faculty, staff, and alumni is invaluable. I encourage the H-SC administration to forge ahead with plans to make this event bigger and better each year. C Day is without a doubt the next logical step in Hampden-Sydney’s
never ending pursuit of ‘forming good men and citizens’.”

Meanwhile, Mr. Patterson, an author and the founder of several medical services companies and the non-profit Christian Health Outreach, spoke to the freshmen in a packed Johns Auditorium about the legacy of the “Hampden-Sydney man.”

“The older I get, the more responsibility I feel toward the College,” says Mr. Patterson. “I’ve hired some Hampden-Sydney guys and I enjoy teaching them about business. I love being a part of the Hampden-Sydney legacy and I had fun talking to the freshmen about what it means to be a Hampden-Sydney man. I did my best to explain to them that their job is to build a better country for us all and a better life for themselves and their families. I want them to get out there and be active and to leave this school better than they found it.”

Addressing the junior class was Joe Ehrmann, president of Coach for America and author of InsideOut Coaching. The NFL veteran and social activist uses sports to teach valuable life lessons. He used C Day to talk to juniors about understanding the many different concepts of masculinity, how to recognize negative masculine messages, and how to develop their own positive self image. He urged the juniors to “get out of your comfort zone. Be confident as a man. Leave your legacy.”

C Day continued in the afternoon with the freshmen taking part in community service projects while sophomores, juniors, and seniors visited sites around campus to learn about potential careers and possible hobbies and interests.

With nearly 350 freshmen enrolling this year, the College was able to send groups to two Habitat for Humanity homes, clean 14 miles of Prince Edward County highways, build two dozen Adirondack chairs for student use on campus, assist both the Southside Virginia Family YMCA and the Moton Museum for Civil Rights Education, sort food at Farmville Area Community Emergency Services, and spend some quality time with senior citizens.
at The Woodlands, an assisted living center in Farmville. These activities gave the freshmen a first-hand look at some of the many non-profit organizations contributing to the community just outside the college gates while having fun and making new friends.

Back on campus, the sophomores, juniors, and seniors were learning from alumni and faculty about potential career paths and personal activities that make lives more interesting and fulfilling. From stand-up paddle boarding on Lake Chalgrove with Dr. Claire Deal and strategy games in Morton Hall with Dr. Marc Hight to film appreciation with Dr. Katherine Weese in Winston Hall to the finer points of beer with Dr. James Pontuso in Bortz Library, students explored a multitude of topics and learned how many faculty and staff like to spend their time outside the classroom.

Likewise, many alumni were stationed around campus to discuss various career paths. Matt Michael ’95, Andrew Jennings ’09, and Charles Cabell ’74 shared the ins and outs of practicing law. Warren Thompson ’81 and Adam O’Donnell ’12 guided students through the landscape of entrepreneurship. Dr. Robert Wade ’91 and Dr. Matthew Bitner ’99 discussed careers in medicine.

David Riddick ’77, a retired teacher, spoke with students about careers in education. “Being back on campus for C Day was great, but being engaged with talented and enthusiastic students discussing teaching careers was very special,” says Riddick. “The combination of the rigorous liberal arts curriculum and the outstanding professors under whom they study make H-SC men uniquely qualified to attack the problems in our K-12 educational institutions. It was evident...
in the high-spirited discussions during the Tiger Track session that these young men care deeply about the direction of teaching in America. I expect to see them lead the charge into the future of education grounded in greater choices for children in this country."

“The career aspect of C Day is a unique opportunity for current students to better understand potential career paths and how to best prepare for those opportunities,” says Harry Jones ’94, who participated in the sophomore pinning and in the Tiger Tracks discussion on banking and finance. “The world is a very competitive place and C Day is another tool for Hampden-Sydney students to learn from its alumni on how to positively differentiate themselves from the rest of the pack. I look forward to participating in many more C Days in the future.”

He is not the only one excited about the future of C Day. President Howard says, “After our first C Day we have a lot of data and points of information to review in terms of how we can improve the event. I am very bullish about the future of C Day and I am proud of Hampden-Sydney for being an institution with the courage to try something new. Our faculty and staff worked so hard to make this day a success and they proved to me that when a community comes together, it can accomplish great things.”

Hampden-Sydney College prepares students for any career or calling through its time-tested liberal arts curriculum. The new tradition of C Day gives students tools for finding that calling and for creating a pathway to reach it.
**Hitting the career path on the right foot**

JOHN LEE DUDLEY ’95

A liberal arts curriculum gives students the critical thinking, communications, and analytical skills to succeed in a broad range of careers. Some students, however, are looking for advantages over other graduates entering the workforce or want to develop skills in specific areas not covered in the curriculum. These students often turn to internships.
“Through an internship students have the opportunity to develop a number of job-related skills and expand their network of contacts within a given field or industry,” says L. Rucker Snead III ’81, Associate Dean for Career Education and Vocational Reflection. “These experiences also provide a means to link the theory of our liberal arts education to the realities of the world.”

This summer, many Hampden-Sydney students took internships in a variety of fields and locations.

Will Correll, a senior from Memphis, spent the summer working with the Memphis Research Group, an investment consultancy for a $7 billion-dollar fund in New York. He says, “I took lead roles in multiple projects and helped predict the collapse of Select Comfort share prices, which fell by more than 50% in one day. It was an amazing summer and I made valuable connections in the business and investment world and developed my skills in business and industry analysis.”

Much further south, senior John Chambers worked in public affairs for the U.S. State Department at the embassy in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. He planned a large Fourth of July concert, interviewed Dominican students in Spanish for academic opportunities in the United States, conducted historical research, and managed the press at events where the U.S. ambassador was speaking.

Not content with just one internship, Scott Clayton, a senior from Scottsdale, Arizona, decided to take two this summer. First, he was a grass roots organizer with Save Our Sound of Cape Cod. Later he took his energy to Iowa to Exelon Wind, a wind-energy company. There Scott developed his own piece of environmental policy, an environmental gap analysis of all 38 operating projects, and several compliance matrices.

Frederick Antoine, a junior from New York, was a sales/marketing/management intern at Silverline CRM, a Salesforce.com consulting firm in Manhattan. He prepared the firm’s case studies on previous customer relationship management tool implementations and assisted with the firm’s marketing strategy. Frederick says he will continue working remotely with Silverline, and he has already been offered the chance to return next year to work as an engagement management intern and, possibly, to land a job after graduation.

At the Virginia Institute of Neuropsychiatry, senior Cody Castelvecchi of Midlothian performed clinical coordinator service and conducted brain volume analyses on patients with traumatic brain injury and Tardive Akathesia. He co-authored two case reports, including “Brain MRI Volumetry in a Single Patient with Mild Traumatic Brain Injury,” which is in the process of being published. Cody was excited to be working with fellow Hampden-Sydney man, Dr. David E. Ross ’82.

Snead adds, “Most employers view internships as an extended job interview. They are able to watch the intern in action and then determine if they want to bring that intern on as a full-time employee. Generally, companies hope to convert 60-70% of their interns into full-time employees.”

In recent years, Hampden-Sydney students have been offered jobs after completing internships with JP Morgan, Wells Fargo, Ferguson Enterprises, PNC, Deutsche Bank, The Martin Agency, U.S. Army, U.S. Marines, Northrup Grumman, Virginia Ports Authority, State Department, Defense Intelligence Agency, and Norfolk Southern.

The students who spent their summer interning in their chosen fields are certain their experiences will give them a big advantage when they are ready to enter the workforce.
Gone is the dark, wood trim. Gone are the booths. After nearly two decades, the Tiger Inn has undergone an extensive renovation. Thompson Hospitality, which has taken over the food service contract at Hampden-Sydney, has renovated the bottom floor of Settle Hall as The American Tap Room at the Tiger Inn.

The new design replaces the dark, pub-style atmosphere with an open, contemporary appearance. The Tiger Inn now has additional TVs, new pool and ping-pong tables, and an expanded menu. When the weather is pleasant, students can take their food and drinks outside to a gated patio with a central fire pit.

Thompson Hospitality says the new concept will offer table service during peak lunch and dinner hours. Customers will always be able to place their orders at the expanded bar.

The renovation and refurnishing was a $520,000 project to which Thompson Hospitality has made a capital commitment of about half. The remainder is covered by a pledge by Thompson Hospitality.
Bortz Library in elite company

Our students love the Bortz Library so much that the Princeton Review has ranked it 7th in student satisfaction. This puts Hampden-Sydney College squarely between Yale University (6th) and University of Chicago (8th). Other schools in the top ten include Ivy Leaguers Harvard, Princeton, and Dartmouth, as well as the huge university library systems of West Virginia University, Stanford, and Cornell.

“I think our position in the top 10 shows how the design of the library was driven by our students’ needs,” says Dr. Cy Dillon, director of the library and academic information services. “We continue to implement news ways to better serve the College and the community—from making the DVD collection more accessible to ensuring that our computers have up-to-date software. Overall, we have seen continued growth in the number of students using the library.”

New observatory dome installed

Sometimes, when things go wrong, everything turns out right. Such is the case with Hampden-Sydney’s observatory.

A lightning strike during a storm last fall caused the observatory’s automated roof to open. That storm then dumped two inches of rain on the facility’s primary telescope, all of the student telescopes, and its computer system. The place was ruined.

However, this event also gave the College a chance to upgrade the observatory using the
money from the insurance payment. Rather than using the same design that failed during the storm, the Physics Department decided installing a dome would reduce the odds of exposing the equipment to storm damage again, allow for keeping the computer equipment in a climate-controlled room, and allow for a small classroom.

Dr. Walter “Mike” McDermott says, “Irvin Robertson, our laboratory technician, came up with the idea and reconfigured the area. We owe a lot to him and to the great guys at Buildings and Grounds who did the construction. The Computing Center got all of the computer systems on-line. Rebuilding this observatory has been a real community effort.”

With the new dome installed, students will soon be returning to the observatory for classes. The College’s telescope will also become part of a network run by the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, which will allow astronomers around the world to view space from Hampden-Sydney.

“The storm was a big headache,” says Dr. McDermott, “but it has allowed us to continue with our goal of upgrading and improving our facility, so it was worth it in the end.”

Adding up the accolades

Elliott Assistant Professor of Biology Kristian Hargadon ’01 received the 2012 J. Shelton Horsley Research Award, the highest honor bestowed by the Virginia Academy of Science for original research. He was honored by the Academy for his paper “Suppression of the maturation and activation of the dendritic cell line DC2.4 by melanoma-derived factors,” which was published in the January 2012 issue of the journal *Cellular Immunology*.

What this means, to those of us without a Ph.D. in biology, is that Dr. Hargadon is investigating how melanoma skin cancer prevents some cells from beginning the immune response to the cancer.

He has been researching immune suppression since his student days at Hampden-Sydney.
When he was still an undergraduate, a postdoctoral fellow from the University of Virginia spoke at the College about similar research. Hargadon focused his own senior research project on the topic and went on to work in the same lab at UVA with the fellow who introduced him to the subject.

Dr. Hargadon says, "We do quite a lot of research at Hampden-Sydney, especially for not being a research-intensive institution. Our facilities allow us to accomplish really good work. I continue to maintain professional relationships at UVA and can access equipment there if I need to, but 80 percent of my research is done on campus. That's great for our students, too, because I have been able to involve several of them over the past three years."

Dr. Hargadon has an additional paper on melanoma under review by another journal and this spring he will be speaking at a science symposium at the prestigious Harker School in San Jose, California. He says, “I’ll be one of two keynote speakers. I don’t mind being one of two, since the other speaker is a Nobel Prize winner.”

ODK honors two Tigers

The accolades keep coming for Barron Frazier ’12. Shortly after graduating in May, he learned that Omicron Delta Kappa, the national honorary society for leadership, named him the National Leader of the Year in Campus Life for Scholarship. This is one of only five national awards given by the prestigious organization. Barron is a summa cum laude graduate with a degree in biology. He is attending Eastern Virginia Medical School.

Meanwhile, Osric Forrest ’12 was named a recipient of a scholarship from the ODK Foundation. Osric graduated summa cum laude with a major in biology and a minor in chemistry. As a senior he received the Hewett Biology Award and the Samuel S. Jones Phi Beta Kappa Award for his honors thesis. Osric was a resident advisor and a member of the Ethics Bowl team, the President’s Men, and the Society of ’91 leadership program. He was president of Hampden-Sydney’s chapter of Circle K International and an investigator for the Student Court. He is attending Emory University.

New faculty on The Hill

Eight new professors joined the ranks of the faculty this fall, including three on tenure track.

Dr. Nicholas P. Deifel, assistant professor of chemistry, earned his bachelor’s degree from Kenyon College and his Ph.D. from The George Washington University. Before coming to Hampden-Sydney, he taught at Washington College. He has an article published in the October issue of Canadian Mineralogist. Dr. Deifel’s graduate school research focused on Uranium-based minerals chemistry.

Dr. D. Edward Lowry, assistant professor of biology, earned his bachelor’s degree from the University of Virginia and his Ph.D. from the University of California, Santa Barbara. Since 2009, he has been a post-doctoral associate at Stony Brook University. He has been published in the Quarterly Review of Biology and the Journal of Biogeography, as well as other publications. He teaches ecology.

Dr. Alfonso Varona, assistant professor of modern languages, earned his bachelor’s degree from the University of Texas at El Paso and his Ph.D. from the University of Connecticut. Before coming to Hampden-Sydney, he taught at the University of North Carolina, Greensboro, where he also organized the film festival Golden Age of Mexican Cinema.

At Hampden-Sydney on temporary assignment are Wanda L. Fenimore, lecturer in rhetoric; Dr. Virginia V. Lewis, lecturer of mathematics and computer science; N. Amos Rothschild, visiting assistant professor of English; Dr. Salif F. Traoré, visiting assistant professor of modern languages; and Matthew J. Willis, visiting professor of mathematics and computer science.
New disc golf course opens

Students have been playing disc golf (Frisbee golf to some) for years, usually using trees, lampposts, or other campus landmarks as goals. Players finally have a chance to take this relaxing, social game to the next level with Hampden-Sydney’s new nine-hole disc golf course.

The course begins between Kirk Athletic Center and Kirby Field House. It continues around Lake Mayes to Tadpole Hole, two challenging water hazards. A dip into the woods requires accuracy from the players before the final few holes break open near the intramural fields. Players finish back where they started, just south of the baseball field.

Ricky Talman, director of TigeRec, designed the course this summer. The goals and signage were installed just before the students arrived in August.

The course is challenging enough for experienced players, but beginners can have a lot of fun too. It is open to students and community members, so everyone is invited to try out the course the next time they visit The Hill.

Will Kelly ’14 throws for par on the first hole of the new disc golf course. Like many students, he is excited about the new course and plans on playing often.
Students enjoy their newly renovated digs
F Dorm is filled with students again after the completion of a yearlong renovation project. Ryan Martin ’13, Bobby Fulton ’14, Brad Mostowy ’13, and Chase Brown ’14 relax in a new common area they share. The residence hall is divided into six sections, each with two bedrooms, a bathroom, and living area. The modern configuration is a hit with the students and gives them many more options for studying and socializing.
At Hampden-Sydney College, many students use this time to work directly with a professor and have an intellectual experience that is more intense than they have had before. Whether in the physical sciences or the humanities, these summer research projects often prepare students for a career of academic research. They lay the foundation of exhaustive research, intellectual curiosity, long-form writing, ruthless editing, and the satisfaction of completion.

More than a dozen students lived at Hampden-Sydney this summer and worked closely with professors in a variety of disciplines. Francis Polakiewicz ’14 and Dr. Rachel Goodman filled her lab with 200 turtles for an experiment investigating interactions between chemical exposure and a wildlife disease. The two were awarded a Hampden-Sydney Student Faculty Summer
Research grant for the project, and Polakiewicz was also awarded a Virginia Foundation for Independent Colleges Summer Undergraduate Science Research Fellowship Award.

In their experiment, juvenile red-eared slider turtles were exposed to combinations of the emerging infectious disease ranavirus and four commonly used herbicides. Dr. Goodman and Polakiewicz studied the growth and survival of the turtles for five weeks. Results of this study will help determine why some wild turtle populations carry the virus symptomatically, while others do not. This information could inform application practices of land managers.

Dr. Goodman knew the project would require a high level of commitment and attention to detail and looked for just the right student to help her. “I had Francis in my ecology class and I knew that he was a complete perfectionist and as a pre-health student, I knew that this kind of research would be a good match for him personally and professionally. Francis is one of the hardest working and most self-motivated students I have ever worked with. As the summer progressed, I worked alongside him most of the time. We had a very defined protocol because contamination is a big issue with this kind of research. However, I quickly realized that Francis’ attention to detail was very high, so I could let him take on more tasks for himself.”

In addition to his work in the lab, Polakiewicz was responsible for checking on the turtles every 12 hours. He says, “We would finish in the lab around 2:30; then I would go back to my room to enter data, have a few hours to myself before going back to the lab at nine that evening to check on the turtles again. There were nights when two or three had died and I would have to perform the necropsy immediately. I might not get back to my room until 11:00 before I could go to bed and start all over the next morning.”

Aside from getting more comfortable in the lab, Polakiewicz learned a lot about research and the reality of science. “Some of the things we thought would happen didn’t. Dr. Goodman had to remind me that science is not always full of grand conclusions.”

Grand conclusions aside, Polakiewicz wrote an extensive paper on the research and gained significant experience. “Increasingly students have to do research outside of the classroom to get into a graduate program,” says Dr. Goodman. “We need the support to make our students competitive.”

Each year at graduation, there are a few students who have completed the ROTC program and are commissioned as officers in the military. Next May, Andrew Craver ‘13 will be one of those students. While his position as graduating officer will make him rare enough, something else sets him apart even further. Craver is a pacifist seeking a position as an Army chaplain.

He used a summer project with Dr. David Higginbotham as the opportunity to examine the rhetoric of pacifism and to reconcile the conflicting nature of his own life choices.

“I wanted to write a paper about how you can be a pacifist in the Chaplain Corps, but I couldn’t for a lot of reasons. Number one, the Army probably wouldn’t let me in if they found out about it,” he says with a laugh. “But chaplaincy is my calling. I see the Army as a mission.
field. I was going to have to come to terms with the fact that the Army is a brutality machine. I’m not okay with that, but I can be a beacon of peace and hopefully help a few soldiers along the way.”

His research involved a variety of sources, from religious texts to YouTube videos of Army chaplains at work. “I would read for hours in the morning and write in the evenings until I started falling asleep.”

Writing, of course, is a core component of any rhetoric project, which Dr. Higginbotham says can be any kind of essay. “Though Andrew had time to really think about himself, this was no narcissistic navel gazing. His work ethic is beyond compare. When he said he would read something, he read it; when he said he would write something, it was written. It was a real pleasure working with him.”

Andrew was in JROTC in high school and when he was looking at colleges, his top choices were Hampden-Sydney and West Point. Despite not having much family connection to the military and a growing Moravian faith, which promotes pacifism, Andrew joined the ROTC at Hampden-Sydney. He had decided that he wanted to serve soldiers as an Army chaplain.

“After a lot of research and soul searching, I have decided how to reconcile my faith and my calling. I found my place in the Army this summer.”

Dr. Higginbotham says, “The benefit to him was not to get to work with me this summer, it was to take advantage of what this institution has to offer: the library, the isolation, the housing. He had four months to do nothing but think about and write about this topic.”

Dr. David E. Higginbotham
Assistant Professor of Rhetoric

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As a religion major, Andrew will have to write a thesis this year. He says this summer project has prepared him for the amount of work ahead. Having completed this paper, Craver has a greater understanding of exactly what goes into a comprehensive research project as well as a much better understanding of what his future holds.

Student-faculty research projects are typically done with the student and professor in the same place, but modern technology is changing that.

Thanks to on-line research, the proliferation of email, and video chatting, Lewis Bell ’13 was able to work with Dr. Steele Nowlin while living and studying in Georgia.

An English and classical studies double major, Bell’s summer research began as an investigation of the representation of war in American science fiction. After considerable research and guidance from his advising professor, Bell narrowed his topic down to investigating Kurt Vonnegut’s Slaughterhouse Five as it relates to exposure treatment of post-traumatic stress disorder.

Bell found that many American science fiction authors are war veterans and that there is a noticeable difference between them and non-veteran science fiction authors. The veterans, such as Vonnegut, use their stories as a way to discuss the troubling experiences they faced in war without having to tell their own stories. This third-person account of a first-person experience is a step in exposure therapy of post-traumatic stress disorder.

Dr. Nowlin says, “Research is a natural progression that often brings up as many questions as it does provide answers, so it was important for Lewis to refine his thesis. Of course, he
Andrew Craver ’14 (right) examined the rhetoric of pacifism with Dr. David Higginbotham.
will have plenty of time to continue looking into this subject. The summer research these students are doing can provide a source for additional research as they continue their academic career, certainly for their career at Hampden-Sydney and for graduate school as well.”

Bell says, “I would spend the first day of each week collecting as many articles as I could. Then, throughout the week, I would read and write as my ideas formed, sending lots of emails back and forth with Dr. Nowlin. Thursday night I would send him my work for the week. Then, every Friday we would work through my ideas during a video chat.”

“This is an uncommon process,” admits Bell, “and I had to give the honors council many assurances that I would be doing the work I set out to do. Ultimately, the arrangement worked out for the best. For me, not having a professor looking over my shoulder made me work much harder and made this project much more student-driven. The onus really was on me to succeed.”

Summer research is an opportunity for a student to immerse himself in a selected topic and devote time to completing a solid research project without the distractions and obligations that fill the typical academic year.

Many students at Hampden-Sydney enjoy this experience of an intensely focused academic project, and each year you can find more and more of them on The Hill during the long, slow days of summer. Thanks to the dedication of our faculty and the drive of our students, our quiet summer days are becoming filled with the hum of students and faculty hard at work … together.

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DR. STEELE NOWLIN
Assistant Professor of English

Lewis Bell ’13 (left) researched the war experience in American science fiction with Dr. Steele Nowlin.
Bright lights, big dreams
CANCER RESEARCH IN NEW YORK CITY

From the capital of Ethiopia to rural Virginia to New York City, Yonathan Ararso’s academic path has wound its way to many interesting places. He has enjoyed them all, but kept his focus squarely on being the best student he possibly can.

This past summer, Yonathan, a senior pre-med biology major, traded the quiet country roads of Hampden-Sydney for the bustling avenues of Cornell University’s medical school in New York City.

After making his way through a rigorous application process, he worked with a Howard Hughes Medical Institute Fellow on cancer stem cells. They were investigating why cancer in remission sometimes comes back and how these cancer stem cells may repopulate tumors.

“Being in a different environment, working with big-time scientists, interacting with other undergraduate researchers—it all was an amazing experience,” says Yonathan. “Some of my favorite times were the brainstorming sessions we would have during lab meetings because everyone was talking about their various projects and thinking through problems together. It was a great professional environment.”

During the first few weeks of his summer, Yonathan was busy learning the layout of the lab and familiarizing himself with the equipment and procedures. Before long, though, Yonathan’s mentor would just outline the goals for the week and let him work on his own.

“In addition to several Ph.D. and M.D. students, the lab was full of post docs, traveling physicians, and researchers from all over the world including China, France, Russia, and Israel. It was great to see so many people with a great passion for science, but I also saw signs of the cut-throat business of racing to get published.”

This is Yonathan’s senior year and he is actively working on his graduate school applications with the hope of pursuing a joint M.D./Ph.D. in infectious diseases at a school like Vanderbilt, Emory, Columbia, or maybe Cornell.

As a scholarship student at Woodberry Forest prep school and at Hampden-Sydney, Yonathan feels a great debt of gratitude and a responsibility to repay those who have given him so many opportunities. He is anxious to put his knowledge to work helping others.

He says, “A Ph.D. is prestigious and important to me, but I also want that medical degree. I don’t want to get lost in academia. I want to be a doctor seeing patients, helping people, just like people have helped me.”
Hampden-Sydney celebrated its inaugural session this year as the administrative institution in charge of the Münster Summer Program in Germany.

Professor Dirk Johnson taught 14 students from four colleges in the northeastern German city for four weeks in a cultural and language immersion program.

The program was originally started in 1971 by Vassar College and has sent more than a thousand students to study in Germany. “We are very excited to become the sponsoring college,” says Dr. Johnson. “Not only is this a great way to expand our own students’ education of the German language and culture, but it also gives Hampden-Sydney College a tremendous amount of exposure at colleges and universities across the United States.”

A little further south, at the Instituto Franklin of the Universidad de Alcalá near Madrid, Professors Dieudonné Afatsawo and Germán Salinas taught 21 Hampden-Sydney students during May Term. Naturally, the program includes intensive language training, but the program’s proximity to Madrid affords students access to amazing Spanish cultural highlights.

“When students are not staying with their host families,” says Dr. Afatsawo, “they can easily visit places like El Rastro, the open-air flea market on Sunday; the famous Museo del Prado, which is home to works by many European masters; or Las Ventas, Madrid’s majestic bullring. Madrid has so much to offer students of Spanish culture.”
This is a big year for Nash Nance ’15. The Tigers starting quarterback transferred to Hampden-Sydney this summer after two years on the sidelines at the University of Tennessee. He wants to spend his college years playing football, so he looked for a school where he can play from day one and have fun doing it.

With the graduation of quarterback Travis Lane, the position was open at Hampden-Sydney and Nance saw in the College a lot of what he loved at Darlington School, the prep school in Rome, Georgia, he attended for many years.

“Some of my best memories are from Darlington. I loved the atmosphere and the people. When I first stepped on campus here, I got that same feeling I had at Darlington.”

He has only a few games under his belt in Everett Stadium, but he loves the field and having the crowd so close to the game.

“Playing here is very personal. It’s great when you score a touchdown and fans are right there, ten feet away. It must be very intimidating for visiting players. At Tennessee, the stands didn’t even begin until 20 yards behind the bench. Here, I could toss the ball to my parents.”

Though he loves the home crowds, getting a win on the road is even sweeter. “On the road, right when you get off the bus you don’t know where anything is and people are directing you around. It’s a little disorienting, but that’s okay. Football is the unexpected, and to go onto someone else’s home field and leave with a win is just the icing on the cake. That bus ride home with the team is so much fun, reliving the big plays, laughing about funny things that happened. I love it.”

It looks like Nash has found exactly what he was looking for: a real team. Playing at Hampden-Sydney is not about personal achievement; it’s about working together for the win.

“When I came here, I knew I would have a bulls eye on my back, but I told Coach Favret that I just want to win games. I don’t care if we throw the ball five times or 50 times. I want to win.”
Tigers top 2012 ODAC football preseason poll

Hampden-Sydney College received four first place votes on the way to 46 total points to lead the 2012 ODAC Football Preseason Poll. The top of the rankings are tightly packed, with Randolph-Macon College clipping at Tigers’ heels with 44 tallies including three top nods. Washington & Lee University rounds out the top three with 37 points and the remaining first place selection from the annual coaches’ survey.

The path to the 2012 ODAC championship will be tougher for all teams in the league as
Shenandoah University opens conference play, increasing the league’s football membership to eight schools. SU, previously a member of the USA South for the majority of its sports, became the ODAC’s 14th full-time member institution in July, completing a process that will see the Hornets compete in each of their 20 sports under the ODAC flag.

Hampden-Sydney (8-3 overall, 5-1 in the ODAC in 2011) begins its third title defense in the last five years as it tries to become the first team to win back-to-back titles since Bridgewater College won five straight crowns from 2001-05.

Thanks to a generous donation from Johnny Ellis, Jr. ’70, the rugby field was widened 15 meters this summer to meet official dimensions. The team lined up along the new section of the field to illustrate just how much more playing room they have now.

**XC and swimming see big gains in recruiting push**

Thanks to coordinated efforts by Head Coach Betsy Prengaman and the Admissions Office, the cross country team is growing by leaps and bounds. There are 21 students on the roster, 12 of whom are freshmen.

“We contacted a number of coaches and told them about our program and that we are looking for guys who might fit Hampden-Sydney. The amount of interest was crazy. Not only were we actively pursuing some runners, but there were also guys who were pursuing us.”

Having so many freshmen also means she will see big changes in her team during the next few years. In high school, cross country teams run a 5k race; in college, they run an 8k. Prengaman says, “That first year is a mental struggle. Many of the guys have trouble getting used to the longer distance and figuring out how to run their own race. Once they overcome that hurdle, their times drop dramatically.”

Prengaman’s recruiting efforts are helping the fledgling swim team as well. As the head swim coach too, she has been working hard to grow that team and is seeing increased interest. Area coaches are learning about the program and more than 30 students showed up at a preliminary meeting early in the semester. She expects to have around 25 students on that roster.

The guys on the swim team will get the benefit of meeting Hollins and Sweet Briar’s swim teams when Hampden-Sydney pairs with them on three occasions this season. By pairing with a women’s college, Hampden-Sydney can compete directly against co-ed schools. At invitational meets, the College does not need female swimmers.

Transitioning from cross country in the fall to swimming in the winter makes for a crazy few weeks for Prengaman when their practices overlap, but staying busy is nothing new for her. She also works as a personal trainer for Hampden-Sydney’s TigeRec program at the Fitness Center and as the coach for the club track team in the spring.

Hampden-Sydney athletics are getting a huge boost from this rising star on the coaching staff.
After a night of driving around the desert near Beyneu, Kazakhstan, Thomas Schultz ’10 and I arrived back in the town to ask for directions. That was when we realized that our fuel line was busted. We were stranded on the side of the road in the middle of nowhere. I didn’t think it could get much more adventurous than that. I was wrong.

Tommy and I were in the middle of The Mongol Rally, a driving adventure beginning in England and ending nearly 11,000 miles and 14 countries later in Mongolia.

After months of planning and prepping our 1993 Toyota pick-up truck, we shipped it from Norfolk to Liverpool. On July 14, Tommy and I (and 877 others) departed from Goodwood Motor Circuit in the south of England. We immediately got lost. Soon, though, we made it to Dover to cross the English Channel. Melodrama aside, crossing the Channel reminded me...
of Julius Caesar crossing the Rubicon; there was no turning back now.

Europe was the (relatively) easy part. The roads were great. We didn’t speak the languages, but they were familiar. We didn’t even have a real border crossing until we reached Ukraine. That’s when the trip got real. The four-hour wait foreshadowed the bureaucratic nightmares that would come many times more. That was also the first time we really had to learn the valuable skill of communicating with gestures. Tommy kept saying that this trip was the “greatest game of charades ever played.”

Despite our exhaustive preparations, we encountered many mechanical problems, too. There was the busted fuel line in Kazakhstan (which Tommy fixed with a piece of copper toilet pipe), wheezing over the beautiful 13,000-foot high Karakol Pass, and a dangerous leaking brake line. Though each of these events nearly ended our trip for good, they also provided opportunities to meet locals and to experience their hospitality first-hand.

Along the way we met many other teams in the Rally. We would travel together sometimes for more than a week, sometimes for only a day or two. With a group of Italian ralliers, we drove to Muynac, Uzbekistan, where we saw six gigantic ships stranded in the desert that was once part of the Aral Sea.

We saw amazing ancient cities, such as Khiva and Samarqand, which I would venture to claim is the eastern equivalent of ancient Rome.

When we weren’t getting stuck or helping someone else get unstuck, we were being pulled over by corrupt, curious, or sometimes just bored police officers. Some nights we slept in hotels; other nights we were in someone’s home or camping just off the side of the road. One night while camping we were awakened by two bulls: one stomping on our tent, the other trying to mount our truck.

In western Mongolia, we and a small group of teams from the Rally spent the night with a man and his family. At first I was skeptical and I became more so as we drove through a ghetto to get to his house. However, his walled compound disguised a beautifully decorated home inside. The family fed us and invited us to watch the Olympics with them in the main house. They even had a 47-inch plasma television.

Finally, we rolled into Ulaan Baatar on August 17 and celebrated our victory over the deplorable roads and pathways of Central Asia.

Yes, we were looking for a grand adventure, but we were also raising money and awareness for charities. The Mongol Rally itself supports Locus Children’s Centre in Mongolia, and we raised money for Rett Syndrome research.

We are very thankful for the support we got from our sponsors, particularly Ted Wright ’89, owner and president of Fizz Corp., a marketing company in Atlanta. I’m not sure we could have pulled off the Rally without him. His support, both financial and moral, came at a time when we were suffocating under complex logistics. His enthusiasm for our trip really fired us up.

The Rally was the most amazing thing I have ever done and I want to do it again. To have done that and seen all of those places made the world seem really big and yet so small at the same time.

If I take anything away from the Mongol Rally, it is that one should learn to appreciate living in the moment (because you have no idea what’s around the bend), appreciate what you have (because most people have a lot less), and to realize that the world at large—especially the Central Asian region—is not as it is represented in our media. It’s a place populated by genuine people just trying to make their way through a much rougher set of circumstances than we experience on our worse days. Also, it got me hooked on adventures, and I’m already planning the next one. Mototaxi Junket, anyone?
Alumni Activities
MARK MEITZ ’95, DIRECTOR OF ALUMNI RELATIONS

Baseball, corn hole, and good times for Tigers this summer

Our alumni clubs weathered the summer months holding proven favorite events in familiar locations while maintaining the energy that comes with exploring fresh ideas and locations. The Eastern Shore Club kicked the summer off with a visit from Dr. Howard for lunch at The Island House sponsored by Delegate Lyn Lewis ’84 and Luke Kellam. The rejuvenated Roanoke Club started their summer with a Happy Hour downtown at the Quarter and used it as a forum to chat about upcoming sports outings and a college speaker series to correspond with the academic year. In Richmond, the Club expanded the popularity of its monthly Happy Hour gatherings to hold a corn hole tournament with proceeds going to The Hampden-Sydney Fund.

In South Hampton Roads, the alumni welcomed new graduates to their ranks with the annual cabana party hosted by Roy B. Martin IV ’02. Elsewhere, clubs used baseball games to welcome and introduce their new graduates: The Nationals in DC, Hillcats in Lynchburg, and The Power in Charleston, West Virginia. At the other end of the spectrum, alumni, parents, and friends gathered to share stories, give advice (and, yes, even provide maps to a couple nearby schools without male students) during send off parties in Raleigh, Hampton, and the Outer Banks.

Following up successful events in Dallas and Los Angeles during the spring, alumni in Denver turned out in July to welcome President Chris Howard for a reception after he moderated the session at The Aspen Ideas Festival. Special thanks to Mac Freeman ’89, Denver Broncos Senior VP for Business Development, who hosted the event at Sports Authority Field at Mile High.

At the South Hampton Roads annual Cabana Party, new graduates are welcomed as alumni. Pictured here are Thomas Weisel ’12, Clark Reed ’12, Michael Via ’07, William Kitchin ’12, and Jack Gibson ’12.

Coach Joe Bush (right) was having dinner with his family when he saw a group of H-SC alumni outside. Here he is with Billy Reid ’91 (left) and Peebles Harrison ’89.
At the Hampden-Sydney Club of the Rockies event, Mac Freeman ’89 and Dr. Howard, with Sports Authority Field at Mile High in the background.

Peebles Harrison ’89 and Jon Power ’79 held a class of 2016 sendoff at Power’s restaurant, Blue Point, in Duck, North Carolina. In attendance were Tom Cogrove, Tad Grenga ’12, Jimmy Braithwaith ’82, Mr. Harrison ’89, Rob Lawson ’85, Connor Winstead ’12, Chip Vincent ’83, Mr. Power ’79, Branch Vincent ’66, Billy Reid ’91, Westley Eure ’86, Rob Montgomery ’91, Mark Meitz ’95, John Robbins ’95, and George Grinnan ’57.

Gardner Cobb ’91, Rand DuPriest ’92, Matt Whitaker ’92, Canter Brooks ’93, Jimmy Miller ’93, and Deane Cheatham ’88 at the Richmond cornhole tournament.
1968

DOUGLAS P. RUCKER, JR., a partner at Sands Anderson PC law firm, has been elected trustee of the St. John’s Church Endowment Fund, Inc., Board. St. John’s Church is one of the nation’s oldest Episcopal churches, in a parish founded in 1611, and was the site of Patrick Henry’s famous “Give me liberty or give me death” speech.

1972

ALPHONSO V. O’NEIL-WHITE, president and CEO of HealthNow New York, was elected to The Business Council of New York State, Inc. Board of Directors.

1975

KENNETH E. POWELL has been named a senior vice president and private client advisor for the Virginia market of U.S. Trust. Previously, he was an investment banker and a corporate and tax attorney in Richmond.

1977

Dr. LAWRENCE K. HILL, JR., has joined the Greenville Hospital System University Medical Group Department of Surgery, Division of Urology, and the University of South Carolina School of Medicine in Greenville. He has been listed among the “Best Doctors in America” for the last 20 years and has had a private practice in urology in Greenville, South Carolina, for the last 25 years.

1979

W. SHEPARD “SHEP” MILLER III has been re-elected chairman of NRHA Board of Commissioners. Mr. Miller is chairman of the board of KITCO Fiber Optics and is president and CEO of Light Tech Fiber Optics. He serves as chairman of the board of Hampton Roads Ventures, an NRHA subsidiary that secures and sells New Markets Tax Credits.

1981

SAM D. EGGLESTON III has been appointed a General District Court Judge by the Virginia General Assembly; he serves the 24th Judicial District. Mr. Eggleston has a law degree from the University of Virginia and has been a practicing attorney for 25 years.

1984

HARRY H. WARNER, JR., is the executive director of the Virginia War Memorial Educational Foundation.

1986

W. JAMES YOUNG, an attorney with the National Right to Work Legal Defense Foundation, Inc., in Springfield, served as Counsel of Record and argued successfully before the United States Supreme Court for the Petitioners in Knox v. SEIU Local 1000, 567 U.S., a class-action case involving approximately 37,000 employees of the State of California. The Supreme Court reversed the Ninth Circuit in a 7-2 decision authored by Justice Samuel Alito, with Justice Sotomayor concurring in the judgment.

1987

JOHN M. CURRENCE, chef and owner of City Grocery restaurant in Oxford, Mississippi, has partnered with Birmingham, Alabama’s Fresh Hospitality Group to open Big Bad Breakfast in Birmingham.

1988

Dr. DUANE F. TULL has been named general surgeon at Jersey Shore Medical Associates in Jersey Shore, Pennsylvania.

1990

THOMAS H. BARR, vice president of global coffee at Starbucks Coffee Company, has been elected to the Board of Directors of Cracker Barrel Old Country Store, Inc. Mr. Barr has been a senior executive with Starbucks for 11 years.

DEREK E. PLETCH attended the Yale Writers’ Conference in July after his creative nonfiction piece was selected for the event. He participated in a writing workshop led by author MG Lord and attended a master class taught by National Book Award winner Julia Glass.

1991

Dr. MARK E. GAMMON, Matthew Simpson Professor of Religion at Simpson College in Iowa, was given the college’s 2012 Distinguished Teaching award by vote of the senior class.

CHRISTIAN J. “CHRIS” ROBERTS is president and founder of Advisor Group Benefits, LLC, a financial consulting firm. He is partnered with Allegiate, a Baltimore-based accountable care and wellness company, where Matt Eversmann ’88 is a vice president. Previously, Mr. Roberts was regional vice president at United Healthcare. He lives in Easton, Maryland, with his wife Katie and three children (Charlie, Colin, and Ellie).

1992

The Hon. SAGE B. JOHNSON has been elected by the Virginia House of Delegates to an eight-year term as a judge of the 28th Judicial Circuit.

1993

JOHN J. K. TAITAGUE is a financial advisor with Wells Fargo in Richmond.

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, 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.

MERCER F. STANFIELD has been elected president and CEO of Brame Specialty Company, Inc., in Durham, North Carolina. He has been with Brame since 1996.

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 VCUMC.

Maj. BRIAN J. VON HERBULIS has been awarded the Bronze Star Medal for his work with the 1st Marine Special Operation Battalion Delta Company. During his six years at 1st MSOB, Maj. Von Herbulis served as the Company Commander of Delta and Charlie Companies as well as the Operations Officer, Executive Officer, and the Remain Behind Officer in Charge of the entire battalion. The award addresses the work he did specifically as the Company Commander of Delta Company. He is now the commanding officer of 1st Reconnaissance Battalion at Camp Pendleton.

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.

JAMES W. “JIM” EITEL, JR., is a joint capabilities technology demonstration operational manager for United States Central Command. He lives in Riverview, Florida.

KRISHNAN LOGANATHAN is a partner at Elephant Capital Advisors, a U.S.-based fund management company that invests in the stock markets of emerging Asia. He lives in Colombo, Sri Lanka.

1996

CHRIS R. DICICCIO is the director of business development at Solazyme, Inc., a biotechnology company in South San Francisco, California.

1997

TIMOTHY T. BEATTY has been named the principal of Lynchburg’s Heritage High School. He had been the school’s associate principal. He has been in the school’s administration since 2003. Previously, he was a history teacher.

Dr. R. CARR BOYD, JR., has been named director of emergency services for Botetourt County.

DAVID A. PREVETTE was promoted to senior associate at Grimm + Parker Architects in McLean.

C. CLAIBORNE SCHMIDT is manager of Titanium Enterprises, LLC, in New Orleans, Louisiana.


During a vacation out West, Patrick Elb ’95 visited Rapid City, South Dakota, which is known to have a statue of every president of the United States. He was happy to find the statue of his favorite president, and fellow Hampden-Sydney alumnus, William Henry Harrison, Class of 1791.
The Class of 2016 has 343 students, making it the second-largest freshman class in the history of the College. The young men come from 25 states and three foreign countries; the state with the largest representation is Virginia, followed by North Carolina, Maryland, Alabama, and Texas. This is our most ethnically diverse class, with 27% minority students.

There are 37 Eagle Scouts, which is among the highest percentages of Eagle Scouts at colleges across the country. Many of these freshmen held leadership positions in high school, including 11 Boys State participants, 57 members of the National Honor Society, 29 presidents of a club or an organization, 85 captains of a varsity sport, and 265 varsity sport lettermen. This incoming class also has the highest grade point average on record.

This class has 20 alumni sons, 14 alumni grandsons, 19 alumni or current student brothers, and 35 other legacies.
1999

JAMES ASHBY IV has been named vice president at Cushman & Wakefield/Thalhimer. He and his wife Sally Peck Ashby live in Richmond.

RICHARD C. BURROUGHS, JR., is vice president at CBRE/Hampton Roads.

2000

BILLY A. MOCK III was ranked second for “Best Financial Planner” by Richmond’s Style Weekly magazine. He is a vice president for investments at Morgan Keegan & Co. in Richmond.

THOMAS L. RANSOM was honored at The Network Journal’s 15th annual “40 Under Forty” Achievement Awards Dinner on June 28, 2012, in New York City. Mr. Ransom is a 13-year veteran of BB&T and manages the financial performance of 18 branches in Montgomery County, Maryland. He also serves on the boards of Imagination Stage and the Montgomery County Chamber and is the chairman of the board of Hearts and Homes for Youth.

KARL-CHRISTIAN VANMOERKERQUE is a research analyst for Coleman Insights, an international media marketing firm headquartered in Research Triangle Park, North Carolina.

2001

CHRISTOPHER M. BARNES has been named Southeast sales manager for Imtra, a manufacturer and importer of marine products. He is a member of the Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers and a graduate of The Landing School of Boat Building and Yacht Design.

MATTHEW J. SCHOLL has accepted the position of head of acquisitions for North America with AFIAA, the Swiss Foundation for International Real Estate Investments. After nine years in the Munich, Germany, office of Prudential Real Estate Investors, Mr. Scholl will relocate to AFIAA’s New York City office in August.

2002

JASON B. ARCHBELL has been named head men’s lacrosse coach at Bowdoin College in Brunswick, Maine.

WILLIAM D. “DAVE” CALL II is the Brown-Forman brand ambassador for North Carolina, managing sales, marketing, and promotion for all key accounts across the state. Brown-Forman is the parent company of Jack Daniel’s, Southern Comfort, and Woodford Reserve.

WALTER J. LEE IV has been promoted to income auditor of The Homestead Resort in Hot Springs, Maryland.

JASON T. RITCHIE recently completed a five-month deployment to the US Embassy in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, where he served as a regional analyst in the Defense Attaché Office. He has returned to his home unit, the Kennedy Irregular Warfare Center (KIWC) at the Office of Naval Intelligence (ONI) in Suitland, Maryland.

2003

ROBERT C. LUTHER III has been appointed adjunct professor of law at William & Mary Law School.

VICTOR G. PRIMOV is a senior analyst at Shell’s United Kingdom headquarters.

2004

R. RHETT OWENS, JR., of the Birmingham, Alabama-based law firm Burr & Forman LLP, was 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.

JOSEPH D. KNOWLES has been named head coach of the varsity baseball team at Heritage High School in Lynchburg; he continues to work as a special education teacher there. He had been head coach of the JV baseball team for six years. He is a graduate of Heritage High School and played baseball there for five years.

MATTHEW S. MELNICK has joined Cushman & Wakefield as senior associate in the firm’s Baltimore, Maryland, brokerage services practice group.

2007

ADAM J. CRUTCHFIELD is vice president and head of Aerospace Practice at HighBank Advisors, a Baltimore, Maryland, investment bank.

WILLIAM G. KAMMERER III has been accepted to the United States Air Force Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training program in Columbus, MS, and will begin his training in March 2013.
Bill LeCompte ’82, restauranteur

The failure rate in the restaurant business is extremely high, so it is no small feat that Bill LeCompte ’82 is entering his third decade in the business in one of the country’s premiere restaurant cities.

Right after graduating from Hampden-Sydney in 1982, LeCompte moved to Chicago to work with his brother in venture capitalism. However, after only a few years, they found themselves moving away from that business into the even riskier world of food service. But by focusing on high quality food and top-notch service, LeCompte and his partners have fostered two institutions in the Chicago restaurant scene: Lloyd’s and Catch 35.

“Lloyd’s serves the downtown business clientele. It’s open only Monday through Friday and Saturday nights if the Lyric Opera has a show,” says LeCompte. Catch 35, though, is a high-end seafood restaurant just north of Chicago’s downtown Loop, and it was recently rated by Zagat as the third-best seafood restaurant in the city.

“We cater to our customers. That’s what it takes. Your customer is your lifeblood. The day you stop thinking that is

venture capitalism.”
to really enjoy other people's intellect." It also helped that Hampden-Sydney College offered him the opportunities and environment to go hunting.

"We'd go out in the morning before school and occasionally after school. That rural environment is perfect for that. Sometimes in the morning, you'd see your professor out duck hunting. Later, when you'd see him on campus, it wouldn't be 'How are you?' It would be, 'How many'd you bag?' 

Now hunting is on hold, but LeCompte says he still gets a little taste of the Chesapeake Bay when he bikes along Lake Michigan from his home in the northern suburbs to his downtown restaurant. The life is good and the work is—as LeCompte likes to say—phenomenal.

"The most gratifying part of running this business is knowing that we employ 300 people, that we make a difference in their lives. That's what keeps me coming back every day. That's what is most satisfying."

Sure, he has worries. Topping the list is how changes to healthcare regulations will affect business, but his optimism shines through.

"We've battled through four recessions, Wacker Drive reconstruction—we didn't have a front door or a street for 11 months—and then after 9/11 we were a ghost town. We'll figure it out."

After succeeding in such a tough industry for so long, there is no doubt he will figure it out.

"We are only as good as our last meal served. I don't look at things past today as far as gauging success, because tomorrow could be a whole different day. I have to plan for tomorrow and set up all of the procedures and policies for tomorrow, but today is all we really know."
2008

CHANDLER R. HARRIS III has been named to the sales force at OTR Wheel Engineering in Dallas, Texas.

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

PHILLIP G. MISKOVIC has been elected to the Town Council in Crewe.

2009

JYRI M. LAAKSO is a project manager at YMCA of Oulu in Finland.

EDWARD M. "NED" SAVAGE is an AmeriCorps volunteer with East End Main Street, which is charged with revitalizing the East End Historic District in Charleston, West Virginia.

2011

CLAYTON “CLAY” PARKER is a software developer for Advantor Systems in Orlando, Florida.

G. DOUGLAS VERMILYA III is a scientist with the Department of the Navy stationed at Naval Surface Warfare Center, Dahlgren Division.

2012

KEVIN K. SIDNEY is an underwriter at Kinsale Insurance in Richmond.

SIDNEY H. VERMILYA is in the Management Trainee Program with Lyon Conklin in Capital Heights, Maryland.

Advanced Studies

1983

K. SCOTT FIFE is pursuing a master’s degree at Stanford University.

1984

GARRETT C. JETER is pursuing a master’s degree at the University of Arkansas.

1995

JAMES W. EITEL, JR., received his MBA in Project Management from Columbia Southern University in March 2012.

2004

COURTLAND D. T. PETERS earned a master’s degree in integral theory from The John F. Kennedy University in June 2012.

2006

JAMES A. KILEY, JR., earned a law degree from the University of Richmond in May 2012.

2007

BRETTNEY D. "BRETT" SMITH earned his Ph.D. in industrial and organizational psychology from Clemson University’s College of Business and Behavioral Science on May 11, 2012. He received his Master’s of Science in I-O psychology (applied psychology) from Clemson in 2009. He is currently a Human Capital Management Consultant at the Volvo Group.

2008

A. CONNELLEE ARMEN-TROUT earned his law degree from the University of Richmond in May 2012.

COLIN R. DUNN has been accepted into the graduate school at The University of Notre Dame to pursue an MBA.

JOSEPH T. “TREY” KEELER III has been accepted to graduate school at the VCU Brandcenter to study Creative Brand Management.

Lt. ANDREW B. SMITH has received his M.D. degree from Eastern Virginia Medical School in Norfolk. He is now an intern in the pediatrics department at the United States Navy Medical Center in San Diego, California.

2009

JOHN J. LOUIS earned his master’s degree in political science from Boston College in May 2012. He is now pursuing a Ph.D. in American politics focusing on the political economy of infrastructural development.

2010

JOBE S. JACKSON is the vice chair of negotiations for Texas Tech University School of Law’s Board of Barristers, the school’s premiere advocacy organization that conducts intra-school competitions in mock trial, moot court, and negotiations. Mr. Jackson also serves as a staff editor for the Estate Planning and Community Property Law Journal.

2011

SUMNER R. “RICH” PUGH IV has transferred to the University of Georgia Law School and has been invited to join the Georgia Law Review.

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

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Weddings

1999
JONATHAN LANSING MARTIN and ELIZABETH SCOTT FISCHER were married on May 27, 2012, in Warrenton. The bride is a graduate of American University and the executive producer of “Meet the Press” on NBC. The groom is a senior political reporter for Politico in Arlington.

2000
PRESTON L. LOVELACE and KELLY DONAGHY were married on March 17, 2012, in New Orleans. In attendance were Chris Scott ’00, David Andrews ’00, Bruce Lovelace ’98, and Patrick Mundy ’00.

2002
Lt. JASON T. RITCHIE and CHRISTINA STOFFLER were married on June 18, 2011, in Hirsau, Germany. The bride is a primary school teacher at the Deutsche Schule (German School) of Washington D.C. The groom is a lieutenant in the U.S. Navy. They live in Alexandria.

2003
WILLIS H. ISRAEL and KATIE POUNDER were married on December 27, 2011. They live in Birmingham, Alabama.

RICHARD FRANKLIN SCOTT and LINDSAY NICOLE KLING were married on May 18,
2012, in Marietta, Georgia. The bride is a graduate of Virginia Tech and works for Piedmont Public Affairs. The groom works for American Equity Mortgage. They live in Marietta.

2004

MATTHEW JONATHAN FRIEDMAN and ASHLEY KATHERINE HALE were married in Richmond, Virginia, on March 3, 2012. Groomsmen included David Friedman ’01 and Patrick Whitehead ’04. Also in attendance were Jeff Gay ’05, Brian Ford ’05, Paul Durgin ’04, Matt Briggs ’03, Braden Eckert ’04, Nick Wallace ’04, Dave Niven ’07, Charley Gates ’04, Hunter Morgan ’04, Joe McKnew ’02, Zach Hunt ’03, Mike Wray ’04, John Bradenham ’04, Travis Harris ’05, Sterling Whitehead ’07, and Chris Thumma ’06. The bride is a graduate of Hollins University and the Charleston School of Law. The groom is also a graduate of the Charleston School of Law. He is an assistant attorney general with the Office of the Attorney General of Virginia. They live in Richmond.

Dr. JOSEPH GRAMLING PRAYTOR and ASHLEY NICOLE ENGLISH were married on May 26, 2012, in Murrells Inlet, South Carolina. Matthew Blake Praytor ’01, brother of the groom, served as a groomsman. The bride is a graduate of the University of South Carolina. She is a surgical device specialist with Covidian. The groom has a medical degree from the University of South Carolina School of Medicine and is in his second year of residency in pediatrics with the Greenville Hospital System.

2005

At the wedding of McLean C. Bean ’09 and Evelyn J. Duke on December 31, 2011.
WILLIAM G. KAMMERER III and SARAH WHITLEY SHOEMAKE were married on June 23, 2012, at The Woodlands United Methodist Church in The Woodlands, Texas. In attendance were Andrew S. Brendle '07, Alex C. Crouch '07, J. Gardner Meek III '07, Robert W. Bedinger III '07, and C. Clifford Edahl, Jr. '07. The bride is a graduate of Sweet Briar College and works as a financial consultant with BBVA Compass Bank. The groom is a bank officer with PNC Bank, NA.

STERLING LEWIS WHITEHEAD and RACHAEL MARIE WRIGHT were married on April 28, 2012, at Holy Spirit United Methodist Church in The Woodlands, Texas. In attendance were Andrew S. Brendle '07, Alex C. Crouch '07, J. Gardner Meek III '07, Robert W. Bedinger III '07, and C. Clifford Edahl, Jr. '07. The bride is a graduate of Sweet Briar College and works as a financial consultant with BBVA Compass Bank. The groom is a bank officer with PNC Bank, NA.

At the wedding of Christopher T. Holbrooks '10 and Amanda Blanks on July 17, 2012.
Alumni in attendance included Patrick Whitehead ’04, John Bradenham ’04, Barrett Tucker ’08, Vincent Grady ’08, and Casey Hunt ’07. The bride is a 2008 graduate of Franciscan University of Steubenville, Ohio, and works as the director of advancement for Pope John Paul the Great Catholic High School in Dumfries. The groom is a civilian Contract Specialist for the United States Navy Strategic Systems Programs in Washington, DC. They live in Alexandria.

McLEAN CARLISLE BEAN and EVELYN JANE DUKE were married on December 31, 2011, at Second Presbyterian Church in Richmond. The groom’s father, Sandy Bean ’79, served as best man. The bride is a graduate of Randolph-Macon Woman’s College and works at The Martin Agency. The groom works at Capital One. They live in Richmond.

CHRISTOPHER TYLER HOLBROOKS and AMANDA BLANKS were married on July 17, 2012, in Altavista. In attendance were Cap Pritchett ’12, Chris Finton ’10, Drew Tatom ’09, Buck Paul ’10, Kent Wynder ’10, John Bishop ’13, Cody Castelvecchi ’13, Greg Knabel ’13, Tommy Schultz ’10, Malik Springer ’12, Alex Divers ’10, Collin Dickey ’10, Willis Honeycutt ’13, William Pace ’10, Brandon Wood ’10, A.J. Dalton ’09, Eric Roeseke ’09, Mark Powell ’10, Dereck Parada ’12, and Christopher Deen ’13. The bride is a graduate of Longwood University and works as a crisis clinician for Central Virginia Community Services. The groom is a surveyor at Hurt & Proffitt Inc. They live in Lynchburg.

Deaths

1940
ROBERT A. BOYD, JR., of Aliso Viejo, California, died on July 8, 2012. He attended Hampden-Sydney College and Juniata College. He was chairman of Manufacturers Reserve Supply in Irvington, New Jersey, and recognized in 1982 as Lumberman of the Year by the New Jersey Lumber Dealers Association.

JOHN F. HOPSTETTER of Yuma, Arizona, died on July 17, 2012. He was the owner-operator of Hoppstetter’s Office Products. Mr. Hoppstetter was active in local non-profit organizations and an avid long-distance motorcyclist. To celebrate his 90th birthday, he took his last motorcycle trip of 5,200 miles through the U.S. and Canada.

The Rev. Dr. ROBERT C. VAUGHAN, JR., of Midlothian and Petersburg, died on April 23, 2012. He was a member of 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, and at churches in Bermuda and Scotland. He served on the Hampden-Sydney College Board of Trustees and in 1960 was awarded an honorary doctor of divinity.

1945
HARLEY CLIFTON EASTER of Charlottesville died on July 15, 2012. He was a member of the V-12 Navy College Training Program at Hampden-Sydney College and a veteran of World War II. He earned a law degree from the University of Virginia and worked for many years as a real estate broker and developer.

Births

2001
To JONATHAN and CARRIE PEERY, a son, Charles McGuire Peery, on February 11, 2012. He joins his brother Jack at their home in Annapolis, Maryland.

2009
To ANDY and SARAH SURFACE, a son, James David Surface, on April 24, 2012. Mr. Surface is pursuing a Ph.D. in chemistry at Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri.

2010
To JONATHAN and CARRIE PEERY, a son, Charles McGuire Peery, on February 11, 2012. He joins his brother Jack at their home in Annapolis, Maryland.
1946
CLAIBORNE WATKINS CRADDOCK of Lynchburg died on May 15, 2012. He was the vice president of Craddock-Terry Shoe Corporation where he worked for 37 years. He was a veteran of World War II and the recipient of two Purple Hearts and the Bronze Star. He is the brother of John Craddock ’55, the late Gil Craddock ’38, and the late P. Tulane Craddock ’41. He is the uncle of Claiborne W. Craddock II ’84 and John W. Craddock, Jr. ’81.

1948
BENJAMIN LAWRENCE TAYLOR, JR., of Roanoke died on July 16, 2012. He earned a teaching degree from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, and a master’s degree from VPI. He was a decorated Navy veteran of World War II. Mr. Taylor was a science and English teacher, a coordinator of the Roanoke Science Fair, and principal at several different schools in Roanoke.

1949
ARTHUR H. MICHEL of San Francisco, California, died on May 28, 2012. He was a Naval Aviation Cadet at Hampden-Sydney during World War II and a graduate of Wagner Memorial Lutheran College. He was also a Navy veteran of the Korean War before a career as a clinical social worker. He later worked as an electrical transit mechanic with the San Francisco Railway and was president of Market Street Railway.

1952
Dr. GLADSTONE E. SMITH, JR., of Williamsburg died on June 29, 2012. He was an outstanding baseball player and member of the Hampden-Sydney College Athletic Hall of Fame. He played three years with the New York Yankees before going to the Medical College of Virginia. He was a respected pathologist who worked for the Virginia Blood Bank, Virginia Eye Hospital, and Retreat Hospital. He is the brother of Dr. James H. Smith ’56.

1958
JOHN A. EINREINHOFER of West Milford Township, New Jersey, died on July 10, 2012. He was a standout football player at Hampden-Sydney College and graduated from Fairleigh Dickinson University. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army before teaching and coaching high school students for 30 years.

1958
MILES SHIPMAN “SHIPPY” BROOKS of Williamsburg died on June 29, 2012. He was a member of Kappa Sigma fraternity and a veteran of the Korean War. He was a retired private investor.

1961
MICHAEL LOUIS WOOSELY, SR., of Waynesboro died on August 12, 2011. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy and retired from DuPont with more than 30 years of service. He was an active member of Main Street United Methodist Church and enjoyed playing golf and watching NASCAR. He is the brother of Robert L. Woosely, Jr. ’59.

1963
RODERICK BELL MATHEWS of Richmond died on April 27, 2012. He graduated from the Law School of the University of Richmond and from the Executive Program of the University of Michigan Business School. He had an extensive career in law and business, retiring as a partner of the law firm Troutman Sanders LLP. He was active with many non-profit organizations, including the Children’s Hospital of Richmond and the Virginia Holocaust Museum.

1966
EDGAR WILLIS LACY III of Richmond died on July 7, 2012. He attended Hampden-Sydney College, Louisiana State University, and the University of Colorado. He had a long and successful career in banking and advertising and held leadership roles in a number of area marketing and investor relations organizations. He was a member of First Presbyterian Church and dedicated to several non-profit organizations.

1968
ROBERT LEWIS DABNEY IV of Atlanta, Georgia, died on June 3, 2012. His career as an interior designer took him to Charlotte, North Carolina; Rock Hill, South Carolina; and Atlanta, Georgia. He is the brother of C. William Dabney ’76.

1982
HUBERT SHANDS TAYLOR III of McLean died on May 4, 2012. He worked in finance and banking before moving on to information technology. He is the son of Hubert S. Taylor, Jr. ’48.

1982
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Sarah Smedley @sarahsmed
I vote Marty Faveet of Hampden-Sydney College for @mcoachoftheyear
#COTY2012 coachoftheyear.com

Teigha Beth Bailey @teighabeth
I will not be complaining when the bell rings at 235 and me and @kayaking will be on our way to some pretty boys at Hampden Sydney. #yess

Austin Palmore @Lil_Palmore
#BestComplimentEver "you look like you go to hampden sydney"

R. David Salvage @albumleaves
Quick decompression between Fundamentals of Music classes. The guys have their first test Thursday. #HampdenSydney

David Hill @djhll83
@BrooksBrothers I don’t know any other school that wears Brooks Brothers as much and as well as Hampden-Sydney College

Lauren Mancuso @locuso16
Ordered myself the documentary about the 2nd oldest person to live with down’s syndrome “Shorty”. Loved member of Hampden Sydney :) #can’twait