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Those glory days of college are hard to come by after we go our separate ways. No more late nights hanging out in our buddy’s room, walking to the Commons for a late Saturday morning breakfast, or just enjoying a peaceful walk across campus. Thankfully, we can do all of those things again during our new reunion weekend.

Alumni gathered at the end of May for the inaugural spring reunions, and any reservations about the new arrangement quickly faded away. Early arrivers gathered for a discussion with Lt. Col. Christopher W. Hughes ’88, Deputy Director of Public Affairs for the Marine Corps, and Joe Viar ’63, retired chairman of Viar & Co., about being a “good man and a good citizen” in today’s world. Later, they moved to the patio of the Tiger Inn for a “bourbon, wine, and beer tasting” with wine from John Higgs ’61, owner of BarrenRidge Vineyards, and beer from Taylor Smack ’97, owner of Blue Mountain Brewery. J. Scott Simms ’61, a local connoisseur of bourbon, guided the attendees through the many options available to them. By the time dinner on Chalgrove Point rolled around, nearly everyone had arrived for an entire weekend of reconnection, recollection, and celebration.

“The pace of the weekend was perfect,” says Gerald Gillespy ’88, who made the trip up from Birmingham for his 25th reunion. “I got to talk to Ron Heinemann for a long time at Friday night’s event, and there were a lot of other old professors running around.”

Each reunion class had a hospitality room on campus with yearbooks, school newspapers from their College years, and other memorabilia to recall stories lost to time. The hospitality rooms also gave those alumni not spending the night in the dorms a chance to get back in the residence halls.

Gillespy was one of the attendees who chose to maximize their return to The Hill and spent their nights in the residence halls, something they could not do when reunions were held during the school year. He says, “My buddy Mike Barke ’88 and I attended the reunion together and stayed in the Whitehouse dorms. Saturday morning we woke up in the dorm and walked to the Commons for breakfast. I haven’t had the chance to do that in years. I loved the opportunity to relive the old school days.”

Saturday morning, after Gillespy, Barke, and the other brave alumni sleeping in the dorms had breakfast, all of the reunion classes gathered in Johns Auditorium for remarks from President Chris Howard and Dean of Admissions Anita Garland.

“That having been educated on this Hill, none of you has lived an ordinary life—not one of you,” said Dean Garland to the reunion attendees. “You left this place with a youthful fervor, knowing that nothing could stand in your way, yet you always had the security of being joined to this place and to each other by something that no one could ever take away from you.”

It was here that the Class of 1963 announced a $5.3-million gift to Hampden-Sydney. Gifts from members of the class supported new endowed scholarships; the Hampden-Sydney Fund; the classroom renovation campaign; the Good Men and Good Citizens Scholarship endowment; the Miller, Porterfield and Sipe chemistry equipment endowment; and new scholarships to be created through their estate plans.

“This effort of the Class of 1963 sets a new standard of excellence in collective giving by a reunion class to support the College,” says
Lee King ’94, vice president for Institutional Advancement. “It is an all-time record reunion gift, and is especially meaningful for the many different projects and endowments that this collective gift supports. Every facet of Hampden-Sydney is touched by the generosity of these men.”

Col. Christopher W. Hughes, who celebrated his 25th reunion, says, “I have a sense of envy over what the Class of ’63 has done for Hampden-Sydney College. I hope ’88 can do as much if not more.” But he did not stop there, adding, “I’d like to see my class assume a greater leadership role for the College. It’s an important time right now for Hampden-Sydney. As we approach the peak of our influence and earnings potential, we should always consider H-SC and seek meaningful ways to support her.”
THE PATRICK HENRY SOCIETY is a special way of honoring alumni who have celebrated 50 or more years of loyalty to their alma mater. Members of the Patrick Henry Society gather each year to reconnect with members of their class, to return to Hampden-Sydney, and to celebrate the induction of the next year’s class.

Professors Victor Cabas (left) and Ken Townsend entertained alumni at the opening dinner on Chalgrove Point.

The Class of 1963 then joined members of the Patrick Henry Society for lunch in Pannill Commons and their annual induction celebration. Peter B. Hatcher III ’63 and his wife Judy made the trip down from Toronto, Canada. “It was nostalgic to say the least. The last time I was
here was about 10 years ago. We had what I consider to be a wonderful class and we recon-
ected instantly with old friends. We stayed with a group of fraternity brothers at the Longwood Inn and we enjoyed reminiscing with each other.”

He says they talked about the infamous alligator, racing cars around the circle in front of Cushing Hall (including the one that rolled over), and the Kappa Sigma Christmas party that got them put on two-month probation.

Hatcher adds, “You notice the new buildings, but Hampden-Sydney still has the same ambiance...
that it had when I walked into the place in 1959.”

There was a very special member of the Patrick Henry Society in attendance: William “Wit” Garrett, Sr. ’43 returned for his 70th reunion. Mr. Garrett is a retired farmer and oyster planter from Essex County, whose family has strong ties with the College. Wit Garrett’s brother, Fred L. Garrett, graduated in 1932. Fred Garrett’s son, Fred Garrett III, graduated in 1962. The line has continued with brothers-in-law and grandsons. Wit Garrett’s return to campus is a great testa-

ment to the family’s love of the College.

Mr. Garrett’s son, William “Bill” Garrett, Jr. ’74, attended the reunion with his father and says, “He and mother used to go to reunions pretty regularly, but he hadn’t been back with any regularity since the 1970s. A year ago, when he found out about the reunion and realized it would be his 70th, he said, ‘If I am able, I would like to go.’ I said, ‘Dad, if you are able, I will take you.’ He was pretty excited to be there. He just wanted to go to the luncheon, which we did, and he was acknowledged a couple of times. The Class of ’63 was very gracious. It was a very good day for him.”

Rodney E. Williams, Jr. ’93 and his father Rodney E. Williams, Sr. ’63 were both on hand celebrating reunions. The younger Mr. Williams
says, “This was definitely a once in a lifetime occasion. My mom was here too and she was really proud to see us on campus together.”

The elder Williams also came with his lifelong friend Dr. Harvey F. Selden ’63, and the younger Mr. Williams adds, “The two of them competed for the valedictorian’s spot and my father took the prize. I’ve always been proud of him for that accomplishment; he is very academic. Of course, Harvey says the reason my father was valedictorian was because dad’s pre-law classes were easier than his pre-med classes! It was great seeing them together at Hampden-Sydney and to be here with them. I know I’ll remember it for the rest of my life.”


Saturday afternoon was filled with campus tours, strolls through Atkinson Museum, and other activities. Tennis fans took part in the 34th annual Graves Thompson Tennis Challenge.

Peter Hatcher says, “I played on the tennis team, so one of the highlights for me was playing tennis on Saturday afternoon with Will Moss ’10 and Tennis Coach Murrie Bates. To their credit, they arranged it so no one lost!”

Dr. Herb Sipe, Spalding Professor of Chemistry, taught his toxic chemicals class on Saturday afternoon. Much to the delight of the alumni, he did not give any quizzes nor require any presentations. He says, “I have been teaching Chemistry 105 – Toxic Chemicals and Society
with reasonable frequency since 1985. I thought that some alumni might enjoy hearing a recap, especially since some of the statistics about cancer incidence that were suggestive in 1985 have become more definite in the intervening years. I pointed out to the audience, which surprisingly did not include any alumni who had taken the course, that it would be difficult to summarize a semester’s 40-plus lectures in an hour, but that I would ‘talk really fast’.

Dr. and Mrs. Howard hosted a cocktail reception for all of the reunion classes at Middlecourt before their respective class dinners.

Fine arts professors Frank Archer ’73 and Mary Ann Archer hosted his class at their home on campus. He says, “It was a privilege to host not only our reunion brothers but, at their request, professors from our era with whom they wished to reconnect. Even Grace Simpson came, a poignant memory for us all after learning of Hassell’s death. My classmates feel a deep and abiding connection with this place and the

At the Thompson Tennis Challenge (from left) Houston Wilson ’16, tennis coach Murrie Bates, Peter Hatcher ’63, and William Moss ’10.
reunion weekend served as a catalyst for discussion of further activities, a class gift, and even (gasp!) our 50th reunion.”

On Saturday night everyone reconvened at the Bell Tower in the center of campus to enjoy the company of friends old and new and the music of The Second Nature Band. It was a beautiful night on The Hill.

“The extended weekend gave me the chance to relax and reconnect with classmates in a manner a football weekend just could not,” says Col. Hughes of the new reunion format. “I very much enjoyed the reunion and I hope it catches hold for Hampden-Sydney.”

President Howard gave a hearty thanks to this year’s reunion attendees for showing their faith in Hampden-Sydney and their willingness to try something new. “Starting a new tradition is not easy at a place as historic as Hampden-Sydney,” he said. “But I can see from all of the smiling faces this weekend that we are really on to something great.”
Not all who wander are lost
ONE STUDENT’S OUTRAGEOUS PERSONAL ODYSSEY
JOHN LEE DUDLEY ’95
There are many roads to Hampden-Sydney College, even some literal country roads leading to our hamlet: Five Forks, Route 15, and the back way to Farmville, which is now officially called “Back Hampden-Sydney Road.” Before paved roads were the norm, students sometimes complained that the longest part of any trip to the College was the journey from the Farmville train station to campus.

Lovely though these roads may be, the figurative roads to Hampden-Sydney are more interesting and more meaningful. Some of us came here on the advice of parents or grandparents. Some of us were struck by the beauty of The Hill during an otherwise torturous parade of campus visits. At least one Hampden-Sydney man arrived as a freshman sight-unseen based solely on the College’s mention in The Preppy Handbook.

There is also the rare breed of “older student”: a young man who, for whatever reason, is not quite as young as all of the others. Raymond Owen ’14 is one such student. His figurative path to Hampden-Sydney College literally took him across the country before coming back to the school where he knew all along he belonged.

He became interested in Hampden-Sydney when he was a junior in high school in Botetourt County. He knew Jonathan Cox ’05, who was a year ahead of him in high school, and he had met Alex Snoddy, the stepdaughter of Dean of Students David Klein ’78, at a summer program at Virginia Tech. Her enthusiasm for Hampden-Sydney interested Raymond.

“She was here and Jonathan was here. I got invited to a prospect weekend on Homecoming of 2001 and came down and had a great time with all the guys in Whitehouse. I went out to Dean Klein’s house for a get-together he was having. I went to the movies with his daughter in Farmville. It was a really neat little weekend and very impactful.”

However, he decided he was not ready for Hampden-Sydney when he learned how much writing would be required of him. “I wasn’t ready for any discipline at all.” Instead of enrolling on The Hill, he spent two years at a community college.

He was unfulfilled and eager for change, so he moved to Alaska, where he worked seasonal jobs. They gave him the flexibility to travel around the state and explore its beauty.

“It was really just a grand adventure. I signed up for a couple of classes at a university there but quickly realized I was not there to go to school. I promptly dropped out of school and worked and lived and adventured for two years.”

“I did all sorts of jobs, anything that would get me through the next few months while being adventuresome and being as free as possible. Alaska is so seasonal that you can easily do three different jobs a year.”

“After a while, I realized that I’m not very well-suited for Alaska because I get terribly depressed during the 24 hours of darkness in the winter.” Just before what would have been his third winter there, he changed course completely and moved to Hawaii.

Raymond knew about a beach on the Big Island where he could live with a group of free-spirited people (he hates the word “hippies”). So he spent what was left of his money on a one-way ticket to The Aloha State.

“On the Big Island, I just kind of jumped
in with a band of hippies that I met on the beach. It was like Peter Pan and the Lost Boys because there was a girl from Denmark named Wendy who wrangled everybody; it was a bizarre group of guys. My hair was down my back in full-blown dreadlocks and we walked around half-naked in sarongs.”

Later, he and a group of these “free spirits” traveled to a remote valley on Kauai that is home to a secluded collective community.

Getting there includes an 11-mile hike along the Kalalau Trail, which is consistently rated one of the most dangerous trails in the country.

This remote “hippie city” provided Raymond with a valuable lesson in supply and demand: “A roll of trash bags is gold because it rains so much. It’s all based on what you need, what’s in demand, and what’s available. There are about 45 people there, so people have cliques and community roles. Some kids climb the trees to collect oranges, mangoes, and guava. There are kids who collect food. There are guys who fish. Everyone has a job.”

The excitement for him was learning to adapt to life in this new community, but once he had done that, he grew bored and started thinking about returning to Virginia.

“I was looking for the same kind of freedom I was used to, so I started working in organic farming in Floyd County, Craig County, and Botetourt County. It was a lot like my experience in Alaska where I would work somewhere for three, four, six months at a time then they would cut you loose. I also worked at Roanoke Natural Foods during the winter. I learned how to homestead, how to milk goats, how to grow organic vegetables. I sold at farmers’ markets for three years straight. I didn’t have my own operation; I worked for others, including Brent Cochran ’02. He runs the company I worked for, and I had no idea he was a Sydney guy until I came here and he sent me a Facebook message.”

Life was going well for Raymond until he was interested in changing his direction again. The Roanoke area was in a teacher shortage and he loved the idea of working with kids. However, when many of his friends started getting teaching jobs for which he was passed over, he decided he needed to get his bachelor’s degree. Immediately, he looked to Hampden-Sydney.

The summer before he enrolled at Hampden-Sydney, Raymond says he “was having an existential crisis” and called Demas Boudreaux ’02, whom he had met at a July 4th party.

“At that party, I had told him that one of the biggest mistakes of my life is that I never went to Hampden-Sydney when I had the chance. I wanted to know what I could do to go there now.” Demas called Jason Ferguson ’96, director of admissions, who then called Raymond. “A week and a half before the semester started I was railroaded through the admissions process and the rest is history. I’ve done really well here. It’s been everything I wanted it to be.”

“What I was looking for was actually here at Hampden-Sydney. So, it was very gratifying to see this culmination of the immense learning I had done between community college and now.”

“The first night I was here, I got invited to a Beta party—before school even started. I remember walking out of there and thinking, ‘Oh my God, what have I gotten myself into?’ I came in wearing Chacos [sandals], shorts, and a long-sleeve t-shirt and I was scruffy and had a dark, dark tan. I was out of my element. But I figured out the game and I am using it to my advantage.”

At Hampden-Sydney, he works as a Writing Center tutor, is the entering president of the Future Educators Club, and writes for The Tiger, the student newspaper. He also works many hours every week at Jenkins Blue and Gray, a local convenience store.

Though he lives off campus, Raymond likes to socialize on Fraternity Circle and is even dating a woman from Sweet Briar. So, being an older student has not been a big issue for Raymond.

“It’s good for you to have a skill and to see what’s going on in the world before you go off
to school. You’ll have a much better perspective, despite the stigma against it. I think half of the kids I’ve met would benefit from experiencing the real world first before going to college. Kids don’t know what to think in high school. They need some time.”

Raymond admits he was not ready to make the personal commitment necessary to succeed in college.

“Honestly, I think the reason I didn’t go to Hampden-Sydney in the first place is that I wasn’t at the maturity level where I could say, I’m going to sit down and I’m going to write, by golly, because I’m going to get my education. I wasn’t prepared. High school was a joke. I don’t think high school prepared me at all for what was going to happen afterwards.”

Ever forward-looking, Raymond is eagerly preparing for the next part of his journey, though he will not be traveling far. After graduating from Hampden-Sydney next spring, he plans on getting his teaching certificate and staying in Prince Edward County to work in the public school system.

“I could go teach in an economically depressed urban area, but Prince Edward County has just as much need as anywhere else, and I love my house. I love my community. It reminds me a lot of where I grew up.”

So Raymond’s literal journey is settling right here on the edge of Hampden-Sydney where he can use what he has learned in Alaska, Hawaii, the Roanoke Valley, and on The Hill to improve the lives of children just getting started on their own personal adventure.

Raymond Owen may not have taken the most conventional route to Hampden-Sydney, but he now follows the same path as generations of other Hampden-Sydney Men: he is setting out to serve others.

Raymond Owen ’14 put his homesteading skills to good use this summer at the farm of Nathaniel Perry, English professor and editor of The Hampden-Sydney Poetry Review. In addition to tending the garden, Raymond rescued this member of the chicken flock from a hungry rat snake.
Jahangir “Jay” Iqbal ’15 is excited about math. You can tell by the way he talks about it. He speaks quickly and confidently and with a broad, bright smile on his face. This rising junior from Sterling has progressed quickly through his mathematics courses at Hampden-Sydney, thanks to his advanced placement classes in high school and his aptitude for the subject.

He recently completed an independent study with Dr. Marcus Pendergrass that has its roots in a class Iqbal had with Pendergrass more than two years ago. In the first semester of his freshman year, Jay’s calculus class with Dr. Pendergrass used Fourier analysis. “That was amazing,” says Jay. “One of my favorite classes in high school was calculus. I’ve always enjoyed math. I didn’t plan on majoring in it, but once I came to college that changed. It’s my favorite academic subject. I don’t know if I would become a mathematician—I don’t really want to—but I do enjoy the subject of math.”

In Dr. Pendergrass’ class, Jay and his classmates used Fourier analysis to analyze one note from an instrument, determine the rest of the notes from that one note, and create a mathematical representation of the instrument. “Then we looked at composing music with these instruments, using recursion and mathematical
algorithms. It was awesome because at the end of the semester we used our algorithms, the code we had written, and just a few numbers as parameters to create a composition. The computer composed music itself and it was different every time. That was amazing. I loved that class.”

Based on Jay’s classroom performance, Dr. Pendergrass encouraged him to conduct a summer research project: a mathematical analysis of the work of Olivier Messiaen, a 20th-century French composer inspired by the natural world.

“Messiaen was a unique composer,” says Dr. Pendergrass, who is a jazz musician and researches mathematical music theory. “He used a unique musical vocabulary and, as an amateur ornithologist, he used birds as an inspiration for much of his work. Many of his pieces were based explicitly on birdsongs, including Oiseaux exotiques (Exotic birds), that we analyzed. He transcribed birdsongs, notated them musically, and worked it out on piano. Messiaen considered them true-to-life, that he was making a direct transcription of the birdsongs.”

Jay and his professor had access to the original birdsong recordings that Messiaen transcribed, so they could make a mathematical comparison between what Messiaen heard and his transcription for piano.

“We set out to find a mathematical measurement of how well Messiaen’s music correlates to actual birdsongs,” says Jay.

They used Fourier analysis on both the actual birdsongs and Messiaen’s music.

“When I saw our results, I was a little discouraged because the correlation was not as high as I had expected. However, Dr. David Salvage [assistant professor of fine arts] came to my presentation and said the correlation was very high. He reminded me that a piano is not a bird and to achieve that much correlation between those two different things is pretty amazing.”

Jay and Dr. Pendergrass had more questions they wanted to answer, so Dr. Pendergrass created an independent study program for Jay during the academic year. Jay wrote a computer algorithm to conduct a more comprehensive comparison of Messiaen’s music with more birdsongs.

“Jay is very curious and very self-motivated,” says Pendergrass. “His background in mathematics helped him quickly absorb some of the mathematical theory, but where he really took off was with the computer analysis.”

Dr. Pendergrass says it is not unusual for Hampden-Sydney students to conduct a research project during the summer between their freshman and sophomore years. In fact, he would like to see many more young students doing so. “This way, when these students are rising juniors and seniors, they can go to a larger institution during the summer to do larger-scale research with a group.”

Jay had considered going to Virginia Tech but he was drawn to Hampden-Sydney’s small classes, all-male atmosphere, and rural setting. Hampden-Sydney was completely irresistible, though, when Jay was offered a generous scholarship that made it more affordable than the large state university.

His first two years at Hampden-Sydney have been as good as he expected. “All of the professors are very approachable and I’ve made great friends in college. As a student, there is a lot of attention given to you.”

He also appreciates the well-rounded education, particularly the rhetoric program. “It’s good habit to go over the process of planning and writing. It’s kind of like exercising. If you get in shape once, it is easier to stay in shape. Hampden-Sydney gets you in shape really well as a writer.”

Dr. Pendergrass, for one, is happy that Jay chose Hampden-Sydney over the large state university. “Hampden-Sydney offers students the chance to do research with faculty who are experts in an area. You won’t see undergraduate students at large universities working alongside their professors.”

Jay does not limit his time to working on math. He also has many jobs on campus, working in the library, the computing center, and the fitness center. He also studies Chinese and will study abroad as a Gillman Scholar next year at Xi’an Jiaotong-Liverpool University near Shanghai.

The smile on Jay’s face is a sign that he and Hampden-Sydney are a perfect match.
Springtime at Hampden-Sydney was again marked by the joyous celebration of a beautiful Mother’s Day commencement ceremony. Exams were completed and graded. The stress and worries of academia were traded for the congratulations and camaraderie of a job well done for the 191 seniors graduating on the lawn of Venable Hall.

This year’s commencement address was given by U.S. Navy Admiral Eric T. Olson (Ret.), the former leader of the U.S. Special Operations Command. He is now the president of ETO Group, LLC, a national security consultancy.

Admiral Olson offered the graduates valuable insight into the lives they would soon be leading as college graduates. First, he reminded them to use the critical thinking skills instilled in them through their liberal arts education: “Those who could see beyond the next move or the next challenge, were the ones who succeeded in our long and demanding program. They weren’t focused on what would happen after breakfast or lunch. They were mentally days or weeks ahead, already figuring out how to be in the best position to overcome a future challenge.”

He then encouraged the graduates to consider multiple perspectives during decision-making. He said, “Our reliance on social media and other sources that compress and abbreviate information, and on bulleted slide presentations for decision-making, have caused a distillation of almost everything into simple and decidedly un-nuanced concepts and phrases. But real life is quite nuanced. Everything and everybody have complexity, subtlety, and depth that defy our attempts to simplify them. By quickly examining a problem through a single lens, we miss much of what is important. Whatever time you
spend seeking the nuance, the perspective, the overlooked fact or factor will be time well spent.”

Admiral Olson also said that we should not rely too heavily on living in a digital world, that we should not be afraid to jump into the “people pit.”

“Learn what it is like to have an inconsiderate coworker, a demanding boss, an awesome mentor, a selfless neighbor, a truly courageous subordinate,” says Olson. “Figure out how systems depend on people to run them, and how important decisions, those that affect lives and livelihoods, are made. Gain, as much as you can, the experiences that will fill you out, make you a better person, not just wealthier or more popular, better. As you broaden your people horizons, you will find yourself surprised, entertained, disappointed, elated, saddened, humbled, inspired by their stories, if you take the time to listen to them.”

Finally, Admiral Olson referenced the popular “Man Up / Hampden-Sydney” bumper sticker. “Don’t ever stop manning up. And know that being a good man means being a good teammate and good friend; a thoughtful leader; a man who carries his share of the load and then some; a man who is willing to stoop down to pull others up; and, when the time comes, a man who is a loyal and hardworking husband and an attentive father. Even in real life, there is a code of conduct and a code of honor.”

Later, senior Ryan M. Carter took the stage to deliver his valedictory address. He has developed a reputation for giving inspiring speeches, and he did not disappoint on his graduation day.

He offered a glimpse into the future of the graduating class and offered these thoughts: “I stand before you not as a man of fear but as a man of unyielding confidence and optimism in the face of complex problems—confident that here on this Hill in this class we have preachers who will spread the Gospels, soldiers who will bring peace, economists who will develop other countries, doctors who will find new cures, businessmen who will reinvigorate our economy, artists who will deepen and enhance our culture. In this class, we have politicians who will rise above the noise of our Capitol, educators who will deepen and enrich the legacy of this place, and philanthropists and leaders who will feed the hungry, house the homeless, and give voice to the mute.”

Commencement 2013 was indeed a day of great celebration as another class of Hampden-Sydney students marked the conclusion of their undergraduate education and the beginning of their lives as Hampden-Sydney Men.
AWARDS GIVEN AT COMMENCEMENT

The Gammon Cup, given in honor of Dr. Edgar G. Gammon 1905 to the member of the graduating class who has best served the College through character, scholarship, and athletic ability, was presented to Alex T. Price ’13.

Alexander C. Cartwright ’13 received the Anna Carrington Harrison Award for the most constructive leadership during the school year. Cartwright served as Student Court Chairman.

Dr. John Eastby, professor of government and foreign affairs, and co-authored an article on the Honor Code in The Chronicle of Higher Education.

The Eta of Virginia Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa presented Yonathan T. Ararso ’13 with the Samuel S. Jones Award for intellectual excellence. The biology major completed research at the Howard Hughes Medical Institute, presented findings at several conferences, and edited the College’s Journal of the Sciences.

Each year, a member of the faculty is recognized for “outstanding classroom contribution to the education of Christian young men” with the Cabell Award. This year, the award was given to Dr. Kenneth D. Lehman, Squires Professor of History.

Dr. John H. Eastby, Elliot Professor of Government and Foreign Affairs, was given the Thomas Edward Crawley Award, named for Dr. Edward Crawley ’41, who served the College as teacher, scholar, musician, and dean from 1946 until 1984.

The Senior Class Award, given to “a member of the College’s faculty, administration, or staff who in the eyes of the Class members has contributed during their four years most significantly to the College, its students, and the community,” was presented to Dr. James F. Pontuso, Patterson Professor of Government and Foreign Affairs.

L. Rucker Snead III ’81, Associate Dean for Career Education and Vocational Reflection and Director of External Relations at the Wilson Center for Leadership in the Public Interest, was recognized for his “active devotion and service to the College and its ideals” with the Robert Thruston Hubbard IV Award.

The Senior Gift, a fundraising effort by the graduating class in support of the College’s annual budget, was given this year in honor of Thomas H. Shomo ’69, director of marketing and communications.

The Algernon Sydney Sullivan Medallion was presented to two graduating seniors and one member of the staff. Ryan M. Carter ’13 and John B. “Britt” McKenzie ’13 were recognized for “excellence of character and generous service” to their classmates. Ralph A. Crawley, supervisor of Buildings and Grounds, was recognized for having been “conspicuously helpful to the institution in its effort to encourage and preserve a high standard of morals.”
ALUMNI PROGRAM BROADENS ITS REACH

As the student body of Hampden-Sydney College changes, so do the programs that serve the student body. This spring marked the newly reorganized Minority Alumni Mentorship Weekend. Hakeem Croom ’10, Assistant Dean of Students for Intercultural Affairs and Student Activities, says he is broadening the event beyond its traditional African-American audience to include all minority groups represented on campus.

“This spring we changed the name of the event to represent our new approach,” he said. “Next spring we are making a concerted push to include international students and gay students, as well.”

The Mentorship Weekend began with a casual cookout at the Minority Student Union on Friday evening before a Saturday full of workshops and networking opportunities. That afternoon included a tour of the Longwood Center for the Visual Arts and a spirited basketball game between the alumni and the students.

Ralph W. Baker, Jr. ’89, an investment banker and founder of the New York Shock Exchange youth basketball team, was the keynote speaker at Saturday night’s banquet.

The weekend’s events concluded Sunday morning with a group worship service in Crawley Forum.

ABOVE: Vice President for Institutional Advancement Lee King ’94, Dr. Vinston Goldman ’75, Cecelia Goldman, and Dr. George Bagby reconnect during Minority Alumni Mentorship Weekend. BELOW: Kershawn Gilliam ’16 (left) and Michael Bouldin ’16 (right) are all smiles at Middlecourt as their friends and classmates mingle with guests and alumni.
One member of the faculty is recognized each year for outstanding achievement. The Mettauer Award, named for the pioneering medical doctor John Peter Mettauer 1811, is presented at Final Convocation, and this year’s recipient was Dr. Michael J. Wolyniak, Assistant Professor of Biology.

Dr. Wolyniak published two articles in 2012: “Improved Student Linkage of Mendelian and Molecular Genetic Concepts” and “Extensive Phenotypic Variation.” Also, through the Howard Hughes Medical Institute Science Education Alliance, he worked with students to isolate a novel bacteriophage, guided the students as they purified and mass-produced it, and did a DNA analysis. The data from two of his courses were added to a central database at the University of Pittsburgh that directly contributes to ongoing studies of bacteriophage genomic diversity.

Students are expected to have experience in independent research projects while in college if they are interested in going to graduate or professional school, and it is great preparation for any career in the sciences.

Dr. Wolyniak says, “Part of my job as a Hampden-Sydney professor is to provide as much student access to authentic research experiences as possible. Through the support of the College and outside agencies like the National Science Foundation and the Howard Hughes Medical Institute, I have worked to join and forge collaborations with faculty at a variety of other colleges and universities to allow Hampden-Sydney students to conduct meaningful and cutting-edge research both in the classroom and independently over the summer and during the academic year. It’s a win-win for our students, since they can utilize the resources of larger universities while preserving the close student-professor interactions that they expect at Hampden-Sydney. I am honored to receive the Mettauer Award since it means that these efforts are paying off and that our students are getting increased opportunities to perform independent research.”

The recognition Dr. Wolyniak received is indicative of the energy in the biology department.
department. Dr. Edward Devlin, chair of the department, says, “Mike is one of the cohort of four enthusiastic junior colleagues we have in biology. Mike has the ability to engage students and get them excited about biology and research in the field. It is not unusual to see a group of students in his office and lab discussing their projects.”

This summer, James Hughes ’14 and Alan Fish ’14 have been working with Dr. Wolyniak at the Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth College.

Alex T. Price ’13, the recipient of the highly competitive NCAA postgraduate scholarship, was recognized twice at Final Convocation; he received The Weyland Thomas Joyner Physics Award and the William C. Chewning, Jr. Award from the department of mathematics and computer science.

The James Madison Award for Excellence in Political Science was given to two students whose grade point averages were separated by only 25/1000th of a point. The recipients were G. Forrest Allen ’13 and Alexander R. Boal ’13.

This year’s recipient of the annual Leila B. Thompson Eta Sigma Phi Latin Prize is Marcus Payne ’13. The award is named for the wife of Dr. Graves Thompson ’27. The Thompsons famously hosted Eta Sigma Phi gatherings for decades, and Mrs. Thompson’s chocolate punch is fondly remembered by many alumni and community members.

Mrs. Leila Thompson’s Chocolate Punch recipe delighted generations of students. She and her husband, Dr. Graves H. Thompson ’27, regularly hosted Eta Sigma Phi, the classics honor society.
Part of being a “good citizen” is interacting with our fellow citizens. More and more students are taking advantage of local community service opportunities, particularly ones involving the children of Prince Edward County.

Dr. Elizabeth Deis collaborated with Paul Jenkins ’95, an English teacher at Prince Edward County High School, to have her rhetoric students work over a series of weeks with his 10th-grade students on their essays (below). In addition, the Hampden-Sydney students, whose rhetoric class focused on communication and gender, were collecting data on the high school students’ attitudes toward reading and writing.

Students involved in the Hampden-Sydney Mentor Program took their “little brothers” on a tour of the newly opened galleries of the Robert Russa Moton Museum in Farmville (right). They went through the galleries together and saw a movie. Later they shared lunch, and a former Moton student-striker who became a teacher read a story to the children. The Hampden-Sydney Mentor Program pairs college students with local elementary and middle school students. Mentors go once a week to visit their “little brother” at school and become a positive presence in his life.

Local elementary school children got a special science demonstration from Greg Knabel ’13 (far upper right) in March. Greg graduated in May with a degree in biology and a minor in chemistry; he also served as president of the College’s chapter of Chi Beta Phi, the national
A group of Hampden-Sydney men (including some newly minted alumni) traveled to Nicaragua in May for some fishing and fellowship. At the Rio Indio Lodge, (standing) Meade Whitaker ’99, fishing guide Harry Robertson, Patrick Clifton ’13, Michael Dieffenbach ’14, George Dieffenbach, Dr. Jeff Clifton ’83, (kneeling) Russ Carter, Ryan Carter ’13, David Klein ’78, Dr. James Miller ’05, Michael Van Reekum ’13, and Chatham Wurdeman ’13.

**SPRING TRIP TO CENTRAL AMERICA**

Fourth Graders at Prince Edward County Elementary School witnessed Greg’s amazing one-man show, demonstrating physics, chemistry, and biology in fun ways to encourage the kids to get excited about science.
Early Modern Virginia: Reconsidering the Old Dominion
(University of Virginia Press)
Edited by Douglas Bradburn and John C. Coombs, associate professor of history

This collection of essays on seventeenth-century Virginia, the first such collection on the Chesapeake in nearly twenty-five years, highlights emerging directions in scholarship and helps set a new agenda for research in the next decade and beyond. The contributors represent some of the best of a younger generation of scholars who are building on, but also criticizing and moving beyond, the work of the so-called Chesapeake School of social history that dominated the historiography of the region in the 1970s and 1980s. Employing a variety of methodologies, analytical strategies, and types of evidence, these essays explore a wide range of topics and offer a fresh look at the early religious, political, economic, social, and intellectual life of the colony.

Dr. Coombs is co-editor of the book and contributed the essay “Beyond the ‘Origins Debate’: Rethinking the Rise of Virginia Slavery.”

The Correspondence of George Berkeley
(Cambridge University Press)
Edited by Dr. Marc A. Hight, Elliot Associate Professor of Philosophy

George Berkeley (1685-1753), Bishop of Cloyne, was an Irish philosopher and divine who pursued a number of grand causes, contributing to the fields of economics, mathematics, political theory and theology. He pioneered the theory of ‘immaterialism,’ and his work ranges over many philosophical issues that remain of interest today. This volume offers a complete and accurate edition of Berkeley’s extant correspondence, including letters written both by him and to him, supplemented by extensive explanatory and critical notes. Alexander Pope famously said ‘To Berkeley every virtue under heaven,’ and a careful reading of the letters reveals a figure worthy of admiration, sheds new light on his personal and intellectual life, and provides insight into the broad historical and philosophical currents of his time. The volume will be an invaluable resource for philosophers, modern historians and those interested in Anglo-Irish culture.
Mormonism started as a radical movement, with a profoundly transformative vision of American society that was rooted in a form of Christian socialism. Over the ensuing centuries, Bowman demonstrates, that vision has evolved—and with it the esteem in which Mormons have been held in the eyes of their countrymen. Admired on the one hand as hardworking paragons of family values, Mormons have also been derided as oddballs and persecuted as polygamists, heretics, and zealots clad in “magic underwear.” Even today, the place of Mormonism in public life continues to generate heated debate on both sides of the political divide. Polls show widespread unease at the prospect of a Mormon president. Yet the faith has never been more popular. Today there are about 14 million Mormons in the world, fewer than half of whom live inside the United States. It is a church with a powerful sense of its own identity and an uneasy sense of its relationship with the main line of American culture.

By the mid-seventeenth century, the English public’s thirst for news and a dramatic growth in print culture made the media a powerful tool for shaping public opinion. Greenspan examines a selection of Cromwell’s conflicts, policies, and imperial ventures to explore the ways in which the media was instrumental in developing, promoting, and legitimizing government actions. Her study seeks to integrate print and political culture, revealing what the workings and content of the press can tell us about Cromwell’s regime and its policies.
The 2013 Lacrosse team had another strong season on The Hill as the Tigers finished with an 11-6 overall record and a 6-3 mark in ODAC play en route to earning the #4 seed for the ODAC Tournament. The six ODAC wins also tied the school record for most conference wins in a season. The Tigers’ tough schedule featured six games against NCAA Tournament participants and four foes ranked in the top 10.

The season started off on a high note with a thrilling 9-8 win over Mary Washington, giving Head Coach Ray Rostan his 300th career win, becoming just the 11th coach in NCAA history with 300 wins.

Hampden-Sydney hosted Randolph-Macon on March 22 in the first night game under the newly installed lights on Hellmuth-Pritzlaff Turf Field, and the Tigers took the sting out of the Yellow Jackets with a 14-9 win. The win came in the middle of what would turn into a six-game winning streak.

While the Tigers did accumulate six losses, five of those losses were by one goal as the Tigers were often battling to the last second against top notch competition.

In all, nine Tigers were named to the All-ODAC team, the most of any ODAC school while also tying the school record for most selections in one season. Cameron Sheppard ’13 led the way as a first-team defender. Thomas Armstrong ’15, Austin Black ’13, Ned Bowden ’14, Ryan Martin ’13, and Brad Mostowy ’13 took home second-team honors while Jess Hawthorne ’13 and David Noftsinger ’15 were named to the third team.
posted a 2-2 record while eliminating Roanoke and Washington & Lee but falling twice to Randolph-Macon. For his play in the tournament, junior third baseman and pitcher Hunter Lewis earned All-Tournament Team honors. In the four games, Lewis recorded four hits from the plate while also pitching 8.1 innings against Roanoke, allowing just one run on four hits with five strikeouts.

Three players also received regular season recognition for their play with senior closer Luke Rabiej earning First Team All-ODAC honors, while sophomore first baseman Jeff Gray and senior shortstop Beau Flinchum were named to the Second and Third Teams, respectively.

Rabiej had an outstanding senior campaign while shattering Hampden-Sydney’s single-season save record. In the regular season, he appeared in 20 games while compiling a 1-1 record to go with nine saves and a 2.67 ERA. In 30.1 innings pitched, he struck out 23 while allowing just 12 walks. Only nine of his 16 allowed runs were earned. In the ODAC Tournament, Rabiej made two appearances, pitching 1.2 scoreless innings and recording his tenth save of the season in the Tigers’ 3-1 win over Roanoke.

Gray was named to the All-ODAC Second Team for the second consecutive year, and this year he continued to improve and was one of the team’s top offensive threats. The Newport News native led the Tigers in several offensive statistical categories, including batting average (.373), at bats (150), runs (37), hits (56), doubles (18), homeruns (3), and total bases (83). He was also one of just two players on the roster to play and start in every game this season.

This season also marks the second All-ODAC honor for Flinchum who earned Second Team honors in 2011. This season he has been one of the Third Team selection’s best, as he batted .326 in the regular season, and his 47 hits were second best on the team.

Two golfers named All-ODAC, Thomas Cole
Rookie of the Year

Freshman golfer Thomas Cole was named this year’s ODAC Rookie of the Year while also earning Second Team honors, and sophomore George Whiting also earned Third Team honors.

Cole stepped right into the Tigers’ five-man playing rotation, competing in 15 rounds entering the ODAC postseason. He boasts a 78.0 round average, and a pair of top-10 finishes this season.

Whiting, who’s competed in 21 rounds this year, boasts the second best average for the team, shooting 77.7 per-round. The sophomore earned three top-ten finishes.

The Tigers golf team wrapped up its season with a third-place finish in the ODAC Championship in late April at Bay Creek Golf Club in Cape Charles.
The annual Richmond Club Spring Gala was held on the banks of the James River. The host, Dr. Howard Faunce (right), thanked everyone for coming.

In addition to the new spring reunions that began this year, a recent highlight of alumni activity was on May 2 when the Hampden-Sydney Club of Richmond held its annual Spring Gala. This year’s gathering took place at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Howard Faunce (above), parents of Davidson Faunce ’15. Their home on the James River was a wonderful location for Richmond-area alumni to enjoy a beautiful evening of fellowship.

The Richmond alumni club will gather again for a Flying Squirrels baseball game on August 13. Many other alumni clubs have been gathering for baseball games and similar events. If you have an idea for a gathering in your area or would like assistance planning an event, please contact the Alumni Office at 434-223-6776.

Fans of Samuel V. Wilson, President Emeritus of Hampden-Sydney College and highly decorated general of the U.S. Army, will surely want to pick up a copy of his memories as recorded by Drew Prehmus ’08. General Sam is a remembrance of his adventures and accomplishments. Mr. Prehmus began working on the project during his sophomore year; he spent many hours interviewing General Wilson, recording his stories before they were lost to time. The book is available for purchase online.

Mark your calendars now for Homecoming on October 26. This year, the Tigers are taking on Shenandoah University. That Saturday will also see the annual alumni lacrosse game, lunch on the lawn of Hampden House, and plenty of tailgating before the game. See you there!
Dr. WILLETTE L. LeHEW, a retired obstetrician, was recognized by The Hampton Roads Journal for his contributions to the community. Dr. LeHew earned his medical degree from the University of Virginia and was president of the medical staff at Norfolk General and Leigh Memorial hospitals from 1982 to 1983. He served on the board of visitors of Eastern Virginia Medical School from 1992 to 1998, including two years as chairman. He also has been president of the Norfolk Academy of Medicine. In 2007, he received the Mason Andrews Community Service Award from Sentara Healthcare.

R. EUGENE RAMSEY of Raphine received the Silver Beaver Award for volunteer service to Scouting at the Stonewall Jackson Area Council honors banquet on February 8, 2013.

Col. WILLIAM T. ANDERSON, a member of the Wilson Center Board of Advisors, recently donated a collection of 68 books on national security and international humanitarian law to the Bortz Library. Following a career in international law with the Marine Corps and NATO, Col. Anderson retired to Spotsylvania. He serves also on the adjunct faculty, Command and Staff College, Marine Corps University, in Quantico.

RONALD R. TWEEL has been named the 2012 recipient of the Betty A. Thompson Lifetime Achievement Award by the Virginia State Bar’s Family Law Section. He is an attorney with MichieHamlett in Charlottesville.

CHARLES L. CABELL has been named to the board of the Virginia Historical Society.

THADDEUS R. “THAD” SHELLY III has been named managing director and senior advisor at Tiedemann Wealth Management’s Palm Beach, Florida, office. Previously, he was managing director and CEO of Lazard Wealth Management.

JOHN C. MIDDLETON has been named president and chief operating officer of TB&CR, a Dawson/AffiliatedPartners company in Richmond. TB&CR is a personal insurance and bonding company that was founded in 1882.

Robert L. Samuel, Jr., a partner at the law firm Williams-Mullen, was named in The Best Lawyers in America for 2013 in personal injury defense.

DAVID B. DARDEN has been named chief executive officer of Raleigh General Hospital in Beckley, West Virginia. He served as the hospital’s COO and then CEO from 1994 to 2001. Most recently he has been CEO of Clinch Valley Medical Center in Richlands.

Twenty-one alumni gathered March 7–March 10 for the 7th Annual PiKA “Camp Agape” golf trip. Pictured: (first row) Gordon Burks ’81, Dan Unger ’80, (second row) Stuart Wilbourne ’83, Bob Calcote ’79, Randy Reed ’82, Tyree Greene ’83, (third row) Walter Smith ’79, Mark Slaydon ’84, Bruce Coleman ’81, Blake Aucmoody ’82, Paul Emerick ’81, Greg Wilkerson ’81, Benton Downer ’77, (fourth row) Roger Gardner ’83, Tom Gray ’80, Elliott Bondurant ’79, Dave Ruddick ’77, Bill Bailey ’85, Tom Jervey ’81, Steve Larus ’83, and Chris Hudson ’82.
1979
ROBERT L. “SKIPP” SUDDUTH IV is appearing in the 2013 Shakespeare in the Park production of *The Comedy of Errors*. The production will run at the Delacorte Theater in New York City’s Central Park.

1980
JAMES D. JERVEY was recognized at the Virginia Farm Bureau Insurance annual sales conference as second runner-up for State Agent of the Year for his region. He was the 2012 Most Valuable Agent of the Year for his district. He lives in Franklin.

EDWARD OWENS has been named Halifax County Chamber of Commerce 2013 Business Person of the Year. He is mayor of South Boston and the owner of Edward Owens Agency, an insurance firm. Mr. Owens is a member of the Tobacco Commission and chair of the Southside Economic Development Committee. He has been a member of the Halifax Educational Foundation since 1998 and is a member of the Board of Directors for the Southside Business Technology Council.

J. MICHAEL TURNER has been promoted to Director of Agriculture Business at Vertellus Specialties, Inc.

1982
JEFFREY A. THOMAS is president of SHINE Systems and Technologies, an engineering, solutions, and innovation firm headquartered in Charlottesville. The firm has offices throughout Virginia, including one recently opened in Martinsville.

1985
WILLIAM L. “TOBY” USNIK, JR., has been promoted to Chief Corporate Social Responsibility and Senior International Director at Christie’s in New York.

1987
ROBERT P. KLINE, an attorney in New Cumberland, Pennsylvania, has been named president of the Cumberland County Bar Association. He earned his law degree from the University of Richmond T.C. Williams School of Law.

1989
Dr. W. LEE GRUBB III is an associate professor of management at East Carolina University. Over the past few years he has worked with a team of faculty members and business leaders to help design and develop a comprehensive curriculum for the College of Business Leadership and Professional Development Program. He is now the director of the program that challenges all students enrolled in the college to reflect on different aspects of leadership and professional development through a series of four separate courses. He is also an avid SCUBA diver.

1991
Dr. GARY H. DARDEN has been appointed to a three-year term as chair of the Department of Social Sciences & History at Fairleigh Dickinson University in Madison, New Jersey.

Lt. Col. KARL K. SCHNEIDER has been elected to the position of vice chairman of the Board of Advisors for the YMCA Camp Shady Brook located near Deckers, Colorado. He will also maintain his position as treasurer.

1992
PETER C. BENNETT, JR., is a senior litigation paralegal at Mayer Brown LLP in Washington, D.C. He and his wife Jenny enjoy traveling, eating out, and doing community service.

KENNETH M. “TRIPP” ELLIOTT III has been promoted to safety director at Marine Corps Systems Command in Quantico.

CHRISTOPHER C. JACKSON was recently appointed by the City Council of Dallas to serve on the Cultural Affairs Commission of the City of Dallas.

M. DUANE JONES, an attorney with Hedrick Gardner Kincheloe & Garofalo, recently became board-certified in appellate law by the North Carolina State Bar. He practices civil litigation and appellate law in Charlotte, North Carolina.

STEPHEN B. “BO” WILKINS is co-founder of SoundRiver Advisors, a financial advisory firm in Atlanta.

1993
JOSEPH E. DUNN is senior vice president and regional manager for George Mason Mortgage in Richmond.

1994
COARD AMES BENSON, a realtor in Easton, Maryland, is a graduate of the leadership academy of the Maryland Association of Realtors. He is the 2013 president of the Mid-Shore Board of Realtors.
R. Maxwell Meador ’58, retired teacher

After parents, teachers and coaches are some of the most influential people in the lives of young men. They spend long hours providing information and skills that are valuable for a lifetime. For 44 years, R. Maxwell Meador ’58 taught Latin and coached boys (and later girls, too) at Virginia Episcopal School, a private boarding school in Lynchburg.

“A friend of mine from Bedford who graduated from Hampden-Sydney the year before me, Cliff Titus ’57, had gotten a job at VES, as had another friend from Bedford. They knew that a position had opened in Latin. I had not planned to teach Latin; I had planned to teach history, but it was an opportunity to teach and to coach, which I had wanted to do.”

During his first months at VES, he lived in the campus’s old farmhouse, sharing the upstairs with a family of five. He graciously gave them one of his rooms. Later he moved into the dorms, where he was only a few years older than the students.

“That was a little crazy. One of the kids was 20 and I was only 21 or 22 years old.”

Meador, who studied Latin under Dr. Graves H. Thomp-son ’27, the longest teaching professor in Hampden-Sydney’s history, says he “fell in love with Latin” and eventually earned his master’s degree.

“Fortunately, my first year at VES, I taught all first-year Latin. Of course, the main goal was to have students learn Latin, but the language also gives you a good sense of your history. Sixty-percent of our English words are derived from Latin words.”

Teaching at VES was never boring; the school gave Meador the opportunity to do many different things. “It was a small school. I had a chance to teach, a chance to coach, and a chance to get in the administration. I was assistant headmaster for my last 15 or so years. It was a good combination of things to do that kept me from getting bogged down.”

VES went co-ed during the 1980s and Meador thinks the school is stronger for it. “We had a strong all-male enrollment when we went co-ed and I think being co-ed saved the school. I don’t think we could have survived a few years ago when the economy went bad and our enrollment dropped, if we had remained all boys.”

VES of the late 1950s, when Meador began teaching, was much like Hampden-Sydney of the same era.

Hampden-Sydney during the 1950s was simpler than it is today. Current students have wireless Internet access throughout campus. When Meador was a student, Cushing Hall had only one telephone and Venable Hall had none. If you wanted to watch television, you had to be invited to a fraternity house—the only place there were any. Students did not even declare a major; they simply got a bachelor of arts or a bachelor of science.
Students would stand in front of College Church to catch a ride into town and wait at the corner of High and Main Streets (conveniently close to the local woman’s college) to catch a ride back to campus. Meador recalls hitchhiking from Farmville to Bedford as a young student. Once he was picked up by the author William Hoffman ’49 who had just written his first book, The Trumpet Unblown, and was teaching English at the College.

Then there was the Vigilance Committee, a group of seniors tasked with finding and punishing freshmen who weren’t following the rules. Every freshman had to wear around his neck a sign giving his name and hometown. He also had to wear a beanie (Meador still has his) and greet everyone he passed. “You never knew who was on the Vigilance Committee, so you were always on your best behavior. Every so often, the Committee would call a freshman in for violating the rules and paddle him. They would paddle them hard, too.”

Meador says the friends he made at Hampden-Sydney have been some of the best friends of his life.

“Jim Trammell ’58 and I were roommates for two years in Cushing. Then we decided to try living in our fraternity houses. I was a KA and he was a PiKA. Well, I guess it wasn’t such a good idea for him. He didn’t make it through his senior year. He lived in Ohio and we sort of lost contact with one another, only exchanging cards at Christmas. After 25 years, he moved a little closer and we reconnected. We decided to go to Homecoming together one year. He came down to Lynchburg to get me and we picked up right where we left off 25 years earlier. Now we see each other a few times each year; I talk to him on the telephone two or three times a week. He is still one of my best friends.”

Another dear friend is Johnny Waters ’58, whom he sees two or three times a year. Waters is the former director of alumni relations for Hampden-Sydney and Meador is a regular attendee at the meetings of Lynchburg chapter of the Alumni Association.

“I really enjoy the meetings and the activities. It’s a great way to meet other Hampden-Sydney people and to stay connected to the college. I enjoy getting together with others for lunch and going to watch Hampden-Sydney play athletics at Lynchburg College and at Randolph. It’s a great way to stay connected.”

At Hampden-Sydney, Meador was not much of an athlete. He tried out for the basketball team but got cut. Instead, he and his friend Jim Trammell ran the intramural athletics program. He also took a class in coaching (Hampden-Sydney offered such a thing during the 1950s), which proved helpful in his career at VES. Meador coached football and baseball for many years, eventually working his way to head coach of junior varsity football and head coach of varsity baseball. He is rightfully proud of the lessons he taught on the field as well as in the classroom.

“I think athletics and academics play off one another. I think athletics is a vital part of education, especially at this age. There is a lot you can learn on the football field or the baseball field or wherever, that you don’t learn in class. When I started at VES, students were required to play sports all three seasons. It contributes to their total development.”

He adds, “I am quite proud that some of my former players have gone on to become coaches, themselves. Chris Pollard played for me and he was recently named the head coach at Duke.”

After 44 years in the classroom, Meador says many people ask him how students from decades ago differ from students today. He tells them with a smile: “Only the faces change. Students don’t change.”

The students as a whole might not change. However, Max Meador and the rest of the world’s teachers undoubtedly have significant effect on the lives of individual students.
WILLIAM P. IRWIN V and his wife Joy Draper are serving with Christian Health Service Corps in Bomet, Kenya. They live and work at Tenwek Hospital, where she is an OB/Gyn and he works several jobs, including helping with logistics for medical teams going into South Sudan. They will be serving there for two years.

ADAM R. ARTIGLIERE is an attorney with the firm Gallivan White and Boyd, P.A., in Greenville, South Carolina. He has a law degree from the University of Florida.

DAVID G. DeFAZIO has opened The DeFazio Law Firm, a family law practice, in Richmond. He earned his law degree from the T.C. Williams School of Law at the University of Richmond and sits on the executive committee of the Chesterfield Bar Association. Virginia Lawyers’ Weekly named him a Leader of the Law in 2012.

CARLYSLE L. JOHNSON has published his first novel, Wandering Soldier. The first book in The Napoleonic Wars Saga traces several French soldiers’ lives through the first few conflicts directed by Napoleon by land and on sea. Mr. Johnson is working on the second book, Cold Resistance, with a third novel to follow soon after. He lives in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Dr. MATTHEW D. BITNER served on the NFL medical team as coordinating physician for stadium medical care at the Mercedes-Benz Superdome for Super Bowl XLVII in New Orleans.

KEVIN F. GARST is the head basketball coach of Salem High School, which won the 2013 Group AA State Championship.

ADAM F. STOCKTON has illustrated and co-created a book with writer Anne Marie Hite (wife of Creighton Hite ’92) called You’re Only Human: A Guide to Life. The book is written from the perspective of a British lizard, the GEICO gecko. The GEICO gecko was created by The Martin Agency, where Mr. Stockton works as a creative director.

NATHAN J. “NATE” DaPORE has been named an ambassador for economic development by the South Carolina Department of Commerce. He is the president and founder of PeopleMatter, a staffing firm.

JEFFREY A. WOODY is the new head football coach at Monticello High School in Charlottesville. He has been coaching at Brookville High School in Lynchburg for eight years. During that time, he led the team to state championships in 2011 and 2012 with an eight-year record of 81-22. The team was 40-2 overall in the past three seasons.

PETER H. HAMILTON is co-owner and co-operator of Aloha Kayaks Maui in Maui, Hawaii. They provide eco-friendly, educational guided kayak and dive tours around the island.

NICHOLAS D. BEAZLEY was promoted to captain while deployed to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. He redeployed to Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Washington, from his 12-month deployment in November 2012.

HUNTER T. L. OVER-STREET is financial aid systems and quality assurance manager at Radford University. He lives in Salem.

ANDREW J. WILLIAMS has been promoted to manager of the new valve sales division at Industrial Valve Sales and Service in Mobile, Alabama. He lives in Magnolia Springs with his wife Mandy and his three-year old daughter Mary Carlisle.

MATTHEW G. ANDERSON III has been promoted to assistant vice president at CBRE in Richmond.

STEPHEN A. McGILLIVRAY has been promoted to senior associate with Mercer, a global human-capital consulting firm in Washington, D.C.

MATTHEW P. ANDERSON has been promoted to chief financial
Advanced Studies

1994

MICHAEL D. PURVIS is pursuing his master’s in business administration at Virginia Commonwealth University.

2003

ERROL A. IACHINI earned a master’s in business administration from The College of William & Mary in 2012. He is regional marketing director at ChoicePlus & American Legacy Annuities.

2007

T. WEST HUBARD earned a master’s degree in history from the University of North Carolina-Charlotte.

NATHAN H. SCHNETZLER earned his juris doctorate from the Washington & Lee University School of Law in May 2013.

2008

JOSEPH T. “TREY” KEELER III is completing his master’s in creative brand management at Virginia Commonwealth University’s BrandCenter.

2011

WILLIAM L. “BILL” DOODY is playing football in Germany for the Munich Cowboys. He was discovered by a Munich player who saw Doody’s college highlight film on YouTube.

TREVOR IKWILD, a member of John Hancock Financial Network, has qualified for the 2012 Best in Class-Finance ACE Award.

ADAM S. LEES is running in the Democratic primary for Charlottesville City Council. (See Advanced Studies.)

2012

FRASHER A. BOLTON is the assistant director of the annual fund at Randolph College in Lynchburg.

Trustees

MYRON ROLLE, a member of the Board of Trustees, is leaving the National Football League to enter medical school. He played for the Tennessee Titans and the Pittsburgh Steelers.

2010

DYLAN H. COLLIGAN is deputy press secretary for the House Republican Conference in Washington, D.C.

2012

NICHOLAS D. BOWLING is a graduate student at Texas A&M-Galveston studying marine resource management and becoming a scientific SCUBA diver. In addition, he is enrolled in the Texas Maritime Academy, where he is studying marine transportation to become qualified for the United States Coast Guard’s Third Mate’s (Oceans Unlimited) Merchant Marine Deck License.
Cabell Fooshé ’92  
golf entrepreneur

You might think a game that has been around for hundreds of years would be pretty settled in terms of equipment, but every year manufacturers introduce dozens (if not hundreds) of new products for golf. From shoes to clubs to bags to balls, golf equipment is always evolving.

Four years ago, Cabell Fooshé ’92 joined the fray with another new product, Tin Cup, a quick and easy way for golfers to mark their ball in accordance with PGA rules while injecting some personality and creativity into the process. Rather than just marking their ball with a dot or a line, golfers can use a Tin Cup to mark their ball with anything from a martini glass to a dragon to a tiger paw. There are dozens of available designs.

“It’s been a lot of fun growing the company and seeing the excitement from the customers,” says Fooshé.

And there has been plenty of growth and excitement. Tin Cup was invented by Jim Millar, a good friend of Fooshé and co-president of Hitt Contracting, where Fooshé previously worked as a recruiting director. “In June 2009, we formed the company, so I was working two jobs at once. We set up the website in August 2009 and placed our first ad in Golf Digest and Golf magazine in November 2009. We started getting some orders; then in January 2010, we went to the PGA merchandise show in Orlando and we were voted one of the best new products. Our booth was mobbed with people four and five deep. At that point, we knew that we really had something.”

Soon, they began recruiting independent sales representatives and now have 30 across the country. Tin Cup is available in the PGA Superstore and Edwin Watts Golf Shops, as well as at pro shops at golf courses across the country. “We are in over 1,400 golf shops; we also have a distributor in Canada and in England and we ship all over the world through our on-line business.”

Before working at Hitt Contracting, Fooshé spent a number of years at another start-up. “That’s where I learned a lot of the entrepreneurial skills and how hard it can be getting started and getting traction.”

Also, he uses many of the lessons he learned at Hampden-Sydney, including those taught outside of the
classroom.

“The Honor Code instills in us how to treat people and how to be truthful in our dealings. Hampden-Sydney teaches great leadership skills and communications skills. Even simply saying ‘hello’ to people you pass on campus teaches us how to treat people. When you’re dealing with your customers you understand the value of doing something a little extra to make them feel good—a little upgrade or including a little handwritten note like Anita Garland does at Hampden-Sydney. People appreciate those little extras and it makes the difference between you and your competition.”

“I had such a good experience at Hampden-Sydney and I felt like it was such a great place, so I wanted to find a way to give back,” adds Fooshé. So, he decided many years ago to get involved in his local alumni association club in Northern Virginia. For many years, he served as the club president.

“I wanted more people here to know about Hampden-Sydney and to build up the club here. There are so many of us up here, but it’s a hard area to get around with all of the traffic and congestion. So, I wanted to get involved and to give back as much as I could.”

He gets back to Hampden-Sydney as often as he can, which is admittedly not as often as he would like. However, he does make time for at least one football game every year. Fooshé has the rare distinction of playing on the Tiger football squad for only his senior year.

“I knew I would never have the chance again, so I talked to the coach about playing and he let me join the team.”

Since college, Fooshé stays active playing golf, but he doesn’t get to play very often any more. “I’d say my handicap has just about doubled since I’ve been in the golf business. I was a six. I’m probably an 11 now.”

He is too busy growing Tin Cup to play much golf, though he does like to get out to courses and hear from customers. “We get a lot of ideas from our customers and we try to introduce a new design each month. The funny thing is that some of our first designs—the American flag, martini glass, four-leaf clover—continue to be some of the best sellers.”

If customers cannot find the perfect design from Tin Cup’s extensive selection, they can have a custom design created.

“We also do custom designs for people or companies. We did a great custom design for Clint Eastwood’s tournament in California. That was a lot of fun.”

Tin Cup’s customers include professional golfers like Rory McIlroy, Peter Jacobsen, and Lee Westwood, as well as some players on the LPGA Tour and on the Web.com Tour.

As with any growing company, Tin Cup continues to innovate. In addition to the increasing number of available designs, they have introduced Pitch Fix, which repairs the dent created when the ball hits the green.

Breaking into a new industry is exceedingly difficult, but Fooshe and Tin Cup have made great progress. As they expand into new areas and introduce more products, we will surely see more of Tin Cup in the world of golf.
1984
ROBERT JEFFERY PETERSON and LISA MICHELLE BLAKE were married on December 29, 2012, in Big Canoe, Georgia. In attendance were Peter Dent ’85 and Chip Pryor ’89. The bride is a graduate of Auburn University and has a master’s degree from Florida State University. She is a speech language pathologist for the Fulton County School System in Atlanta. The groom earned his MBA from the Mason School of Business at The College of William & Mary and is the owner of Business Performance Solutions, Inc., a management and leadership development training organization. They live in Atlanta.

1991
MATTHEW TANNER ARDISON and SASHA MARIA ROSENBERGER were married on January 29, 2013, in Morganton, North Carolina. In attendance was their 12-month old daughter Margaret Winship Ardison. Both the bride and groom work for Blue Ridge HealthCare in Morganton. He is a physician assistant with the Hospital Service; she is a registered nurse with Behavioral Health. They live in Morganton.

2003
JOHN F. MACDONNELL and JAIME LYNN BUCKLEY were married on September 29, 2012, in Annapolis, Maryland. In attendance were Chris Schaaf ’04, Beau Burke ’03, Tom DiVincenzo ’03, Chris Lucas ’03, Matt Fassnacht ’04, and Ryan Burns ’05. The groom earned his master’s degree from Johns Hopkins and works as an acquisitions and dispositions manager at SugarOaks Holdings. They live in Herndon.

2005
TRAVIS H. IRVIN and LAUREN DIXON were married on February 2, 2013, in Richmond. Former College Chaplain The Reverend Dr. William E. Thompson officiated. The bride works at Charlottesville Pediatric Dentistry. The groom works at Elephant Auto Insurance. They live in Richmond.
Births

1992
To BILL and TACY NORRIS, a son, Thomas Singleton Norris, on February 8, 2013. They live in Richmond.

1995
To PATRICK and KERI ELB, a son, Samuel Patrick Elb, on March 15, 2013. They live in Chattanooga, Tennessee.

1998
To RYAN and MARISSA SUMMERS, a son, Maddox Reiss Summers, on October 21, 2012. He joins his sister Laila Rose at their home in Ashburn.

1999
To ERIC and LIZ SHOENFELD, a daughter, Esther Leah Shoenfeld, on June 4, 2012. She joins her sister Phoebe Hannah at their home in Richmond.

2001
To TY and ANGELA BARKSDALE, a daughter, Vivian Joeleen Barksdale, on May 6, 2012. She joins her sister Marcy Mae and her brother Dayson at their home in Ravenna, Ohio.

2004
To GEORGE and HEATHER LATIOLAIS EURE, a son, George Anthony Eure, on September 11, 2012. They live in Austin, Texas.

2006
To PATRICK and MOLLY GEE, a son, Philip Michael Gee, on March 27, 2013. He joins his sister Livi at their home in Richmond.

2007
To STEVE ASH, JR., and COURTNEY ASH, a daughter, Mary-Renn Jeanne Ash, on August 4, 2012. They live in Richmond, Virginia.

2008
At the wedding of Crawford Simpkins and Sarah Gibson on July 14, 2012.
Deaths

1939
The Rev. CARLYLE ADOLF “MAC” McDONALD of Winchester died on November 24, 2012. He earned a master’s of theology degree from Union Theological Seminary and was an Army veteran of World War II. He served many Presbyterian churches throughout North Carolina, West Virginia, and Virginia.

1940
WALTER ROBERT EASON, SR., of Orange died on April 29, 2013. He was a highly decorated combat aviator during World War II and earned a master’s degree from the University of Virginia. He taught fourteen years each at Woodberry Forest School and Blue Ridge School. He was inducted into the Hampden-Sydney Athletic Hall of Fame in 1996 and received the Algonquin Sydney Sullivan Medallion in 2003, the Patrick Henry Award in 2004, and the Alumni Citation in 2009. He is the father of W. Robert Eason, Jr. ’67 and the father-in-law of John C. Parrott II ’64.

1942
The Rev. GORDON COSBY of Washington, D.C., died on March 20, 2013. He was a graduate of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and a veteran of World War II. He founded the influential Church of the Saviour in Washington, D.C.

Dr. KENNETH L. HOLLENBECK of Minerva Park, Ohio, died on March 24, 2013. He earned his DDS from the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia and was a veteran of World War II. He practiced dentistry in Poughkeepsie, New York, for 40 years before retiring to New Smyrna Beach, Florida.

FREDERICK H. WAKEFIELD of Richmond died on March 9, 2013. He was a decorated Army Air Corps veteran of World War II and worked as a social worker until his retirement.

1944
WILLIAM B. BLAMIRE of Sarasota, Florida, died on May 26, 2012. He was a veteran of World War II and worked for C&P Telephone for 37 years.

ROBERT S. MISTELE of Floyd died on September 22, 2011. He played professional baseball for 10 years and earned a master’s degree from Central State University in Oklahoma. He coached football and taught school for 34 years.

1945
THOMAS FRANKLIN CROWDER of Prince George died on February 18, 2013. He was a World War II veteran of the Army Air Corps and was a member of Kappa Alpha Order. He was a member of Christ and Grace Episcopal Church in Petersburg and was a retired purchasing director for Seward Luggage Company. He is the father of Thomas M. Crowder ’78 and the grandfather of West Camp-Crowder ’16.

Dr. HARVEY WINFREE “DOC” GOODE of Killmaronock died on January 12, 3013. He was a veteran of World War II and a graduate of the Medical College of Virginia. He was retired after 42 years as a doctor throughout the Northern Neck.

WILLIAM BERNARD LAMBERT of Grifton, North Carolina, died on July 29, 2012. He was a retired engineer from DuPont and a World War II veteran of the U.S. Navy. He earned an MBA from Virginia Commonwealth University and worked for Monsanto until his retirement in 1991.

1947
The Hon. DIXON L. FOSTER of Irvington died on August 31, 2011. He was a graduate of The Marshall-Wythe School of Law and a World War II veteran of the U.S. Navy. He was a lawyer until he was appointed a Virginia Circuit Court Judge in 1967, a position he held for 21 years. Mr. Foster was the recipient of the William and Mary Alumni Medallion. He is the father of Robert D. Foster ’78.

1950
THOMAS SKINNER LOVELACE of South Boston died on March 17, 2013. He was a veteran of World War II and a member of Kappa Sigma fraternity. He was retired after 38 years with the U.S. Postal Service.

JAMES PHILIP SAXE of Wilbraham, Massachusetts, died on February 13, 2013. He was a graduate of the University of Virginia and a veteran of the U.S. Army. He earned an MBA from American International College and worked for Monsanto until his retirement in 1991.

1951
HERMAN H. WALTON, JR., of Orange died on October 4, 2012. He was the president of Walton Lumber Company and a former member of the Louisa County Board of Supervisors. He also served on the board of directors for Virginia National Bank and was a member of Elk Creek Baptist Church.

1952
Dr. JOHN RUSSELL GOOD of Richmond died on March 14, 2013. He earned his medical degree from the Medical College of Virginia and served as a captain in the U.S. Army. Dr. Good practiced medicine in Richmond for 50 years. He was a founder of Chippenham Hospital, Trinity Episcopal School, and the Church of the Good
Shepherd School.

RICHARD M. “MAC” HARPER of Brookneal died on January 29, 2013. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy and a retired tobacco buyer. He also worked as a carpenter and painter.

1953

J. CARROLL MELTON II of Norfolk died on February 15, 2013. He was a graduate of T. C. Williams Law School and a retired commander in the U.S. Naval Reserve. He was a member of the Virginia Bar Association and a special justice for the Norfolk Circuit Court.

1955

WILLIAM SYDNOR SETTLE of Palm Beach, Florida, died on April 27, 2013. He earned his JD from the Virginia Law School and was a member of the Virginia Law Review. He was a retired senior partner of Simpson, Thacher and Bartlett in New York City. He specialized in mergers and acquisitions. He served as chairman of the board of Seeing Eye and was president of the Metropolitan Golf Association. Mr. Settle was chairman of the board at Hampden-Sydney College for 14 years and a trustee for 22 years. In 1991, Settle Hall was named in his honor. He is the father of William S. Settle, Jr. ’91 and brother of J. Howard Settle ’50.

1959

PHILIP AYLETT HOGE of Wilmington, Delaware, died on February 22, 2013. He was a veteran of the U.S. Naval Reserve and began his career in real estate at Carroll W. Griffith Real Estate Company, which he later bought. Most recently, he was vice president and partner at Patterson-Woods Commercial Properties.

1963

DOUGLAS R. ALLEN of Centennial, Colorado, died on March 24, 2013. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy and earned an MBA from Rutgers University. He worked as a certified public accountant in Denver before starting his real estate management firm Allen Associates, Inc., in 1975. He was active in Big Brothers and Roundtrip Riders of the Rockies.

1967

EDWIN HARVIE JONES, JR., of Woodstock died on February 10, 2013. He earned master’s degrees from the University of Virginia and Virginia Tech. Mr. Jones was a dedicated teacher in Massachusetts and Virginia.

Trustees

EARLY “FROSTY” LOCKWOOD, a member of the Hampden-Sydney College Board of Trustees, died on April 15, 2013. He was a graduate of the University of Kentucky College of Engineering and attended the International School of Nuclear Science and Engineering at Argonne National Laboratory. He was co-founder and former chairman, president, and CEO of Betac International Corporation. He also served as an expert consultant to the Executive Office of the President of the United States, where he provided expertise on White House command and control policy and problem resolution.

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.
Having Hassell Simpson for English literature during the first semester of my freshman year at Hampden-Sydney was a shock to my system.

Dr. Simpson’s grandfatherly appearance and easygoing attitude hid a standard of academic excellence that reared its head when he returned my first essay. I was crushed. My grade was so low that I have effectively stricken it from my memory.

Despite my early struggles, or possibly because of them, Dr. Simpson and I developed a pleasant student-professor friendship that was the reality of my collegiate expectations. He was the knowledgeable lover of literature whose office was lined with beer bottles. He drove a convertible Mustang and told slightly off-color jokes in class. He was the affable college professor I had expected them all to be.

When I returned to Hampden-Sydney some years ago, I was happy to see Dr. Simpson and to rekindle our friendship. He was still very active on campus, acting in plays, singing with the Glee Club, and writing his book *Hampden-Sydney Stage: Theatre at the College (1786-2002)*. We spent many lunches together and enjoyed many more conversations about the community, his family, and getting older. We never talked about literature; I couldn’t hold up my side of the conversation.

To most members of more recent classes, Dr. Simpson was a glimmer of the College’s history, much as Francis the Ax Man was for me when I was a student. Though Hassell enjoyed his membership in the UPLS and acted in plays for as long as he could, most students likely recognized him only as the elderly man seen running in the afternoon. Until his health prevented it, he enjoyed his daily jog, followed by cooling down with a beer and a cigarette with students at the Tiger Inn. Grace Simpson still walks regularly with friends, but, to my knowledge, foregoes her husband’s post-exercise routine.

Hassell and Grace moved to Hampden-Sydney in 1962 right after he earned his Ph.D. from Florida State. They raised a family here and immersed themselves in the lives of their neighbors and the students, and their love of literature and art sets a lofty standard for the rest of us. He worked tirelessly for excellence among his students in the classroom and for the rights of faculty outside the classroom. It is the commitment like theirs to this place that makes Hampden-Sydney College the special place we all love so much.

Thanks for the good times, old friend.
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—William R. Middlethon, Jr. ’63

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