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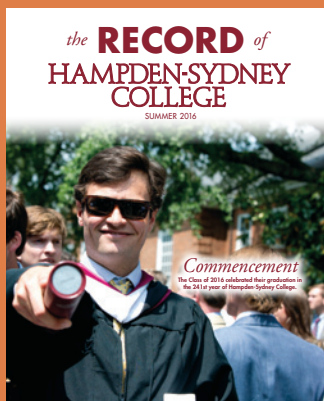
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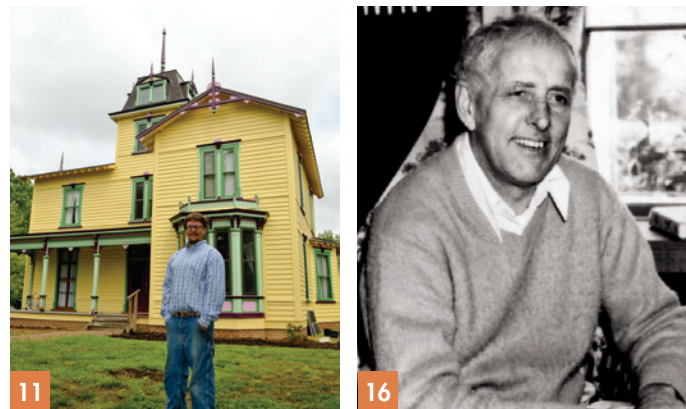


ON THE COVER:
Student Body President Matthew
Goodrich '16 smiles for the camera
on graduation day.
Photos by Courtney Vogel.

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President Larry Stimpert assumed his post on July 1, 2016. He attended the Reunion Weekend in June to speak with alumni.

On Principles WITH DR. LARRY STIMPERT

AN EVENING TALK WITH THE NEW PRESIDENT

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BY ANGUS K. McCLELLAN '05

President Larry Stimpert is coming to Hampden-Sydney with an understanding of the College's challenges and a solid plan for the future, as he briefly outlined in the Spring 2016 issue of *The Record*. Those are important considerations that will be covered in more detail in the following paragraphs. But before venturing into the nuts and bolts of college administration, it will serve the alumni, friends, and others in the campus community—most of whom have yet to speak with the new man—to answer a question

that has been repeatedly asked from all corners of the Hampden-Sydney family: Who is Larry Stimpert, and what is he like?

On a recent spring visit before taking his post, despite having a schedule filled with meetings including distinguished Trustees, long-tenured professors, and high-titled administrators, President Stimpert carved out nearly two hours of his time (from a half-hour request) for this *Record* article. The evening discussion took place on the back porch of Middlecourt, the home of the

president and his family. Most remarkable about the talk were not the answers to the formal interview questions, which by themselves were met with clarity and cogency, but rather how an official interview soon turned into a genuine, candid conversation.

He never tried to explain why he might be a good president. There was no parade of accomplishments or intimations of hierarchy. There was no blueprint for how he was going to impress himself upon the College. Rather, two men just sat down and spoke with each other. He invited opinions on Hampden-Sydney typically gleaned from the more esteemed and learned patrons of the College.

He seemed to take into real consideration personal views on the value of freedom of thought and the importance of Hampden-Sydney's culture and traditions, among other topics. He listened and responded with a kind, yet firm, sincerity. He asked appropriate questions on personal matters without prompt, and then followed with advice from experience that a prudent man would take. His off-the-record candor revealed honesty and reason free from both unwarranted partiality and rigid ideology. He spoke of principles, of the mission, of how *we* will make Hampden-Sydney a better College.

He spoke like a leader.

PRINCIPLES FIRST

In his book *The Road to Character*, President Stimpert recounted, author David Brooks wrote on the difference between “résumé virtues” and “eulogy virtues.” The former are straightforward enough: job titles, awards, certifications, and other accomplishments aspiring professionals often secure on their road to professional success. The latter are of a different breed: those of kindness, courage, and honesty—the foundations of character for which we are remembered during our lives and after we die.

President Stimpert explained how this book resonated with his long-held personal philosophy toward education and how it is helping to influence his approach to fulfilling the College's mission to form good men and good citizens.

“We live in an age that worships accomplishments

and résumés,” he said. “Our character, the deeper part of ourselves, is almost totally ignored by society today. That's something we have to work on.”

In highlighting this void, Stimpert points out the importance for Hampden-Sydney to develop individual character and values in addition to providing the skills

and knowledge often necessary for successful professions. It is perhaps no accident that a man with this philosophy of education was selected as the next president of the College.

As he takes his seat as the 25th president on July 1 of this year, President Stimpert will use these philosophies and his personal and professional experiences to

lead Hampden-Sydney during a time of challenges and opportunities in higher education. Many of those philosophies were born out of his personal and college experiences and his career in education, which started some 25 years ago on a farm in Illinois.

EDUCATION

“Even though my family farm was just 12 miles from campus,” he said, “I was a first-generation college student. My parents were very encouraging about going to school, but I really didn't have any role models or mentors. But when I went to Illinois Wesleyan University, a small liberal arts college much like Hampden-Sydney, I first saw what I believe is the hallmark of small liberal arts colleges. It was the personal approach to education. What made the impression on me was the interest that the faculty and staff took in me, personally—identifying my strengths and being forthright about what they saw as my weaknesses. They took the time to tell me about opportunities that I could use to get the most out of my college education.”

It was this one-on-one mentorship that President Stimpert believes helped spark an interest in pursuing a career in higher education. His professors had a direct impact on his life plans. An economics major, President Stimpert was fully expecting to pursue business upon graduation.

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PRESIDENT STIMPERT



Dr. Stimpert took time to meet and speak with students, faculty, staff, and friends at the formal announcement of his election in Bortz Library.

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great college professor.’ And I said, ‘Oh, no. I’m going to work in business. That’s what I want to do.’ She just kept saying that I should be a professor. And I know she planted that seed—I never would have been a professor if it hadn’t been for her. It was a life-changing conversation.”

President Stimpert received his B.A. in economics, *magna cum laude*, from Illinois Wesleyan University, his MBA from Columbia University, and his Ph.D. from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. He was a professor of economics and business at Colorado College for 17 years, before becoming vice president for academic affairs and professor of economics and management at DePauw University in Indiana in 2013.

His scholarship and academic writing focus on top managers and their influence on strategic decision-making and firm strategies. His articles on a variety of management topics have appeared in leading academic journals, and he is the co-author of two management textbooks. He has also written on a wide range of topics in higher education.

He comes to Hampden-Sydney facing a number of modern challenges to higher education. His duties extend both on and off campus. But with his philosophies and experiences in hand, President Stimpert believes that these challenges can be met and overcome to make Hampden-Sydney an even more enviable institution, adhering to its fundamental principles while embracing and adapting to the reality and inevitable changes of higher education.

BENEFITS AND PUBLIC IMAGE

“Higher education has become the punching bag,” he said. “It’s hard to pick up a newspaper or turn on the radio and not hear someone criticizing higher education. For a long time, we were seen as being part of what is good in our society. It was part of what really works in the United States. But that perception has changed.

“Some of it is fair. On average, the completion rate for students across the country in state universities is less than 60%. Some schools’ graduation rates are abysmal. Many students take on enormous amounts of debt, which can be hard on a student trying to get a good start in life. Also, this push to measure the value of higher education in terms of starting salaries is a problem. The true value of higher education goes far beyond a person’s starting salary or lifetime earnings. So these are all public relations issues we have to deal with.”

President Stimpert will work to answer these public relations questions for prospective parents and students. He noted that, while it can and must be improved, the College’s graduation rate for men is significantly higher than the rates at other schools. At Hampden-Sydney, students can readily graduate in four years, while at many public universities students often must be enrolled for more than eight semesters to meet academic requirements. So although the College’s tuition may be higher, it needs to be paid for fewer semesters; students can become

employed sooner, so the net cost of attending Hampden-Sydney may well be lower than that at a public university. Plus, the College provides scholarships and assistance to more freshman than almost any other college in Virginia, a testament to the College's willingness to help make college affordable. Perhaps the most valuable advantage over the long term, however, is the school's distinctive culture, faculty, and traditions that effectively have been molding boys into good men and good citizens unusually capable of reaching professional success (and earning exceptionally high median salaries upon graduation, for that matter).

ENVIRONMENTAL HURDLES

But there are also stresses on the higher education business model that challenge private liberal arts colleges such as Hampden-Sydney, as President Stimpert explained. Private colleges long have been labor- and capital-intensive: The low student-to-faculty ratio reflects the highly personal approach to education, a key feature in a liberal arts colleges; more staff positions have been created to provide more services to students, parents, and alumni; new buildings and other facilities have been built and upgraded. In the past 30 years, colleges have been offering students more out-of-classroom educational experiences, including internships, off-campus study, and research opportunities with faculty members. There are more sports and recreation programs. All of these have added to college costs.

"How have we made the liberal arts college business model work in the past?" President Stimpert asked. "We've done it by raising tuition. But we've reached a point at which we can't raise tuition five or six percent every year. On average family incomes in the United States have not been growing. We have to figure out how we're going to pay for faculty and staff, healthcare costs, maintenance and renovations, science equipment, and all of the great educational opportunities we offer our students in an environment where we can't raise tuition at the rates we have in the past.

"This is where the importance of the endowment and annual giving come into play. We have to have diverse sources of funding. Growing our endowment is one of my highest priorities so that we can supplement tuition revenue, but we will also have to be innovative in our approach to finding new sources of revenue and saving on costs."

INWARD AND OUTWARD

President Stimpert also recognizes his duty to enhance the College's reputation and stature. "Every college president has to focus on the school's reputation," he said. "We have to find new ways to communicate better the great work we do at Hampden-Sydney to form good men and good citizens. Our message must be so compelling that young men line-up to get into this College.

"All of these important objectives—growing our reputation, enhancing our admissions profile, and attracting financial support—ultimately depend on the quality of the Hampden-Sydney experience. So, we always need to be examining every aspect of our academic and student life programs to determine how they can be improved. At the same time, we already have a great story to tell about what happens to young men's lives here at Hampden-Sydney.

"I've already spent enough time on campus to see firsthand what a transformational educational experience we offer young men. I am eager to get to know more students, faculty, staff, and alumni and to learn their Hampden-Sydney stories, so I can be the best possible advocate for this great College."

As President Stimpert takes his seat as the 25th president of Hampden-Sydney, he will move forward with these ideas in mind. Preservation of the College's traditions and meeting 21st-century challenges to higher education are the broadest of goals, but as the new president will attest, these successes will depend on the people who work together to form good men and good citizens in an atmosphere of sound learning. ■



At the March presidential announcement, Chairman Peebles Harrison '89 presented Stimpert with a copy of Professor John Brinkley's 880-pp., notoriously dense history of the College, On This Hill. By April he could report, "So far I've made it to the 1850s."

CATCHING LIGHT



HAMPDEN-SYDNEY AND THE FIRST AMERICAN CAMERA

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BY ANGUS K. McCLELLAN '05

In his writings of 1839, English scientist and inventor William Talbot described the wonder of the fledgling and fumbling technology of photography, still undeveloped, which man would eventually learn to control, refine, and essentially perfect by the 21st century:

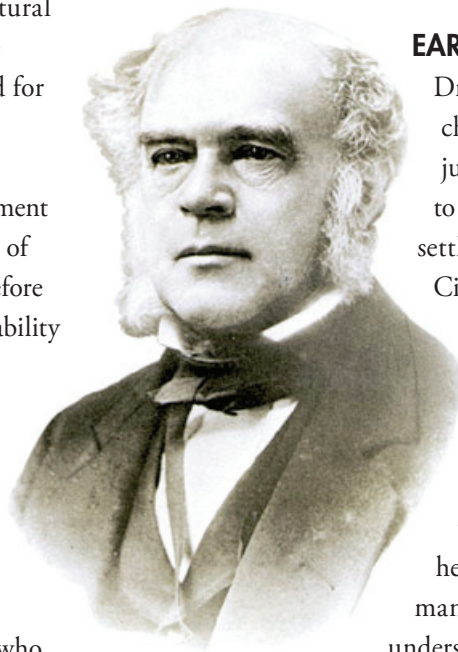
“The most transitory of things, a shadow, the proverbial emblem of all that is fleeting and momentary, may be fettered by the spells of our natural magic, and may be fixed forever in the position which it seemed only destined for a single instant to occupy.”

The idea of a photograph is truly extraordinary. It is the capture of a moment in time and space, the taking of a sliver of existence which had never happened before and will never occur again. It is man’s ability to save a piece of the present, with its thoughts and feelings and beauty, and to relive it for the rest of his life whenever he should decide to pull it from his pocket.

Talbot himself was a pioneer in photography at the same time as Frenchman Louis Daguerre, the man who first introduced daguerreotyping, a process by which images are transposed onto silver-coated copper plates—the earliest form of practical photography. The two were developing different versions of photography with metal plates and paper, at the same time, with Talbot even claiming priority of invention at the time of Daguerre’s announcement. But both processes were greatly flawed, primarily because they were incapable of capturing single moments of time: required exposures times were often an hour or more, a procedure suitable only for fixed scenes.

When word of Daguerre’s and Talbot’s abilities to capture clear and distinct images spread to the United States in early 1839, it caught the attention of a mineralogist and chemist who had been working with light-sensitive chemicals and *camera obscura* for years. His name was Dr. **John William Draper**, professor of chemistry at Hampden-Sydney, and he is one of the unsung pioneers in the advancement of portraiture and celestial photography. He worked closely with his Hampden-Sydney student and assistant, **William H. Goode**, class of

1839. According to the Smithsonian Institute, Draper built and used the first camera in America, as well as the first “fast action” camera in the world. Among his early cameras is the one pictured here, which now sits in the Atkinson Museum at Hampden-Sydney. It sits next to an unassuming telescope, a key tool for Draper’s investigations of light and its effects.



EARLY EXPERIMENTS

Draper graduated with honors in chemistry from London University just before he and his wife emigrated to Virginia in 1832. They first settled in Christiansville (now Chase City), where he started publishing independent research on electricity, light, and heat, in his pursuit of “imponderables”—early 19th-century theoretical, mysterious, and weightless fluid particles thought to comprise electricity, magnetism, heat, and light. (Further studies by many other scientists led to the eventual understanding of these imponderables as forms of electromagnetic radiation.)

With his chemistry background, Draper was interested in examining the effects of light on various sensitive materials. He built a room-sized *camera obscura*, which is essentially a dark room with pinholes in the walls or ceiling through which light is allowed to pass during experiments (*camera obscura* also refers to a small box or other enclosure with a single hole used for the similar purposes). From 1833 to 1836 Draper directed solar light through glass plates, lenses, and prisms, and then onto metallic salts such as silver bromide and silver nitrate, often spread onto metallic plates or paper, to study the sun’s effects on these light-sensitive materials. He had his findings published in at least eight scientific journals, and in 1837 he summarized his findings on the blackening effects of the sun on virtually all of the metallic salts then known. He also did much work with iodine and mercury vapors during these processes—all of which factored into his future work with photography and daguerrotyping.¹

In the winters of 1835 and 1836 Draper earned his M.D. at the University of Pennsylvania while continuing

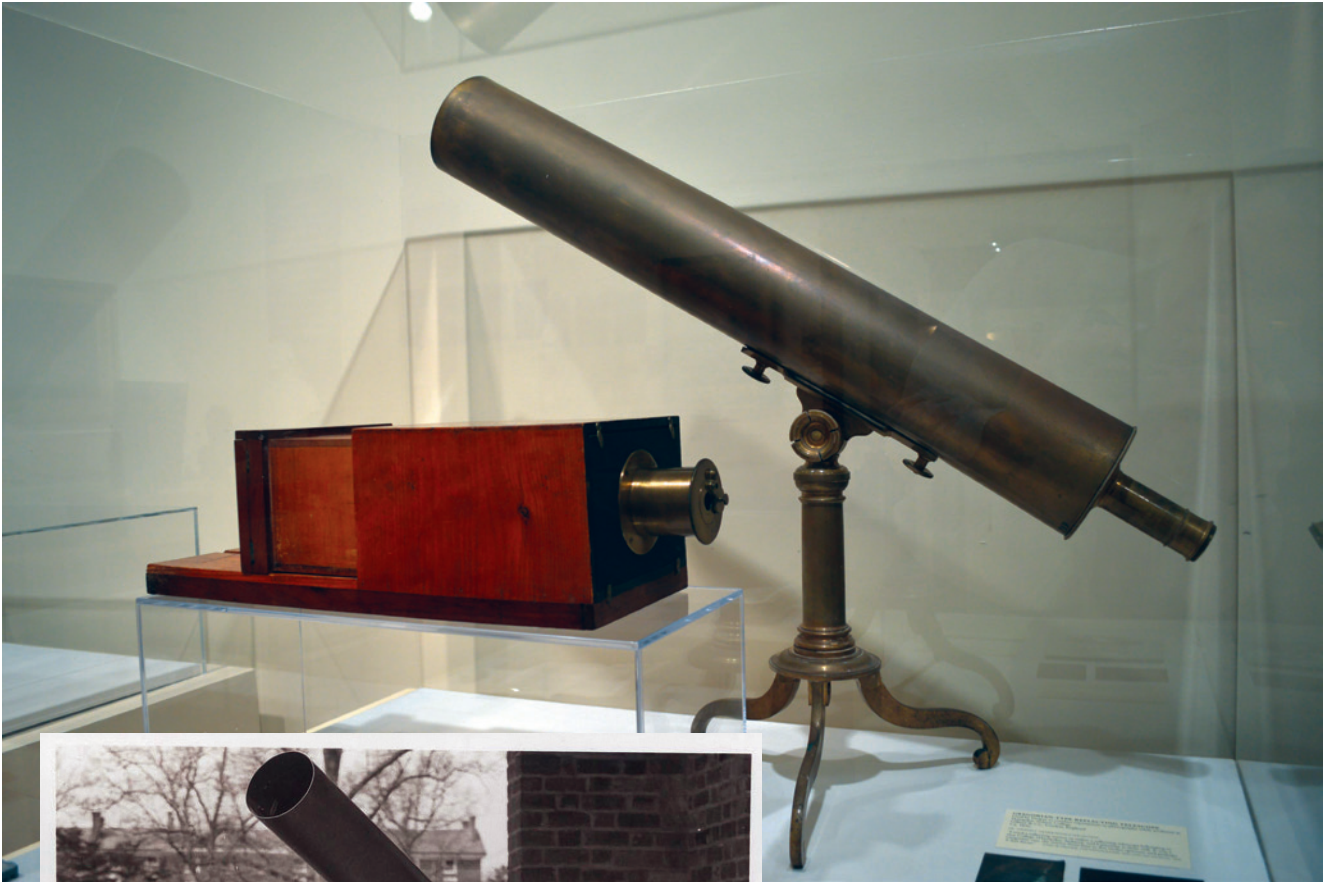


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One of Draper's early cameras is on display at the Atkinson Museum (above). The Hampden-Sydney professor used the telescope to direct light onto light-sensitive chemicals and materials for his experiments, which led to major improvements in daguerreotyping, portraiture, and celestial photography. Howard C. Cobbs '34 later did extensive research on Draper and his camera, much of which is preserved at the College, even taking new photographs with the camera in the 20th century to see if it still worked. It did. Mathematics and physics professor, and later president of the College, Dr. Thomas Edward Gilmer '23 (l.), posed with Draper's equipment while helping Cobbs with his research in the 1930s.

his research in Christiansville during the rest of the year. In the summer of 1836 he accepted the chair in Natural Philosophy and Chemistry at Hampden-Sydney, and in the fall he was appointed to the Mineralogical Society of Virginia at Worsham. He and his family moved into Steward's Hall (later the Alamo), and his son Henry was born at the College in 1837. Henry would go on to become an accomplished astronomer in his own right.

Draper continued his experiments with natural light during his three years on campus while teaching natural philosophy in Cushing Hall. In 1837, the College procured a "philosophical apparatus ... at a considerable expense," which in fact was the reflecting telescope seen here. This Draper used as a *camera obscura* lens to direct light in

further experiments on light-sensitive materials.

Although he was working with many of the same materials as Daguerre and Talbot, Draper was not yet concerned with capturing everyday scenes or people. He stayed focused on studying natural light from the sun directly. He made extensive independent progress and discoveries; for example, by 1837, two years before Daguerre's announcement, Draper had already captured and preserved images of the solar spectrum on paper at Hampden-Sydney. It was not until he read Talbot's essays on his photographic process in the late spring of 1839, however, that Draper turned his attention to more earthly objects.

PHOTOGRAPHY PROPER

Upon reading Talbot's claims, Draper built at least one cigar box *camera obscura* with a short focus and a lens with a large aperture while at Hampden-Sydney. In following Talbot's general description of his process, Draper treated pieces of writing paper with light-sensitive chemicals, placed them at the rear of the box, and then opened the lens to allow the light to darken the paper wherever the light fell, transposing the image to create a negative. He then treated the paper with a "fixer" solution to preserve the image. Using this imperfect method, Draper was able to produce only "silhouettes of people about windows," but not clear photographs.

Daguerre's far-superior method would provide Draper with the guidance he needed. In an act of goodwill, the French government had provided Daguerre with a pension in exchange for the details of his process, which it then released to the world, just as Draper was leaving Hampden-Sydney with his assistant William Goode to assume a new position at the University of the City of New York. When those details were printed in the *London Literary Gazette* and arrived in New York on September 20, 1839, Draper and Goode immediately went to work producing daguerreotypes.

Instead of using light-sensitive paper, daguerreotypes are typically made on copper plates with a highly polished silver coating. According to the original process, the plates are exposed to iodine fumes in order to create a light-sensitive silver iodide surface on the plates, which are then set in the rear of the camera. The camera lens is opened, and an upside-down, latent image is created on the surface. Further exposure of the plate to heated mercury fumes in a separate box completes development by creating a silver and mercury amalgam that appears both negative

and positive, depending on the angle at which the plate is viewed. It is then bathed in a solution of hyposulphite of soda to neutralize the chemicals and fix the image. Water is then used to rinse, and the plate was often set in a frame behind a plate of glass. The resulting mirror-like image appears to float in space, above rather than upon the surface of the metal. The sharpness of the images created by the process was far superior to the results of most other methods well into the 20th century.

Draper's extensive experience with metallic plates, salts, and vapors of iodine and mercury positioned him to be one of the leading authorities on daguerreotyping in America. He had already worked with most, if not all, of these materials during light experiments with his various *camera obscura* at Hampden-Sydney and in Christiansville. Indeed, within a matter of days of reading of Daguerre's process, Draper and Goode took daguerreotypes of Unitarian Congregational Church—likely the first photograph ever taken of New York City. They were also able to reduce the necessary exposure time enough that they could photograph living, unfixated objects—such as a person's face.

Draper needed a "sitter" for this purpose, so he turned

to his assistant, William Goode. The process was a success, meaning that the first photographic portrait ever taken in the world was of a Hampden-Sydney alumnus on September 23, 1839. Instead of mere shadows or blurred features, "the whole countenance ... with eyes open" were transposed onto the plate, an achievement impossible with the European process.

Unfortunately the original plates and journal entries of the experiments were lost, but Draper soon explained his process in scientific magazines, and his claims of priority were later corroborated.²



Draper and his Hampden-Sydney assistant William Goode 1839 worked on daguerreotype photography in New York, taking this image. It is the first known photograph of the city.

FURTHER ADVANCEMENTS

Draper continued to experiment with daguerreotyping, with the primary aim of further reducing exposure times; he redesigned the camera with a large, fast-action aperture, a shorter focal length, and different chemical procedures. In April of 1840, Draper set up a rooftop studio in New York with Samuel F.B. Morse, of telegraph and coded-messaging fame. Morse had visited Daguerre in France in 1839. By the summer of 1840, Draper had improved his process and was able to take exceptionally clear portraits. The Europeans were still largely incapable of producing portraits at this early stage.

Among his other successes were fixing exposed plates through electrolysis with zinc; copying objects by artificial light with micrographs, or magnified images; and duplicating daguerreotypes. With eyes once again turning skyward, on March 16, 1840, Draper took the first successful daguerreotype of a celestial object, the moon, therefore claiming the title as the father of astrophotography.

In June 1841, Draper recorded that he had successfully reduced necessary exposure times to less than one second using an extra vapor coating of bromine, far superior to Daguerre's procedure, and as a result was enjoying a "lucrative employment" in New York. A personal daguerreotype would sell for around \$1 or \$2. He and Morse worked together for only a short time before going their separate ways.

Like so many scientists, Draper soon moved on to other studies. He founded the New York University Medical School, where he taught chemistry and other topics and served as president until 1881. He wrote extensively on history and politics through the lens of Darwinian adaption, balancing his understanding of the human species between environmental determinism and social positivism. He was no friend to Christianity, citing the origins of science in ancient Greek philosophy and expounding at length on the conflict between religion and science. In 1875, he was awarded the Rumford Medal by the Royal Society for his research in radiant energy, citing "an outstandingly important recent discovery in the field of thermal or optical properties."

Professor Draper and alumnus William Goode were great contributors to the development of photography and other sciences. Draper's work with chemistry and light, nurtured and provided for at Hampden-Sydney, led to the rapid advancement of portraiture and astrophotography. Goode worked closely with Draper at the College and in New York, being "connected in some way with nearly all the experiments," he said. Although they have largely slipped into obscurity, at Hampden-Sydney these scientific pioneers will be long remembered for their contributions to our understanding and appreciation of the science of photography. ■



Hampden-Sydney recently found daguerreotypes of seven members of the class of 1851, who celebrated their graduation by having their images taken (above). They are the earliest known photographs of anyone associated with Hampden-Sydney.

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Another Man's Treasure

BY ANGUS K. McCLELLAN '05

By the time **Gordon Johnson '97** was pledging Phi Gamma Delta more than 20 years ago, late nights and good times had taken their toll on the appearance of the FIJI house down on Fraternity Circle. So naturally, in between parties, the brothers put Johnson and his fellow pledges to work repairing it. What seemed a chore at the time turned out to be the beginning of a trade that has taken the Hampden-Sydney alumnus up and down the East Coast in search of busted-out windows, crumbling brickwork, and rough-hewn floor joists tucked away in long-forgotten homesteads.

Johnson is in the restoration business, and with his company Recycled Relics LLC, the history major has been digging around in dusty dwellings for light fixtures, mantels, door hinges, and other items that simply cannot be found anywhere else. Some items he cleans up and sells; sometimes he uses the old wood to craft new furniture.

With wife Alecia, friends, and employees, he buys, restores, and “flips” houses, and on occasion disassembles entire structures and rebuilds them at other sites.

But nailing down exactly what Johnson does for a living is a labor in itself. He’s really not sure. “No day is ever the same,” he said. “Mostly I do historic restoration, construction, and build furniture. We run the inn. We’ve got the tree farm so we do timber management; we’re planting native grasses to bring the quail in for the hunting preserve.”

In his work salvaging, restoring, and repairing buildings, Gordon has had the chance to explore places that once sheltered great Virginians of the past. In Fairfax County, near Great Falls, he disassembled a home known as Seneca Farms, which George Washington used as an infirmary during the Revolutionary War. He’s got the doors and stones from the house at his workshop. Just



Ten years after Lee's surrender, a rather bizarre Englishman named John Stanley James (r.) moved to Farmville and built this house, known originally as Stanley Park. Today the renamed Olde Meeting Place still sits by the Appomattox River, although a few miles upstream near Prospect. Johnson, family, and friends disassembled and rebuilt it.



west of Sheppards in Buckingham, he helped restore and remodel Pleasant Grove, where Gen. Robert E. Lee stayed during his retreat from Petersburg. He custom-milled railings and balustrades, and even built a columned, two-story porch on the rear end of the home. He did plaster work and roofing at Red Hill, the home of leading Anti-Federalist and original trustee of Hampden-Sydney, Patrick Henry. On campus at his *alma mater*, Gordon restored the entryway to Edgeworth, known today as the Wilson Center for Leadership.

Of all of his projects, however, it is perhaps Johnson's own home that has been the most prodigious, the most time-consuming, and certainly the most rewarding of all. Through years of hammering, prying, scraping, and painting, Johnson has emerged in possession of a home that has been given a new family, a new life, and a second chance. What was once a decrepit estate rotting away on the edge of Farmville is now a fully restored Victorian home standing on the banks of the Appomattox, just a few miles from Hampden-Sydney.

THE MANSION AND SMOKEHOUSE

The house originally stood on a hill in Stanley Park on the north end of Farmville near the train station by the Appomattox River, seven miles downstream from its current location. Longwood University transformed the park into sports fields, parking lots, and housing complexes years ago, renaming it "Lancer Park" and reserving it for college students.

It was once the home of an Englishman named John Stanley James, who built the mansion in 1875. After migrating from England and moving to Farmville, in a short time James married the wealthy widow of a Virginia planter, planned a new academy while appointing himself the principal, and built the Stanley Park mansion in only 10 weeks. As abruptly as he had arrived, however, and after only a six-month stint in Farmville, James divorced his wife, abandoned the academy, and changed his name to Julian Thomas.

“Sick in body and mind, and broken in fortune,” the foreigner sailed to Australia and away from his troubles. For years he wrote essays under the pseudonym “A Vagabond,” wandering about the South Pacific while gaining some fame for his “immersion journalism”—living in lunatic asylums and squalid prisons to gather first-hand material for newspaper articles. He finished his life destitute in Melbourne, Australia, dying in a hovel antipodal to his woeful misfortunes in Southside Virginia.

His mansion is his local legacy. Farmville historian Bob Flippen, who compiled and contributed to an expanded edition of *The Vagabond Papers*, a compendium of Stanley’s writing, described the mansion as having “a number of unique architectural features; most visible was the tower occupying the third and fourth floors. The first floor featured six rooms with two large bay windows and hidden sliding pocket doors enabling two rooms to become one great room perfect for dining or entertaining. A narrow servants’ staircase wound from the first to the second floor, which included three large bedrooms.”

After passing between owners, by the 1960s the mansion was abandoned. For decades it served as a local

hideout and party spot for teenagers and college students. In the early 2000s, Johnson’s wife Alecia was working on the Appomattox River Restoration Project to help rebuild the Appomattox riverbank—right by the bluff where the mansion stood.

“We kept driving by this house,” he said, “and the kids and people were breaking in and messing it up. I’d heard that Longwood was going to donate the building to the fire department. We talked with the college, and at first we both thought we’d just salvage some pieces and parts. Inside we found tractor parts, guano—in one room the floor was gone. Walking around, we saw the circular floor plan, the funky staircases, and my wife just said, ‘We should move the whole thing!’ And I said, ‘OK, let’s do it!’”

Because Longwood simply wanted the house removed to make way for modern development, the college sold it to Johnson for a single dollar.

Over five or six weeks, Johnson and some friends numbered every piece—every board, every post, and every joist—disassembling the entire structure and packing it into tractor-trailers. His “Swizzle and Chisel” brick-



Johnson used an old-fashioned type of dry-stacked retaining wall in his backyard. The colorful house is oriented in the same direction as it was in 1875.



Behind his shop (above), Johnson has a disassembled house from 1810 that once stood in Cumberland. If he can't rebuild it, he'll use the old wood to build new furniture.



The smokehouse behind his home serves as an entertainment room for guests. It once stood at the Manor golf course just north of Hampden-Sydney. Inside, cut marks on the braces show where butchers hacked off meat for meals.

cleaning parties consisted of buying kegs to entice friends to come over and help chip mortar off the thousands of bricks he later used to rebuild the chimneys and fireplaces. After nearly five years of work, Gordon, Alecia, friends, and family completed the painstaking task of putting the house back together exactly as it had been before, even orienting the house in accordance with its original direction and lining up the floorboards in the living room to maintain the natural wear-and-tear patterns from a hundred years of use.

To complement his Victorian home, Gordon disassembled and rebuilt a 19th-century smokehouse that stood at the Manor golf course just south of Farmville. Once hanging hundreds of hams and sides of beef, the 20'x28' building now stands behind his home as an entertainment room for guests. Architectural nuances provide a glimpse into life at the time: Close-fitting studs were mortised into both the top and bottom plates to prevent hungry thieves from knocking them through to gain access to the wealth of meat hanging inside. The heavy timbers and braces, some measuring 10"x13", still bear the cut marks from cooks who hacked off chunks of meat for family meals. While cleaning up the wood of the seasoned smokehouse for restoration, Gordon and friends had to scrape off a half-inch layer of pig fat from every crossbeam.

OTHER WORK

Among his seemingly endless multitude of projects, Gordon lately has been focusing on restoring old furniture, cleaning and selling stone and other material to new homebuilders and artists, and running a local inn with Alecia. He has a workshop where he can “hide” some of his vast collection of odds and ends from his wife, who sometimes has trouble distinguishing his shop from a junkyard. Oaken doors from the 1740s, floorboards from a North Carolina cotton mill, leaded-glass lightshades, a 19th-century pegged staircase, multi-colored tiles, tarnished brass hinges, and a trailer full of timbers from an 1810 house in Cumberland sit ready for restoration and installation—should the right customer come along.

“She realized she married Fred Sanford,” Gordon joked.

Just a few miles west of Farmville along the High Bridge Trail in Prospect, the pair runs the Catalpa Inn, an early 20th-century restored former home of a section



After years of work, Johnson and his family can now enjoy a restored home unlike any other. The material is almost entirely original, minus some needed substitutes, and “the Victorians would have covered the beautiful pine and plastered the brick,” he said. It features energy-efficient upgrades, including advanced insulation and geo-thermal heating and cooling.

foreman for the Southside Railroad. It stands next to a largely untouched collection of clapboard and brick buildings now owned by the Prospect Historical Society: the old dentist’s office; the law office; the post office; and the general store, all of which once served locals and railway passengers. For decades the former tenant of the inn supervised section crews that repaired and maintained the line of rail extending from Pamplin to Farmville.

Although a termite infestation had undermined much of its structural integrity, Johnson gutted and repaired the house, transforming it back to its original board-and-batten condition, although with modern conveniences. The building is now a bed and breakfast for travellers and romantics seeking a glimpse of life along the old Virginia railway.

It is by completing these and other projects that Johnson makes his living. Like his fathers before him, the alumnus considers himself an entrepreneur. Indeed, it is his instinct for opportunity that drives him toward these unusual endeavors. But more, what pulls him along is the lure of an honest day’s toil,

and the chance to resurrect the wood and brick that once *was*, and now *is* again. The slabs of oak and pine he hammers and hews were likewise cut and shaped by long-dead artisans daring to place their fortunes in their own hands. Like the Virginia craftsmen, pioneers, and revolutionaries whose work he follows, he is his own man, free, finding his home and fortune along the road less travelled. ■



Sometimes Johnson finds little gems in his searches. At a recent auction, the entrepreneur stumbled across this unassuming rush-seated desk chair. On the bottom? A sticker reading, “Property of Hampden-Sydney.”



BILL HOFFMAN *Redux*

English Professor Revisited

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BY RAYMOND B. WALLACE, JR. '60

Dropping in on Henry William Hoffman '49, author, is an inspirational struggle, probably soulful in nature. “Men in Trees and Men on the Water,” wrote Maria Spalding Hadlow in her master’s thesis at James Madison University.

The lure of Trees (mountains) – the Water (rivers and bay) became the inspiration for Hoffmans’ carefully constructed literature. It is striking how Hadlow’s scholarship harks back to her friend Don Gehring’s observation: “There’s a whole bunch of *us* ... in us.”

Bill Hoffman, born in Charleston, West Virginia, went to Charleston public schools. Serving in World War II (both Normandy and the Battle of the Bulge), he returned home on a hospital ship. Enrolling at Hampden-

Sydney College, he received his degree in 1949; Hoffman would spend a post-graduate year at Washington & Lee University with Tom Wolfe. His honorary doctorate there followed later.

Hoffman’s character-development included deprivation of place—grasping justifications—unexpected virtues of simple resilience—desperately searching for an elusive integrity.

A 1950s Hampden-Sydney College student, I witnessed the “early Hoffman” in that special place—a cool, understated, wise-for-his-time, war-scarred young novelist, journeying to where his creativity would beach. We shared our membership installation to ODK honorary fraternity.

In our retirement move to Westham Green condos, I

carefully examined our new bookshelves; the novels were lined up chronologically—13 novels, four books of short stories. Recalling his awards—1992 John Dos Passos Prize For Literature; O. Henry Prize, 1996; the Dashiell Hammett Award for his *Tidewater Blood* (1998)—brought rekindled admiration.

Students took deep pride in having a novelist-in-residence. His stories reminded us that there's a little bit of ostrich in all of us—never to abate.

Daniel M. Hawks '61, assistant curator for Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation, recalled his Hoffman Creative Writing class:

One morning each student in the class was required to read the opening paragraph of the piece he had been assigned to write. One of the men near the front of the class (whose name I cannot remember) began by saying, "The air was filled with excitement." Hoffman immediately jumped out of his chair, pointed his arms into the air as if he had a hunting rifle, and yelled, "Bang! Bang! Bang! I just killed excitement!"

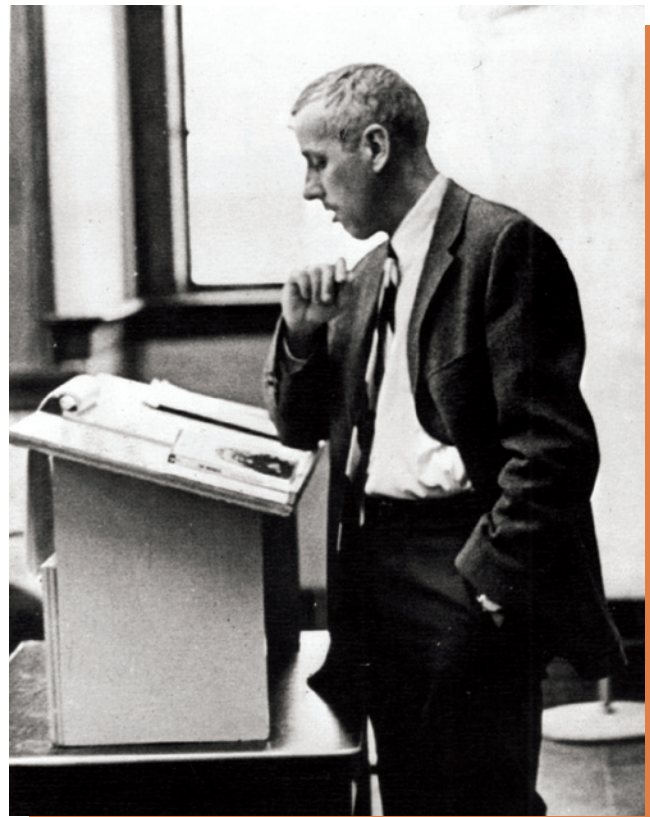
Much later a wonderful reunion of two old friends, Tom Wolfe and William Hoffman, at Washington & Lee University, was recorded. They discussed a year in Virginia letters—their year—in Lexington, now six decades ago.

Taking creative writing classes, Hoffman and Wolfe helped launch W&L's prestigious literary magazine: *Shenandoah*. Fascinating exchanges between these old friends brought published intricate insights. Each of them remembered the title, plot, even character names of the first story the other published.

Tom Wolfe observed that fictional characters had their ways. "I think clothes often are a give-away of who a person thinks they are ... a kind of a little window that opens." Hoffman laughingly agreed.

Richmonder Elizabeth Seydel Morgan, publisher of poetry, directed this awareness to Hoffman readers. "There they were, two Virginia gentlemen talking about the writing life, double-breasted suits, and their halcyon days at Washington & Lee."

Maria Hadlow's concluding interview brought Hoffman's assorted thoughts together:



English Professor Bill Hoffman wrote more than a dozen novels, with his early themes echoing his World War II experiences and later work set in the South and Virginia.

I was brought up as sort of a privileged character. My mother and father were poor, so we moved in with my grandmother.... We went to Florida in the winter. I was sent to private schools and summer camps ... my father lost his house and business—everything, and his marriage broke up. So I've got these two things. I've got the side that had the money and the privileges; I've got the side that didn't have anything....so I see it from both sides ..."

He wrote from multiple hearts—multiple places—innumerable spiritual susceptibilities, with deep agonies of an eternal soul. Robert Merritt once described him as a writer with an eye for detail, simplicity of dialogue, allowing us in not only on a South as it was, but also on a South as it is. This was evident in my Hoffman favorite, *A Place For My Head* (1960).

Dr. **John L. Brinkley '59**, H-SC historian and classics professor, reminded us: "Professor Hoffman could be blunt with his students, but the intent was always pure."

I suspect Maria Hadlow is warmly comforted by this. ■

ON THE HILL CAMPUS NOTES



Commencement

On May 8, 2016, Hampden-Sydney graduated 236 students in the 241st year of the College. Despite weeks of rain, the clouds parted and the seniors received their diplomas under sunshine on the lawn of Venable Hall.

W. Taylor Reveley III gave the Commencement address and was awarded an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters in recognition of his contributions to the life of the mind and his strong commitment to public service. Currently he serves as the president of the College of William & Mary. Sandwiched in a family tradition of collegiate presidencies, his father **W. Taylor Reveley II** was the president of Hampden-Sydney College from 1963 to 1977, and his son **W. Taylor Reveley IV** is now president of Longwood University.

The Gammon Cup, awarded to the student-athlete in the graduating class who has best served the College, was given to **Michael Taiwan Murray**.

The Anna Carrington Harrison Award, given to the student



who shows the most constructive leadership in a school year, was presented to Student Body President **Matthew Robert Goodrich**.

The Phi Beta Kappa Award for Intellectual Excellence, given to recognize intellectual excellence as manifested in outstanding student research, was awarded to **Lucas Aaron Hanshaw** and **Linh Van Nguyen**.

Dr. **Julia E. Palmer**, associate professor of modern languages, was the recipient of the Cabell



Award for outstanding classroom teaching.

Jason M. Ferguson '96, director of admissions, was given the Robert Thruston Hubard IV Award for active devotion and service to the College and her ideals.

The Thomas Edward Crawley Award, awarded to the professor most distinguished for devoted service to the ideals of Hampden-Sydney and the education of her sons, was given to Dr. **Saranna Robinson Thornton**, professor of economics.



The Honorable Dr. John Hillen (l.) received the Algernon Sydney Sullivan Medallion this year for his help in encouraging and preserving a high standard of morals at the College.



Lt. Col. Rucker Snead '81 (middle) administered the oath to two ROTC cadets this year.

The Algernon Sydney Sullivan Medallion, given to a member of the graduating class who has distinguished himself for excellence of character and generous service to his fellows, and others who are conspicuously helpful to and associated with the institution in its effort to encourage and preserve a high standard of morals, were

awarded to **Holden Keith McMomore '16**, The Honorable Dr. **John Hillen**, and **Eunice Ward Carwile '92**, respectively.

The final award was the Senior Class Award, which was given to rhetoric professors Dr. **Lowell T. Frye** and Dr. **Elizabeth J. Deis** for their contributions to the College, its students, and the community.

The Class of 2016 also

presented the College with a check for \$7,145 towards their class scholarship, named in honor of Coach **Ray Rostan**, who is retiring from his position as head lacrosse coach.

This year, two ROTC cadets were commissioned as officers in the United States Army. Lieutenant Colonel (Ret.) **Rucker Snead '81** administered the oath of office as **Evan Curtis Harris** and **Kordell Dandridge Strauss** received their Gold Bars.

Following this ceremony, the valedictory address was given by **Benjamin Branch Edward Vincent**, who was the First Honor graduate with a cumulative grade point average of 3.9933.

Interim President **Dr. Dennis Stevens** closed Commencement with his remarks to the graduating class, informing them that "all of us who remain on this Hill will follow your exploits with intense interest and no small measure of pride."

Men's Chorus on Tour

For the first time in two years, the Hampden-Sydney Men's Chorus went on tour to showcase their latest vocal repertoire before live audiences. During spring break from March 9 to 13, 2016, the group traveled to New Orleans to perform at St. Charles Avenue Presbyterian Church, a French Gothic building in the Audubon neighborhood near the Mississippi River. Later the group worked in partnership with the local 7th-grade Holy Cross



School Boys Choir to exchange ideas and mentor the aspiring singers. Later, **Robert Suggs '95** and his mother, Carroll, hosted a reception and concert for alumni and friends of the College at their home. They sang mostly American folk music, classical music, and of course, the Hampden-Sydney school songs.

Assistant Professor of Fine Arts Dr. **Helena von Rueden**

led the trip. Since her arrival at Hampden-Sydney in 2014, the Men's Chorus has grown from about a dozen members to 22—and new students continue to find their way over to Winston Hall. She saw this trip as a natural outgrowth of the burgeoning band of Tiger vocalists.

"The guys themselves have been instrumental," she said.

"Choirs grow when the members get excited about what they're doing, spread the word, when the group gets out there and performs, and when audiences see them perform." Dr. von Rueden also mentioned that concerts such as these help build cohesion and camaraderie within the group. The more they perform, she said, "the tighter their music sounds."

CEPE Students Present Research

By **John Kroencke '16**

On April 4-5, 2016, six economics students affiliated with the Center for Entrepreneurship and Political Economy (CEPE) presented their research topics at the annual meeting of the Association of Private Enterprise Education in Las Vegas, Nevada. The six students, **John Kroencke '16, Adam Witham '16, Justin Parker '16, Matt Stiltner '16, Cameron Tilley '16, Almantas Palubinskas '16** and Professors **Geoffrey Lea '04** and **Justin Isaacs '95** attended the

conference with three alumni currently enrolled in Ph.D. programs: **Alexander Cartwright '13, Dylan Dellisanti '14, and Perry Ferrell '15**. In addition to presenting their own research, attendees were privileged to see talks by Nobel Prize winner Vernon Smith and other distinguished economists.

Many students who have been introduced to classical liberal political economy by the CEPE have pursued graduate school upon graduation. During this semester, four Ph.D. alumni have returned to campus to present current research projects to students as part of a new Tigers of Political Economy (ToPE) lecture

series. As the CEPE Director of Student Outreach, Professor **Tony Carilli** told *The Record*, "The ToPE inspires students to follow in the footsteps of alumni who have pursued a career that allows them to follow their passion for classical liberal political economy. By interacting with one of their own, students can better make the connection between their own education and their lives after college, pursuing ways to make the world more just and prosperous."

Kroencke, Witham, and Parker have already accepted fully funded offers to Ph.D. programs at George Mason, Clemson, and West Virginia, respectively. Additional CEPE-affiliated seniors have applied for graduate school and may take the number of students from the Class of 2016 to four or five (see opposite).

Students who are interested in the CEPE are encouraged to attend lectures, join reading groups, and apply for research fellowships. Alumni, friends, and others are encouraged to attend on-campus lectures during the school year.



Newest Alumni Doctoral Students

The following 23 graduates have been accepted to graduate school and plan to begin doctoral studies this fall. This does not include the many alumni from the Class of 2016 and other classes who are pursuing other graduate studies.

Carter Allen, JD student
Liberty University School of Law
Government

Dane Asuigui, PhD student
Georgetown University
Chemistry

Caleb Bowyer, PhD student
University of Florida
Physics

James Crandall, JD student
University of Kentucky College of Law
Government

Westley Eure, PhD student
University of Houston
Chemistry

Jacob Farrar, MD student
George Washington University School of Medicine and Health Services
Biology

Travis Goodloe, MD student
University of South Alabama College of Medicine
Biology

Evan Harris, MD student
George Washington University School of Medicine and Health Services
Biology

David Hart, JD student
University of Richmond School of Law
Economics

Matthew Hinson, JD student
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Law
Economics and Spanish

John Kroencke, PhD student
George Mason University
Mathematical Economics

Andrew Martinez, DDS student
University of Texas Health Science Center
Biology

Linh Nguyen, PhD student
University of Michigan
Applied Mathematics and Physics

Almantas Palumbiskas, PhD student
Syracuse University
Mathematical Economics

Justin Parker, PhD student
West Virginia University
Applied Mathematics and Mathematical Economics

Melchior Savarese, DDS student
Virginia Commonwealth University
Biology

Shaquann Seadrow, post-baccalaureate, PhD track
Princeton University
Mathematics and Physics

Alexander Sefton, JD student
Charleston School of Law
Government and Latin

John Sheffield, PharmD student
Virginia Commonwealth University
Biology and Chemistry

Caleb Swiney, JD student
Georgia State University College of Law
Economics and Business

Branch Vincent, PhD student
Duke University
Applied Mathematics and Physics

Theodore West, JD student
Elon University School of Law
English

Adam Witham, PhD student
Clemson University
Mathematical Economics and Applied Mathematics

Load Up, Move Out

Hampden-Sydney and Longwood ROTC cadets departed from the Lagoon Field next to the Kirby Field House via a CH-47 Chinook helicopter on March 17, 2016, as part of the Spider Battalion of the University of Richmond. They flew back to campus a few days later after taking part in a Joint Field Training Exercise (JFTX) at Fort Pickett, having trained with more than 250 cadets from JMU, UVA, and Virginia State. During the JFTX the cadets conducted training in

a number of individual and group tasks including Garrison Operations; Land Navigation; Leaders Reaction Course; Infantry Tactical Lanes; Confidence Course; and Leader Development and Assessment.



American Communists Confirmed

Culminating the new spring 2016 class “History and Legacies of the Cold War,” the departments of Government, History, Religion, and the Wilson Center sponsored a lecture by Professor of Politics and History at Emory University, Dr. **Harvey Klehr**, titled, “Was Joe McCarthy Right?” The professor’s academic career spans five decades, and he is known as a foremost expert on American communism and Soviet espionage, having written more than 15 books on various aspects of the Cold War. More than a hundred students and faculty went to Crawley Forum on March 16, 2016, to hear the investigating professor discuss the extent to which communists had infiltrated the U.S. government from the 1930s through the Cold War or were otherwise supported and directed from abroad by the Communist Party.

“I’m tempted to start this talk by saying, ‘I have here in my hand a list of names,’” Klehr joked. “That of course was the phrase made famous by Joseph McCarthy,” the U.S. senator known for claiming that the highest levels of the Federal government had been penetrated by Soviet agents. Riding the politically favorable tide of heightened fears of communist influence in the 1940s and 1950s, McCarthy was later denounced and formally censured for making what many contemporaries and later scholars considered unfounded and

irresponsible accusations against loyal American citizens.

As Klehr explained, however, the collapse of the Soviet Union and the subsequent exposure of classified Soviet documents, as well as the declassification of U.S.-intercepted Soviet communications, have revealed to the public that indeed, hundreds if not thousands of American communist citizens in and out of the U.S. Federal government were relaying classified information and other documents to the Soviet Union or were in positions to influence or direct American public policy.

Klehr himself visited Moscow



The class “History and Legacies of the Cold War” examined the influence of communism on the West. After this lecture students better understood its far-reaching effects.

in 1991 soon after Boris Yeltsin had suspended the Communist Party and subsequently seized its archives, opening them to the public for scholarly study.



Klehr lectured on whether Sen. Joe McCarthy (above) was right about Soviet espionage, citing primary sources from his investigations.

Klehr was the first American to “forage through the papers of the Communist International,” he said, discovering “detailed archival evidence” and “overwhelming confirmation” that the Soviet

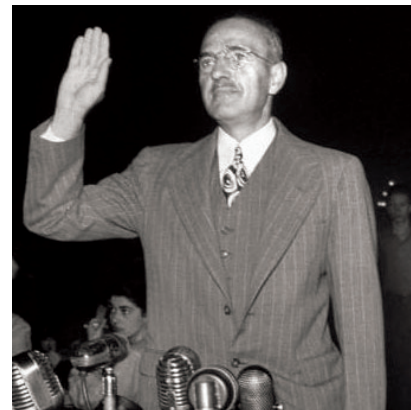
Communist Party was issuing orders and providing millions of dollars in funding for communists in the United States well into the 1980s. In addition, Klehr found scores of top-secret documents that provided evidence of the American Communist Party’s involvement with Soviet espionage. Apparently the archival staff were unaware of the importance of those files until later. After Klehr published his work, the SVR, successor to the KGB, “re-secretized” the archives.

Further contradicting “revisionist” academics and communist apologists who denied such communist influences in the United States, Klehr expounded on the VENONA decrypts, U.S.-held cables from Soviet intelligence agencies that confirmed the guilt of such high-ranking American officers as Alger Hiss and

Harry Dexter White. Hiss was a high-ranking State Department official who played a key role in planning post-war international organizations; Harry Dexter White was second-in-command at the U.S. Treasury Department, a position from which he was the senior American official establishing the post-war economic order and was a major architect of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the World Bank. Both were Soviet spies. Indeed, although only a fraction of the intercepted cables could be decrypted, they revealed that at least 350 American journalists, scientists, government officials, academics, and others worked for the Communist Party or Soviet intelligence agencies during World War II alone. VENONA evidence shows that high-ranking American communist sympathizers were

among those who had helped fashion Roosevelt's New Deal economic policies in the 1930s.

"No Federal agency was immune to Soviet penetration," Klehr said. "There were at least 16 Soviet agents in the OSS [predecessor to the CIA] including Duncan Lee, chief counsel to William Donovan, the head of OSS. The Office of War Information, the Board of Economic Warfare, the War Department, the Signal Corps, and the Justice Department had all been penetrated." Of the 350 original code names found in the VENONA decrypts, only 125 could be identified by name initially. Klehr and his colleague John Haynes identified 50 more Americans who were passing information to the Russians, as they detail in their recent book *Venona: Decoding Soviet*



Harry Dexter White (above), second-in-command at the U.S. Treasury Department, was a spy.

Espionage in America.

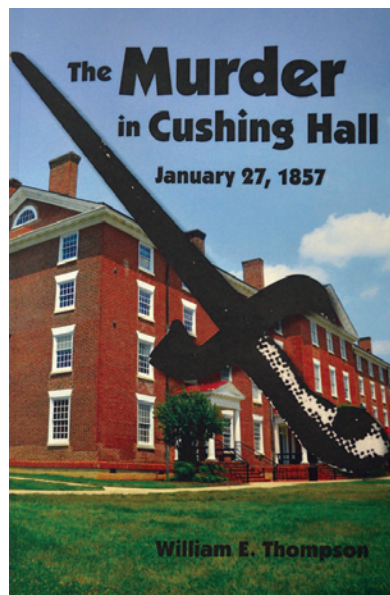
Klehr and Haynes never defended McCarthy himself, he said, explaining, "His tactics were deplorable, and he was frequently off-the-mark in his accusations. But just because Joe McCarthy was objectionable, this should not blind us to some things Senator McCarthy got right."

Cushing Killing Revisited

Former College Chaplain Rev. **William E. "Willie" Thompson** recently published his fifth book, *The Murder in Cushing Hall*, which chronicles the only student killing ever to happen on Hampden-Sydney's campus. The well-known tale of two students coming to fatal blows in the fourth passage of the 19th-century College is told in vivid detail in his 250-page paperback volume.

Edward Langhorne's guilt or innocence is debated to this day, and his motives and justification for killing **Charles Edie** are still under scrutiny nearly 160 years later. Then as now, some

called it self-defense, others murder. Thompson takes the reader through the social and



political settings of antebellum Virginia and Hampden-Sydney in preparation for a dramatic account of the killing itself. He then recounts in detail the trial and its aftermath and impact on the people and College community. Thompson paints a colorful picture of the entire sequence of events through an impressive collection of private letters, diaries, newspaper articles, court testimonies, and other contemporary sources.

All proceeds will be donated to the College's Atkinson Museum. Copies are available at the College Store for \$15.



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29th Hall of Fame Class Announced

Hampden-Sydney College and the Athletics Hall of Fame announce its 29th class to be inducted on Saturday, October 29, 2016, at 11 am in the Kirk Athletic Center. Included in the Athletics Hall of Fame Class of 2016 are football's all-time leading rusher **C.W. Clemmons '05**, basketball standout **Brandon Randall '04**, and baseball sensation **Jason Keefe '98**.

C.W. Clemmons currently stands as the Tigers' all-time leading rusher with 3,771 yards and has two of the top-ten individual rushing seasons in school history with 1,187 yards in 2003 (3rd) and 1,098 yards in 2004 (7th). The three-time First Team All-ODAC selection was also named the ODAC Offensive Player of the Year in 2004. That season, he was also awarded the Dudley Award, given to the top player in the state of Virginia by the Touchdown Club of Richmond. Further, he ranks second in program history in both points in a season (146, 2003) and career (282).

Brandon Randall graduated as one of the top student-athletes in school history. Randall was a three-time All-ODAC selection while being named the ODAC Scholar-Athlete of the Year, Third-Team Academic All-American, class Valedictorian, and a Rhodes Scholar candidate in 2004. On the court, Randall currently stands as the 19th leading scorer in program history with 1,237 points. He's also fourth in career steals with 193. He was a four-year starter that was a part of the third winningest class in school history (100 wins) while appearing in four NCAA Tournament appearances and winning three ODAC Championships. In the team's 2003 Final-Four run, Randall was named to the NCAA Regional team after averaging 13.5 points in the Tigers' wins over Illinois Wesleyan and Wisconsin-Oshkosh.

Jason Keefe was an outstanding second baseman who was a two-time All-ODAC pick. As a sophomore in 1996, he was a First Team All-ODAC and Honorable Mention All-Region selection while leading the ODAC with a .446 batting average. That .446 mark is the third best single-season batting average in school history while his career average of .365 ranks sixth. Additionally, he recorded 138 career hits which was a program record at the time of his graduation and currently ranks 13th.

Baseball Enjoys Record Season, Four Earn All-ODAC

The baseball team had a strong year, reaching the final day of the ODAC Tournament while winning a program-record 28 games. Additionally, four Tigers earned spots on All-ODAC teams, including **Brian Goodwyn**, who was named the 2016 Rookie of the Year. Senior second baseman **John Lloyd**, senior shortstop **Lee Carneal**, and Goodwyn were named to the Second Team, and senior reliever **Dylan Gonzales** earned Third-Team honors.

Goodwyn had a strong debut season, leading the Tigers with 170 at bats, 61 hits, three triples, 33 runs, and an ODAC-high 25 stolen bases. His .359 batting average and ten doubles were second on the team. Additionally, he batted in 20 runs. He hit safely in 33 of his 40 games, including 21 multi-hit games. Impressively he had a hit streak of five consecutive games with at least two hits that included a perfect 5-for-5 day at the plate against Moravian.

Lloyd led the team in homeruns this season with four, while batting .302 with 39 hits, ten doubles and 22 runs—all third best for the Tigers.

Carneal, who earned First Team All-ODAC honors in 2014, batted a team-best .376 on the season with 53 hits. He was second on the team in runs (27), and led the team in doubles (11), RBI (37) and walks (25). Carneal hit safely in 34 of his 40 games, while also recording 17 multi-hit games and ending his



Brian Goodwyn '19



Ray Rostan



Jamie Agnew '19

career on a nine-game hit streak.

Gonzales enjoyed the best regular season of his career, breaking the program record for single-season appearances with 28, while also posting a team-best 1.62 ERA. He threw 50.0 innings, while boasting a 3-0 record and four saves. This year he struck out 35 while walking just 14.

Ray Rostan Named ODAC Coach of the Year, Seven Earn All-ODAC

Lacrosse Head Coach **Ray Rostan** was named the ODAC Coach of the Year and seven student-athletes were named to the All-ODAC team. Additionally, the ODAC coaches voted to honor Coach Rostan by renaming the annual ODAC Men's Lacrosse Sportsmanship Team to the "Ray Rostan Men's Lacrosse Sportsmanship Team."

Coach Rostan concluded his 37-year head coaching career, the last 32 spent at Hampden-Sydney, with a record-setting season. The Tigers had to replace five of their top seven scorers from 2015 in addition to starters at faceoff, goalkeeper, short stick midfield, and close defense.

Rostan finished his historic career with a 342-197 career record and a 302-172 mark at Hampden-Sydney. He won four ODAC Championships and advanced to the NCAA Tournament eight times. H-SC finished the season ranked in the top 20 on 17 occasions, including a #3 finish in 1998. In his 32 years at Hampden-Sydney, the Tigers posted a winning record in 27 seasons. His son, **Jay Rostan '03**, succeeds him as head lacrosse coach.

Jake Kofert and **Thomas Passenant** were named to the First Team while **Ian Levin**, **Hunter Brown**, **Kevin Wilhelm**, **Kyle Fraser**, and **Mitch Renfrow** were tabbed to the Second Team.

Agnew Named ODAC Golf Rookie of the Year, Three Named All-ODAC

Hampden-Sydney freshman golfer **Jamie Agnew** has been named the ODAC Rookie of the Year while joining junior **Alex Simmons** and sophomore **Austin Fockler** as All-ODAC honorees.

Agnew and Simmons each earned First-Team honors while Fockler was named to the Third Team.

Agnew stepped right into Hampden-Sydney's lineup and became a consistent performer. In seven starts this season, he had one top-10 showing and a 75.4 per round average, which ranks 10th in the league. His top-10 effort came at the spring's first event, the TaylorMade-adidas Intercollegiate. He placed seventh overall in a field that boasted several of the country's top squads, finishing at 8-over 224 (71-75-78). He tied for 15th through two rounds of the ODAC Championships at 12-over (78-78).

Simmons, a 2015 Third-Team All-ODAC performer, led the team this year in rounds (18), events played (8), and average score (74.28), which ranks fourth in the ODAC. He posted two top-five finishes and two top-ten finishes with a low round of 70. Through two rounds of the ODAC Championship, he is tied for eighth with rounds of 74 and 78.

Fockler, who played 13 rounds in six events this year, finished ninth in the ODAC with a 75.31 per round average. He had strong performances with two top ten finishes, two top five finishes, and a win at VSGA Invitational.

Hampden-Sydney placed fourth in the ODAC Golf Championship.

ALUMNI NEWS

The **2016 Reunion Weekend**, held from June 3 to 5, was another great success. Alumni from the Classes of 1966 to 2011 and members of the Patrick Henry Society spent the weekend renewing old friendships and making new ones while taking part in a variety of reunion events. For a full recap and photo gallery, visit alumni.hsc.edu.

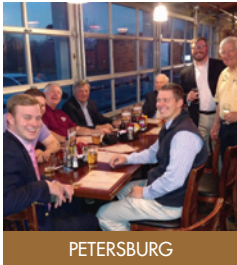




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ALUMNI NEWS

On March 22, 2016, alumni gathered at homes and restaurants across the country to recall their Hampden-Sydney days and to send their best wishes to the students taking the **Rhetoric Proficiency Exam** that night. At the College, faculty and staff gathered for their own celebration and to watch photographs come in from the event locations. Here are some of the pictures from the alumni RPE Toasts!



PETERSBURG



CHARLESTON



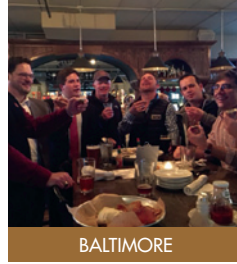
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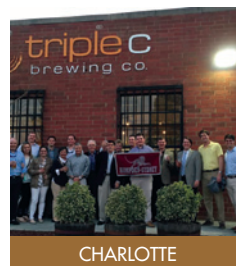
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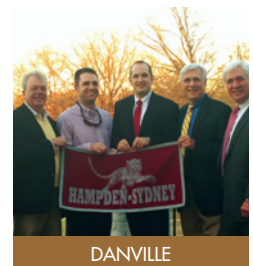
TIDEWATER/VIRGINIA BEACH



COLORADO



CHARLOTTESVILLE



DANVILLE



DUCK



RICHMOND/MIDLOTHIAN



Victor Gonzalez '96 (l.), Brad Israel '04 (middle), and Juan Carlos Gonzalez '95 (r.) met through General Sam Wilson, former H-SC president.

A Special Forces and H-SC Connection

In the early 1990s, Maj. Richard “Dick” Meadows recommended to his friend and then-professor General **Sam Wilson** two Peruvian brothers who were hoping to attend college in the United States. Meadows, much like General Sam, was a key architect in the development of special operations forces and was a highly decorated combat veteran who had operated extensively behind enemy lines.

“I couldn’t get them into West Point,” General Sam recently recalled, “That would have been a congressional matter. But I knew I could get them into a school that might be better for them—Hampden-Sydney.”

Their academic performances aside, recommendations from men such as Meadows and Wilson alone would have been enough to give them a chance on the Hill. Indeed, after General Sam became president of the College in 1992, he kept a close eye on the two and noted they “were very popular, outstanding students, and well-grounded

as far as attitude, conduct, and manners were concerned. You could ask for no better.”

Today **Juan Carlos Gonzalez-Maertens '95** runs an international insurance firm in Peru, and his brother **Victor Gonzalez-Maertens '96** is the head of industry for Google. The two highly successful brothers now both live in Lima.

While visiting General Sam recently in Rice, Maj. **Brad Israel '04** was told about the Gonzalez brothers. Israel was on his way to Peru on a military trip, and General Sam suggested he reach out to his fellow H-SC alumni whom he had helped recruit.

“They showed me all around Lima,” Israel said, “and we had a great meal on the water before I headed back to the base. It is amazing the connection you have with other alumni, even those you never knew. There is a natural bond that many will never understand. I look forward to keeping up with my new amigos down south.”

CLASS NOTES



JP VAUGHN '58

1950s

AL REYNOLDS '58 retired from his position of reference librarian at Frederick Community College in Frederick, Maryland. He "told the gullible to watch for a flyer of the Blue Angels, but all he got was the usual college pigeons."

JP VAUGHAN '58 and the rest of the Lynchburg Tiger Fan Club have classed-up their method of travel to Hampden-Sydney games. It was started by **Horsley Putt '58** with support from **Jim Ferneyhough '58** and has grown over the years in numbers and enthusiasm. The Tiger Limo became a part of the sports life most recently and a favorite method of travel.

1960s

M. HUNT BERRYMAN '65 received the LRH Advocate of the Year Award at the inaugural event in the new auditorium at Lakeland Regional Health's Hollis Cancer Center.

CHARLES CRIST '66 was recently appointed by the UVA Board of Visitors to serve as the vice chair of the board for Novant Health UVA Health System, a new joint venture in northern and central Virginia. He also serves as the chair of the board of trustees of the Novant/UVA Culpeper Medical Center.

Hon. **DENIS F. SODEN '68** (below) was named the 2016 recipient of the Tradition of Excellence Award by the Virginia State Bar's General Practice Section.



JOHN B. ADAMS '71

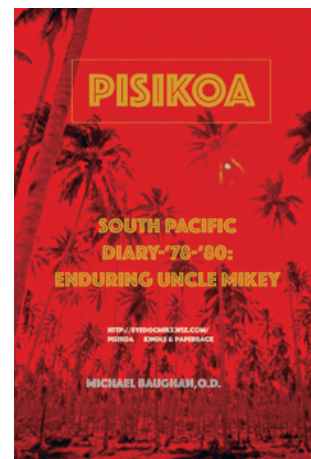
1970s

JOHN B. ADAMS '71, Trustee and retiring chairman and CEO of the Martin Agency, was honored by having the company's headquarters named after him.

BRUCE HOPKINS '72, former Trustee, was named chairman of First Tennessee Bank (West Tennessee Region).

Dr. **MICHAEL BAUGHAN '77** has written *Pisikoa*, an account taken from diary excerpts during his Peace Corps years of 1978 to 1980 on Savai'i Island, Samoa, in the South

Pacific. There are many H-SC mentions. It is available on Kindle/Amazon.





RANDY REED '82 AND PI KAPPA ALPHA BROTHERS

PHILIP DAVIS II '78 was named senior vice president of delivery for PSCU.

1980s

JAMES K. "JAY" THOMPSON, JR. '81 joined Wells Fargo as a private mortgage banker.

RANDY REED '82 and other Pi Kappa Alpha brothers met for the 10th Annual Camp Agape Revival and Golf Retreat in Myrtle Beach. Front row l. to r.: **Roger Gardner '83; Gordon Burks '81; Randy Reed '82; Paul Emerick '81; Ford Francis '80; Bill Bailey '85, and Scott Thomas '84.** Back row l. to r.: **Jack Clark '75; David Riddick '77; Mark Slaydon '84; Greg Wilkerson '81; Keith Leach '81; Tom Jervey '81; Elliott Bondurant '79, and Tom Gray '80.**

H. HITER HARRIS '83, former Trustee, was inducted into the Greater Richmond Business Hall of Fame.

PATRICK WILLIAMS III '84 just completed the first of a three-year assignment as the first secretary for management affairs at the U.S. Embassy in Cairo, Egypt.

WILLIAM DANIEL BUNCH '87 was promoted to the rank of brigadier general in the Oregon Air National Guard. Bunch is also a Klamath County Circuit Court judge.

ROBERT K. CITRONE '87, former Trustee, and his wife, Cindy, current Trustee, were honored for their leadership and philanthropy with the Dr. Freddie Fu Sports Leadership Award.

DAVID HOLLAND '88 joined Priority Title & Escrow as Executive VP/General Counsel.

1990s

CARLOS ALVARENGA '90 was named executive director of World 50 ThinkLabs. He has also recently been named senior research fellow and adjunct professor at the Robert H. Smith School of Business at the University of Maryland.

ALAN BARR '90 is the new headmaster at St. Gregory's School in Albany, New York. He starts in July 2016.



JOHN MCGHEE '86 was elected president of the West Virginia State Bar Board of Governors for the 2016-17 term. At Kay Casto & Chaney, McGhee is a member of the firm and focuses his practice of law in the areas of insurance defense, products/premises liability defense, deliberate intent cases, and insurance coverage, as well as in federal criminal defense work. Mr. McGhee graduated *cum laude* from Hampden-Sydney College in 1986, and he is a member of Phi Beta Kappa and Omicron Delta Kappa. He received a Doctor of Jurisprudence from the West Virginia University College of Law in 1989 and is a member of the Order of the Coif. McGhee was co-editor of the *National Coal Issue of the West Virginia Law Review*.

Reunion Weekend June 2-4, 2017

Celebrating the Classes of 2012, 2007,
2002, 1997, 1992, 1987, 1982, 1977, 1972,
1967, and the Patrick Henry Society



DANIEL CROSS TURNER '95 (second from l.) recently published two books: an edited collection of scholarly essays, *Undead Souths: The Gothic and Beyond in Southern Literature and Culture* (Louisiana State University Press, 2015), and an anthology of contemporary Southern poetry, *Hard Lines: Rough South Poetry* (University of South Carolina Press, 2016). Dr. Turner is Associate Professor of English at Coastal Carolina University.

He writes:

In March 2016, I had the good honor of hosting Dr. **Alan Farrell** (second from r.), one of my former professors at Hampden-Sydney, to Coastal Carolina University as part of a new initiative on understanding global cultures and conflicts. Dr. Farrell was a Green Beret (5th Special Forces Group Airborne) who served 1968-1970 in the U.S. War in Vietnam, where he conducted covert special operations and unconventional warfare, was wounded in action, and decorated for heroism. He taught French language and literature at Hampden-Sydney from 1973 until 1995, when he moved to Virginia Military Institute, where he served as dean of faculty and was honored by the governor as Distinguished Foreign Language Professor. He is the author of *Expended Casings* (2007), an award-winning volume of Vietvet poetry.

While at CCU, Dr. Farrell spoke with a graduate class about his writing; read from his Vietvet creative writing; held a Q&A session with undergraduate students; gave a recorded interview with students about globality, combat, and the Vietnam War; participated on a public roundtable on global conflicts alongside three CCU professors; and spoke with an undergraduate topics class on "Combat Lit." In case you were one of the H-SC alums fortunate enough to have taken a French or Rhetoric course with Dr. Farrell, you will be pleased to know that, though now officially retired from active teaching duty, Farrell is every bit as engaged, engaging, spirited, inspiring, provocative, profound, generous, generative, courageous, cordial, inquisitive, holy, and wholly kickass as ever.

JAMES FELICIANO '91 recently joined AbbVie Japan as president, where he leads the 1,000-person, U.S.-based bio-pharmaceutical company. In other roles he regularly engages with Japanese politicians and bureaucrats on industry policy. His first introduction to Japan was through the H-SC foreign studies office, through which he spent his junior year abroad in Japan.



JACK E. "JAY" FIELDEN, JR. '92 was named editor in chief at *Esquire* magazine.

To **CHRISTOPHER '92 and JAMIE JACKSON**, a daughter, Melody Anne Jackson, on May 4, 2016. She joins her sisters Mercy, 15, and Meadow, 9; and brother Carson, 13.

JAY SMITH '92 was recently promoted to design director at Duda/Paine Architects in Durham, North Carolina. He has been with the firm for 13 years practicing architecture throughout the Southeast Region while working on corporate headquarters and commercial office buildings as well as University projects. His most recent projects include mid-rise towers in Midtown Atlanta and Austin, Texas. He has also been teaching studio courses at the North Carolina State University College of Design as an assistant professor of practice.



ERICH DURLACHER '93 was named practice group management partner at Burr & Forman LLP.



CIUCCI-MOHAMED WEDDING

Dr. **MALCOLM SYDNOR '94** was included in the "Top Docs" list from *Richmond Magazine* in April 2016.

JAMES DUNCAN "JAMIE" LAVIN, JR. '95 joined Wells Fargo as a private mortgage banker.

BRIAN EVANS '96 was named managing director at Pyxl in Nashville, Tennessee.

RYAN ODOM '96 has been named University of Maryland, Baltimore County's new head men's basketball coach.

Dr. **RANDOLPH "RANDY" WILLIAMS, JR. '96** was named associate vice president for campus engagement at Elon University.

CARLYSLE JOHNSON '97 has published two historical fiction novels—*Wandering Soldier* and *Cold Resistance*—on the Napoleonic Wars, and he is now working on his third, *Death of an Empire*.

CHRIS STIREWALT '97 was the keynote speaker at the Huntington Chamber of Commerce dinner.

JUSTIN '99 and LIZZY BOHORFOUSH finalized the adoption of their daughter, Skylar Grace, on March 22, 2016. She has been in foster care with the family since her birth. She is three years old.

THOMAS WASKOM '99 was promoted to counsel with the Hunton & Williams law firm.

2000s

WILLIAM "BARRON" AVERY '01 attorney and counsel at BakerHostetler, has been appointed to lead the firm's Government Contracts team.

LOYAL T. GRIMES III '01 was named to Virginia's Nandua High School Hall of Fame.

LUIS F. MORENO '01 is a radio broadcaster for the NFL's Carolina Panthers.

To **COURTNEY '01 and SUZANNE PERSINGER**, a daughter, Virginia June Persinger, on November 30, 2015.

LEE RICE '01 was recently appointed editor in chief of *The Business Year* (TBY), a leading research firm and publisher of annual economic resources on national economies.

WILLIAM CIUCCI '02 and HAJER BEN MOHAMED were married on August 6th, 2015, in Istanbul. In attendance were **Matthew Lakin '02, Demas Boudreaux '02, Leland Rice '01, Greg Justice '03, Andy Yarborough '02, and Clinton Lukhard '02.**

NOLAN GARRISON "GARY" ELDER '02 was named the town attorney of Farmville.

THOMAS F. GLASS '02 joined Saint Gertrude High School as technology support coordinator in Richmond.

WILLIAM HARPER, JR. '02 graduated from William & Mary's full-time MBA program in May of 2015. He is now employed at BB&T Capital Markets in Richmond.

DANIEL HARTZOG, JR. '02 was named to the 2016 North Carolina Rising Stars list.

DREW KENNEDY '02 signed an exclusive music publishing deal with Writer's Den Music Group in Nashville, Tennessee.

CHARLES GREGORY III '03 relocated back to Virginia and is now working as a sourcing specialist with Dominion Resources.



LEE RICE '01

E. BRYAN HORNER IV '03 is a financial advisor with the Gill Group of BB&T Scott & Stringfellow, which was recognized by Barron's as one of "America's Top Financial Advisors." Horner and his business partner, John Gill, work primarily with high-net-worth families, managing over half a billion dollars in client assets.

ALEX RECZKOWSKI '03 is the director of the Berkshire Athenaeum, Pittsfield's Public Library in Massachusetts.

RUSTY FOSTER '04 was named chairman, board of directors, YMCA Loudoun County. He will lead the overall strategic direction, fundraising, and advocacy efforts for the nonprofit in Loudoun County. He is president of Bow Tie Strategies—a boutique public relations firm located in Leesburg.

WILLIAM ARMSTRONG '05 and ABIGAIL WINDHAM GREGORY were married on December 5, 2015. In attendance were **Kenneth Justin Poole '05 and Joseph F. Yarborough III '05.**



DREW KENNEDY '02

Cpt. **DACRE KNIGHT '05** (below) completed internal medicine residency training at the University of Mississippi. He was commissioned as an internal medicine physician in the Air Force, serving at Scott AFB, Illinois.

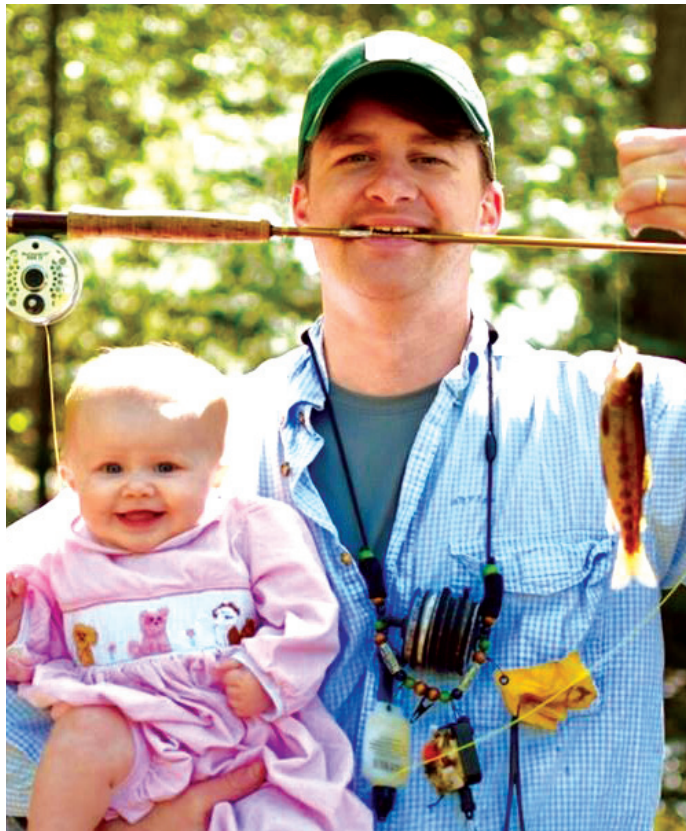


GEORGE ZUBAN '05 graduated with a master's of public administration from The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

To **Dr. DAVID DEELEY '06** and **Dr. MARGARET EASON**, a girl, Elizabeth Anne Deeley (below), on April 15, 2016. Elizabeth's proud grandad is the Honorable **Carl Eason, Jr. '76**.



To **J. PHILIP '06** and **BETH LAND**, a girl, Elizabeth McFaddin Land, on October 9, 2015.



J. PHILIP LAND '06



HELLMUTH-CAVIN WEDDING

To **CLINT '06** and **JENNIFER PATTERSON**, a son, Colton Browning Patterson (below), on October 1, 2014, in Richmond.



Cpt. **J. DEVIN WATSON '06** is starting a two-year fellowship in vascular surgery at the University of Maryland Medical Center in Baltimore.

ALEX BELL '07 opened his private law practice, a general litigation firm, in Norfolk. He has practiced law in Hampton Roads since 2013.

To **ANDREW '07** and **MEGHAN BOYETT**, a son, Henry Piers Boyett, on April 25, 2016.

CAMERON HELLMUTH '07 and **ALEXANDRA CAVIN** were married on January 16, 2016, in Alexandria. In attendance were **David Hudgins '77, Drake Hudgins '13, Jon Spear '07, William Shell '07, West Hubbard '07, Weldon Jones '07, Helmut Mertins '07, Roy Mann '76, Middleton Smith '07, David Hammond '08, John Hunter '07, Everett Hellmuth III '75, Adam Purser '07, Ken Powell '75, Dustin Zedaker '07, and Zach Hellmuth '13.**



MAHONEY-SMITH WEDDING

To **BERKELEY '07** and **BETSY LEONARD**, a boy, Cooper McGuire Leonard, on June 14, 2015. Berkley is the associate dean of admissions at H-SC.

ROBERT CHAMBERS '08 is an account executive at Specialized Insurance Services in Charlottesville.

HARRY ALWYN DIXON '09 earned his JD at the University of South Carolina School of Law and now serves as a law clerk to the Honorable Terry L. Wooten in Columbia, South Carolina.

ANDREW MAHONEY '09 and **JORDAN SMITH** were married on September 5, 2015, at the Cherry Hills Country Club in Englewood, Colorado. In attendance were **Jason Melvin '09**, **Andrew Pritzlaff '12**, **Alex Pritzlaff '08**, **Doug Carpenter '09**, **Ed Alexander '09**, **Middleton Smith '07**, **Colin Dunn '08**, **Robbie Thomas '08**, **Johnny Pritzlaff IV '06**, **Ryan Harrington '07**, **Tim Vanbenthuyzen '11**, **Scott Russell '07**, and **J.B. Richardson '04**.

ANDREW L. SHIELDS '09 (*below*) was commissioned an officer in the United States Army. He now serves as a first lieutenant.



SOTO-REIF WEDDING

2010s

PETER CALDWELL '10 was promoted to district manager of Chicago Downtown for Avis Budget Group.

GRAYSON TEAGUE NEXSEN '10 joined Kinsale Insurance Company as an associate underwriter-professional liability.

ZACHARY ROBERTS '10 performed Mozart's "Solemn Vespers" at Carnegie Hall in New York City on April 4, 2016, alongside his high school students at Church Farm School in Exton, Pennsylvania.

WILLIAM BALANCE '11 launched a new mobile app called "Alum," which helps alumni keep in touch.

JAMES HINDMAN '11 completed his Master's in Building Construction Management at Auburn University. He now works at Trio Electric in Houston, Texas.

EDUARDO SOTO '11 and **ELIZABETH "BETSY" REIF** were married on July 18, 2015, at Wellshire Presbyterian Church in Denver, Colorado. In attendance were **Justin Smith '11** and **Adam Lees '11**. On February 27, 2016, Ed was ordained as a minister

of Word and Sacrament in the Presbyterian Church. Dr. **Tom** and Mrs. **E. A. Mayo** represented H-SC and College Church at the ordination service.

NATHANIEL THOMAS '11 accepted an orthopedic surgery residency position at Garden City Hospital in Detroit, Michigan.

To **DREW '11** and **ALICIA WALKER**, a son, Alexander Windsor "Xander" Walker (*below*), on September 21, 2015. Xander made his first trip to H-SC in November 2015 when Drew lectured to the Pre-Health Society. Drew currently is an administrator for the state's largest orthopedic specialty practice, OrthoVirginia.



KEVIN CALHOUN '12 passed the Virginia Bar Exam in October and is currently working in Richmond as a criminal defense attorney at the law firm of Charles C. Cosby, Jr. P.C.

RAJ CLARK '12, (*below*) valedictorian for his H-SC class, received his MD from UVA School of Medicine. Also, he accepted a commission in the U.S. Army, where he will serve as a resident physician in Orthopaedic Surgery at Walter Reed National Medical Center.



STEVEN ELLMANN '12 and **LANGLEY KING** were married on November 7, 2015, at St. Stephen Martyr Catholic Church in Washington, D.C.

IAN GILES '12 was enrolled with Bon Secours St. Francis Family Medicine Residency program.

ANDREW KASTENBAUM '12 earned his J.D. from the University of Richmond in May 2016.

ANDREW KOTARIDES '12 earned his J.D. from the University of Richmond in May 2016.

Dr. **THOMAS WILLIAM MASSEY, JR. '12** of Richmond graduated with a Doctor of Medicine from Eastern Virginia Medical School on May 21, 2016. He will continue his career at the Eastern Virginia Emergency Medicine Residency Program in Norfolk.



OO-PAING WEDDING

NAY MIN OO '12 and MAY PAING were married on December 25, 2015, in Yangon, Myanmar. May is a Hollins University graduate. In attendance were **Phyo Thu Win '14** and **Ke Shang '13**.

CRAWFORD B. SIMPKINS '12 was appointed by Maryland Art Place to its board.

DYLAN DONALD BISHOP '13 graduated *cum laude* from the University of Richmond's TC Williams School of Law.

WILL CORRELL '13 and his Buskey Cider business are now up and running in Richmond. Dozens of H-SC alumni have already stopped by Will's tasting room and brewery in the Scott's Addition neighborhood to try his variety of hard ciders. Pictured below are **Andrew Armentrout '11**, **Scot Keel '02**, **Correll**, **Nathan Lukeson '97**, **Greg Robertson '12**, and **Andrew Joyner '11**.

DANIEL ADAMS '14 was selected as a division winner for the tenth annual Southside Regional Technology Consortium Awards Program.



WILL CORRELL '13

LEON HARGROVE, JR. '15 is the sports editor for the *Richmond County Daily Journal*.

SAMUEL RAPOPORT '15 was named an associate with S.L. Nusbaum Realty Company.

WILLIAM DOUGLAS RUSSELL, JR. '15 joined Scott Insurance in Richmond.

HUNTER COWAN '16 and his dad, **Neil Cowan '85**, called up this turkey on opening day of spring gobbler season, April 9, 2016. The beard measured 11 inches, the spurs an inch, and it weighed 18 lbs.



HUNTER COWAN '16

H-SC Richmond Super Lawyers

The following alumni were recognized by the peer-rating service Virginia Super Lawyers and listed in *Richmond Magazine* for their high level of professional achievement in law.

Super Lawyers:

- David D. Addison '64
- D. Earl Baggett IV '95
- Stephen E. Baril '77
- Orran L. Brown '78
- David P. Corrigan '79
- F. Neil Cowan, Jr. '85
- W. Birch Douglass III '65
- John Cole Gayle, Jr. '76
- Gregory F. Holland '77
- John W. Luxton '71
- Robert Tayloe Ross '79
- Douglas P. Rucker, Jr. '68
- Andrew P. Sherrod '96
- Julius P. Smith, Jr. '65
- Lewis T. Stoneburner '73
- Ronald R. Tweel '68
- Dale W. Pittman '71
- Daniel R. Quarles '68
- William N. Watkins '79
- Charles F. Witthoeff '68

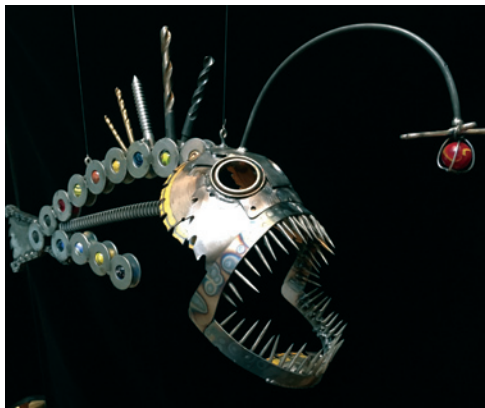
2016 Richmond Area Rising Stars:

- Steven M. Haas '99
- William G. Homiller '99
- Jonathan T. Lucier '03
- George Y. Naylor '00
- W. Wilhelm Rabke '96
- Scott D. Stovall '01
- Thomas R. Waskom '99

J. TYLER MATTHEWS '05, SCULPTOR



Matthews learned metalwork by modifying his jeep.



Matthews uses metal scrap from worksites for sculpting.



He also fabricates metallic reproductions of deer racks.

When economics major J. Tyler Matthews '05 moved up to Delaware a number of years ago, he started getting into rock crawling: an extreme form of off-road driving using highly modified, four-wheel-drive vehicles to navigate over boulders and other obstacles. It was his “release,” he said, a hobby allowing him to explore jeep trails, take road trips, and learn how to build and repair vehicles. Indeed, cracked frames, broken tie rods, and busted suspensions are the norm.

“I spent way too much money on it,” he said, “but in turn, I learned how to do roll cage modifications, chassis modifications, suspension work, welding, and other metal fabrication.” The constant stresses on the vehicle gave him plenty of work.

But the constant jostling and shock also took its toll on his back. After four or five years of climbing up and down mountains in the backwoods of the Mid-Atlantic, Matthews realized the damage he was doing to his body was “too far gone.”

“I sold everything,” he said, “But I kept my welder. Then a friend of mine at 16 Mile Brewing in Georgetown dared me to weld together a better tap handle for him—then the company started commissioning me to make more metal tap handles.” From middle school through Hampden-Sydney, Matthews had already taken art classes in which he painted and did wire sculpting, so combining his metalwork with art seemed to be a natural outlet.

While working as a project manager for a construction company, he started picking up “anything metal,” he said, which otherwise would have been discarded from the jobsites. “Saw blades, nails, washers, bolts—and I had all these license plates from my rock crawling days. So my wife suggested I make something.”

Matthews started fabricating sculptures under the name Hammered Pig Ironworks. He saw parts and pieces of his artwork just lying around. Where some people see nails, he sees ribs. Where some see rusted old saw blades, Matthews pictures the side of a fish’s head. His unusual ability to envision exploded, three-dimensional machines and artwork, and seeing how it all fits together, is the mental blueprint from which he works. And people have noticed. Those who had known him for his tap handles started commissioning him for other artwork.

Matthews now estimates that 80% of his sculpting projects are commissioned, but he’s not necessarily in it for the money—as it is, he just assumed a new full-time job with the wealth management company Raymond James.

“It’s just neat to take things that people just leave in the dirt to rust and rot away, to pick it up and make something that no one would have related to the final figure.”

OBITUARIES

1940s

SAMUEL PURVIANCE '42 died on February 20, 2016. He attended Hampden-Sydney and owned and operated Purviance Funeral Home in Wakefield for nearly 50 years. His son is **Samuel Willis Purviance '71** and grandson is **Samuel W. Purviance II '01**.

Dr. **JAMES WOLCOTT, JR. '42**, died on February 11, 2016. He entered Medical College of Virginia but left in 1943 to join the Navy. He served as Navigator on the *U.S.S. Rinehart* until 1946. He left the Navy to finish his medical education, completing his residency at Charity Hospital in New Orleans. He devoted his life to the practice of OB/GYN. He retired in 1995.

EUGENE F. RAE '43 died on March 3, 2016. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II in the Pacific, rising to the rank of major. After the war, he joined the American Telephone & Telegraph Company, where he spent his entire career and specialized in international projects.

JOHN H. "JACK" CROSS, SR. '44, died on April 2, 2016. He attended Virginia Military Institute, then joined the U.S. Army during World War II. He served in the European-African Theatre with the 75th Infantry Division and was awarded three campaign battle stars and the Purple Heart as a result of wounds sustained during the Battle of the Bulge. Jack retired after 38 years as vice president and general manager of Milliken and Company.

WILLIAM E. "BILL" ATKINSON '48 died on March 25, 2016. His mother was Mrs. P.T. "Esther" Atkinson, founder of Esther Thomas Atkinson Museum.

1950s

EDWARD M. DURAND, SR. '51, died on March 27, 2016. He was a retired pharmacist and practiced for 58 years after continuing his education at Virginia Commonwealth University. He worked in all areas of pharmacy, once serving as president of the Virginia Hospital Pharmacist Association.

RICHARD BILLINGS '53 died on February 21, 2016. He served in the U.S. Air Force from 1953 to 1957. After the military he settled in Euclid, Ohio, where he worked for TRW Inc., an aerospace and automotive company.

WILLIAM FITZGERALD '53 died on February 11, 2016. He served in the U.S. Navy Judge Advocate Corps. In 1960, he practiced with the firm of Bowles, Boyd and Herod in Richmond. In 1963 he joined the Federal Reserve Bank and retired as assistant general counsel.

HENRY M. READ '53 died on March 1, 2016. In 1956 he became assistant athletic trainer at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He later served as assistant athletic director at The Citadel. In 1968, he returned to Hampden-Sydney as public relations and publications director. He joined the administrative staff at Saint Mary College (now Saint Mary's School) in Raleigh in 1977, retiring after 19 years.

ALARK A. ROSENLUND '53 died on May 13, 2016.

WILLIAM C. FRENCH '57 died on May 26, 2016. He was the founder of French & Co. Realtors. In 1966, he partnered in the founding of Bowers Nelms and Fonville Realtors. A co-founder and director of Investors Savings Bank, he also served on the boards of Southern Title Insurance Company and S.D. Nusbaum, among his many other pursuits. A lifelong lover of books and literature, he wrote his first novel, *Tidewater Mud*, in 2002.



O. HOLMES CARTER '58 died on May 1, 2016. He taught science, biology, and chemistry at Whaleyville High School. He later joined the family businesses, H.O. Carter Burial Vaults and Virginia Casket Company, managing the businesses along with his brothers, Martin and Don, until 1995. He was an avid reader, particularly of history, and enjoyed researching his family history.

TAYLOR ROBISON SMITH '59 of Fredericksburg died on January 29, 2016. He was an avid gardener.

1960s

HARRY BYRD ELAM, SR. '60, died on March 31, 2016. He joined the United States Army in 1953. He pursued his graduate engineering studies at the University of Virginia. He was an optical engineer with Sperry Marine Systems, designing the optical systems for periscopes on U.S. Navy submarines. He also served with the Sperry Rand Space Division at the NASA Goddard Space Station, leading design work on the orbiting telescopes. In 1970, he moved to Elam, to his family farm, acquired from a land grant from King George II, that has been in his family since March of 1745. He retired in 1990 and pursued his love of farming and gardening.

Dr. **H. BEN STONE '61** died on May 16, 2016. He graduated from Duke University Medical School and later served in the U.S. Air Force as Chief of Otolaryngology and Surgical Services at Nellis Air Force Base in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Hon. **TRISTRAM T. HYDE IV '62** died on April 18, 2016. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps for 32 years on active and reserve duty, including the Vietnam War, retiring as a colonel. Judge Hyde practiced law in Richmond, Fredericksburg, and the Northern Neck. During his distinguished career, he served as the president of the Northern Neck Bar Association (1982) and judge for the General District Court of Northumberland, Lancaster, Essex, Richmond and Westmoreland (1983 to 2003).



Dr. **CHARLES THOMAS CAYCE '64** died on April 29, 2016. He was president of the Edgar Cayce Foundation and a board member of the Association of Research and Enlightenment



(A.R.E.). His grandfather was the famous seer and "Sleeping Prophet" Edgar Cayce, whose readings and prophecies were often shockingly accurate and regularly sought by people from all walks of life. Thomas grew up in Virginia Beach and attended Hampden-Sydney College and later did graduate work at the University of California at Berkeley and the University of Mississippi, from which he received his Ph.D. in child psychology in 1968. He taught college for several years and worked for the U.S. State Department abroad before returning to Virginia Beach and joining the A.R.E. staff, serving as president for 29 years.

1970s

CHARLES ZIRKLE, JR. '74, died on March 22, 2016. He was a prominent lawyer in Atlanta, Georgia. He received his JD from Emory University School of Law in 1978 and practiced law for 36 years, focusing on Workers' Compensation, Personal Injury, Sports and Entertainment Law, and Alternative Dispute Resolution, among other areas.

JOSEPH G. "SKIPPER" BAKER, JR. '77, died on May 4, 2016. He was a graduate of The Executive Program (TEP) at The University of Virginia and recently completed a mini-MBA program at the University of Richmond.

He was president of Baker Equipment Company, founded by his grandfather in 1919. He also was president of Baker Electromotive, which he founded in 1995. He loved spending time with his family at Virginia Beach, The Lago Mar Resort, and Wintergreen Resort, where he taught his children and their friends to ski.

ROBERT G. CHADWICK '79 died on February 1, 2016. He worked as the Compliance Officer for Affinity Federal Credit Union before starting his own consulting business.

Rev. **JOSEPH WADSWORTH III '79** died on February 24, 2016. His first significant parish was the Union Congregationalist Church in Maynard, Massachusetts, where he served until

1990. His next parish position was pastor of the Second Congregational Church of Stafford in Stafford, Connecticut, in early 1993. He retired in spring of 2015.

1980s

JOHN DAVIS '84 died on March 11, 2016. He attended Hampden-Sydney and was an educator and an entrepreneur.

1990s

R. DOUGLASS YOUNG '91 died on February 6, 2013. He was a lifelong resident of the Eastern Shore.

JOSEPH BUSH '95 died on February 12, 2016. He was the son of the College's retired director of athletics, Joe Bush, and was buried in the College Church cemetery.

JOHN STEWART DUVAL '98 died on February 6, 2016, in San Francisco. He provided consulting and expert support to attorneys on complex economic and financial issues that arise in litigation.



SAMUEL BEALL '99 died February 25, 2016, in a skiing accident. He was the proprietor of Blackberry Farm resort in Tennessee.

TIMOTHY CLARY '99 died on May 27, 2016. He was a 1995 graduate of Kenston Forest School. He was managing partner of Southern Strategic Assets and Resources, a strategic advisory firm and a "modern day Corporate Consigliere."



2000s

WILLIAM PHILIP "FLIP" MORRISSETTE IV '02 died on April 1, 2016. He was a member of the Society of '91. A devoted Boy Scout, at age 15, he earned the rank of Eagle Scout and became an Eagle mentor, serving as counselor and

staff member at Philmont Scout Ranch. He was a member of the Scouting's National Honor Society Order of the Arrow. Flip was a Master Mason and an American Red Cross CPR Instructor as well.



PRESTON PITTMAN '05 died on February 27, 2016. He graduated from Science Hill High School in 2001 with honors and was voted Most Likely to Succeed.

He also obtained the rank of Eagle Scout and was inducted into the Order of the Arrow, Scouting's National Honor Society. He received a full academic scholarship to Hampden-Sydney. He was a member of Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity and served as president. He was inducted into Chi Beta Phi National Honor Scientific fraternity and was the recipient of the International Scholarship for Study in the British Isles in May 2002. He attended St. Anne's College, Oxford University, as a Virginia Scholar studying English Literature and English History during the summer of 2003. He received his JD in 2015 from the University of South Carolina, School of Law. He received his Master of Environmental Law and Policy from Vermont Law School in South Royalton, Vermont, in 2016. He loved the outdoors, cooking, and traveling.

2010s

WILLIAM CARTER McCORMICK '12 died on February 22, 2016. He was a graduate of Douglas Southall Freeman High School and achieved the rank of Eagle Scout. His brothers are **Graham McCormick '09** and **Gordon McCormick '10**.

Staff

SARA "SALLY" WATERS died on March 26, 2016. She taught high school before moving with her husband **John Waters III '58** to Hampden-Sydney in 1965, where she lived and worked until retiring as director of financial aid in 1998. She was active in retirement, volunteering in the Emerald Isle Sea Turtle Program and the National Alliance on Mental Illness.



A HISTORY OF REVOLT

BY ANGUS KIRK McCLELLAN '05 AND DR. BENJAMIN McILWAINE '71

As we explained in the Spring 2016 issue of *The Record* in “Vanished Buildings of H-SC,” when the H-SC Board of Trustees adopted a “new relationship” with the Presbyterian Synod at the turn of the 20th century, it soon condemned “modern dance” and banned students from staging such new-age gyrations. Within a few semesters student frustration boiled over: toilets were destroyed; the Cushing belfry was burned; and the trees were filled with toilet paper. Even the president’s horse was stolen and slathered with graffiti. The uproar eventually led to the resignation of that president, Dr. Richard McIlwaine, who served from 1883 to 1904.

After reading the recent *Record* article, his indirect descendant Dr. Benjamin McIlwaine '71 shed more light on the story. His father William B. McIlwaine, Jr. 1905 was a

student and grandnephew of the president of the College at the time, and yet he was also one of the leaders of the student uprising, despite his consanguinity with the H-SC executive. Indeed, the president was going to expel his grandnephew from College. But William’s father, William B. McIlwaine, Sr., a Virginia state senator, was called off of the floor of the Virginia senate to travel to Hampden-Sydney to persuade his uncle Richard to refrain from expelling his son—and was successful.

When Ben read “Vanished Buildings of H-SC” this past April, he remembered he had one of his father’s original flyers from the 1904 student revolt. He relayed the story and donated the 112-year-old paper to the Atkinson Museum. Now on display, the fragile piece of H-SC history will be cherished for many years. ■



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