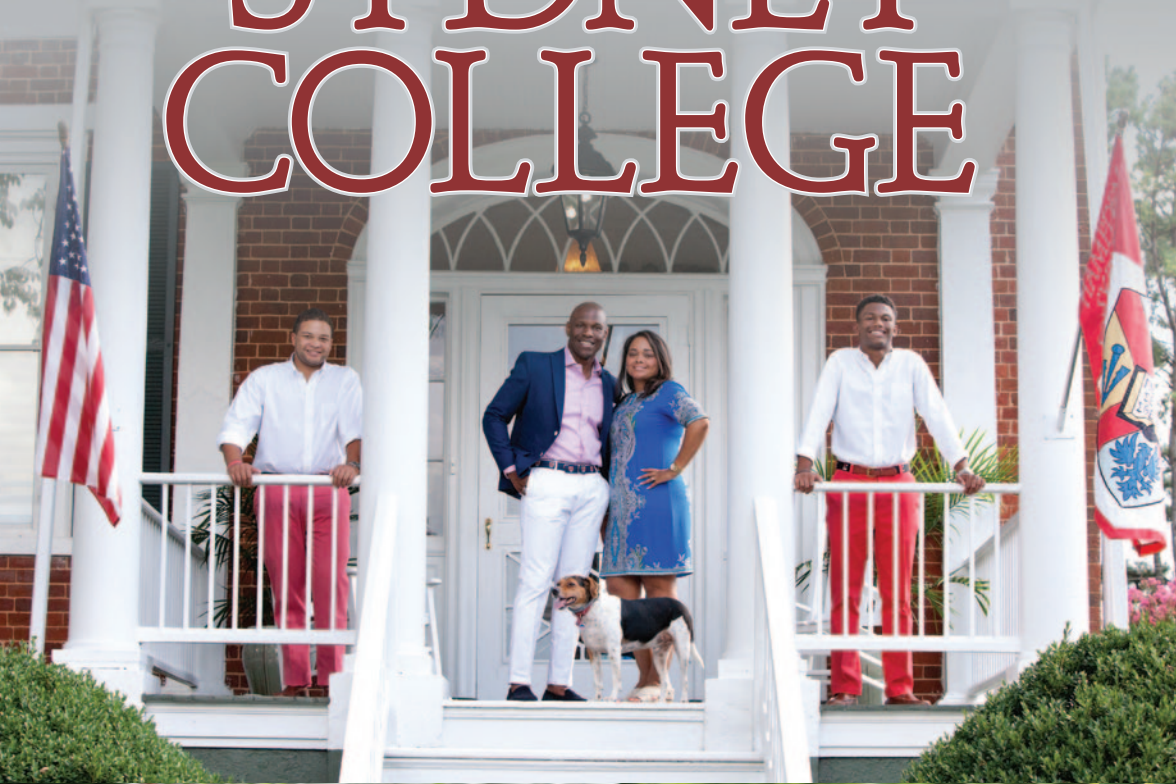


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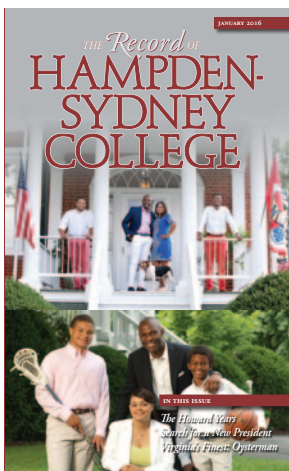
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**ON THE COVER:**

The Howard family joined the Hampden-Sydney community in 2009. President Howard recently accepted the presidency at Robert Morris University in Pennsylvania.

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BY H-SC STAFF





*President Christopher Howard, his wife Barbara, and his sons Cohen (l.) and Joshua (r.) will be leaving Hampden-Sydney after six years at Middlecourt.*

Courtesy Courtney Vogel

**W**hen Dr. Christopher B. Howard became the 24th President of Hampden-Sydney College in 2009, he assumed the leadership of a liberal arts college unshakably dedicated to its founding mission “to form good men and good citizens.” After nearly six years, Howard has accepted a new role as president of Robert Morris University in western Pennsylvania. He begins there on February 1, 2016, but not without remembering some of his times and experiences on the Hill. Here we’ll take a look at some of the challenges and changes at the College during the Howard years as well as his leadership during these times.

## FISCAL CHALLENGES

President Howard came to Hampden-Sydney when the College was facing the challenges of the Great Recession. The entering enrollment had declined from a high of 1122 in 2008-09 to 1057 in 2011-12, and the endowment had declined from a high of \$142 million on June 30, 2007, to \$115 million on June 30, 2009.

President Howard, who holds a BS from the U.S. Air Force Academy, a doctorate from Oxford, and an MBA from Harvard, approved prudent reductions in expenditures and staff to maintain a balanced budget while actively involving himself in student recruitment and fundraising. He visited and spoke in 37

secondary schools in Virginia and 47 secondary schools in nine other states and the District of Columbia. The entering total enrollment in 2014-15 was 1105, the third largest in the College's history.

Despite the weakened economy, annual fundraising increased 44% to \$11.32 million in 2013, the highest level of annual giving in five years. That same year, Hampden-Sydney received the Council for Advancement and Support (CASE) District III Gold Award for best annual fund program. The endowment recovered and surpassed its former high, reaching \$153 million on March 31, 2015. The year-to-year percentage of alumni giving has increased in three of the last six years. The 2014-15 budget is in surplus and the College received the largest gift for a single



*President Christopher Howard and his wife Barbara were often seen on the sidelines of the football games.*

project in its history during President Howard's tenure as president.

The last capital campaign provided the College with an outstanding new library and greatly enhanced athletic facilities, but the continued maintenance and enhancement of the historic campus is an ongoing necessity. The Ty Cobb Baseball Park was added in 2011 and the Coxe Residence Hall was renovated in 2012. A multi-year project, fully funded and currently in progress, is renovating all classrooms as well as upgrading teaching technology. In 2011, the Wilson Center for Leadership in the Public Interest was greatly expanded, and the entire

building renovated. The Wilson Center now provides space for the ROTC program. During the last six years, three Hampden-Sydney cadets have commanded the Spider Battalion, which consists of students from Richmond, VCU, Randolph-Macon, Longwood, Virginia Union, and Hampden-Sydney. Eighteen Hampden-Sydney students have won ROTC scholarships.

Maintaining the best possible athletic facilities supports the College's outstanding NCAA teams, which have been expanded recently to include varsity swimming and wrestling, and in which about 30% of the student body participates. In the last six years, Hampden-Sydney teams have had four ODAC championships, 28 All-Americans, two Academic All-Americans, six ODAC Scholar-Athletes of the Year, and a Lanier Award winner (along the way, President Howard was responsible for creating both the "Game Ball Trophy" commemorating the 120-year rivalry against Randolph-Macon College and the "Gentlemen's Classic Trophy" marking the athletic competition against Wabash College). The football team has played in six post-season games, winning its first ever in the program's storied history. In November 2014, the basketball game between the Hampden-Sydney Tigers and the U.S. Coast Guard Academy Bears was televised on ESPN2, one of only two D3 basketball games aired that year. Lights were added to Hellmuth field, allowing for night lacrosse and soccer games.

## ON-CAMPUS ACTIVITIES

Two major capital projects—the renovation of Winston Hall to enhance the Fine Arts program and the construction of a student center—are well underway. Concept work has begun on a new science facility. The College has continued to add scientific equipment, including a unique Energy Research Laboratory, to support innovation and significant faculty-student research.

"When I first came here," Howard said, "someone told me there were three buildings that needed attention: there's the student center, the fine arts building, and there's the science building. So we're beginning on the student





*President Howard focused on strengthening and supporting the sports programs at the College. This helped lead to four ODAC championships, 28 All-Americans, two Academic All-Americans, and six ODAC Scholar-Athletes of the Year.*

center in December [2015], we've begun the renovation of the fine arts building, and we've chosen our architect for the science building. We even renovated the bathrooms in Venable and replaced two-thirds of the furniture in Whitehouse and Carpenter for the first time in 20 years," he said.

President Howard's deep and abiding respect for the role of the faculty in curriculum development and the fundamental value of a liberal arts education was evinced by his securing a substantial grant from the Mellon Foundation to assist the faculty with revising the College's Western Culture program, which now includes a semester on Global Cultures. Deeply committed to ensuring every student is prepared to communicate effectively, President Howard raised funds to endow the director's position in the Rhetoric Program; the endowment now bears his name as well as that of his wife Barbara. The Center for Career Education was expanded to include vocational reflection.

President Howard has established programs to support such vocational reflection, as well as personnel development. C Day, held at the beginning of each academic year, reinforces the academic community's sense of a shared mission and asks all students to reflect upon their role in the College, local community, and the world. Juniors and seniors are able to take part in the

annual Professional Development Institute (PDI), which provides practical job-search instruction. Tiger Tracks brochures are used by students to navigate the liberal arts curriculum toward specific career goals.

## COMMUNITY WORK AND PARTNERSHIPS

Howard also worked to create connections between the College and local organizations. "The community partnership document in the strategic plan," he said, "says that Longwood, Prince Edward Schools, Fuqua School, Moton, FACES, and STEPS are our brothers and sisters in arms, and we're going to work diligently with them to achieve the goals and objectives of the local community. For example, we took all the freshmen to the Moton Museum this year to learn about the history of civil rights and the history of America." With support from the College, Howard also helped support fundraisers and charities, among other local community involvement. He carried on former President **Walter Bortz's** annual tradition of providing dictionaries to local school children.

Through President Howard's leadership, the number of cooperative programs and graduate business school recruitment programs has been increased significantly. There are fifteen such programs in areas including

medicine, engineering, international relations, and accounting as well as business. The five graduate business school agreements include institutions such as Duke, Virginia, and Wake Forest. Pre-health students now can participate in a formal “shadowing” program with Centra Health. Under President Howard’s stewardship, the College has solidified an exciting recruitment initiative with Oracle, a Fortune-100 technology leader headquartered in Silicon Valley. Oracle aims to hire 30-plus exceptional recent graduates from Hampden-Sydney and surrounding Virginia institutions. Finally, Hampden-Sydney students, along with students from other top-tier liberal arts colleges including Amherst, Hamilton, and Grinnell, have preferred admissions for HBX online, an MBA readiness program housed at the Harvard Business School.

National fellowship advising was formalized and enhanced as an official program for undergraduate summer research. In the last six years, the College has produced a Truman Scholar, a Goldwater Scholar, a Gilman Scholar, a Freeman-Asia Scholar, an NCAA Post-Graduate Scholar, and an Ambassadorial Rotary Club Scholar; four students who have received Fulbright English Teaching Assistantships, two have attended Fulbright Summer Institutes, and five have been accepted in Teach for America. Since 2013, two Hampden-Sydney College students have been invited to participate in the McDonald Cadet Leadership Conference at West Point each year. President Howard serves as a senior advisor there, while three students have been named Center for the Presidency and Congress Fellows; Howard serves on its advisory board. During the past six years, numerous students have gone on to earn professional and graduate degrees from some of the world’s most distinguished universities, including Dartmouth, Columbia, Oxford, and the University of Pennsylvania.

## THE FUTURE

Although Hampden-Sydney already graduates men at a rate 9% higher than the national average, the Strategic Plan still calls for increasing our graduation rate. Students must be engaged and nurtured, especially in the

first and second years, if they are to graduate. President Howard, with his easy and enthusiastic involvement with students and his particular interest in the education of young men, has stressed meeting student needs. To nurture our students, the wellness and academic success programs have been expanded and relocated into more spacious and convenient facilities, and professional resident-life staff members are now housed in residence halls. To enhance student intellectual engagement outside the classroom, living and learning communities were created; the former Hampden-Sydney Summer Music Festival was transferred into the academic year to ensure students can attend, and debate programs were enhanced, resulting in two championships in the Virginia Foundation for Independent College competition. Efforts have been undertaken to strengthen social fraternities and to expand the outlook of these organizations, some of which have been at Hampden-Sydney for over a century, so they fully embrace the College’s mission and recognize their responsibility to the larger community. Fraternity men are enthusiastic participants in The Big Event, a unique day of community service. Fraternity membership has grown from 28% to just under 40% of the student body since 2009.

## WORK WITH STUDENTS

First-, second-, and third-year retention is higher than the twenty-, ten-, and five-year averages, while this year’s freshmen class had the highest average high school GPA since the College has been keeping records.

Two initiatives closely identified with President Howard are the Good Men Plan and What Works. The Good Men Plan involves a series of programs for freshmen that explore what it means to be a good man in the 21st century. The What Works initiative, based on President Howard’s appearance at the Aspen Institute’s Ideas Festival in 2013, explores the various means of “raising boys, engaging guys, and educating men.” The initiative has produced a book of essays with almost 7,000 copies distributed to date, a summer conference on campus, and panel discussions in Charlotte,





*After six years as the head of Hampden-Sydney, Dr. Howard joins the ranks of the other former Hampden-Sydney presidents. Here he toasts with former presidents Josiah “Si” Bunting III and Walter M. Bortz III at his inaugural ball.*

Baltimore, and, soon, Atlanta. Most importantly, this initiative has established Hampden-Sydney as a participant and facilitator in the national conversation about the education of boys and young men.

### HIS OWN REFLECTIONS

From the beginning, President Howard noticed “a sense of pride on campus,” he said. “It was respect for the mission. It was a deep loyalty to this place. It’s almost spiritual how connected people are to Hampden-Sydney, to these grounds and these halls. That’s not true of every institution out there.”

Some of his fondest memories, “almost to a person,” he said, “were to see someone who thought they could never achieve A, B, or C—but did it anyway, whether it be a student who came in on shaky academic ground and made Dean’s List, or a faculty member who was able to complete some research with a student, to initiatives in Parent’s Council, to fundraising, to building or renovating something we never thought we could do—all of it.”

Howard learned much while he was here, he said, and something he’ll take with him is the memory of the students and other members of

the Hampden-Sydney community who passed away during his tenure.

“The saddest thing about this job is when students perish,” he said, “when they’re here one day and gone the next. But I’ve seen us put our arms around each other and lift each other up in so many ways. I’ve learned to treasure that more than anything else.”

Now at the end of his time here at Hampden-Sydney, President Howard wanted to make sure the students, alumni, faculty, staff, and friends know how grateful he is for their having him and his family here.

“Thank you for giving me the privilege to serve as the 24th president,” he said. “Sam Wilson called it ‘the big red chair.’ I call it ‘the big red hot seat,’ and it’s been an honor to sit in it. I’ve tried to serve as best as I possibly could.

“And I’ve said this before, but I’ll say it again: Hampden-Sydney was not lucky to have me serve as president. I was lucky to have served. So thank you. I’m honored, I’m humbled, and I’m excited for where the College is going in the future.

“Go Tigers!” ■

# THE SEARCH FOR PRESIDENTS

## DR. DAVID MARION WEIGHS IN



ANGUS KIRK McCLELLAN '05



*Dr. David Marion in the Madison Room at the  
Wilson Center for Leadership in the Public Interest.*



Both Hampden-Sydney and the United States are in transition. The College and country are searching for presidents and representatives, advancing into new eras, and the choices made both on campus and at the ballot box will have long-lasting effects on national and local policies. Sorting, weighing, and finally choosing candidates can be a fastidious endeavor, but as one might expect at a traditional college, people often look to the constants, to the enduring, to the fixtures on campus, for direction in changing times.

With marked acumen in both politics and the collegiate community, one such constant is Professor *Emeritus* of Government and Foreign Affairs Dr. David Marion, who has lived nearly 40 years at Hampden-Sydney and is now in semi-retirement. He has spent the better part of his life studying and teaching the nature of the American Republic. He also has maintained a physical presence in the Hampden-Sydney community, living and raising a family in the area since the mid-1970s.

Here we take a few moments to reflect on Professor Marion's political admonitions, the importance of these lessons, as well as his urging for the faculty, the staff, and the incoming administration to preserve and revitalize the College's culture during the presidential search and in the coming years. Regardless of one's political leanings or preferences for the new College or national president, his words may at least help re-sharpen the tools of critical reasoning forged long ago on the third floor of Morton Hall.

### LESSONS FROM GVFA

The GVFA (formerly political science) department, whose classes include political philosophy and constitutional law, is one of the cornerstones of the Hampden-Sydney academic program. Even those who choose professions



*Dr. Marion spoke at the dedication ceremony of the Madison Room held in his honor. He has taught government at Hampden-Sydney since 1977.*

without seeking law degrees learn how to be productive, informed, engaged, and good citizens through the lessons and discussions in the department's classes. Having students understand and appreciate American principles of governance is paramount in fulfilling the College's mission "to form good men and good citizens." After all, a good citizen is typically defined as one who obeys the law, who accepts and operates within the foundational principles of his republic, and who is an informed and engaged participant in the administration of justice (*The Record*, October 2015).

As Dr. Marion explained, "We should recognize that we are blessed. We live in a self-governing republic. We are the sovereigns, and so we are responsible for protecting the foundational principles of the Republic. And what are those? They're not the principles of the North Korean regime, or the Saudi regime, or the Iranian regime. They're the principles that go back to the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution—these are the principles that define who we have been as a people and the kind of people we should want to be.

"We must protect property rights and protect contract rights; we must protect due process of law; we've got to promote coalition politics—

we've got to know all that stuff. We need to know the principles of the political community we are in and the elements of the self-governing republic that make it healthy.

"Knowing how to think through public policy and governance issues is a skill that everybody has to have in a self-governing republic. It's not just for politicians. We've got to know how to judge people. Everybody needs that skill, because we're the ones who choose the people who represent us.

"Theodore Roosevelt makes the argument that a self-governing people must emphasize *duties* rather than *rights*. But the fact is, we live in a rights-oriented democratic republic, and rights are primary. That's the character of our republic. But we often forget about the very important duties that come with U.S. citizenship. It's our duty to protect these rights and principles."

Looking back, alumni who took Dr. Marion's constitutional law class surely remember the amount of raw data they had to memorize—lists of Supreme Court cases often filled out the chalkboard—and much of that information fades from memory as alumni grow older. But memorizing and regurgitating material falls second to the skills acquired in the classroom, as Dr. Marion explained. He specifically wants alumni to remember the skills they acquired and to continue to use them today.

"I want them to remember that politics is a complicated business. There are important responsibilities that fall to all citizens. Students need to learn how to take a public policy issue that's being debated, and feel it, touch it, smell it, and come to intelligent judgments about what we should be doing in that area. That's what we try to do in the government department: we try to teach the students that when they're confronted with something we didn't talk about in the classroom, that wasn't on our radar, to know how to make sense of it. They'll be able to say, 'We need to be doing the following, and I'll tell you why.' They need to work backward from a dilemma or problem they're confronted with

and work it down to foundational principles.

"For example, it's easy for some people just to say, 'Let's curtail this person's personal property rights in the name of the common good, or public welfare, or public interest,' or what have you. It's the same with our other freedoms, such as speech, or privacy, or due process of law. But if you mess up with these things, then you damage the foundational principles of the Republic. A self-governing people need to be self-conscious

*"They need to work backward from a dilemma or problem they're confronted with and work it down to foundational principles."*

DR. DAVID MARION

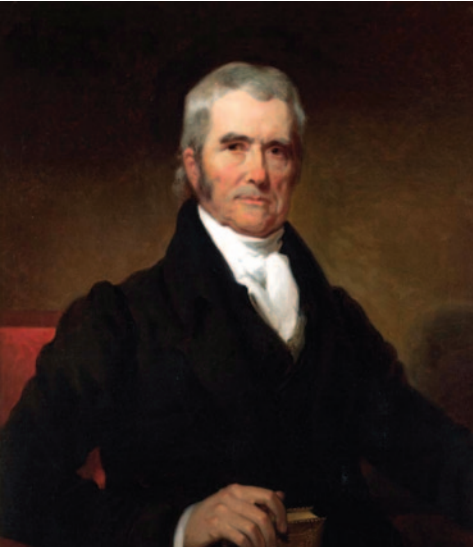
actors. They need to be thinking all the time of what they're doing and how they're behaving and how to judge things. And then they need guidelines. That's what you get from the study of government."

Few who left with a political science degree bypassed Dr. Marion's classes on constitutional law, and fewer still can forget the in-depth analyses of Supreme Court cases that opened students' eyes to the nature of rights and powers in the American Republic. He was known for prying rough-hewn legal opinions from the coterie of attentive, aspiring jurists. If you were in his class, you had to know the cases, and you had to defend your positions. You had to think.

Although semi-retired, Dr. Marion is far from winding down, keeping an active schedule aimed at further preparing Hampden-Sydney students for professions in law, public administration, lobbying, and other public policy endeavors. He is still active in the pre-law program, which funds LSAT workshops, trips to the Supreme Court, speakers, moot court competitions, and other activities for students planning to attend law school. It also supports pre-law scholarships for deserving students.

Even at the time of this writing, he was in Washington, D.C., with dozens of students, hosting discussions with alumni who work in the halls of our nation's capital. He has helped shape and build the GVFA into what it is today: not just a department that prepares students for successful professions, but an institution uniquely equipped to educate and mold American boys into thinking, principled gentlemen.





*Dr. Marion argues that early Framers such as Chief Justice John Marshall (above) were educating citizens.*

## A LOOK AT H-SC

Dr. Marion has had more time than most to reflect on the school's culture, her community, and her students. He shared a few observations and offered a few suggestions as the College transitions to a new president and a new era.

"We all need to work to preserve the intellectual life, the scholarly life, of the College, involving thoughtful interaction on significant issues. It's an academic community. And that's important. I'm afraid we've lost some of that in the 40 years I've been here, and the College needs to work hard to restore the conviction that this is a community defined by a shared way of life, and a very special way of life at that. Everyone here needs to buy into what Hampden-Sydney should be, given its historic mission, its traditions, and its commitments. You can't do that as a part-timer.

"We can't be Hampden-Sydney unless everyone has bought into the way of life that should define this institution. It requires all-hands-on-deck. It means faculty rooting at football games, faculty at student dinners, and faculty at evening programs with students.

"The next president of the College, like the next president of the United States, needs to understand that culture matters and that it matters a lot—culture defines who we are as a people within national, local, and academic communities. The things that make

communities civilized and decent, humane and generous, competitive and strong, are located in the people who inhabit those communities. The next president of the College will need to convince all the institution's stakeholders that the College remains true to its historic mission, a cultural and educational mission, to prepare young men to be good men and good citizens who are well-prepared to live productive and satisfying human lives. The president should recognize that America desperately needs young men who have been shaped by an honor code that emphasizes personal integrity, a liberal education that teaches good habits of mind and soul, and a code of student conduct that promotes civility, service, and leadership. He must remind us that these things remain the hallmark of a Hampden-Sydney education.

"The preparation of men of character for lives of consequence is no less important to the country in 2015 than it was in 1775; the next president must believe this to be true and must be prepared to explain to all who will listen how Hampden-Sydney is doing its part to ensure that the culture that defines us as a people accentuates the noblest traits of human beings."

## CIVIC EDUCATION

Dr. Marion helped to construct the department with this blueprint in mind. It's easy to speculate that the government professor found inspiration for this design from a certain political junta that emerged around the time of both our country's founding and the College's creation.

"We often forget that the Founders were, yes, institution-builders: they built the governmental system, deciding to have a single executive, a bicameral legislature, a senate and house. They were in the business of building institutions. But they were also in the civic education business. Madison's *Federalist Papers*? That was civic education. Washington's *Farewell Address*? Also, civic education. Marshall's opinions—they were all civic education. They were all in the business of shaping citizens, not just of making institutions. The important thing was the kind of people they were creating.

"And that's the kind of business that Hampden-Sydney should be in." ■



— VIRGINIA'S FINEST —

# OYSTERMAN

RAISES TRADITIONAL TREAT

ANGUS KIRK McCLELLAN '05



“Well, I love what I do,”

said Chris Buck '97 as he pried open a just-plucked oyster with a twist of his knife. Out on the water, standing on his pontoon barge with piles of oysters all around him, the Hampden-Sydney alumnus took a few moments to savor the fruits of his labor and offer some tips on how to enjoy a true Virginia delicacy in its purest form.

“Sometimes I’ll just bring a little cooler of ice out here in the morning, throw a half-dozen in there first thing, and have a snack ready in a couple hours,” he said. “They’re a lot like beer—the colder, the better.”

After popping open the oyster and cutting the adductor muscle from the shell wall, the taster should give it a brief sniff and then sip the salty brine to “prepare the palate,” Buck explained. “After that, it’s bottoms up.” Some connoisseurs have set the proper number of chews at nine, although more often it’s said tongue-in-cheek. If the unaccustomed are a bit hesitant to try them this fresh, there are volumes written on how to prepare them in a variety of ways.

Grilled, fried, steamed, raw—however one may prefer the salty morsel, the key to quality lies not so much in the preparation, Buck said, but rather in the methods and location of oyster farming. And that’s where Buck has waded in, plying his trade with his wife and two children on the south end of the Eastern Shore, where his hard work and the natural conditions produce about 2,500 to 5,000 adult oysters per week.

Ruby Salts Oyster Company is named after his daughter Ruby, who was born into the family about the same time as the first harvest. Since the age of about 18 months, the five-year-old has had a seemingly insatiable appetite for “eating up all of the profits,” Buck joked. As a true native, she prefers them fresh and straight up.

In his largely one-man operation, Buck grows, washes, sorts, maintains, and raises his own oysters, personally transporting his yield directly to high-end restaurants in Richmond and elsewhere within hours of harvest.

It may seem like a novel enterprise, but Virginians have long sought out the hard-shelled

mollusk, whose appeal has ironically threatened its very existence. It may seem counter-intuitive at first glance, but Buck’s oyster farm is one of the keys to returning the Virginia oyster to its former glory, reminiscent of the days when the nearby Algonquin Indian tribes knew the Chesapeake as “the great shellfish bay.”

## THE VIRGINIA OYSTER

Often called the eastern oyster, the Virginia oyster *crassostrea virginica* is a native to these waters. It is a filter feeder, drawing in surrounding water, filtering out plankton and detritus, and spewing out clean water at a rate of 50 gallons per day. It reproduces during the warmer months and can thrive in a wide range of temperatures and salinity. The Bay was once so inundated with these cleaners that the water was clear down to 20 feet or more.

Indians had been eating oysters for generations, and the Jamestown settlers first harvested them more than 400 years ago. Back then, “the oyster reefs were so high and thick that explorers had to break them up in some places just to navigate the waterways,” Buck said. Explorer John Smith reported that oysters lay “as thick as stones.” Swiss nobleman Francis Louis Michel wrote in 1701, “There are whole banks of them, so that the ships must avoid them.”

New layers of oyster shell reefs had been built on the backs of thousands of previous generations. But dredging—which removed the necessary foundation for new oysters—along with overharvesting in the late 19th century and parasitic diseases in the mid-20th century, virtually annihilated the oyster population by the 1960s. Today it is estimated that only 1% of the Bay’s oyster population remains.

Today, oyster farmers such as Buck are helping to give the Virginia staple a second chance. Wild oysters are still harvested, so farming oysters provides some relief to the beleaguered species—especially since in 2014 the Virginia oyster industry “saw a 33 percent increase in revenue” reflecting “demand for oysters so high this winter that Virginia growers couldn’t keep up,” according to the *Daily Press*. More oysters also help clean the water and



*Buck tore down an old pontoon boat to fabricate it into a wider flat barge for farming. In the off-season, "it can hold a lot of people" for evenings on the water.*

create jobs. It's a rapidly growing industry that is renewing the Bay's health and economic vitality while also providing eager restaurateurs with a delectable treat.

And it all starts with a man, his boat, and a particular spot on the water.

## **FARMING THE WATERS**

"Being where we are, on the Eastern Shore, and as far down the Chesapeake Bay as we are, away from all of the population, we get a good jump on water quality. We get just the right mixture of seawater. The ocean is about 33 parts per thousand salinity, and up the Rappahannock, they're anywhere from 11 to 15. Where we are, we tend to stay around 23 or 25 parts per thousand. A lot of it is preference, but here you

get a good, salty oyster."

Buck sublets about an acre of bottom from clam farmers just a few hundred yards from his side of the shore. He buys 10,000-count bags of "seed" oysters from hatcheries that sell the pods for about 2 cents apiece. He puts those in mesh bags, which are then laid on rebar racks set at particular depths near the shoreline. With the rise and fall of the tide, the oysters are variously submerged and exposed to the sun and air.

"That forces the oyster to shut down," he said, "to stop eating, to stop growing for a couple hours, to flex that muscle. It's exercise. It hardens the shell. That'll usually be for about two hours per day while the tide is out." From there, it's largely a matter of sorting the shells according to size, keeping them clean, and tumbling the bags.

It can take an oyster about 18 months to grow to harvest size. As they grow, they need to be transferred into mesh bags with larger holes. This allows more water to flow around them, providing fresh nutrients while still keeping them conveniently contained. But the mesh gets clogged with algae, and competitors for food such as barnacles and sponges choke out the nutrients. So Buck takes a fabricated water pump—"my secret weapon," he calls it—to spray the debris off the bags on a daily basis. It has saved him hours of work and effectively keeps the oysters clean and free with a constant flow of water through the mesh.

Buck's constant attention also helps the oysters grow and form properly. If left unattended, the shells will often grow too erratically, or too thinly, or even fuse together.



They may settle and grow into the mesh holes. So every couple of days he rides out to the racks to tumble the bags.

“They naturally want to grow long and thin,” he said, “and so you have to just pick up the bags and roll them back and forth. That knocks them apart, and every time you do that you’re chipping the bill off the edge. That’s where they grow. So as you tumble them, it encourages them to grow out and down. You get an oyster with a nice cup to it, which they like to see in the restaurants. You get a plump piece of meat in its own juices, looking good on the plate.

“But that’s my way,” he said. “Some guys take a different approach, keeping the oysters submerged to increase volume. They put them in grow-out cages in deeper water. They can stack

*“We put our name on our oysters, and we stand behind them.”*

CHRIS BUCK '97

thousands of oysters on top of each other in a small space. It works and they grow, but then the bottom ones never see the light of day. But it works for them.



*Buck takes extra care of the oysters by tumbling them, knocking off the bills so they grow out and down.*

“They’re selling to wholesalers. We’re selling to the high-end market. We put our name on our oysters, and we stand behind them.”

## OYSTER PAST, PRESENT, & FUTURE

Buck currently sells his oysters in Richmond to two of The Boathouse restaurants, the Metzger Bar and Butchery, the Pearl Raw Bar, and the Burger Bach restaurants. He also takes his loads to the Yellow Umbrella and St. Stephen’s farmers markets in Richmond, where he meets new customers and makes business connections. If one ventures out to the Eastern Shore, Ruby Salts oysters also can be found at The Oyster Farm Seafood Eatery in Cape Charles.

Buck said there is a common misconception that oysters are safe to eat only in months that contain the letter “R,” that is, essentially, September through April. Although this may have been true decades ago, much has changed in the way oysters are grown, handled, and transported.

“Heat is the worst thing for an oyster,” Buck said. “In the old days, before rapid and mechanically refrigerated transportation, harvested oysters would go into a railroad car or sit up on barges for hours in the sunlight. Then along came trucks and high-speed trains with refrigeration, so now we can get the oysters out of the water and to the customer much faster.

“You also had a problem with the seasons. A wild oyster is a diploid, meaning it’s fertile and will reproduce. In the summer months the oyster is trying to spawn, and they care more about reproduction than about eating and staying plump and maintaining meat quality. So the meat will get thin and scraggly.

“The ones we harvest here are triploids, like a mule, bred to just eat and grow and be disease-resistant. They’re perfectly good to eat year-round. We keep them shaded during the summer months or on ice or in a refrigerator. There’s no opportunity for bacteria to multiply.”

These careful and deliberate farming practices are setting the Virginia oyster on a path to prosperity.

Increasing demand and local movements to revitalize the Bay point to a promising future. Part of the Chesapeake Bay Foundation’s mission is to promote the use of the natural filters to help



*The oysters Buck harvests are in newly designated Region 3. The Virginia Oyster Trail leads visitors around the bay to different spots where restaurants, hotels, and wineries pair the different oysters styles with various Virginia wines.*

keep the water clean through oyster restoration projects; the Eastern Shore Tourism Commission and the Artisans Center of Virginia are working together to highlight the local delicacies through tourism promotion; and the Virginia Tourism Corporation, among many other groups and businesses, is spreading the word on this local treasure.

The Virginia Oyster Trail team, consisting of local representatives in the Chesapeake region, has identified at least seven areas with oysters of particular flavors. In the lower bay Eastern Shore region, where Buck farms, his oysters are described as having “mild saltiness that melts into a distinct sweet and buttery finish.” Indeed, the oysters Buck provided for a Hampden-Sydney taste testing were universally applauded, even by the more seasoned epicures.

Even though Buck is just trying to make a living, he and others are the driving force behind resurrecting a long-lost Virginia staple and revitalizing the once-neglected waters in which they flourish. It may be a long road ahead, but fortunately for Virginia and her visitors, it'll be a path paved with bushels of delicious, salty oysters. ■



*“Fresh, plump, salty, juicy, good!” is the appropriate motto of Ruby Salts Oysters.*





## DISCIPLINE AND ACHIEVEMENT KARATE STUDENT ADDS TO H-SC VALUES

ANGUS KIRK MCCLELLAN '05

Stepping out onto the fighting pad at the 2015 AAU Karate National Championships, freshman **Austin Galeski '19** held high hopes for his first appearance on the national stage. He had been training almost daily, accelerating through the ranks to become a black belt in only three years, and he had already competed in four invitational, state, and regional championships, earning first place in all of them. He was already a champion. But his underestimating the competition at the larger, more competitive AAU national event cost him dearly: He failed to place in a single division.

“It hit me like a train, that there were people out there better than I was,” he said. He even considered walking away from competitions altogether, focusing instead on the traditional training to which he had grown accustomed at his dojo in Newport News. But the people around him, especially his instructor and Sensei **John Axsom '05**, told him that having the chance to compete on the national and world levels was about more than just personal achievement.

“It would be about the kids I teach at the studio; it would be about my peers, who wanted to go to world championships,” he said. “And since I was already looking at Hampden-Sydney, I thought it would bring a lot to the College.” So he went back to his training, he refocused, and he redoubled his efforts to earn his second-degree black belt by his senior year. “I spent a lot of time in the studio. I wanted to do better.”

With a renewed spirit, he signed up for the 2015 AAU Junior Olympics. He entered three divisions: forms, weapons, and fighting. Competing against hundreds of others, Galeski dominated, taking the gold medals for forms

and weapons. He earned silver in fighting—placing second only because he was disqualified for giving his opponent a concussion during the match. Nevertheless, he received the AAU Joel Ferrell Award, a singular award earned for bringing home the top-tier medals.

He's only progressed from there. During the week of October 12, 2015, Galeski and another karateka from his dojo, Amadou Diallo, were in Koper, Slovenia, with 25 other members of the USA National Karate Team, competing against 1,200 others from 46 different countries. Almost everyone in his crew medaled, and Galeski brought home the silver in the “forms” competition.

According to the AAU website, Galeski is now a six-time Super Regional Champion, an eight-time State Champion, and an 11-time Invitational Champion, and he took the bronze medal in Kumite at the 2015 AAU National Championships. The 18-year-old is also the 2014 Ryukyukan Heavyweight Jissen (knock-down) Kumite Champion.

“I had to buckle down with studies before I started training here,” he said, “but in my free time I go down to Kirby to train with a few guys, unofficially. They're interested in competition training because they've heard about the world championships.”

Galeski and his guys accidentally walked in on Dean **Dennis Stevens'** martial arts class earlier in the semester. The two struck up a conversation, and they may work together to start a martial arts club on campus. It would be a fitting addition to the College: after all, the philosophy of karate includes self-discipline, respect, determination, and patience—qualities and virtues not unlike those of the more traditional Hampden-Sydney man. ■

# A Humble Tiger

DR. BRUCE W. OVERTON '84



*Dr. Robert Bluford, Jr. '45 piloted a B-24 Liberator over Europe during World War II.*

On September 22, 2013, I was fortunate to meet the Reverend Dr. **Robert Bluford, Jr. '45** while attending the wedding of my head office assistant. The Rev. Dr. Bluford was officiating the ceremony that day at Rivermont Presbyterian Church in Chester, Virginia. Although he was 94 years old, I was about to get a peek into this gentleman's energy, his spirit of generosity, and his life devoted to the service of others.

Several weeks went by before we were able to meet, but I was no less excited to be breaking bread with someone I consider a true hero of our "greatest generation." I was essentially a stranger to Dr. Bluford, but I guess any doubts he may have had about me were dispelled when I told him that I was also a Tiger alumnus.

As many know, it is typically considered polite in the old Southern tradition to address even a contemporary by his surname until the parties are better acquainted. From the outset, however, Dr. Bluford insisted that I call him "Bob." His warmth and humility became even more apparent as we discussed his life and contributions to others.

## **CHILDHOOD AND ON CAMPUS**

When asked what drew him to aviation, Bob explained that he had always been interested in aircraft. When he was ten years old, his father took him and his brother to Byrd Airport (now Richmond International Airport) so that he could watch Charles Lindbergh fly "The Spirit of St. Louis." He remembers this as quite a thrill. Afterward, he simply enjoyed watching the aircraft take off and land and witness the old biplanes delivering the airmail.

After graduating from high school in 1936 in Richmond, Bob spent the following five years working wherever he could to earn money. "The country was still recovering from the Great Depression," he said, "and I can remember going door to door on Broad Street in Richmond, only to be turned away. No one was hiring."

Essentially living hand-to-mouth, Bob one day had the call to go into the ministry. Of course, to become an ordained pastor in the Presbyterian Church, one needed a formal education and a post-graduate study at seminary. Because Venable Hall was home to the first Presbyterian seminary in the South, the choice



was clear that Hampden-Sydney would be the college for his studies.

After saving all he could by working wherever he could, Bob entered H-SC as a 22-year-old freshman in September 1941. "I was older than anyone in the senior class," he said, "and overall, I was the oldest student on campus!"

He recalls that on December 7, 1941, several of his classmates came running out of Venable Hall shouting that the Japanese had attacked Pearl Harbor. Bob and some of his friends in his Sunday school class exchanged puzzled looks, each asking, "Where's Pearl Harbor?"

Days later he returned to his draft board to inquire on his draft status, now that the United States was at war. He was told to go back to Hampden-Sydney and get as much studying completed until he was called up for service. Bob lamented that at the time, "We were so totally unprepared for war as a nation, that it was no less than a miracle that we emerged victorious in 1945."

## IN UNIFORM

After ten months, Bob was called up for service and sent to Miami Beach for basic training. Since he had already been a military cadet for four years at John Marshall High School, which followed the same patterns of drill as those at The Virginia Military Institute, Bob felt he had learned more in high school training than he did in basic training at Miami. He had had better

instructors, as well. He spent several months in Miami until they sent him to a college training detachment. Then he was sent on a two-day train ride to Cleveland, Ohio.

Bob laughed about how he and his fellow officer candidates all had suntans while in Ohio, all courtesy of Uncle Sam from their time in Florida. During the brutal wintery months of February and March in Cleveland, the 300 bronzed cadets marched down "Millionaires Row" while a light snow was falling. He also remembers with fondness the top-class quarters on Euclid Avenue in which they stayed. They were also fed well during this phase of their training.

Once his training was completed in Cleveland, Bob went to Nashville, Tennessee, where he developed an interest in flight navigation. So passionate was his interest that during training his commanders misconstrued it as a possible fear of piloting an aircraft. He was actually sent to the base psychiatrist for evaluation to see if he was fit to act as pilot in command. He recalls that one of the questions the psychiatrist asked was whether he enjoyed sports, to which Bob quickly shared an account of playing lightweight football at Hampden-Sydney, where the Tigers beat UVA that year in Charlottesville in the lightweight division.

Bob traveled to nine different cities in the contiguous United States for various aspects of training to command the Consolidated B-24D



*Bluford (second row, far r.) wrote letters to his crew members' families promising to do his best to return them home.*

Liberator, a long-range heavy bomber used in the European and Pacific theaters of operation during the war. This training would take approximately a year and a half, which was typical for all B-24 and B-17 pilots.

## OVERSEAS AND POST-WAR

Bob finally arrived at Attlebridge, also known as Army Airbase 120, near Norwich, England, on the east coast of the island nation. There he served with the 466th Bomb Group, 784th Bombardment Squadron of the 8th Air Force under the command of Gen. Jimmy Doolittle. In his B-24D Liberator, which he named "Parson's Chariot," he was responsible for the lives of nine other men. He recalls sitting down and writing personal letters to the families of each of these men with promises that he would do whatever he could to return them safely home after the war.

The 466th Bomb Group flew 232 combat missions from March 1944 to April 1945. They flew 5,762 sorties and lost 47 aircraft in combat. The group operated primarily in strategic bombing, with targets including aircraft plants at Kempten, a synthetic oil plant at Misburg, and aero engine works at Eisenach. They also



*Valedictorian and student body president, Bluford returned to Hampden-Sydney to complete his degree.*

hit German communications and transportation during the Battle of the Bulge in the winter of 1944, later bombing the airfield at Nordhorn in support of the airborne assault across the Rhine in March 1945. Bluford arrived in December 1944 and flew a total of 18 missions over Germany, of which the last six were flown as lead crew pilot for the squadron.

One of his most memorable missions involved his having to fly through a barrage of flak as he was headed to his assigned target. "I recall the Germans had ground-based 88s, which could be set to deliver the flak bombs at a certain altitude, and with their skill at 'bracketing' the Allied bombers, they were able to shoot their targets with a remarkable degree of accuracy. Between the flak bombs and German Messerschmitt B-109 fighters, it was a wonder we were ever able to reach our objectives. It is hard enough holding a heading and altitude, but when you have several dozen enemy fighters trying to blow you out of the sky, in addition to the flak bombs, it can make life interesting."

Bob said that the P-51 Mustang escorts made things a little easier as far as keeping the German fighters busy, but he still had to worry about the flak bombs. "There were times that the flak was so thick you could hardly see the sky, and since we were relying on dead reckoning without any navigational beam to follow, we had to try to hold things as straight and level as we possibly could."

Bob shared that once during a takeoff a B-24 crashed directly ahead of him, killing all 10 men on board the plane and creating a great deal of thermal updraft at the departure end of the runway. He was forced to fly his B-24 through this fire and smoke in order to join the rest of the squadron for the mission over Augsburg, Germany. The explosions and heat from the downed aircraft could very well have caused his plane to catch fire, but fortunately he was able to join the other Liberators in formation. Of course, he could not take the time to grieve the loss of his friends and comrades, for the mission was at hand.

After the war, Bob returned to his studies at Hampden-Sydney, where he eventually received a B.A. in liberal arts studies. While enrolled he played lightweight football for two years, was secretary-treasurer in his sophomore year, student body president in his senior year, served on the



student assembly, was a member of Theta Chi Fraternity, Eta Sigma Phi National Honorary Classical Fraternity, and Omicron Delta Kappa Honor Society. He graduated in 1947 *summa cum laude* and was his class valedictorian. At that

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DR. BLUFORD

ceremony, he also received the Fred N. Harrison Leadership Award and The Algernon Sydney Sullivan Medallion.

Amazingly, he accomplished all of this while maintaining a loving marriage to June, his wife of 73 years, having a son, **Bobby Bluford '65**, and holding down several campus jobs to make money to meet his obligations. He picked up trash on the College grounds, worked part-time as a clerk in Dean Wilson's office, and had a variety of tasks in the old library that had been restored following the fire of 1941.

After completing a successful stay at Hampden-Sydney, Bob entered Union Theological Seminary in Richmond where he earned a B.D. in 1950, graduating *cum laude*. He also earned a Th.M. in 1954 and a Th.D. degree in 1957. He began his ministry as minister to Presbyterian students at Virginia Tech and later served as pastor of the Western Boulevard Presbyterian Church in Raleigh, North Carolina. In May of 1960, he was named director of the Department of Campus Christian Education, where he coordinated programs for students at over 200 colleges and universities in the South. He also supervised the work of the Presbyterian Faculty Christian Fellowship, an organization of more than 6,000 Presbyterian and university college professors. Since this area was so large, he utilized the skills learned in the military and purchased a single engine Swift aircraft to get him where he needed to be more quickly.

In the early 1970s he was co-founder of the pioneering Fan Free Clinic in Richmond. In Hanover County he was responsible for the preservation and development of the Polegreen Church site and its designation in the National Registry of Historic Places. He was elected to the

United Indians of Virginia board of directors in 1995 and is the only non-Native American to be recognized as a board member.

With all of his many projects and countless hours of community service, Bob has managed to author several books. *Living on the Borders of Eternity* tells the story of Samuel Davies and the struggle for religious toleration in colonial Virginia; *The Battle of Totopotomoy Creek* tells the story of Polegreen Church in a prelude to the Civil War.

In April 2011, the Virginia Press Association honored Bluford as the Virginian of the Year for his lifetime of achievements and service to the community.

In November of 2010, Bluford took control of the last airworthy B-24D Liberator, "Witchcraft." Bob held the flight controls straight and true from Lynchburg Airport to Chesterfield Airport. As always, he was very grateful for the experience he had been given.

## LATEST PROJECT

Never at a loss for energy, Bob's latest project is to raise money for a documentary recognizing the 16 fallen Virginia pilots who gave their lives prior to the start of the United States entering World War II. These men volunteered to train in the Canadian Air Force so that they could be sent to England to serve as pilots in Halifax bombers over Germany. This documentary will eventually be featured at the Virginia War Memorial in Richmond.

Bob does not feel that he would have been able to accomplish what he had after graduating from Hampden-Sydney if it had not been for some important role models during his time on The Hill. He remembers Dr. **Graves Thompson '27**, of course, but also Dr. **Edgar Gammon**, and Dr. **James Buckner Massey**, affectionately known as "Snapper." It has been said that the measure of one's life is not what they take or earn while on this Earth, but what they leave behind and the lives they have touched. Indeed, Bluford attributes his own happiness to helping others. He is now a role model himself, and he continues to be a good friend to the many thousands he has known and helped. ■



# PORTRAITS OF VALOR

## WWII HAMPDEN-SYDNEY VETERANS

COL. GREG EANES (RET.)

The Hampden-Sydney Society for the Preservation of Southern Heritage hosted the annual Hampden-Sydney College Veterans Day observance at the Memorial Gates on November 8, 2015. Colonel **Greg Eanes**, USAF (ret.), adjunct lecturer supporting the National Securities Studies program at the Hampden-Sydney College Wilson Center for Leadership in the Public Interest, delivered the following remarks.

### **MEN OF CHARACTER LEADING LIVES OF CONSEQUENCE**

These Hampden-Sydney men, among many others from our College, made their sacrifices in all the services in the four corners of the world. Those in World War II were in the thick of the fight from the first weeks of the war until its end. The men were all Virginians—Virginians espousing the chivalric values of honor, courage, integrity, patriotism, self-reliance, and a commitment to the moral principles upon which our nation was founded. While at the College, they ran track and played football; they were members of fraternities, student government, and honor societies, much like Hampden-Sydney men before and since. They were our countrymen and our College brothers.



**John Francis Blackburn, Jr.** '36 trained as a tank commander in the 13th Armored Regiment, 1st Armored Division. The unit participated in the landings in North Africa on November 8, 1942, and was in the first American armored division to see combat in World War II. Landing near Oran, they took the city on November 10. By November 25 they had attacked an enemy airfield, taking it three days later. They repositioned on December 1 and were attacked by German armored forces at El Gueussa Heights. This German attack led to a week of fighting that forced the green Americans to retreat to a more stabilized position where they were placed in reserve on 11 December. While Lt. Blackburn's death from wounds is reported as 16 December when the unit was in reserve, it is assessed he was mortally wounded in the earlier fighting.



**Henry Spiller Winston III** '44 son of Professor J.H.C. **Winston**, interrupted his studies at Hampden-Sydney to enter the Army in September 1942. He was assigned to the



38th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division. While in the vicinity of St. Lo, France, Winston was severely wounded. According to reports: *“Suffering from shock and wounds and suffocation he refused to be evacuated for treatment, and insisted on proceeding to his commanding officer with captured documents which contained valuable information. Faithful unto death, he did his duty to the end.”* He earned the Silver Star, the nation’s third highest award for combat valor.



**John Brooks Hunnicutt '46**

had been overseas about seven months as an aerial gunner with Ninth Air Force on a B-26 Medium Bomber. He went out on 35 missions and was awarded the Air Medal for meritorious achievement and faithful performance of duty. Wounded on November 2, 1944, he was in the hospital for two months; he returned to combat duty on January 14, 1945, and was killed that very day on a mission over Belgium. A hot metal splinter from enemy anti-aircraft fire struck him in the temple, knocking him unconscious. He was flown to a field hospital, where he died. According to a Hampden-Sydney official, *“The boy was only nineteen years of age, but he did a man’s work and did it well.”*



**George Bruce Williams '44**

enlisted in the Army Air Force. While flying a B-17 in the late summer of 1944 he had occasion make an “air visit” home, passing over Hampden-Sydney College. It was likely his last visit. He deployed to England shortly thereafter to begin combat missions as part of the 331st Bomb Squadron, 94th Bombardment Group, in the U.S. 8th Air Force.

Williams’ second combat mission targeted an oil refinery at Bohlen. A few minutes before the bomb run, overwhelming numbers of enemy aircraft attacked Williams’ Group. His squadron took the brunt of the attacks of over 60 German fighters. According to official reports at the time, *“[Williams] aircraft was last seen going down in the vicinity of the [target]. Due to the extreme battle conditions prevailing, no further observations were made and no further information regarding this crew is known.”*

**James Stafford Martin '31** entered service in July 1942, served in Pacific as radio operator and corporal on a B-25 bomber. He was based in Assam Province, India, supporting the China-Burma-India Theater of operations. Martin’s bomber was on a mission over Burma when his



*Under fire, American troops cross a road in the vicinity of St. Lo, France, in 1944. Henry Winston III '44 was there.*



*A Japanese plane is shot down during the Battle of Saipan. McIlwaine and others were there.*

plane and its crew of six men went down in the jungle on October 24, 1944. He was dead at the age of 36. His remains were recovered and are now interred at the Zachary Taylor National Cemetery in Louisville.



**Alfred Lennox Lorraine, Jr.** '43 was a Navy pilot and participated in the Battle of the Philippine Sea, also famously known as the "Marianas Turkey Shoot,"

the largest carrier-to-carrier engagement in World War II and a battle in which the U.S. Navy effectively destroyed Japan's remaining carrier force. June 19 had seen heavy combat action in the air, but the Japanese Carrier Task Force was not actually located until after 3 p.m. on June 20. Admiral Mitscher launched a 230-plane force only to learn about 15 minutes later that the Japanese Fleet was farther away than initially reported—at the end of the turnaround point for the aircraft. Lorraine was part of this aerial task force. They reached the Japanese fleet just before sunset and attacked. Lorraine is credited with making "*repeated twilight strafing attacks*" and "*contributed to the damaging of an enemy destroyer, which exploded violently amidships.*"

By the time they finished, it was dark and they were low on fuel. The Japanese had shot down about 20 aircraft. Of the remaining 200, about 80 became lost, ran out of fuel, and crashed into the sea. Lorraine led a group of eight lost planes in total darkness, without modern navigation devices, for a distance of 325 miles, guiding them all back safely to the carrier.

Later, Lorraine and his wingman were slightly west of Manila at 11,000 feet. The wingman saw three Japanese Mitsubishi Zeros flying 3000 feet above them and slightly behind. After some initial maneuvering, according to the report:

*"There was a light trail of smoke behind [Lorraine] so [his wingman] joined up to find out the trouble, and surmised that Lorraine had been hit in the engine, because his windshield was covered with oil but his hatch was open and he seemed unhurt and had his plane under control. He was then at 10,000 feet...[and] losing altitude slowly. ..."*

*"As he pulled up he lost sight of Lorraine under his wing, and immediately made two steep turns, but he could not find him... The last time he saw him was at...1015 [a.m]."*

Lorraine was killed in action. His body was never recovered. Today, in addition to being memorialized on the gates at Hampden-Sydney College, he is also memorialized on the Tablets of the Missing at Manila American Cemetery in the Philippines, the country he helped to liberate.



**Robert Dunn McIlwaine '44** was a naval aviator and was raised at Hampden-Sydney. His father was the Rev.

**William Baird McIlwaine, Jr.** 1905. His grandfather was the Honorable William B. McIlwaine 1873. And his great-uncle was the Rev. Richard McIlwaine, a distinguished president of Hampden-Sydney College. During the Marianas Campaign and the battle for Saipan, in an attack on a Japanese ammunition point, the young McIlwaine's plane took a direct hit from anti-aircraft fire, obliterating the plane and the pilot. According to his ship's history:

*"Though we had previously suffered operational*





Henry Watson '38 flew Helldivers like these in the Pacific. After New Guinea, another plane crashed into him.

losses, our first combat loss came on 12 June, when Ensign R.D. McIlwane's Hellcat fighter was shot down by anti-aircraft fire and crashed before the pilot could get clear. Impressive and solemn memorial services were held aboard ship the next day... So far as is known, Ensign McIlwane was the first American pilot to lose his life on Saipan and in the Marianas Campaign." He was awarded an Air Medal posthumously for his heroism.



**Henry Hunter Watson, Jr. '38** enlisted in the U.S. Navy on February 26, 1942, and entered the Aviation Cadet Program in April of that year.

He flew the famous Curtiss *Helldiver*, a dive-bomber. To support American amphibious landings in New Guinea, Watson and other aircrew attacked New Guinea's Sawar Airfield in an attempt to neutralize Japanese airpower, aviation fuel, and to destroy Japanese supply ships.

Watson was part of a flight of six dive-bombers targeting the airfield. Flying in at 9000 feet, the bombers dived to within 2,000 feet before releasing bombs. Eyewitnesses recounted at least one large explosion, fire, and black smoke marking hits on the Japanese fuel dump and other targets. Facing severe anti-aircraft fire, the Navy planes escaped the area and headed out to sea to rendezvous for the return trip to the carrier.

According official Navy reports, one of the

airplanes was flown by LT (jg) Walter E. Finger of Illinois, which:

"...overshot at high speed with his wing up, and crashed into the plane of LT Watson. The propeller of LT Finger's plane cut off the forward part of the fuselage in front of the wing of LT Watson's plane and the engine...broke off. Both planes... spiraled into the water in flames. Two of the planes' occupants (unrecognizable) were seen to jump clear but the planes were too low for parachutes to open. One parachute opened partially, but not sufficiently to break the fall."

## They were all killed.

More than 50 Hampden-Sydney men sacrificed their lives in the service of their country in World War II. These were all men of character. They all lived lives of consequence. They are all portraits of valor that helped preserve our Republic during its greatest modern challenge.

As we reflect on the sacrifices of these Hampden-Sydney men and so many others not mentioned, I think we can safely say that their experiences at Hampden-Sydney College helped develop their character and their sense of duty. From them we can take inspiration with the full knowledge that at Hampden-Sydney College, "Honor lives, and tradition never dies."<sup>1</sup> ■

<sup>1</sup> This is the motto of the Hampden-Sydney Society for the Preservation of Southern Heritage.

# ON THE HILL CAMPUS NOTES

## ISIS AFTER PARIS: WHAT'S NEXT?

On November 23, 2015, just 10 days after the Paris terrorist attacks, the Wilson Center for Leadership in the Public Interest hosted a panel discussion featuring Lt. Gen. **William G. "Jerry" Boykin** (ret.) and Associate Professor of Government and Foreign Affairs Dr. **Warner Winborne '88** to discuss the nature of the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS), its operations, its motivations, and possible Western responses to the murder of 130 Western civilians in the heart of the French capital. It was part of a current event series held periodically to address recent world developments. Dozens of students, faculty, and staff gathered at the Wilson Center to learn more about the rising tide of Islamic extremism.

Dr. Winborne, a professor of Middle East politics who spent a year in Iraq from 2007 to 2008, first touched on Islamic jurisprudence: Muslims currently living in non-Muslim states are primarily expected to emigrate to the lands of Sharia; if circumstances preclude emigration, however, Muslims are expected to govern their families and communities under Sharia law; and third, Muslims are expected to try to change their non-Muslim host countries into states governed by Sharia law. This helps explain ISIS's ability to attract and recruit new fighters, who are often immigrants from other countries.

He next explained the dichotomy of ISIS: It operates both as a state—conquering territory, governing a population, raising taxes, providing public services,

equipping an army, all of which it is struggling to accomplish with its limited funds—while also directing its efforts toward “bringing about the end of the world—in all seriousness,” Dr. Winborne explained. “Their theology is dedicated to the end of times, to the end of the world. It’s all there in the Sunni Hadith [sayings attributed to the prophet Mohammed]. Their online magazine, *Dabiq*, is named after the town in northern Syria where it is believed the infidels will attack and God will smite them from the Earth.”

ISIS is trying to provoke the West into attacking them in Syria to fulfill this prophecy. “These people are trying to bring about the end of the world through the brutal and savage murder of infidels,” he said. “They revel in it. They glory in it. ISIS appears to be trying to rush things along, as if by creating the signs, they could jump-start the process. They have re-established a caliphate, which the Mahdi, when he appears, will govern. Other signs include the destruction of the Ka’aba and Mecca, as well as the attack on Dabiq.”

Lt. Gen. Boykin explained how ISIS changed its name to “Islamic State,” (IS) and later to “ISIL” (which repudiates recognition of



*Dr. Warner Winborne '88 explained how ISIS (above) operates as a state, to include building and supporting an army, to create the appearance of legitimacy.*





*Lt. Gen. Boykin and Dr. Winborne explained how ISIS is committing brutal injustices and horrific mass murders in an attempt to provoke the West into attacking them in Syria, all in hopes of fulfilling Islamic prophecy.*

Israel by using the pre-1948 term “Levant”), to represent itself as a caliphate—that is, a legitimate Muslim state governed under Sharia law, which is determined to expand its borders. The term “Daesh,” Boykin said, is used by some Westerners as a politically correct way to avoid mentioning “Islamic” in the group’s name.

In whichever case, Boykin explained, “The European armies’ turning back the Muslims at the gates of Vienna [in 1683] was a major blow to them, theologically, because the ultimate objective of Islam is to establish this caliphate. Sunni or Shia, they may have different ideas of what will bring about this caliphate, but they all believe in establishing it, and they believe that a messiah will one day reign over this super-state.”

ISIS is using bank robberies, extortion, kidnapping, and the illegal selling of oil to try to finance its operations, “and they still control nine oil fields,” Boykin said. Students were quick to ask what can be done to stop ISIS from expanding its borders, solidifying its position, and continuing its mass murder of Western civilians.

“In my opinion, we’re wasting time trying to take down Assad,” Boykin said. “He’s never

killed Christians, and he even let them serve in his legislature. There is no ‘free Syrian army.’ We spent millions trying to train them, and all we did was give ISIS more weapons. We should align our objectives with those of Russia by keeping Assad in power [temporarily], because the alternative is ISIS. But we have yet to come up with a strategy to do that.”

Dr. Winborne emphasized that he believes ISIS could be defeated in three ways: first, by destroying its capabilities to operate as a state—this includes cutting off its money supply and its supply of fighters; second, to destroy its ability to operate as an apocalyptic terrorist organization trying to fulfill a doomsday prophecy by launching greater military operations; and third, the only long-term solution, “to reform Islam from within, to categorically reject the salafistic [Sunni fundamentalism] and apocalyptic ideology.”

But in the immediate future, “These fighters are motivated by bringing about the end of the world,” Dr. Winborne said. “You’re can’t negotiate with them.”

## DR. DENNIS STEVENS, INTERIM PRESIDENT



With President Christopher Howard's departure, the Provost and Dean of the Faculty Dr. Dennis Stevens will be the interim president

of Hampden-Sydney starting January 1, 2016.

Dr. Stevens received his A.B. from Kenyon College and his Ph.D. from Boston College. He taught political science for over fifteen years before turning to college administration. He has published a number of articles in leading national journals, and he has published two books: *Religion, Politics, and the Law* (co-authored with Peter Schotten), and *Challenges to Peace in the Middle East*.

Before coming to Hampden-Sydney College, he served as a department chair, an associate dean, a dean, and a vice president for academic affairs at other institutions.

Stevens will return to his post as provost and dean of faculty when the new president arrives.

## MID-ATLANTIC RESEARCH CONFERENCE

On October 10, 2015, a group of 14 Hampden-Sydney students traveled to Lynchburg to present their summer independent research projects at the 17th Mid-Atlantic Regional Conference for Undergraduate Scholarship (MARCUS), hosted by Randolph College.

The meeting brought together undergraduates from Virginia, Maryland, and North Carolina to share their research work across many academic disciplines. Hampden-Sydney's delegation featured students from the departments of biology, chemistry, mathematics and computer science, and physics and astronomy.

The topics of their work included examining the regulation of genes, developing new chemical

structures with industrial and biological applications, and developing new computer programs to accelerate processing of a variety of applications. The majority of the projects and the costs of attending the MARCUS meeting were financially supported through summer research funding available through Hampden-Sydney's Honors Council and Office of Undergraduate Research.

Students who presented summer work included (l. to r.): Ben Lam '17, Josh Chamberlin '17, Will Echols '17, Conrad Brown '17, Sam Sheffield '17, Kyle Grierson '16, Dane Asuigui '16, Myshake Abdi '16, Michael Bouldin '16, Mason Luck '16, Branch Vincent '16, Brant Boucher '17, William Fitzgerald '16, and Linh Nguyen '16.





## REVISITING THE PARTHENON

Senior Lecturer of Fine Arts **Mary Prevo** presented a Western culture lecture on the Parthenon on September 29, 2015, at Crawley Forum. All students enrolled in the Western Culture program attended her examination of the architecture, history, and contemporary relevance of the 2,500-year-old Athenian temple.

Prevo described how the near football-field-size structure was precisely built: Columns were made narrower at the top than at the bottom to counter the optical illusion of a top-heaviness; those same columns were spaced closer together toward the corners to provide a more open entrance; and the structure's foundation was bowed slightly upward, creating a curvature of only a few inches from edge-to-edge, among other architectural nuances. Many of these precise and intricate features remain despite centuries of repurposing, military bombardment, and plunder.

The overall design, as Prevo explained, was a combination of mainland Greece's Doric and the Aegean Ionic styles. Far from being the standard of its day, the Parthenon was an "idiosyncratic combination of the two architectural traditions."



*The Ionic frieze on the outside of the cella and other features mark the temple as catalyst in Greek architecture.*

The temple is covered with more sculpture than any other surviving Greek temple. Sculpture adorned the pediment on the gable ends, the metopes of the Doric frieze, and the continuous Ionic frieze wrapped around the outside of the inner cella, or inner chamber, including images of both gods and Greeks, an unusual amalgamation of both human and divine.

Like many aspects of Greek culture, the Parthenon itself has had a direct influence on a number of contemporary buildings. Design features can be seen in the Second Bank of the United States in Philadelphia (1824), The Custom House on Wall Street (1842), and even on Hampden-Sydney's College Church (1860).

## RHETORIC CHAIR ENDOWED

Hampden-Sydney Trustee **John Macfarlane '76** and his wife Dudley have pledged \$250,000 and an additional bequest of \$250,000 to endow the position of director of the Rhetoric Program. Made in honor of President Howard and his wife Barbara, the gift is intended both to underscore the importance of the Rhetoric Program and to provide school-wide operating budget relief by increasing endowment through the generation of perpetual income.

According to Mr. Macfarlane, "Dudley and I are hopeful that this gift will provide momentum for the development of an endowment which grows well-beyond our initial pledge of \$500,000. I can think of no more appropriate way to recognize Chris and Barbara's many contributions to Hampden-Sydney than



*The current director of the Rhetoric Program, Dr. Katherine Weese, and President Howard.*

to endow, in their honor, the Director of our Rhetoric Program—a program which resides in the very center of what makes Hampden-Sydney men special."

## MODEL UN

The Wilson Center for Leadership in the Public Interest hosted the second annual Model United Nations Conference for 60 local high school students from six local high schools on November 19-21, 2015. More than 10 Hampden-Sydney students from the Madisonian Society and the UPLS, along with professors and staff from the Wilson Center, helped high school students with developing proposals, building coalitions, and engaging in debate on a number of issues of international importance. Students prepared for the event by studying the history, demographics, and social, economic, and political issues of their assigned countries, and then worked to develop resolutions based on their research, with help and guidance from the



*High school students discussed international policy issues with help from Hampden-Sydney students and faculty.*

students and faculty. This year's topics included safe drinking water, global education, Syrian refugees, animal trafficking, Palestinian tensions, and the political unrest in Burundi.

## TO THE CAPITOL

BY MAXWELL MAURER '16

On November 12, 2015, forty students and faculty from the Wilson Center embarked on the annual trip to Capitol Hill, during which students interacted with alumni who work in Washington, D.C. After each session, students were able to speak with alumni about policy issues, career and internship options, and to exchange business cards. This year's trip featured

sessions on a wide variety of issues facing Congress and the nation, ranging from cyber terrorism and the Middle East crisis to the 2016 national elections and challenges facing local law enforcement. Professor *Emeritus* Dr. David Marion has been organizing the Wilson Center D.C. trip for more than twenty years.

The first session of the day was entitled, "Security Threats to the U.S. in the Modern Tech-Oriented Global Environment." FBI



*Jason Kello '99 (r.), a senior government relations official with the Raytheon Group, spoke with Anton Thomanek '16 (l.) and others about current political issues during the trip to Washington, D.C.*



Special Agent **William Barnett '94**; **William Wright '94**, director of governmental affairs for Symantec; and **Jason Kello '99**, a senior government relations official with the Raytheon Group, all spoke. In addition to talking about their careers relating to cyber security, they discussed the threats of cyber terrorism and the recent Office of Personnel Management (OPM) computer hack. Students asked questions from the seats usually occupied by the members of the House Financial Services Committee.

The Pre-Law Society participated in their yearly tradition of visiting the Supreme Court, during which they spoke with an alumnus, **Jim Young '86**, a lawyer with the Right to Work Foundation, a member of the Supreme Court Bar Association, and a member of the Federalist Society. Young offered advice to the students on pursuing a career in the field of law and on applying to law schools. Young has argued several cases in front of the Supreme Court, and he was the lead counsel in *Knox v. SEI*, a significant California union case that he won in 2012.

Sessions on federal and state oversight of local law enforcement (**James Crowell '96** and **Kevin Turner '03**) and on the crisis in the Middle East (**Paul Cooksey '70**, **Hal "Trey" Lackey '85** and **Jams Abbott '91**) preceded a final afternoon panel entitled, "Hill Politics: A View from the Trenches," with Hampden-Sydney alumni who work for members of Congress as congressional advisors, chiefs of staff, and legislative assistants. They talked about how they found their jobs on Capitol Hill, their daily assignments, and what it is like to work on Capitol Hill.

The evening concluded with dinner at the Capitol Hill Club where students listened to **Chris Stirewalt '97**, political digital editor for FOX News, and **Chris Cooper '93**, founder and the managing director for Convergence Targeted Communications. They talked about the upcoming presidential primaries for both parties and offered assessments of many of the candidates. Students asked about Hillary Clinton's e-mail controversy, Bernie Sanders' and Ben Carson's popularity, and Donald Trump's provocative campaign.

## STUDENTS SPREAD RHETORIC

BY WILLIAM VOGAN '16

From October 13-27, the students of Dr. **Elizabeth Deis's** Rhetoric and Culture class commuted twice a week to Prince Edward County High School to tutor seniors and to help them craft well-wordsed and well-written argumentative research papers. The Hampden-Sydney men worked in small groups with the PECHS students in Mrs. Mary Cook's English 12 class to ensure that all of the students involved received the attention and help that they needed. Throughout the weeks, the Prince Edward students created working theses, composed outlines for the overall paper and for individual paragraphs, researched for credible sources, and compiled a working draft. During this process, Dr. Deis' class helped encourage and guide the students as they created strong and well-researched essays.



Many of the Prince Edward students were thrilled to interact with college students and took advantage of the opportunity for personal help. The H-SC students encouraged them to find solid supporting evidence for their ideas and to examine and evaluate their own ideas further. Despite the challenges, many of the students rose to the occasion and were successful in creating strong arguments.

## ENGLISH ROOTS

For the College’s annual Constitution Day address on September 23, 2015, the Wilson Center hosted the presentation “Magna Carta: 800 Years After Runnymede” by Professor A.E. Dick Howard, a graduate of the University of Richmond and the White Burkett Miller Professor of Law and Public Affairs at the University of Virginia. Howard earned his law degree from UVA, was a Rhodes scholar at Oxford University, and was a law clerk to Justice Hugo Black of the U.S. Supreme Court. Among his many other works, he wrote *The Road from Runnymede: Magna Carta and Constitutionalism in America*, first published in 1968. His discussion centered on the English roots of American constitutional principles.

Howard first touched on the American foundational principle of due process of law, its protection in the Fifth and Fourteenth amendments, and its lineage dating back to the Magna Carta in 1215. He also noted the early intimations of judicial review, equal protection, and the rule of law found in the text, all of which are reflected in some way in the U.S. Constitution or American jurisprudence.

He then discussed the constitutional crises during the Stuart era in the 17th century, when James VI and I, Charles I, and other Stuart monarchs wrestled with Parliament over



*Professor A.E. Dick Howard of the University of Virginia spoke on the Magna Carta and our English heritage.*

issues such as levying certain taxes, checks and balances between branches of government, and an independent judiciary, among others issues. The ensuing constitutional documents, the English Civil War, and the Glorious Revolution—which helped to settle many of these unanswered constitutional questions—in many ways paved the way to the Americans’ understanding and defense of their inherited rights as Englishmen and the more lofty natural rights during the American Revolution and during the writing of the Constitution. Today, those principles are still revered as necessary to the success of the American system of government and the preservation of the American way of life.



*King John I (r.) signed the Magna Carta at the urging of his barons, who secured early intimations of contemporary rights.*



## HISTORY OF THE CONFEDERATE FLAG

The Union-Philanthropic Society held a discussion on “The History and Meaning of the Confederate Flag” on November 17, 2015, in Crawley Forum. Three professors and two students led the presentation examining the history of the Army of Northern Virginia’s battle flag, the constitutional questions arising from its display, as well as the ideas, principles, feelings, and cultures the flag has symbolized to different people throughout history.



*Professors discussed the flag’s use in veterans’ photographs and parades after the war. This image is from a reunion of the 2nd Mississippi Infantry, Company B, in 1880.*

Professor Emeritus of History Dr. **Ronald Heinemann** gave a brief historical overview of the various flags of the Confederacy, and History Professor **Caroline Emmons** discussed how the flag was prohibited from display as an emblem of resistance to the national government soon after the war; displayed during memorial ceremonies for fallen Confederate soldiers; used for photography with veterans; carried by organizations opposed to African-American political activity during the Reconstruction and Jim Crow eras; and displayed by segregationists and others opposed to the Civil Rights movement during the 1950s and 1960s. The flag is also flown as a sign of respect and remembrance

for ancestors, for the cause for Southern independence, for regional pride, and for the constitutional principles of states’ rights and sovereignty and local self-governance. Professor **Warner Winborne ’88** delved into Supreme Court decisions that have affirmed the constitutional protections for those who display flags and symbols, explaining how the court holds the exercise of certain speech or expressions to different levels of constitutional scrutiny.

Two student speakers also expressed opinions on the battle flag’s meaning today.

As one professor said, “Hampden-Sydney is a special place. At most colleges, you can’t even *talk* about these controversial issues without backlash.” The academic approach to the topic as well as the civil and balanced discourse demonstrated by the professors at the discussion was a testament to the faculty’s willingness to address different sides of contentious subjects.

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### QUOTES TO CONSIDER

“Under the sod and the dew,  
Waiting the Judgement Day;  
Under the one the Blue;  
Under the other, the Gray.”  
—**Francis M. Finch, d. 1907**

“For every complex problem there is an answer that is clear, simple, and wrong.”  
—**H.L. Mencken, d. 1956**

“Mind your business.”  
—**Benjamin Franklin, d. 1790.**



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## Koonce Named ODAC Rookie of the Year, 14 Earn All-ODAC

Freshman running back **Kyree Koonce** headlined the Tigers' 14 All-ODAC selections while being named Hampden-Sydney's first football Rookie of the Year since Drew Smith in 2004. Four other Tigers also earned First Team selections with sophomore receiver **Cam Johnson**, senior offensive lineman **P.J. Melnick**, senior linebacker **Nick Martin**, and senior cornerback **Sidney Henry** all getting nods.

Senior tight end **Mel Savarese**, senior offensive lineman **Todd Edstrom**, junior defensive lineman **Ben Carson**, senior safety **Larry Haskins**, and senior punter **Jordan Chalkley** all earned Second Team honors.

Senior receivers **Austin Perryman** and **Michael Mey**, senior linebacker **Jay Brooks** and senior safety **Tyler Martin** were all named to the Third Team.

Koonce had a standout rookie season, leading the ODAC in rushing while compiling the second best season for a Tiger back with 1,313 yards and 12 touchdowns. He also added 29 receptions for 286 yards and two more touchdowns. Koonce hit the century mark seven times, and rushed for at least 200 yards two times.

Johnson led the Tiger receiving core with 830 yards and nine touchdowns on 58 receptions, averaging 83.0 yards-per-game and 14.3 per-catch. The sophomore ranked third in the ODAC this season in total receiving yards.

Melnick earned his second All-ODAC honors after being named to the Second Team last year. Melnick helped the Tiger offense to average 27.3 points-per-game on 413.6 yards of offense. Of those 413.6 yards, 258.1 came through the air and 155.5 on the ground.

Martin finished the season with 52 tackles in nine games, including 5.0 tackles-for-loss. Additionally, he added one interception with a 40-yard return and one fumble recovery.

Henry had another solid season in the secondary, after earning Second Team All-ODAC nods last season. This year, the senior led the ODAC and ranked seventh nationally with six interceptions. He added eight break ups for 14 passes defended to go with 62 tackles – 2.5 for loss – and one fumble recovery.

Savarese was the Tigers' fifth best target this season, catching 17 passes for 181 yards and a touchdown. The tight end averaged 10.6 yards-per-catch.

Edstrom started every game for the Tigers at center this season, and the captain helped the Tiger offense to outputs of 27.3 points- and 413.6 yards-per-game.

Carson wreaked havoc on opposing backfields, finishing the year second in the ODAC in both sacks (6.0) and tackles-for-loss (11.5). Overall, he had 44 tackles and a pass break up, while his 11.5 tackles behind the line of scrimmage were for a total of 65 yards.

Haskins was second on the team in both tackles (79) and interceptions (2) while also adding 3.0 tackles-for-loss and two additional pass break ups.

Chalkley handled the bulk of the punting





*Freshman Kyree Koonce led the ODAC in rushing while compiling the second best season for a Tiger back.*

duties for the Tigers, and did so with great success, averaging 42.7 yards for his 31 kicks. He pinned four punts inside the 20-yard line and booted nine kicks of at least 50 yards.

Perryman had the best season of his career, hauling in 40 passes for 458 yards and three touchdowns, averaging 45.8 per game and 11.4 per catch.

Mey was right there with Perryman, recording 498 yards and three touchdowns on 36 catches. He was second on the team in both yards-per-game (49.8) and yards-per-catch (13.8) of players with at least ten catches.

Brooks finished the season fourth on the team in total tackles with 61 while adding 4.0 for loss, and one interception.

Tyler Martin led the team with 80 total tackles and was second on the team with 7.5 tackles-for-loss. He also picked off one pass, broke up another, recovered a fumble, and blocked a kick.

## Basketball Hosts Tenth Annual Tip-Off Banquet

Hampden-Sydney Basketball and the Roundball Club recently hosted the Tenth Annual Tip-Off Banquet at the Princess Anne Country Club in Virginia Beach.

The ballroom was filled to capacity to celebrate the 105th year of Hampden-Sydney Basketball. The excitement for this season was palpable, with four starters returning and several other key players back in the mix along with a promising recruiting class.

**Leon Owens**, the grandfather of senior captain **Mitch Owens**, led the invocation; dinner and Head Coach **Dee Vick**'s speech on the season outlook followed. Next, **Cannon Watson**, the voice of Hampden-Sydney Football and Basketball on WFLO, was the moderator for a Q&A session with Coach Vick and the three captains from the Tidewater area: Owens,

senior captain **Mike Murray**, and junior captain **Jake Duncan**. **Tim Daffron**, father of Mike Murray, then shared his thoughts on watching Murray mature during his four years and spoke of the difference H-SC has made in his son's life. Finally, **Jim Alexander '76** closed out the night with his traditional H-SC cheer.

## **Robert Kerby Named ODAC Scholar-Athlete of the Year, Academic All-District**

**Robert Kerby** was named the Old Dominion Athletic Conference (ODAC) Soccer Scholar-Athlete of the Year.

Kerby stands out both on and off the field for the Tigers. Academically, Kerby maintains a 3.89 grade point average as a Chemistry major with minors in Biology and Spanish. A multi-honoree on the ODAC All-Academic Team as well as the Dean's List, Kerby is a 2015 College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) Academic All-District First-Team selection, making him eligible for Academic All-America nomination. He is one of just six students selected for the H-SC/Centra Pre-Health Rotational Shadowing Program. He also serves as the Vice President of the H-SC chapter of Chi Beta Phi national scientific fraternity and is a member of Omicron Delta Kappa (leadership) honor society.

On the field, Kerby led Hampden-Sydney with 15 points on seven goals and one assist. The seven goals are tied for fourth in the ODAC. He recorded a pair of two-goal games in wins over Southern Virginia and LaGrange.



*Robert Kerby (above) was named the ODAC Soccer Scholar-Athlete of the Year.*



# PRESERVE AND ADAPT

M. PEBBLES HARRISON '89, CHAIRMAN OF HAMPDEN-SYDNEY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

## HAMPDEN-SYDNEY'S FUTURE

I attended my first classes at Hampden-Sydney in 1985. At the time, I thought of the College as one of tradition, with a strong liberal arts program and a stately campus (though my three-man dorm room in Cushing left a bit to be desired). As I have reviewed all of the comments we have received during the presidential search, it is clear to me that many of you still hold a similar view of the College and want us to maintain it. More of you, however, although appreciating the traditional aspects of the College, want us to do more. You want programs of excellence within this tradition. Are the two mutually exclusive? I do not think so.

The world of higher education is extremely unsettled today. The business model is stressed. Demographics are changing. Technology, if not properly utilized, is disruptive. Those institutions that stand still in this environment will be passed by. They will become stagnant and fail.

For this reason, the preservation of tradition should not be our goal; it is not our destination. Rather, our tradition forms the foundation on which we can build a more vibrant and relevant institution of higher education. And this foundation must support our efforts to increase the societal demand for an all-male education at Hampden-Sydney.

As I think about how we can drive the demand for our College's offerings, I realize that we as a Board must become more strategic. How do we become a catalyst for demand? How do we drive an increase in net revenue per student?

How do we increase alumni enthusiasm and improve donor support? How do we move our mission forward and invest in the academic program?

Regarding the academic program, what should we do with our curriculum? Is it relevant



*The old tree by the bookstore fell recently due to wind and rain. Harrison likens it to the threat of outside forces.*

to young men in 2015? We no longer require the study of Cicero's orations or attendance at chapel, once staples in College life, so we should realize that we are subject to change. We need to create the next Rhetoric Program—that is, one or more additional signature programs. We need to design the forthcoming

Science Center with academic innovation in mind; a physically improved building would be insufficient in keeping our science departments at the forefront of scientific study.

Over the next several editions of *The Record*, I will share with you the Board's thinking about these topics. As we move the mission of our College to "form good men and good citizens" forward, we must do it together. I want you to join us in this effort.

Recently, the Henry Tree beside Graham Hall bookstore fell after several days of rain. It was stately and firmly rooted, much like the traditions and other cherished attributes of our grand old school. But the wind and rain were too much for it. The roots loosened, and it finally fell. Let's not allow Hampden-Sydney to fall from outside forces that could undermine our rich traditions. If we adapt to the world around us, with our roots firmly grounded, a thriving and flourishing future is ours for the taking.

# ClassNotes

**1968**

LEIGHTON D. YATES, JR. was recently named one of *Orlando Business Journal's* 2015 Veterans of Influence.

**1969**

ROBERT R. HATTEN was recently recognized for his leadership and excellence as an asbestos trial lawyer.

**1970**

DAVID S. MERCER was listed among the Best Lawyers in Real Estate in the 2016 edition of *Best Lawyers in America*.

**1971\***

RICHARD BEALE was named 2016 Lawyer of the Year in Norfolk for Banking and Finance Law by *Best Lawyers in America*. He is a partner in his firm's finance practice.

**1972**

HARTWELL HARRISON was named an editor of the week by Wikipedia in November 2015. Harrison has been recognized on the website for his writing and editing biographies of U.S. presidents.

**1973**

C. CAMMACK MORTON, former trustee and owner and CEO of VR Business Brokers, will join Sperry Van Ness/ Graham, Langlois and Legendre to form a strategic partnership that will allow them to expand commercial real estate services across the Capital Region.

**1974**

B. BOYD JOHNSON joined Cushman & Wakefield/Thalhimer real estate agency as a vice president in the Roanoke office.

**1976\***

RICHARD HOLCOMB, commissioner of the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles, was elected chair of the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators' international board of directors.



**1977**

WALTER M. JONES III was recently named to *The Best Lawyers in America* 2016 Edition.



BRUCE B. HOPKINS '72, former trustee (r), was on a Canadian cruise with his wife Janie on the Saguenay River when they met and befriended Norm Gaynor '68 (l.) and his wife Pam. "It shows what a small world it is when you travel the globe and run into good Hampden-Sydney men," said Hopkins.

**1978**

Dr. EDWARD P. SNYDER was the host chair of the Southern Association of Orthodontics, a four-day conference in Orlando, Florida, held in October 2015.

**1982**

RANDY REED, director of planned giving at H-SC, was named Fundraising Executive of the Year by the Piedmont chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals.

**1984**

LYNWOOD W. LEWIS, JR. won his election for the 6th Virginia Senate seat this past November with 59 percent of the vote. The district includes portions of the area around Norfolk and Virginia Beach.

**1985**

DAVID B. CAMDEN is the president and CEO of Savannah SunTrust Bank in Georgia.



## 1986\*

DAVID WHITEHEAD HOBBS was named president and chief operating officer of The Hilb Group, a Richmond-based middle market insurance agency and a portfolio company of Boston-based private equity firm ABRY Partners.

## 1989

JOHN M. HOPPER was named the new director of strategic growth of Equity Concepts, a financial services firm in Richmond.

## 1990

WALTER BUNDY IV, executive chef of Lemaire restaurant in the Jefferson Hotel in Richmond, will be opening his own restaurant in the spring in Libbie Mill-Midtown off of Staples Mill Road in Henrico County.

## 1991\*

MILES C. WILLIAMS joined Movable Ink as chief marketing officer in New York City.

## 1993

JAMES DAVENPORT "JIM" HUNDLEY, JR. was named vice president of business development and marketing for Thomas Construction Group in Wilmington, North Carolina.

PETER THACHER

WORTHEN, JR. was named to First Commercial Bank's local advisory board in Birmingham, Alabama.

## 1995

GARNETT BERKELEY EDMUNDS joined BB&T Capital Markets as a managing director/senior sales trader.

## 1996\*

JAMES A. CROWELL IV was named chief of the U.S. Attorney's Office Criminal Division in Maryland.

## 1997

BAXTER F. PHILLIPS III was named president and CEO of Neurogastrx, a biopharmaceutical company engaged in developing novel drugs for gastrointestinal disorders.

## 1998

ROBERT "ROBBY" PEAY has joined Kaleo Legal as a partner. The practice recently opened a Richmond office.

## 1999

JASON KELLO joined the Corporate Affairs team for Raytheon Company to lead proactive media relations and public relations in Washington, D.C. Raytheon Company

is the nation's fourth largest defense contractor specializing in defense, civil government, and cybersecurity markets.

## 2000

THORNTON "BRAD" HENRY joined The Karp Law Firm, P.A., a South Florida estate planning and elder law firm with offices in Palm Beach Gardens, Boynton Beach, and Port St. Lucie, Florida. He concentrates his practice in the areas of estate planning, tax planning, and probate and trust administration.

## 2002

DANIEL LEGRANDE's daughter Virginia "Ginny" LeGrande (r.) and her buddy, Anne Sidney McKnew (l.), daughter of Joseph McKnew '02, cheered on the Tigers at Homecoming.



MICHAEL LUTER '94 (c.), was recently recognized by *Inside Business* magazine for his business Arrowhead Environmental Services, which cleans up chemical spills and closing manufacturing facilities.



Dr. CARTER C. HUDGINS '00 was named president and CEO of Drayton Hall, the 18th-century plantation located on the Ashley River near Charleston, South Carolina. The home is the “first fully executed example of Palladian architecture in North America” and is one of the oldest in the country. It is the only plantation house on the Ashley River to survive through both the Revolutionary War and the War Between the States, earning its place as a National Historic Landmark.

## 2003

RYAN D. SILVERFIELD is joining the NFL's Detroit Lions as an assistant offensive line coach.

## 2004

TYLER HUSTRULID joined the business advisory group at Live Oak Bank in Wilmington, North Carolina, and specializes in lending to private investment advisors across the country.

## 2005

Dr. WILLIAM F. POWERS IV has joined the General Surgery Specialists practice as an assistant professor of surgery at the NHRMC Physician Group. He will also provide elective general surgery services and acute-care surgery services.

## 2006\*

JOHN H. CRONLY received one of the 2015 NARI Central Virginia Contractor of the Year Awards for his contracting work on his “Residential Kitchen Over \$70,000.”

PATRICK GEE joined Long & Foster Real Estate in opening up their newest Richmond office, The Westham Sales Office.

JAMES BARTON recently delivered the keynote address for the Fuqua Upper School fall academic awards in Farmville.

James is the director of alumni relations at H-SC.

RYAN SCHILLING was named senior sales manager for Quirk Hotel in Richmond.

## 2007

JOSH BLACK placed third in the Full Natural Beard with Styled Mustache category at the 2015 World Beard and Moustache Championships in Leogang,

Austria. Black is vice president of the RVA Beard League and traveled as a part of a 60-man U.S. delegation.

JARROTT PATTESON was promoted to market president for BB&T in Fredericksburg.

## 2008

### JOSHUA TYLER

BAUMGARTNER was named vice president of public policy and strategic issues with the Roanoke Regional Chamber.

## 2011\*

KENNETH SIMON, JR. recently accepted a judicial clerkship from Chief Judge of the United States Court of Appeals Fifth Judicial Circuit Carl E. Stewart for the 2017-2018 court year.



COLIN DUNN '08 shot a hole-in-one on the 17th tee at Stonewall Golf Club this past September. That won him a 2015 BMW 428i. It was all part of a promotion for an annual fundraiser for a charity called Winners Lacrosse, which uses the sport as a tool to involve youth and teach life skills around Washington, D.C.

It was the first time anyone had ever made a hole-in-one at a Winners fundraiser, despite the contest's annual offer. Instead of taking the car, however, Colin took the money from the sale of car—\$25,000—and sent it back to the Winners Lacrosse charity to help more kids in the D.C. area.

Colin's display of character and generosity are in keeping with the finest traditions of Hampden-Sydney College, whose mission remains “to form good men and good citizens.”



## 2013

BECKHAM STANLEY was named a “20 Under 40” leader in the Region 2000 zone by *Lynchburg Business Magazine*.

## 2015

HAYNES SHELTON was hired by the magazine *North American Whitetail* as their associate editor. Haynes was an English major with a minor in visual arts.



## ADVANCED STUDIES

### 1999

SCOTT KETCHAM graduated *summa cum laude* with a Master's degree in professional and secondary education from East Stroudsburg University in Pennsylvania.

### 2001\*

ASHBY W. PRICE has earned the Chartered Retirement Plans Specialist designation from the College for Financial Planning, as well as the Accredited Investment Fiduciary designation. Ashby is an investment advisor with Richmond-based Capstone Financial Partners.



## WEDDINGS

### 2010

STREET JONES and ASHTON SMITH were married on September 26, 2015, in Raleigh, North Carolina. In attendance were Bryce Pike '10, Tom Spencer '10, Ian Poole '10, Henry Nicholson '15, Taylor Jones '10, Taylor Kalmbach '10, Josh Schaefer '09, Garrett NeSmith '10, Drew Walker '10, Kent Wydner '10, August James '10, Scott St. Clair '10, Bo Hargrove '08, Lloyd Goode '70, Jacob Newton '10, and Doug Bryant '55.



RYAN PEMBERTON '00 and HELEN SCOVILLE were married on August 1, 2015. In attendance were Chad Krouse '02, Jared Tully '00, Ronnie Wayne Palmore '07, Brian Krouse '00, Jon Bradway '00, Garrett Cline '00, Charles Koontz '00, and Russ Viault '00. They live in Nashville, Tennessee.



CHARLES “CLIFF” EDAHL '07 and MEGAN TAAFFE were married on April 25, 2015, at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Charlotte, North Carolina. The Chicago-native bride is a 2007 graduate of the University of Mary Washington. The couple lives in Arlington. In attendance were Phi Gamma Delta brothers Rob Bedinger '07, Andrew Brendle '07, Alex Crouch '07, Gardner Meeke '07, Zach Rucho '07, McLean Bean '09, Ben Harris '09, Joe Stiles '10, and Matt Shankle '11.



**MATTHEW MOORE '08** and **JESSICA McHIE** were married on August 28, 2015. In attendance were **Fitz Robertson '09**, **Barrett Tucker '08**, **Vincent Grady '08**, **Matt Munsey '05**, **Shiv Sharma '09**, **James Baldwin '08**, **Jeremy Szych '08**, **Mark Eason '08**, **Bryan Mangas '06**, and **Andrew McLeod '08**.



**JAMES FATTORINI '11** and **ASHLEY TOBIN** were married on June 22, 2013, in Virginia Beach. James is a games metric analyst for Zenimax Media Online Studio and Ashley is a elementary school teacher in Baltimore.



**JAY KURT "JJ" STROSNIDER '13** and **COURTNEY SUTTON** were married on July 18, 2015. In attendance were **Alec Jentink '13**, **Andrew Bailey '11**, **Allen Luck '12**, **Kevin McEligot '11**, **Stewart Neifert '12**, **Will Brown '11**, **Bill Bailey '85**, **Ke Shang '13**, **Andrew Joyner '11**, **Kris Miller '13**, **Derek Fimian '13**, **Mac Reed '11**, **Walker Schutze '13**, **Forrest Wilson '13**, **RD Cathey '11**, **Erik Schafer '13**, **Steven Johnson '13**, **Chase Grogg '13**, and **David Campbell '15**.



**BRENDEN CLARK HANLEY '09** and **ASHLEY BYARS** were married on October 17, 2015, in Richmond. In attendance were **Will Smith '09**, **Peter Squire '10**, **Andrew O'Shea '10**, **Willis Davis '10**, **John Simmons '10**, **Ballard Payne '09**, **Henry Jones '12**, **Reilly Loftin '12**, **Chad Zalesiak '08**, **Hatcher Crenshaw '10**, **James McClees '11**, **Heath Gates '06**, **Will Hollerith '09**, **Teddy Schwab best man '09**, **Doug Carpenter '09**, **Michael Nusbaum '09**, **Thomas Price '10**, **Walker Francis '11**, **Gordon Neal '09**, **Patrick Bolling '09**, **Jon Kastenbaum '10**, **Bryce Pike '10**, and **Sam Corey '08**.



**CHAD ZALESIAK '08** and **SARAH TYLER SHANDS** were married on September 19, 2015, at Tuckahoe Plantation in Richmond. The bride's father **Tyler Shands '83** and her grandfather **Billy Shands '52** were in attendance along with many of the finest Tigers around: **Michael Copley '08**, **Langdon Moss '08**, **Brian Hill '07**, **Todd Magee '09**, **John Simmons '10**, **Heath Gates '05**, **Patrick Gates '09**, **Matt Ryan '11**, **Bob Boykin '08**, **Jon Kastenbaum '10**, **Philip Agee '07**, **Hatcher Crenshaw '11**, **Peter Squire '79**, **Stuart Kegan '08**, **Wingate Grant '08**, **James Lloyd Hodges '05**, **John Corey '80**, **Sam Corey '08**, **Kane Corey '13**, **Bryce Pike '10**, **Brendan Hanley '09**, **Will Hollerith '09**, **Gordon McCormick '10**, **Cabell Barrow '07**, **George Paschal '08**, **Alex Floyd '08**, **Wayne Enroughty '83**, **Bill Zimmer '07**, **Joe Farmer '75**, **Rich Foley '15**, and **George Naylor '00**.

**What are you up to?** Your old classmates want to hear from you! Let them know about your latest life event in *The Record* of Hampden-Sydney College. To submit a class note, visit [alumni.hsc.edu](http://alumni.hsc.edu) or e-mail your entry directly to the editor at [amcclellan@hsc.edu](mailto:amcclellan@hsc.edu). You can also mail your note to **The Record, Box 68, Hampden-Sydney, Va. 23943**





MARIO WASHINGTON '10 and LAUREN MANCUSO (not pictured) were married on October 24, 2015, in Crozet. In attendance were Steve Louro '14, Bobby Fulton '14, Roger Chan '09, Conor Murray '13, Joey Severns '10, Nate Cundy '12, Ryan Bishop '11, Trent Joyner '14, Mario Washington '10, Brad Mostowy '13, Peter Foley '11, Ben Archambault '10, Will Taylor '08, Nick West '11, Doug Carpenter '09, Jack Burchenal '10, Ian York '09, Mark Miller '08, Kevin Coats '10, Whit Kelley '10, Micah Keller '12, and Daniel Martin '10. Mario is a United States Marine and Lauren is an Executive Staffing Coordinator. They live in Charlottesville.



DAVID ROUEN III '11 and PAMELA HEIDER were married on October 18, 2014, in Wilmington, North Carolina. The bride is a graduate of SUNY FIT and is a sales and marketing coordinator for SME, Inc. USA. The groom is a sales representative for SME, Inc. USA. In attendance were Andrew Nance '12, Matthew Ballance '11, AJ Prill '11, Zachary Pierce '11, Christian Prendergast '12, David Rouen III '11, John Andrew Steward '11, Will Brown '11, and Charles Lacy '11. David and Pamela live in Carolina Beach, North Carolina.

## BIRTHS

### 2002

To DANIEL and KATIE LEGRANDE, a son, Welford "Wells" LeGrande, on April 7, 2015. Wells joins his big sister Ginny in Virginia Beach.



### 2003

To COURTNEY and BRITTANY IRVING, a girl, Emma Laine Irving, on September 3, 2014. They live near Hampden-Sydney.



To STUART and CAROLINE WINSTON, a son, Harrison Stuart Winston, on July 7, 2015. Harrison joins his big sister Ryland in Richmond.

### 2005

To SPENCER and SARAH LIPPMAN, a daughter, Abigail Simoneaux Lippman. Abigail joins her older brother Charles Gallagher and older sister Caroline Boykin. They live in Darien, Connecticut.

### 2006\*

To PATRICK and MOLLY GEE, a daughter, Anne Henri, on August 24, 2015. Anne Henri joins her big sister Olivia and her big brother Philip.



# Dr. Scott Keel '02 and Co., I Am RVA



(l. to r.) Whit Brooks '01, Ben Gates '01, Scott Keel '02, and George Cumming '89. Charley Gates '04 and Adam Stockton '99 not pictured.

On December 7, 2015, *Richmond Magazine* declared that the capital city had just lived “in the year of the bicycle.” This past September, Richmond hosted the UCI Road World Championships, a nine-day international competition between the world’s fastest national cycling teams, and the city is currently investing millions of dollars in the construction of more cycling infrastructure, such as paths and bike lanes, to support the burgeoning interest in the two-wheeled conveyance.

In the thick of this urban movement is pediatrician Dr. Scott Keel '02, who gathered five other Hampden-Sydney alumni to create I Am RVA, a non-profit charitable and educational organization that sells distinct and readily identifiable bicycle helmets to participants. Proceeds from the sales are funneled directly to local charities.

Keel, Dr. Benjamin Gates '01, “Sir” Charley Gates '04, “The Honorable” George Cumming '89, Whitworth “Archbishop aka The Chief” Brooks '01, and Adam Stockton '99 sit on the board.

“It’s a bunch of Hampden-Sydney guys who got together with two or three outside board members to promote cycling, safety, and enthusiasm for the cycling culture, trying to help people lead healthier lifestyles—‘be safe, be seen, and have fun’—that’s our motto,” said Keel. They rent out a business office near the University of Richmond—“the global headquarters” they call it—to meet up after work and plot their next strategies. Strewn about among their charts and pamphlets are piles of merchandise, oversized paddleballs, and other random trifles.

“We need a Ritalin prescription for the ADD,” joked Brooks.

In 2014, Keel sent an email to his buddies from the Hill. They had their first meeting in February 2015, and they spent the past year organizing and finding business partners and sponsors, filing paperwork to become a 501(c)(3), and building an online presence. They’re bringing together their Hampden-Sydney backgrounds, their sense of community and charity and good citizenship, and pairing it with the business and entrepreneurial skills they acquired on the Hill. This past September they secured their first shipment of the 300 chrome helmets, and they were sold out within a couple of weeks.

“It’s a symbol of pride,” Keel said of the helmets. “It’s literally a reflection of who we surround ourselves with, a reflection of where we are—a sign of unity. But we’re also big on safety. Everybody can see them. Sometimes the





sun is setting, people have cataracts, and cell phones can be distracting. In Virginia we're not required to wear helmets, and we don't want to force people to wear them. That's why we worked so hard to make them stylish and make them part of the movement. We're trying to create the right incentives: a cool helmet found only in Richmond; supporting local non-profits; and discounts for members at local businesses." The helmet comes with a key chain mini-card that is accepted at more than 250 participating businesses.

The Hampden-Sydney cadre is expanding the movement. Three months into the launch they have more than 1,000 "Likes" on Facebook, and they are aiming for 5,000 by mid-2016. They're adding riders to their roster of volunteers, who will help with sign-ups, selling T-shirts, and spreading bike safety information at races and other community events. They're also working

with Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU), which has produced market analysis studies that support their business model.

Right now the group is continuing the search for more corporate sponsors in the Richmond area, in the biking community, and among Hampden-Sydney alumni. With more sponsors they can acquire the helmets more cheaply so that more money goes toward the greater good of the community. Although they've only just gotten started, already they've donated two micro-grants of \$1,000 apiece to those who have suffered traumatic brain injuries. The money will go toward improving assisted living, handicap ramps, and rehabilitation services that can cause severe financial burdens on families. It's all been a major undertaking.

As Keel concluded, "Having a group of guys who had Hampden-Sydney values instilled in them is what has made this happen." ■

## BIRTHS CONTINUED

To DOUG and TORI LaBROSSE, a son, Henry Douglas LaBrosse, on August 10, 2015. Henry joins his brother Hall.

### 2007

To ANDREW and LEAH McGOWAN, twins, Emily Helen McGowan and Harrison Timothy McGowan, on July 7, 2015. They live in Midlothian. Andrew is a physician assistant at VCU Medical Center in Richmond.



To PATRICK and SARAH ALBRECHT, a son, Keller Cates Albrecht, on October 15, 2015. The family lives in Richmond.



To DAVID and CAROLINE BROWN, a daughter, Sadie Virginia Brown, on April 23, 2015.

## DEATHS

### 1940

**F. WHITTON MORSE** died on July 23, 2015. He was born September 10, 1915. No official obituary was issued or available.

### 1941

**Dr. EDWIN SNEAD WYSOR**



died on November 14, 2015. He earned his medical degree from UVA and

served in the Army Medical Corps during World War II. He practiced family medicine from 1948 until 1995 at the Mechanicsville Medical Center, later serving Hanover County as a coroner, a member of the Ruritan Club, a member of the board of supervisors, and a member of the Planning Commission. He was a member of Immanuel Episcopal Church and a Mechanicsville Drug Store lunch regular. His grandchildren include **Charles Frank Wysor '12** and **Edwin Everett Hynson '18**.

### 1943

**WILLIAM C. GARRETT, SR.** died on October 4, 2015. He was enrolled in the V-7 Navy Program during World War II and was later based in Guam. He and his wife Frances returned to Bowlers Wharf on the Rappahannock, where he joined the family farm, marina, and oyster businesses. He was also devoted to Ephesus Baptist Church. He succeeded his father as the lamplighter of the Middle Rappahannock River lighthouses. One of his sons is

**William C. Garrett, Jr. '74**. Other relatives include a nephew, **Fred L. Garrett III '62**, and a great-nephew, **Frederick L. Garrett IV '90**.

### 1949

**CHARLES WILLARD "BILL" HART** died on September 19, 2015. He studied freshwater invertebrates and became a curator at the Smithsonian's National Museum of Natural History. He published biological articles and books, focusing on crayfish, and began a museum career at the Academy of Natural Sciences in Philadelphia. He joined the National Museum of Natural History in 1974 and became curator of its invertebrate zoology department.

### 1950

**Rev. COLLIER SMITH HARVEY, JR.** died on September 29, 2015. He graduated from Union Theological Seminary. He received an honorary doctorate of divinity from King College and served pastorates in Hillsboro and Kingsport, Tennessee; and Fishersville and Salem, Virginia. He served as general presbyter of Fincastle Presbytery and held chaplaincies at Woodrow Wilson Rehabilitation Center.

### 1951

**HARVEY LUTINS** died on



November 2, 2015. He attended Thomas Jefferson High School in Roanoke,

worked for Ringling Brothers and Barnum and Bailey Circus, and later attended the University

of Richmond and graduated from the T.C. Williams School of Law in 1954. He later formed his own firm. His courtroom skills and tenacity were legendary among his peers. He served as a member of the appeal team for a client whose fourteen years on death row marked the longest in the state and among the longest nationwide.

**ROBERT P. McLEAN** died on October 14, 2015. He attended Hampden-Sydney and graduated from Davis & Elkins College. He served in the Korean War and was awarded the Bronze Star.

### 1957

**WILLIAM PETERSON** died on September 17, 2015. He served in the United States Army and was in the Rotary Club of Martinsville and Henry County, where he was the former president, as well as the Rotary assistant governor.

### 1958

**GENE M. FRONFELTER** died on October 9, 2015. He attended Chuckatuck High School where he graduated in 1954. He was a retired automobile dealer, a former member of the Sussex County School Board and Sussex Board of Supervisors, and a member of the Beaverdam Sportsman's Club. His passions included attending all of his grandchildren's athletic events, fishing, his dogs, and working around the farm.

### 1959

**FRANK MASTIN, JR.** died on September 25, 2015. He loved football, baseball, and golf. He enjoyed billiards and playing cards competitively.



## 1961

**CARY B. MAYO III** died on September 6, 2015. He and his wife Linda retired to Moss Creek Plantation in Hilton Head, South Carolina, in 1995. He was an avid golfer, a dedicated UNC fan, and an all-around sports fanatic.

## 1963

**GEORGE S. BOWERS, JR.**, died on October 7, 2015. He attended Hampden-Sydney and graduated from the University of Toledo. He retired as vice president of sales for Tomco Plastic in Bryan, Ohio.

## 1964

Dr. **RICHARD E. RUBLE** died on September 28, 2015. He graduated from The Medical College of Virginia School of Dentistry. After dental school, he and his wife Pam moved to Virginia Beach.

## 1967

**ROBERT W. MULLIN** died on July 30, 2015. Formerly an underwriter at Travelers Insurance Company, he enjoyed his 12 years of retirement by reading, traveling, golfing with his buddies, and lounging with his faithful pups, Molly, Allie, and Lola.

**JOHN YEAMAN** of

Martinsville died on September 15, 2015. He served in the Army



**WILLIAM EDWARD "BILL" HARDY '80** died on October 28, 2015. He graduated from Douglas Freeman High School in 1976. At H-SC he was treasurer and president of Lambda Chi fraternity, and he later received his M.B.A. from the University of Virginia Darden School of Business in 1985. He was a businessman to his core and enjoyed his days in the investment banking business during the course of his professional career. Prior to his illness, Bill was senior managing director and group head of fixed income for BB&T Capital Markets. Prior to joining BB&T Capital Markets, he was with Wheat First Butcher Singer and Sovran Bank. He served on the boards of St. Christopher's School Foundation, Bond Dealers of America, and BB&T Securities. He was a member of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, The Knockers, The CSAC, The Country Club of Virginia, The Commonwealth Club, and Farmington Country Club. Bill loved his friends, golf, fine wines, black cars, and watching the Masters. He loved deals—getting a good deal and transacting business deals. Bill enjoyed all sports, especially those played by his sons, and cheering on the San Antonio Spurs. He will be remembered for his quick wit and wicked sense of humor, his keen business intellect, and his loyalty to his family and friends.

National Guard and became a land developer in Henry County. He was a member of Ducks Unlimited, NRA, and NWTFF and enjoyed hunting, fishing, and waterfowl conservation. For many years he sponsored Green Wing, an event that was instrumental in promoting the love of outdoors, hunting, and fishing among local youth.

## 1968

Dr. **WILLIAM "BILL" WEISS** died on October 6, 2015. He was a retired dentist who practiced in Cape Carteret, North Carolina.

## 1974

Dr. **HARVEY RUSSELL CARMICHAEL** died on October 18, 2015. Born in Oxford, North Carolina, he moved to Scottsville early in life. After Hampden-Sydney, he earned his Ph.D. in Education from the University of Virginia in 1994.

## 1978

**TODD CARRINGTON JOHNSON** died on October 13, 2015. He worked at Robertshaw Controls International, and then in 1990 he started his own company, Consolitech International. In 2005 he started Midlothian Mechanical, a commercial and residential HVAC company. When he wasn't with his family, he was either duck hunting, deep sea fishing, or spending time at his fishing club in Providence Forge.

## 1989

**WILLIAM McLEOD FERGUSON III** died on October 30, 2015. He was a graduate of Lafayette High School and Vermont Law School. He was born in 1965 in Newport News, the son of William McLeod Ferguson, Jr. and Nell LaMont Irvine Ferguson. His father is **William M. Ferguson, Jr. '59.**

# Treasured Words

ANGUS K. McCLELLAN '05



As one might recall, the great transgression against Algernon Sydney was the lack of testimony used to convict him of treason. English law required at least two witnesses to justify the lopping of heads, and Chief Justice George Jeffreys had only one—a desperate man “of worthless character and corrupt principles,” a Judas whom Sydney had once helped free from prison. In a bit of judicial maneuvering at the trial, however, the judge admitted Sydney’s papers—dug out from his closet by the king’s agents—to serve as the second witness.

As Sydney stood on the scaffold on that cold December morning in 1683, he speculated that those papers were “never finished, nor could be in many years, and probably would never have been.” Nevertheless, his works survived his execution, William and Mary took the throne, and 15 years after the man in black swung his axe, a cadre of republicans compiled and published Sydney’s *Discourses Concerning Government*. His treatise served as a “textbook of revolution,” as some later reflected, and men such as John Adams, James Madison, and Benjamin Franklin used it as an ideological guide in the years before the war. Its lessons are seen in the Declaration of Independence, with Thomas



Jefferson describing it as “probably the best elementary book of the principles of government, as founded in natural right, which has ever been published in any language.”

This is the College’s unrestored, original copy of a first edition from 1698. Printed in London, published from the original manuscripts, this book was 83 years old when Thomas Watkins and the other Hampden-Sydney boys spurred their horses and charged the Queen’s Guard at the Battle of Guilford Court House in 1781. Surely their fellow patriots studied these very pages in the years before the great Revolution.

Hampden-Sydney alumnus **Thomas Catesby Jones 1899**, accomplished lawyer and art collector, donated it to the College many decades ago. Brittle and decrepit, Sydney’s republican manifesto rests protected in the modern climate-controlled shelves of the Bortz Library. It is a treasured piece that will continue to inspire the heirs and guardians of American liberty.



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